



## St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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Tonight we will have  
**Evening Prayer**  
in the Julian Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

All are Welcome!

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### Thoughts from Lori

I've got reunions on my mind. This week, Bill and I are in Virginia for his 50th class reunion at Virginia Theological Seminary, and later in the month, I'll be in Atlanta for my 50th high school reunion. Generally speaking, I'm not overly fond of such reunions. I find it hard to recognize my classmates as we've grown older, and I get weary of those awkward pauses after the first "Oh, my god! How are you?" Besides, high

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school wasn't all that wonderful for me. My father was ill during those years and died two weeks after our graduation. So I was ready to move on when all that was said and done. Yes, of course, there were good times. But those were not my best times.

It was a big school and large graduating class - 532 of us - and the identity of going to Avondale High School was a really big deal back then. For many people it still is. Our teams were frequently state champions in just about everything, so there was a lot of school spirit. The Class of '65 has a website and a chatroom, and has had a reunion almost every five years or so. When I didn't attend the 45th reunion, my best friend (after whom I had named my daughter Melissa) made me promise to be there for the 50th. Two years later, she was dead of liver disease. Nevertheless, I'm keeping that promise. How could I not?

I have a lot of hope for this reunion. I'm setting aside my negative connotations and making room for good memories and positive expectations. We were once children. Teenagers who couldn't imagine a 50th anything, let alone this reunion. I suspect all of us have mellowed. Certainly all of us have had our ups and downs. Several of us have already left this earthly life. What's that old saying?

*Life is short  
and we do not have much time  
to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us.  
So be quick to love  
and make haste to be kind.  
And the blessing of God who loves you  
be with you this day  
and always.*

It's not a saying exactly; more of a blessing or dismissal; one that has gained some popularity in the church and one that I've used before. It's actually a variation on something written by Amiel, a 19th century Swiss philosopher and poet. I like it, and think I'll make that my mantra for this reunion business.

So here's to Bill's reunion and then mine. May we all find ourselves blessed on these occasions.

Faithfully,  
*Lorí t*

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## The Bishop is Coming!

We are pleased to have with us next Sunday the Rt. Rev. Christopher Epting, retired bishop of Iowa, who serves as the Assisting Bishop here in the Diocese of Chicago. Please join us after the service for a special reception in the Parish Hall for Bishop Epting and those newly Received.

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## *Dancing for Diapers*

**Dancing with OUR Stars!**

**Saturday, October 24, 2015**

**6:30 - 10:30 p.m.**

*Crystal Lake Holiday Inn*

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## **ALL SAINTS DAY** *Newcomers Sunday*

All Saints Day, which is November 1st, falls on a Sunday this year. The Vestry and I have designated this as Newcomers Sunday. We will celebrate those who have joined us in the past year with a special reception to follow our worship. And what a good day to invite someone to join you for church! All Saints Sunday is also one of the days named in the Book of Common Prayer as particularly fitting for Holy Baptism. If you or someone you love has not been baptized and would like to receive this sacrament, it's the perfect time. Please contact me as soon as possible if that's the case. In any case, we will all renew our baptismal vows on this occasion.



**Episcopal visit/reception** - This 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  
**Women's Wednesday** - Nov. 4th, 7:00 pm  
**Mobile Food Truck** - Saturday, Nov. 7th  
**Pledge Sunday** - Nov. 8th  
**Men's Breakfast** - Nov. 14th, 8:00 am  
**Vestry** - Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 7:15 pm  
**Thanksgiving Eve service** - Wed., Nov. 25th, 7:00 pm

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

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**Lessons and Hymns**  
**Sunday, October 18th**  
**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Proper 24 - Year B**  
*by the Rev. William McLemore*

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

***The Old Testament:*** Isaiah 53:4-12. The prophet tells of God's servant who will bear the sins of the people and be God's emissary of grace and mercy.

***The Psalm:*** Psalm 91:9-16. This psalm celebrates God as our refuge and agent of deliverance.

***The Epistle:*** Hebrews 5:1-10. Jesus is recalled as the "high priest" according to the order of Melchizedek.

***The Gospel:*** Mark 10:35-45. Jesus is asked by James and John for the privilege of being at his right hand in the kingdom, but Jesus reminds them "whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all."

**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. 455. "O Love of God How Strong and True." This hymn was written by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), a priest in the Church of Scotland, who authored many hymns. The tune, "Dunedin," was composed by Thomas Vernon Griffiths, a New Zealand music teacher and lecturer-composer (1894-1985). This hymn was one of those sung at the funeral of President Ronald Reagan, June 10, 2004, at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul in Washington, D.C. (The National Cathedral).

***Presentation Hymn:*** No. 408. "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above." This hymn was penned by Johann Jakob Schutz (1640-1690), a German lawyer and also a man of deep faith and piety. It was translated into English by Elizabeth Cos. However, later in life, Schutz became a Separatist and ceased to attend his Lutheran church. Each verse ends with the triumphant "to God all praise and glory." The tune is an ancient German pastoral melody of 1529.

***Communion Hymn:*** "The Servant Song." The composer and lyricist of this popular hymn is Richard Gillard, born in 1953, in New Zealand, who describes its origin this way, "It was in the first half of 1976 that I wrote verse 3 ("I will hold the Christ-light for you...") but, initially no more than that. It wasn't until one particularly summery Sunday afternoon in December 1976 or January 1977, back in Auckland, that I took that scrap of paper out of my guitar case and began to meditate on that single verse, exploring in music and words all the possibilities that it suggested."

***Recessional Hymn:*** No. 410. "Praise My Soul The King of Heaven." The composer of this hymn is Henry Francis Lyte who was born in Scotland in 1793 and was ordained an Anglican priest in 1815. He served as a curate in a small fishing village in Devonshire and the 1951 Hymnal Companion (from which I have gleaned most of the information I have used in this series) says, "The rigor of the work in this small fishing village, among the people who failed to

appreciate his delicate and sensitive nature, undermined his never robust health." Lyte died in 1834 at 39 years of age. The tune "Lauda Anima" was composed by John Goss (1800-1880) and deserves to be sung majestically and with spirit. The servant nature of Christ is emphasized in the third verse of this hymn. "Father, like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in His hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes."

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### **October 18th Servants**

Ushers: Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski  
Lector: Judy Robel  
Intercessor: Barb Moriarty  
Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Dietmeyer,  
Michelle Wiejaczka  
Vestry Person of the Day: Kathy Biggerstaff

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



100 Ways to Save the Environment  
Number 79

*Never dump anything down a storm drain.*