



## St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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**The office will be closed Friday, July 3,  
in observance of Independence Day.**

*There is no **Women's Wednesday** in July or August. Please remember to turn in the Women's Wednesday survey if you haven't already!*

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### *Thoughts from Lori*

The Episcopal Church (TEC) has been busy this past week. "We" - meaning your deputies from the Diocese of Chicago - have been meeting in Salt Lake City for the 78th General (triennial) Convention (GC). This is the authoritative body of the Church consisting of two houses: the House of Deputies

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(clergy and lay deputies from each diocese) and the House of Bishops. If that bicameral structure sounds familiar, that's because it was modeled after (and at about the same time) as our national government.

On Saturday, the House of Bishops elected, and the House of Deputies consented, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry as the next Presiding Bishop of TEC. Bishop Curry, currently the Bishop of North Carolina, is the first African American Presiding Bishop in the history of TEC. He follows the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, who was the first female primate (head of one of the national churches in the Anglican Communion). Our Church has been breaking new ground!

I will write more about GC in the next couple of weeks after all the legislation and business has been completed. For now, if you are interested in keeping track of its work, go to [www.generalconvention.org](http://www.generalconvention.org). Oh, and one word of warning: the press rarely gets it right when it reports on religion, so take whatever you read in the general press with a grain of salt!

Meanwhile, please continue to pray for the Church and our representatives in Salt Lake City. They are working hard on our behalf - thanks be to God.

Faithfully,

*Loritt*



You may have noticed the shopping cart in the narthex. Food donations are always welcome! They will be donated to FISH of McHenry, TLS or other local agencies.

***St. Florian's Boys Choir***

St. Peter's Church of Spring Grove will be hosting a performance of the St. Florian's Boys Choir on Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m. This choir is from Austria and will perform a 50th anniversary tribute to the Sound of Music plus many religious and

popular secular songs. There will be a free will offering. They are located at 2118 Main Street, Spring Grove. For more information call 815-675-2288.



**Office closed** - Friday, July 3  
**Endowment meeting**- Tuesday, July 7, 7:00 pm  
**Office closed**- July 13 through July 17  
**Annual Parish Picnic** - Sunday, August 9, 4:00 pm  
**Holy Eucharist** - Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 pm  
**Vestry** - Wednesday, August 19, 7:15 pm

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**Lessons and Hymns**  
**Sunday, July 5th**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Proper 9 - Year B**  
*by the Rev. William McLemore*

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

***The First Reading:*** Ezekiel 2:1-5. Here, God sends the prophet to the people with instructions to say, "Thus says the Lord God."

***The Psalm:*** Psalm 123: "To you I lift up my eyes."

***The Epistle:*** II Corinthians 12:2-10. This represents Paul sharing the deep conflicts of his new found faith and struggle to gain the vision of God's grace in Jesus Christ.

***The Gospel:*** Mark 6:1-13. Here, Jesus attempts to minister in his home town, but many there see him only as the son of Mary and have trouble seeing him as having been sent by God.

## THE HYMNS:

***Processional Hymn:*** No. 616. "Hail to the Lord's Anointed." This hymn was written in 1821 by James Montgomery to be used by a Moravian Settlement during the Christmas season. It is based upon Psalm 72. "He comes with succor speedy, to those who suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong." The tune is an adaptation of a German folk song and should be sung happily with hearts of joy!

***Sequence Hymn:***No. 530. "Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word." This hymn was written by Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier and is one of the first hymns to turn from the individual piety of the 19th century to the zeal for foreign missions and education. The present form includes only the first five of the original seven stanzas of the hymn. The tune, "Gott Sei Dank," is a melody taken from the German, "Geisteiches Gesangbuch," (1704) and harmonized by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

***Presentation Hymn:***No. 671. "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound." "Amazing Grace" is a hymn written by the English poet and clergyman John Newton (1725-1807), published in 1779. It is one of the most recognizable songs in the English-speaking world. Newton grew up without any particular religious conviction. He was pressed into the Royal Navy, and after leaving the service became involved in the Atlantic slave trade. In 1748, a violent storm battered his vessel so severely that he called out to God for mercy, a moment that marked his spiritual conversion. "Amazing Grace" was written to illustrate a sermon on New Year's Day of 1773. The tune "New Britain" has been traced back to "Southern Harmony," a shaped note hymnbook published in 1847 published by William Walker which sold 600,000 copies. The hymn is a wonderful testimony of personal faith. "Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed."

***Communion Hymn:*** No. 764. "Taste and See, Taste and See." This hymn was written and composed by James Edward Moore, Jr., and is based on Psalm 34:8, "O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him." Dr. James E. Moore, a native of LaCrosse, Virginia,



where he was born in 1951, holds undergraduate degrees in both piano and vocal music. He currently resides in Vienna, Austria, where he serves as a professional coach and teaches voice and conducting. (Note: We will be singing this for our Communion Hymn for the month of July, enjoy!)

***Recessional Hymn:***No. 718. "God of Our Father." This hymn was written by the Rev. Daniel Crane Roberts (1841-1907), while rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Brandon, Vermont. He says, "This hymn was written in 1876 for a celebration of the Centennial "Fourth of July," and sung at Brandon, Vermont to the tune called 'Russian Hymn.'" Later, George William Warren (1828-1902) composed the present tune and named it "National Hymn."

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### **July 5th Servants**

Ushers: Terry Jaworski, Don Jaworski

Lector: Rick Carlstedt

Intercessor: Judy Robel

Eucharistic Ministers: Al Robel, Pam Dietmeyer

Vestry Person of the Day: Kathy Biggerstaff

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From the cartoons created by  
*the Rev. William P. McLemore*  
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## 100 Ways to Save the Environment Number 6

*Clean the lint filter in your dryer after every load  
so that it uses less energy.*