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Thoughts from Lori

Aside from the really big theological questions - the nature of Jesus, human or divine; the interpretation of scripture, literal or understood through prayer and study; and other such weighty subjects - the touchiest topic in any conversation about church, especially worship, is *music!*

Ask any three people what they think about church music and you'll get five wildly divergent opinions. Trust me on this. Been there, done that, got the t-shirt.

For some time now, I have thought that a piano would add to our musical diversity here at St. Paul's, and Julie (our intrepid organist, Julie Sundin) agrees. So, with the vestry's permission, I went looking. I took (my) Bill along to play potential instruments, and then sent Julie to follow-up on a couple that we liked. We looked at and researched digital pianos, which had certain things to offer. But in the end, I concluded that an acoustic piano would better serve us.

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The picture below is the piano we've chosen. It's a Yamaha built in the late 70's, in beautiful condition and with a rich, full sound. Piano Trends in Crystal Lake has offered this to us for \$2000, delivered and tuned. Two pledges, each for \$500, have been made, so we're halfway there. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of this instrument for St. Paul's, either in memoriam or in thanksgiving, please contact me and let me know.

This addition to our worship experience is not going to replace our organ, nor will it transform our music and singing overnight. But I do believe it will give us options and possibilities for the future. Our life together is always about balance: between old and new, between the familiar and the innovative, and between outreach (that is, our ministries for those in need) and in-reach (those things which contribute to our spiritual lives and strengthen us for those ministries). It might be a stretch, but perhaps this piano can be a symbol of that balance. In any case, thank you for your openness and generosity in all things!

Faithfully,

Loritt



MANY THANKS!

Thanks to everyone who showed up Saturday morning to pull weeds! You all get extra jewels in your crowns: Bobbi, Diana, Kathy, Judy, Shellie (a newcomer!), and especially Bill and Patrice and Terry who all three tackled the area around the front sign. Thank you all!

The Indoor Parish Picnic

At least thirty of us showed up and it was a great parish picnic - even though it was inside. The rain never materialized, but it's probably just as well: we avoided the mosquitoes! The food, as usual, was outstanding and the fellowship was wonderful. What a great event! You won't want to miss it next year.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Do we have your birthday and anniversaries (baptism or wedding) on file? We would like to remember your special occasions in the Prayers of the People on Sunday mornings. If you haven't been included or if you are somewhat new to the parish, give us a call or send us an email with that information.

815-385-0390 or stpaulmchenry@sbcglobal.net.



Diaper Drive in August

August is Diaper Drive month. The following sizes are the most needed: newborn, size 6, and all sizes of adult diapers. You can drop them off anytime in the 24/7 drop box at the door, or put them in the grocery cart on Sunday mornings. [P.S. Food is always a welcome donation.]



Many thanks to all of you at St. Paul's for having another Summer Diaper Drive for the Diaper Bank! It's such an important time to have a diaper drive! The sizes we need most right now are adult sizes, both men and women. L, XL, and 2XL. Children's sizes Newborn, 1, 2, and 5 are needed as well. We still celebrate the

amazing baskets you made for our New Mom's Class, and know your hearts are always with us as we go forward.

I also want to thank you all for standing by us as we launched The Diaper Bank of Northern Illinois. Our not-for-profit status is complete, and our new space is spectacular. We want you to see it! Our "Open House" will be in September (TBA), AND our exciting benefit and silent auction "Dancing for Diapers, Dancing with OUR Stars" will be on October 24th at the Holiday Inn! It'll be so important to us to see you there for what promises to be an amazing night!

Our most grateful thanks,
Phyllis Mueller
Diaper Bank of Northern Illinois



Holy Eucharist - Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 pm
(All are welcome!)

Vestry - Wednesday, August 19, 7:15 pm

Holy Eucharist- Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 pm
(All are welcome!)

Vestry - Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7:15 pm

Informal Fall Parish Meeting - Sunday, Sept. 20



Special Guest: Dent Davidson
Missioner for Liturgy and the Arts

*(Feed ourselves, feed others.
Bring canned or dry goods to donate.)*

Lessons and Hymns
Sunday, August 16th
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 15 - Year B
by the Rev. William McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6. The house that wisdom builds.

The Psalm: Psalm 34:9-14, "Fear the Lord, you that are his saints."

The Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-20. "Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves."

The Gospel: John 6:51-58. Jesus reminds his disciples that, "the one who eats this bread will live forever," speaking about his body of sacrifice.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 51. "We The Lord's People" was written by John E. Bowers who was born in 1923. The hymn has earned a place in our Episcopal Church because the tune was composed by Richard William Dirksen, Organist and Choirmaster for the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. (1977-



2001). Dirksen was born February 8, 1921, in Freeport, Illinois, and died July 26, 2003. It has been called "The Cathedral's Hymn." Though little is known about the author, John Bowers, the words reflect an intimate knowledge of the liturgy of our church.

The closing verse: "In the Lord's service bread and wine are offered, that Christ may take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his people, his own life imparting, food everlasting."

Sequence Hymn: No. 536. "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People." This hymn was written by Rev. Willard Francis Jabusch, He is a Roman Catholic priest born in 1930 and educated at Mundelein Seminary, Loyola University, and received his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1968. His education was enhanced at the University of London, and as a composer at the Chicago Conservatory. The words celebrate the coming of the Messiah and include the Hebrew affirmation, "Torah Ora," which means "The Law is Our Light." The tune, "Torah Song," is a Hasidic melody arranged by Richard Prouix (1937-2010).

Presentation Hymn: No. 335. "I Am the Bread of Life." The words and music for this very popular new hymn are by Suzanne Toolan and based upon John 6. Toolan, a Mercy Sister, is an internationally known

composer of liturgical music. This particular hymn has been translated into 20 languages. She is a prominent American spokeswoman for the music and prayer of the Taize ecumenical community from France and leads many retreats. The Taize Community is a monastic order founded by Roger Schutz in 1940, a Protestant pastor, but includes brothers from both Protestant and Catholic backgrounds. The monastic center is located in Taize, Burgundy, France.

Communion Hymn: No. 178. "Jesus Is Lord of All the Earth." This hymn was written by Donald Fishel born in 1950, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and a consummate musician. In a biographical sketch he writes that after college, "I then embarked on a career in music publishing and began writing the Christian songs for which I am best known. My songs *Alleluia No. 1* and *The Light of Christ* can be found in the hymnals of the Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, and Roman Catholic Churches." The tune name is the "Alleluia No. 1" and was composed by him and arranged by Betty Carr Pulkingham (b. 1928) the wife of the Rev. William Graham Pulkingham an Episcopal priest who lived from 1926-1993.

Recessional Hymn:No. 492. "Sing Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness." The author of this hymn is John Ellerton, born in London, December 16, 1826 and educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. Although an Anglican priest, he is better known as a hymnologist, hymn-writer, and translator. The 1940 Hymnal has 7 of his hymns and this one is new to the current 1982 Hymnal. The tune, "Finnian" was composed by Christopher Dearnley (1930-2000), British organist and composer. The National Cathedral sung this hymn this past Sunday and can be heard on YouTube by entering the first line in a Google search which will produce the link to the music.

August 16th Servants

Ushers: Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski

Lector: Judy Robel

Intercessor: Judy Robel

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Dietmeyer,
Michelle Wiejaczka

Vestry Person of the Day: Darrell Rowe

From the cartoons created by
the Rev. William P. McLemore



100 Ways to Save the Environment Number 11

*Turn off lights, computers, and other
appliances when not in use.*