



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

November 25, 2015

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Thanksgiving Eve Service
Tonight at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Paul's.
All are welcome!

Reminder!

***The office will be closed
Friday, November 27th.***



November is TLS Food Drive Month!
(Transitional Living Services)

Please place dry and canned goods in the shopping cart
in the narthex. Thank you!

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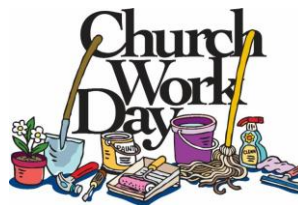
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Forward Day by Day



December 5th will be Church Clean Up day!
Starting at 9:00 a.m.



Christmas Tree and Church Decorating will be
December 6th after the service.



Thoughts from Lori

It's the eve of Thanksgiving, but it was August just the other day! Time is flying by, or maybe it's just me. In any case, here we are, with the holiday season already in full swing - and earlier each year. While I am appalled to see Christmas decorations in September, I've long since given up resisting it. I don't participate in it, but I try not to let resentment take hold. Instead, I try to keep Advent. Not an easy thing to do in this culture.

If you, too, would like to keep Advent, here are some suggestions:

- Start by keeping Thanksgiving. Tonight's **Eve of Thanksgiving service is at 7pm**. Come sing "Come ye thankful people" and "We gather together" and "Now thank we all our God." I guarantee that it will warm your heart and create a little balance in an otherwise thoroughly commercialized event.

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- Include extras in your grocery shopping for the TLS food pantry.
- As you consider gifts for friends and family, choose from organizations that benefit people in need. Examples include Thistle Farms, Episcopal Relief and Development, the Heifer Project, and Our Little Roses, just to name a few.
- Bring an angel ornament for the parish Christmas tree and help decorate it on December 6th after church.
- Start collecting (and/or making) baby things for the Advent Baby Baskets. Last year, we filled four to overflowing, so this year we'll have six. After the first of the year, they'll be given to new moms who need them.

You are a generous and thoughtful people and I am blessed to be among you. I wish you all a most blessed Thanksgiving and a holy Advent.

Faithfully,

Loritt

A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Almighty and gracious God, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PLEDGES

Your response to our annual pledge drive has been wonderful! If you have not yet turned in your pledge, you may place it in the offering plate on any Sunday or mail it to the church office (3706 W. St. Pauls Ave., McHenry 60050).
THANK YOU!



Coming to St. Paul's December 4th

Do you know how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke? If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the below symptoms, call 911 right away. It is important to seek medical treatment immediately.

- Sudden numbness
- Difficulty speaking
- Severe dizziness
- Loss of coordination
- Sudden loss of vision
- Sudden intense headache
- Brief loss of consciousness

Protect your health by finding out your risk of having a stroke by participating in the Life Line Screening that will be at St. Paul's on Friday, December 4, 2015. Through ultrasound we evaluate the carotid arteries for the buildup of fatty plaque, which is the leading cause of stroke.

Register today for the Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm package, which includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. **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.**

Forms are also available in the narthex.



Lifeline Screening - Saturday, Dec. 4th
Men's Breakfast - Saturday, Dec. 5, 8:00 a.m.
Church Cleanup Day - Saturday, Dec. 5, 9:00 a.m.
Christmas Tree decorating - Sunday, Dec. 6
Vestry - Wednesday, Dec. 16, 7:15 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service - 9:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Service - 10:00 a.m.
Office closed - Dec. 31/Jan 1

A message from Julie Sundin, Music Director:

The music you will sing and hear during the next several weeks will tell the story of Jesus in a multitude of ways - from Advent, a season of preparation, to Christmas, the fulfillment of the Advent expectations and Epiphany, which serves as a bridge between the birth of Jesus and his passion. Their tunes come from almost every country in Europe as well as folk tunes from America. The music dates from prior to the 9th century (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel) to the contemporary hymns found in our hymnal.

Each Sunday in Advent, the organ prelude will be a different setting of the chorale "Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland" (Come now, Savior of the Nations) by such composers as Paul Manz, Max Reger, John Eggert and Johann Sebastian Bach. The congregation will sing this hymn on the last Sunday of Advent in urgent expectation of Christ's birth.

May the music we share help us experience more fully, together as the body of Christ and, individually in our own way, the celebration of Christ's birth.

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, November 29th

Advent 1 - Year C

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16. The prophet speaks of the day that is coming when a righteous branch will be raised.

The Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9. "Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths."

The Epistle: I Thessalonians 3:9-13. St. Paul reflects his love for his congregation in Thessalonica and urges them to love one another.

The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36. Jesus tells of the coming day of the Lord and calls for his disciples to be alert for the signs of his coming.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 66. "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus." One of many hymns by Charles Wesley, this was Hymn No. 1 in the 1940 Hymnal. The text beautifully describes the basic theology of Advent—the coming of Jesus, human hope, deliverance, and the enthronement of Jesus Christ as King. The tune, "Stuttgart," is in the 87 87 meter and attributed to Christian Friedrich Witt (1660-1716) a well-known German composer.

Sequence Hymn: No. 75. "There's a Voice in the Wilderness." This hymn was written by James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961) a Methodist layman born in England who immigrated to Canada early in life (see attached photograph). He was a poet, newspaper editor, and speech writer. This hymn is based upon Matthew 3:3 relating the message of John the Baptist preparing the way of the Lord. The tune, "Ascension," was composed by Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988), a British organist and composer who migrated to Canada in 1929. There is a good chance that he knew the author of this hymn and wrote the tune specifically for it.

Presentation Hymn: No. 601. "O Day of God Draw Nigh." This hymn was written by Robert Balfour Young Scott for the Fellowship of Christian Social Order in 1937. It is based loosely on Zechariah 1:14-18 in that it calls for a restored faith as part of the expected Day of the Lord.

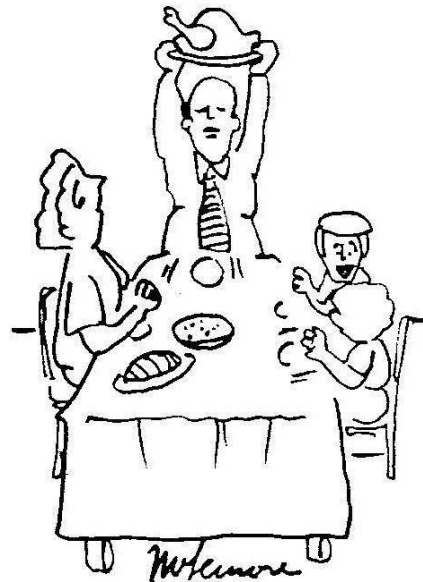
Communion Hymn: No. 712. "Dona Nobis Pacem." These three words are Latin for "Grant Us Peace" and the hymn is an old monastic canon of unknown authorship and composing. As we approach the altar for Holy Communion, we want to pray for peace in our hearts and souls and these words are a wonderful preface to receiving this sacrament.

Recessional Hymn: No. 68. "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers." This hymn is a poetic cento from Laurentius Laurenti's "Evangelica Melodica" (1700). It was translated by Sarah Findlater and appeared in her "Hymns from the Land of Luther" (1854). The imagery relies on the parable of the bridegroom found in Matthew 25:1-13. From the second verse: "The marriage feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand; rise up ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand." The 1982 Hymnal applies a different tune to this hymn than the 1940 edition. It's a Welsh air named "Llangloffan."

November 29th Servants

Usher: Bill Lang
Lector: Barb Moriarty
Intercessor: Terry Jaworski
Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Dietmeyer,
Michelle Wiejaczka
Vestry Person of the Day: Pam Dietmeyer

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



"Dad always gets carried away with saying the grace on Thanksgiving Day!"

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"The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy."