



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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St. Paul's
Episcopal Church

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

Next Monday, October 5th, is the Feast of St. Francis. It's the time of year that has become popular for holding special events usually called (as we do here) the Blessing of the Animals. The story of Francis' life is complex and fascinating. If you're interested in reading more, start [here](#). It won't take you long to realize that he is best known for his deep and abiding identification with the poor, and to understand more clearly why the current Pope took his name.

Francis is also known for his love of all creation. In "Canticle of the Sun," he famously refers to Brother

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Son and Sister Moon, and legends abound about his care for animals great and small. It's for this reason that he is sometimes thought of as a patron saint of animals and that we give thanks for them, especially those with whom we share our lives so closely, and ask God to bless them.

This Sunday afternoon, October 4th at 4pm, we will have our now traditional Blessing of the Animals. Here are a few things to remember:

- We will hold the event, rain or shine. If it's raining, we'll simply move into the parish hall.
- Bring your pets on leashes or in pet carriers. If you have a particularly fearful or assertive pet, bring a picture.
- Even if you don't currently have a pet in your life, but have had them and loved them in the past, feel free to come and remember them in our prayers.
- **Please bring a bag of cat or dog food for the local animal shelter.** This goes along with our commitment to "feed ourselves/feed our neighbors," don't you think?
- Invite friends and neighbors to join us.

As I see it, the only downside to this growing practice is the possibility of trivializing the life and work of St. Francis, who gave his life for the poor. So while we celebrate the love we have for our pets and recognize the joy that Francis took in all creation, let us honor and revere him for his zeal for the gospel. Thanks be to God for Francis of Assisi!

Faithfully,

Lori +



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!
And please bring a bag of cat or dog food
for the local animal shelter. Thanks!
Rain or Shine



Mobile Food Pantry - Saturday, November 7th
Distribution time - 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Please join us *this Sunday* for Coffee and Conversation to begin our planning for the next MFP. Bring your notes from last time and your thoughts for improvement. We will have a formal meeting on Monday, October 26. Sunday's discussion will begin the thinking and planning. See you then.

Deb Lang

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



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



Endowment meeting - Tonight, 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
Pledge Sunday - Nov. 8th
Vestry - Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 7:15 pm
Thanksgiving Eve service - Wed., Nov. 25th, 7:00 pm

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Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, October 4th
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 22 - Year B
by the Rev. William McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: Genesis 2:18-24. God creates woman from a man's rib and sets the process of human reproduction in motion.

The Psalm: Psalm 8. This psalm praises God for all life upon the earth as well as the "moon and the stars you have set in their courses."

The Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12. The writer of Hebrews praises God for all creation especially the brothers and sisters in the "midst of the congregation."

The Gospel: Mark 10:2-16. The Pharisees try to trick Jesus with the question of about divorce and Jesus gives his response and then blesses children who come to him.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 388. "O Worship the King." This hymn is based on Psalm 104 and reputedly written by a Scottish priest, William Kethe, who with other biblical scholars in Geneva sought to render the Hebrew psalms into English meter and prose. His original first stanza included, "My soule praise the Lord, speake good of his Name, O Lord our great God how dost thou appeare, So passing in glorie, that great is thy fame, Honor and maiestie in thee shine most cleare." Like the psalm, the hymn rejoices in all aspects of God's creation. The tune 'Hanover' has been erroneously attributed to Handel but nevertheless is an easy to sing hymn tune.

Sequence Hymn: No. 405. "All Things Bright and Beautiful." This is a delightful hymn by Cecil Frances Alexander based on the second Article in the Creed: "Maker of heaven and earth." It originally appeared in the 1848 "Hymns for Little Children." One verse was omitted due to the passage of time and social norms: "The rich man in his castle, the poor man at his gate, God made them high and lowly, and ordered their estate." The tune, "Royal Oak," was adapted for this hymn by Martin Shaw in 1915. Again, this is a joyful reflection of all aspects of God's creation.

Presentation Hymn: No. 416. "For the beauty of the earth." The hymn was written by Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917) who was born in Bath, England, and educated at Queens' College, Cambridge, where he graduated with honors in classics, B.A., 1857. For a good part of his life, he taught classics at Somerset-shire College. The hymn extols the beauty of all creation, the time we spend on this earth, the joy of all sensations, human love, and the church "which evermore lifteth holy hands above". The tune, "Lucerna Laudoniae," was composed by David Evans (11874-1948).

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. 559. "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us." This hymn, written for the children of the London Orphan Asylum by James Edmeston, was first published in the second set of his "Sacred Lyrics" of 1821. It has been in the Episcopal Hymnal since 1874. The tune, "Dulce Carmen," has been ascribed to Johann Michael Haydn, but the composer of this lyric is yet unknown. Its earliest appearance is in the "Essay on Church Plain Chant," of 1782. The message of this hymn has long provided strength for those who suffer physically or mentally.

October 4th Servants

Ushers: Terry Jaworski, Don Jaworski

Lector: Rick Carlstedt


Intercessor: Judy Robel

Eucharistic Ministers: Al Robel, Pam Dietmeyer

Vestry Person of the Day: Bev Jannotta

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





100 Ways to Save the Environment Number 87

*Maintain and repair durable products
instead of buying new ones.*