



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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**St. Paul's
Episcopal Church**

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Holy Eucharist
and Laying on of Hands for Healing
tonight at 6:30 p.m.

All are Welcome!



*Time Change this weekend!
Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour!*



Thoughts from Lori

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Ah, home! As much as I love to travel, and as wonderful as it was to visit family and attend my 50th high school reunion (and it was!), I am so glad to be home. Living out of a suitcase, sleeping in a bed other than my own, and generally being out of the routine - well, that part has some benefits - gets old after a while. Add to that the fact that the Fall here is my favorite season and I was missing most of it. Did I mention that I'm glad to be home? I am, but coming back home has its challenges, too. Laundry to do from the trip, catching up on mail (both snail mail and email), and getting up to speed here at the church... all that can feel like trying to get into a fast moving revolving door. Case in point, here are some reminders and updates on our horizon:

- This Sunday is **All Saints Sunday**, a high holy day in the Church calendar. It's usually an occasion to renew our baptismal vows, but since we just did that on October 18th when Bishop Epting was here, we will focus on All Saints and All Souls. (More on that Sunday.) Be prepared to name the saints in your life, especially those who have died and gone before us.
- It will also be an occasion to celebrate our "newcomers" - those who have become part of St. Paul's during the past year or so, and to welcome visitors. We're calling it **Newcomers Sunday**, but it's a perfect day to invite your friends, neighbors, and family to worship with us. A special reception will follow the service.
- Wednesday, November 4th will be our first **Women's Wednesday** of the year. In response to the surveys we collected last spring and summer, we will alternate between bible study and a book list. This one will be a bible study followed by a discussion of a book to read for next month. Bring a refreshment to share and bring a friend.
- Our second **Mobile Food Pantry** truck will be here on Saturday, November 7th, bright and early. Contact Deb Lang or Bill Lang if you are a first-time volunteer and plan to help. Our first event in May was one of the most meaningful and spirit-filled experiences I've shared with you here. You don't want to miss this!
- Wednesday, November 11th, it **Veterans Day**. The 6:30pm Eucharist will be a time of remembrance for all veterans. Veterans are invited to wear their uniforms or other insignia and to remember the names of fallen comrades. If you are unable to be here but would like a name (or names) to be added to the Prayers of the People, please send them to me at lorilowe@stpaulmchenry.com.
- It's time for your **PLEDGES** for 2016, but I'm postponing Pledge Sunday a week. Instead of November 8th, it will be November 15th. On the 8th, we will take up a special

collection for Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) for the purpose of providing aid and assistance to the victims of Hurricane Patricia and the earthquake in Afghanistan. This is in the spirit of giving to others first. So again, **Pledge Sunday will be the 15th**. Please bring your pledge cards (which you will receive shortly) for the offering that day.

There's more, but goodness gracious, that's enough for now (see what I mean about walking into a revolving door!). I have so much to share about my retreat earlier this month, Bill's and my trip to Virginia, and my trip to Atlanta. But that will unfold in the days ahead. Meanwhile, let me say it one more time: I am glad to be home!

Faithfully,
Loritt



"PISCOPUMPKIN"

At 'Trick or Treat' time in McHenry, Bill and Lori invite parish children and grownups to come by 5116 W Malibu Court, to meet 'Piscopumpkin' and be treated with candy and have your picture taken with this gourd-news huge vegetable vicar! Guests are welcome too!

FOR YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE

You may recall that Bill and I were in Virginia earlier this month for his 50th Seminary class reunion. The reunion was on Monday evening and the next morning was another very special occasion: the consecration of the new Immanuel Chapel at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS). It was one of the most beautiful services I've ever experienced. The link below includes

the entire service. If you watch nothing else, be sure to watch and hear the sermon by the Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. The link also includes Evensong and the blessing of the change ringing bells in the chapel tower. Enjoy!

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2015/10/14/virginia-theological-seminary-celebrates-a-chapel-raised-from-ashes/>



Coming to St. Paul's December 4th

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 12/4/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.



Vestry - Tonight, 7:15 pm

Newcomer's Welcome - Sunday, Nov. 1st

Women's Wednesday - Nov. 4th, 7:00 pm

Mobile Food Truck - Saturday, Nov. 7th

Men's Breakfast - Nov. 14th, 8:00 am

Pledge Sunday - November 15th

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*

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, November 1st

All Saint's Day

Proper 26 - Year B

by the Rev. William McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9. The prophet portrays an image of God's eternal gathering of Israel on a mountain with a feast, well-aged wines, and rich food-an image duplicated in Revelation as heaven.

The Psalm: Psalm 24. This psalm imagines heaven as "the hill of the Lord"

The Epistle: Revelation 21:1-6a. This passage echoes the image of heaven presented by Isaiah 25:6-9, "I will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples."

The Gospel: John 11:32-44. This is the story about Jesus raising Mary's brother, Lazarus, from the dead.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 287. "For All The Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest." This popular hymn for All Saints Day was written by the Rt. Rev. William Washam How (1823-1897), popularly known in England as the "Children's Bishop." The fourth verse connects those of us who struggle on this earth with those who live in glory in heaven: "O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine." The stirring tune, "Sine Nomine." was written especially for this hymn by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) in 1906.

Sequence Hymn: No. 371. "Thou Whose Almighty Word." According to his son, this hymn based on Genesis 1:3, was written by John Marriott around 1813. It was not published during his lifetime, but was quoted six weeks after his death in a speech given to the London Missionary Society. The tune "Moscow" was composed by Felice de Giardini in the 18th century. God's healing is mentioned in the second verse of this hymn, "Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing healing and sight, heal to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind, let there be light."

Presentation Hymn: No. 293. "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God." Lesbia Scott, the wife of a British Naval Officer, wrote this hymn for her own children to impress upon them that sainthood is a living possibility now-not just in heaven. It remains a favorite child's hymn with implications for all ages: "They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still, the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will." The tune, 'Grand Isle,' was composed in 1940 by John Henry Hopkins for use with her text.

Communion Hymn: No. 711. "Seek Ye First" This hymn is based on Matthew 6:33 and was written and composed by Karen Lafferty. Karen is a well-known Christian musician who lives in New Mexico, but travels around the world spreading the faith through music. She says that after years of singing in bars and saloons, she felt she needed to get closer to God. Somehow, she read this passage in Matthew and "the hymn simply fell together, along with the alleluias!" She has produced many hymns now and can be found on Facebook.

Recessional Hymn: No. 551. "Rise Up, Ye Saints of God." This hymn was written by William Pierson Merrill on a ship sailing across Lake Michigan. The hymn has been set to no less than 12 different tunes in 24 years and "Festal Song" is the one that has become the most popular in the United States. This tune was composed by William Henry Walter, an organist at several Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches. The hymn forms appropriate music with which to leave church thinking about God's love and our love in return. "Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long: Lord, bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong."

November 1st Servants

Ushers: Terry Jaworski, Don Jaworski
Lector: Rick Carlstedt
Intercessor: Judy Robel
Eucharistic Ministers: Al Robel, Pam Dietmeyer
Vestry Person of the Day: Beth Lukas

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



100 Ways to Save the Environment
Number 90

Use cloth napkins instead of paper ones.