



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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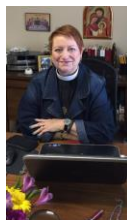
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Holy Eucharist and the Laying on of Hands for Healing

is now every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
All are Welcome!

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### Thoughts from Lori

Somehow, and I can't fathom how, it is already late September. October is going to be busy both here at St. Paul's and in my personal life. Then it will be November, then the holiday season... and you get the picture. So this will be more of a review of upcoming events (and my travel) more than a reflection on a particular subject.

But before I do that, let me thank everyone for such a wonderful day on Sunday. It started with our worship, which seemed to me to be particularly rich

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and energetic. Then followed a great parish gathering - fabulous food, of course, and enthusiastic participation in Dent Davidson's presentation on music and liturgy. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did! Thank you all for such a successful day.

In just two weeks, you'll have Bill (McLemore) with you on October 4th both for the morning worship and for the Blessing of the Animals that afternoon. I will be in Tybee Island, Georgia, for a retreat with the Society of St. Anna the Prophet. Then on the 11th, Bill and I leave (after church, of course) for D.C. - Alexandria, Virginia, actually - for Bill's 50th class reunion at Virginia Theological Seminary. In addition to the reunion, he and his classmates are special guests at the dedication of the new VTS chapel. The dignitaries expected at this event include the Archbishop of Canterbury, our own Presiding Bishop and PB elect, and innumerable others. Afterward, Bill and I will spend a little time visiting our family there.

Right after we get back home, Bishop Epting will be our Episcopal Visitor on October 18th. You'll be hearing more about a special reception to honor the Bishop and those who will be Received or Confirmed. This promises to be a joyous event.

The very next day, Monday the 19th, I'll be headed to Atlanta to visit family and to attend my 50th high school reunion. Bill will be covering for me again on that Sunday, October 25th, and I'll be back later that afternoon. Please keep us in your prayers as we do all this traveling!

November 1st is All Saints Day and it falls on a Sunday this year. The Vestry and I have decided to have a special NEWCOMERS RECEPTION that morning. It will also be a perfect day to bring a friend or guest who you've been meaning to invite to church. You'll hear more about these plans in the next couple of weeks. Meanwhile, our energy will be building in anticipation of our next Mobile Food Pantry truck. There will be a brief planning meeting on Monday, October 26th at 7pm here at St. Paul's. Even though things went amazingly well at our first MFP, please attend this meeting so that we can pull it off again when the truck is here on Saturday, November 7th.

Faithfully,  
*Loritt*

\*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 is appropriate for you - confirmation or reception - give me a call. lml+



Sunday, October 4th, 4:00 pm  
Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi  
On the grounds of  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Everyone and all pets are most welcome!  
Leashes and/or crates please!  
Rain or Shine



## Lobster Fest

St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Woodstock  
Orders are now being taken for fresh lobsters  
and steaks. Call 815-338-0950 or go to:

[www.LobsterChurch.org](http://www.LobsterChurch.org)

Online orders:

<https://lobsterfest2015.myshopify.com>

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**Endowment meeting** - Wed., Sept. 30, 7:00 pm  
**Men's Breakfast** - Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 8:00 am  
**Blessing of the Animals** - Sunday, Oct. 4th, 4:00 pm  
**Episcopal visit** - Sunday, Oct 18th  
**Mobile Food meeting** - Monday, Oct. 26, 7:00 pm  
**Vestry** - Wednesday, Oct. 28th, 7:15 pm  
**Newcomer's Welcome** - Sunday, Nov. 1st  
**Mobile Food Truck** - Saturday, Nov. 7th

***Holy Eucharist and the  
Laying on of Hands for Healing  
Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm***

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**Lessons and Hymns**  
**Sunday, September 27th**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Proper 21 - Year B**  
*by the Rev. William McLemore*

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

***The Old Testament:*** Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29. This tells the story of Eldad and Medad who began to prophesy and made others jealous. Moses

was upset with their jealousy and said, "Would that all of the Lord's people were prophets."

***The Psalm:*** Psalm 19:7-14. The psalter reminds us that the "law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul."

***The Epistle:*** James 5:13-20. The writer urges the faithful to pray for the sick and seek out those who have wandered from the faith.

***The Gospel:*** Mark 9:38-50. The disciples get upset when they find a person casting out demons in Jesus' name; but Jesus tells them not to forbid such because anyone doing a good work in his name is worthy.

### **THE HYMNS:**

***Processional Hymn:*** No. 390. "Praise to the Lord." This hymn of thankfulness is based on Psalm 103:1-6 and Psalm 150. It was written by Joachim Neander in the last 17th century. "Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee." The German hymn tune was selected by the author for this particular hymn and is intended to be sung by grateful hearts with joy and happiness.

***Sequence Hymn:*** No. 709. "O God of Bethel, By Whose Hand." This hymn was written by Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), one of the outstanding nonconformist clerics whose practical and straightforward preaching attracted many in 18th century England. He based this hymn on Genesis 28:20-22 which records the vow Jacob made to God. The tune, "Dundee," is a melody from the "Psalmes of David," 1615.

***Presentation Hymn:*** No. 343. "Shepherd of Souls Refresh and Bless." This hymn is from an 1832 Moravian hymn and the text is generally believed to have been written by James Montgomery (1771-1854). The tune, "St. Agnes," was composed by John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) for another Christian hymn but its strength of meter lends it to be used with this hymn as well. It relates well to the scriptural theme today, "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock."

***Communion Hymn:*** No. 707. "Take My Life and Let It Be." What better hymn to sing upon sharing God's Holy Sacrament than one of complete and total surrender? This hymn was written by a woman, Frances Ridley Havergal, who was the daughter of an Anglican priest who also wrote many hymns. She wrote her first hymn at the age of seven and suffered from extremely frail health most of her life. She is the author of four hymns in our hymnal and composed the music for "On Our Way Rejoicing" in the 1940 hymnal. The tune is one of over two dozen composed by the Anglican priest-musician, the Rev. John Bacchus Dykes. It's gently flowing melody reflects the offering towards God of our whole person: "Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for thee."

***Recessional Hymn:*** No. 347. "Go Forth for God." This hymn, written by John Raphael Peacey, is new to this 1982 Hymnal. The hymn is assigned to the Holy Eucharist section of the hymnal as it encourages us to go forth from the holy sacrament in peace, love, strength and joy. The final verse comes from those who have tasted the love of the transfigured Savior: "Go forth for God; go to the world in joy; to serve God's people every day and hour, and serving Christ, our every gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power."

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### **September 27th Servants**

Ushers: Beth Lukas, Jim Lukas

Lector: Jim Lukas

Intercessor: Terry Jaworski

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak

Vestry Person of the Day: Beth Lukas

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



## 100 Ways to Save the Environment Number 46

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