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St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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FRONT PORCH RESTORATION

The work on our front stoop has been rescheduled for next week beginning on Monday, August 31st. Access to the building will be from the back (the side of the building facing the columbarium). Office hours will remain the same: Tuesday through Friday, 9am to 1pm. **IF YOU ANTICIPATE NEEDING TO ENTER THE BUILDING AT OTHER TIMES, SEE LISA ABOUT GETTING A KEY TO THE BACK DOOR.**



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Thoughts from Lori

It seems almost impossible, but summer is just about over. Aside from the question - Where did the time go? - it's time to get ready to shift gears, time to at least begin to think about Fall. In the South, where I grew up and spent most of my life, nothing much changes on September 1st. But I loved the sound of it nonetheless! Just being able to say it was September made the air seem lighter and the persistent heat less oppressive. It wasn't, but it made it seem so.

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Here... well, here it really does begin to change, and I love it! Fall has always been my favorite season, and never more so than when we experienced it here in Northern Illinois. The promise of cooler days and crisp nights isn't spoiled by the occasional hot day. The color of the earliest trees as they begin to change is followed by the rest in short succession. Exactly how glorious it may be is determined by many factors, of course, but it never disappoints. What a show Mother Earth puts on here in the Midwest!

It's also a time of promise in the church. People who have been traveling and enjoying summer cabins begin to spend more time closer to home, and thus back in church more often, which is really nice to see. It's a time when it's possible to offer more opportunities in our parish life; things like Bible study and other groups (think Men's Breakfast and Women's Wednesday). Be sure to watch this e-news for announcements and dates, especially in the next couple of weeks. Meanwhile, let's all enjoy the last days of summer rejoicing in God's amazing creation.

Faithfully,

Loritt

BOBBI'S BIRTHDAY BASH!

Bobbi Fiali's birthday is coming up - one of those special ones - and she's giving the church a present: a BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST! Sunday, September 13th following our 10am service, everyone is invited to breakfast... on Bobbi! Thanks, Bobbi. This is going to be fun!

THE BISHOP IS COMING!

The Rector and Vestry are pleased to announce that the Right Reverend Christopher Epting, Assisting Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, will be our Episcopal Visitor on **Sunday, October 18** at our 10am service. A bishop's visit is always a special occasion. This one is an opportunity to hear Bishop Epting preach and have him celebrate the Eucharist for us, but also one during which it's most appropriate for Baptisms and for Confirmation or Reception. Please contact the Rector immediately if you have a candidate for Baptism or if you are interested in being Confirmed or Received.*

*Reception is for adults coming to The Episcopal Church from other traditions and who have already been Baptized and/or Confirmed. If you have questions about which sacrament is appropriate for you, give me a call. lml+

Updated Directory

Updated Parish directories are now available on the table in the narthex. If you'd like one mailed to you, please let Lisa in the office know: 815-385-0390



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.]



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

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

Bobbi's Breakfast - Sunday, Sept. 13

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 30th
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 17 - Year B
by the Rev. William McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9. Moses reminds the people to carefully observe the commandments given to them by God.

The Psalm: Psalm 15: "Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?"

The Epistle: James 1:17-27. The writer of this letter urges the readers to be doers of God's words, not just those who listen and do not act upon them.

The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. Jesus is asked why he and his disciples don't obey the traditional rules of the Jewish faith, and Jesus reminds them that moral behavior is more important than obedience to laws that only govern religious practices and rituals.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 7. "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies." This hymn was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1786) which he based on Malachi 4:2. "But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings." The tune, "Ratisbon," is from Johann Werner's "Gesangbuchern," (1815). The present harmony is by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

Sequence Hymn: No. 660. "O Master Let me Walk with Thee." The beautiful hymn was the inspiration of another Congregational minister, the Rev. Washington Gladden. The early version could have been inspired by Jeremiah and the Psalmist in today's lessons. Here is a portion of a verse that was later omitted from the hymn: "O Master, let me walk with thee before the taunting Pharisee; help me to bear the sting of spite, the hate of men who hide thy light." In spite of this editorial license, the hymn cries for God to grant patience, forbearance, and slow-ness of heart; as we journey on our walk of faith in life. Dr. Gladden chose this hymn tune by Henry Percy Smith for this hymn and it is best sung with passion and feeling!

Presentation Hymn: No. 664. "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need." This hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 23 by the prolific hymn writer, Sir Isaac Watts (1674-1748). He wrote around 600 hymns, many during the early years of his life (age 20-22) before he entered the ordained ministry as a nonconformist pastor. The tune, "Resignation," is an American folk melody in common meter.

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. 542. "Christ is the World's True Light." This hymn was written by George Wallace Briggs to express the true nature of Christian mission work. "In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting." The hymn reflects the evangelistic aspect of the season of Epiphany. The tune, "St. Joan," was composed in 1941 by Percy E. B. Collier and is named for his wife.

August 30th Servants

Ushers: Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski
Lector: Michelle Wiejaczka
Intercessor: Terry Jaworski
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak
Vestry Person of the Day: John Patnaude

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



100 Ways to Save the Environment Number 2

*Turn down or shut off your water heater when
you will be away for extended periods.*