



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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Episcopal Church**

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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!



Thoughts from Lori and Bill

Back in the summer, we sent out a little survey to the women of the parish asking for feedback and suggestions related to Women's Wednesdays. You'll remember that we started WW (and the Men's Breakfast) in the fall of 2013 and had a good response that first year, and even put on a very successful Women's Tea last February, which benefited women in developing countries through Episcopal Relief and Development. After that, the attendance and interest seemed to wane.

The information you provided in the survey was as diverse as we women are! Although one or two said they would prefer to meet in the daytime, most recognized that an

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evening meeting was necessary in order for it to be possible for the greatest number of women to attend. There were a lot of check marks by the options for reading books, but no consensus on what kind of books, and some interest in Bible study.

Here's what I'd like to suggest:

- Continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm and finish no later than 8pm. (And remember that there will be a Eucharist at 6:30.)
- Bring simple refreshments to share. A bottle of wine, your favorite tea, a few cookies or some nuts... such as that. Community and relationships are fed, literally and figuratively, around a little food.
- We will agree on a book to read one month, then have a Bible study the next. We'll choose the books and the Bible passages together and plan out the year.
- We won't meet in the summer months of June, July, and August.
- **Our first meeting this year will be November 4th.** At this meeting, we'll have a brief Bible study and then plan the year. All are welcome, including friends and neighbors.

And now here's a word from Bill about the **Men's Breakfast:**

Once a month, all the men of St. Paul's are invited to a breakfast that begins with a brief prayer service and then launches off into deep discussions about road repair, football, antique cars, lawn fertilizers, boating, and many other spiritual issues related to the male psyche. The next Men's Breakfast will be 8:00 A.M. Saturday, November 14th, at Kim and Patty's Cafe in McHenry. Gentlemen, put this on your calendar today! Bill McLemore

Faithfully,
Lori

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.

There will be a special reception to welcome Bishop Epting and to honor those newly Received into the Episcopal Church following the service.

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.



Lobster Fest

St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Woodstock
Orders are now being taken for fresh lobsters
and steaks. The deadline to order is October 12. Call
815-338-0950 or go to: www.LobsterChurch.org

Online orders:

<https://lobsterfest2015.myshopify.com>

The Relevance of Religion: ***How Faithful People can Change Politics***

Free talk and book signing with former Senator John Danforth: Episcopal priest, former Attorney General, and former Ambassador to the United Nations. In his book, Mr. Danforth blends the personal and the political to argue that a sense of religion can lead us out of the embittered, entrenched state of politics today.

Wednesday, October 21
St. James Commons
Reception: 6:00 pm, Talk: 6:45 pm, Book signing: 7:00
Reservations: eccsonline.net

Dancing for Diapers

Dancing with OUR Stars!

Saturday, October 24, 2015

6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Crystal Lake Holiday Inn

\$60 per person (pre-order)

\$75 @ the door

Dinner Hors d'oeuvres

Desserts and Cash Bar

**Enjoy a special evening benefiting
The Diaper Bank of Northern Illinois**



Showcasing the dance talent of local celebrities, silent auction, and raffles

Printable registration form &
Pre-orders available online
www.DiaperBankNI.org



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
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
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Lessons and Hymns
Sunday, October 11th
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 23 - Year B
by the Rev. William McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15. The prophet Amos calls for people to seek the Lord and work for justice and mercy.

The Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17. "Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."

The Epistle: Hebrews 4:12-16. Jesus is portrayed as the "great high priest" who is "Jesus the Son of God."

The Gospel: Mark 10:17-31. This passage begins with the story of the rich man who asks Jesus how to obtain eternal life. He says he already has obeyed the laws of God. Jesus then says he needs to sell all he has and give to the poor and come follow him. But the man leaves sorrowful because he has great wealth.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 680. "O God, Our Help." This hymn is based on Psalm 90:1-5 and was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748). He moved church music from the old medieval office hymns to that of the reformation. He composed 600 hymns, many of which are still in hymnals of many denominations. This particular hymn has been in the Episcopal hymnal since 1874. The tune "St. Anne" with all its beauty is of dubious origin but was enhanced by William Croft in a 1708 book of arrangements for singing the psalms.

Sequence Hymn: No. 685. "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me." This popular Protestant hymn was written by Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778) and first published in his "Gospel Magazine, III" (March 1776), attached to an article on spiritual improvement-dealing with human sin and waywardness. The tune, "Toplady," was composed for this text by Thomas Hastings (1784-1872) and published in "Spiritual Songs for Social Worship," 1831.

Presentation Hymn: No. 448. "O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High." The author of his hymn is generally believed to be Thomas a' Kempis, born near Dusseldorf in 1379 into a peasant family. At a young age, he was sent to a

pauper's school run by a religious order in which he later became a member as was priested in 1413. He is portrayed in the woodcut with this article. The tune "Deo Gracias," is a 15th English ballad melody and is best sung with spirit and movement.

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. 460. "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus." This majestic hymn was written by an English businessman, William Chatterton Dix, who sold insurance, but had a hobby of writing hymns based on his personal faith. This particular hymn is based on Revelation 5:9, "for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God." The tune "Hyfrydol" by Rowland Hugh Prichard is remarkable in that it limits itself to a range of only a fifth, save for the final phrase which rises to the sixth (D). Having celebrated God's "goodness and mercy," we go forth singing: "Hark! the songs of holy Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood."

October 11th Servants

Usher: Bill Lang
Lector: Rick Carlstedt
Intercessor: Terry Jaworski
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak
Vestry Person of the Day: Pam Dietmeyer

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



100 Ways to Save the Environment
Number 20

Plant trees to shade your home.