



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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Holy Eucharist
and the
Laying on of Hands for Healing

Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
All are welcome.



Thoughts from Lori

It's never too late to start (or add) a Lenten discipline. One that I urge you to consider is to make, clarify, or review your end-of-life plans. Not an appealing idea? Maybe not. But let me assure you of two things: one, it is a great gift to those you love; and two, it will give you peace of mind. In this day and age when families are wide spread and not infrequently



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unchurched, it is quite common for our loved ones to be clueless about what we might have wanted - unless we spell it out. Ask any priest or pastor and they will tell you sad stories about the things that can happen when unprepared family members gather to plan a funeral, let alone sort out property! And that's not to mention what can happen when they are standing outside the intensive care unit listening to a doctor talk about life support decisions.

There are three areas to consider: advanced directives, which can help your loved ones know your wishes about those life support decisions; power-of-attorney, which names who you want to make such decisions; and a will, which can settle questions about your estate. However simple your "estate" may seem to you, it may not be at all clear to others. Taking care of these areas usually requires the help of a good lawyer and that, of course, costs money. But I guarantee you that your family will be grateful. Do this instead of buying birthday and Christmas presents this year!

Actually, there is one more area you can handle now, and it doesn't cost a penny. That's funeral planning. Even if you can't pay for everything in advance, you can fill out a funeral plan that describes your wishes for a service that will honor your desires and traditions and be a comfort to those who love you. We have a very helpful packet available at St. Paul's for this purpose, and I am always willing to help with that process. We'll even keep a copy on file here at the church.

Whatever your age, whatever your health, please consider doing these things now. To *not* do them is to be in denial. Once it's done, all you have to do is review them every few years. Easy peasy. So take a deep breath and do it. You'll be glad you did.

Peace and blessings for a holy Lent.

Loritt

The Coffee & Conversation Bible Study

Our study of Luke/Acts continues with a discussion of chapters 7-9 this Sunday. Haven't read it yet? Don't worry, come anyway. The coffee is good,
the fellowship is great, and you'll get the drift.

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Wesley M. Vos Memorial Organ Recital
featuring Jonathan Ryan
Sunday, February 21, 2016
4:00 p.m.



On Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 4:00 p.m., Jonathan Ryan will perform at First Congregational Church in Crystal Lake as part of their Wesley M. Vos Memorial Organ Recital series featuring the church's Buzard Pipe Organ. The concert is free and open to the public. Freewill donations to benefit the Wesley M. Vos Memorial Organ Recital Fund will be accepted at the concert.



Mobile Food Truck

On Saturday, March 12, the Northern Illinois Food Bank will again have a Mobile Food Pantry here at St. Paul's.

All volunteers are asked to arrive no later than 8:00 a.m!



Upcoming Events

Holy Eucharist - Tonight, February 17, 6:30 pm
Vestry - Tonight, February 17, 7:15 pm
Endowment Meeting - Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 pm

Women's Wednesday - March 2, 7:00 p.m.
Men's Breakfast - March 5, 8:00 a.m.
Mobile Food Truck - Saturday, March 12

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, February 21, 2016

Second Sunday of Lent

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18. God makes a covenant with Abraham regarding the promised land.

The Gradual: Psalm 27. "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?"

The Epistle: Philippine 3:17-4:1. Paul says that the followers of Jesus have their citizenship in heaven.

The Gospel: Luke 13:31-35. Some Pharisees warn Jesus about Herod wanting to kill him, but Jesus insists he must carry on his ministry as God ordained.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 495. "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus." This hymn is one which praises Jesus in his various roles: Galilean King, Universal Savior, Paschal Lamb, God Appointed, Reconciler, Intercessor, and the Emmanuel. The original composition is ascribed to John Blakewell (1721-1819) with later adaptations by Martin Madan (1726-1790). The tune, "In Babilone," is a traditional Dutch melody. When the 1906 hymnal was being produced, the hymn was harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) and has been in our hymnals since.

Sequence Hymn: No. 147. "Now Let Us All With One Accord." This hymn was written by Gregory the Great (540-604 A.D.) who was popularly known in his day as the "Father of Christian Worship," for his work with the liturgy to make it Christ-centered. This particular hymn calls for God's help in our temptation and redemption. The tune, "Bourbon," is attributed to Freeman Lewis (1780-1859), a surveyor who played the organ for a Presbyterian Church in Uniontown, Pennsylvania and composed hymns and music.

Presentation Hymn: No. 671. "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound." "Amazing Grace" is a hymn written by the English poet and clergyman John Newton (1725-1807), published in 1779. It is one of the most recognizable songs in the English-speaking world. Newton grew up without any particular religious conviction. He was pressed into the Royal Navy, and after leaving the service became involved in the Atlantic slave trade. In 1748, a violent storm battered his vessel so severely that he called out to God for mercy, a moment that marked his spiritual conversion. "Amazing

Grace" was written to illustrate a sermon on New Year's Day of 1773. The tune "New Britain" has been traced back to "Southern Harmony," a shaped note hymnbook published in 1847 published by William Walker which sold 600,000 copies. The hymn is a wonderful testimony of personal faith. "Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed."

Communion Hymn: "Let the broken ones be healed." This short song will be used for our communion hymn during Lent. It was written by the Rev. Michael Hudson in his "Songs for the Cycle," (c) 2004.

Recessional Hymn: No. 143. "The Glory of These Forty Days." This Latin hymn emerges from the 10th century and has been attributed to St. Gregory the Great but its true origin is unknown. The current translation was made by Maurice F. Bell for the 1906 Episcopal Hymnal and it has been in the hymnals ever since. The tune, "Erhalt uns, Herr," and is a hymn tune traced back to Martin Luther and a hymn that he wrote against the papacy and heretics, "Preserve us, Lord, by thy dear Word; from Turk and Pope defend us Lord."

February 21st Servants

Ushers: Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski

Lector: Barb Moriarty

Intercessor: Judy Robel

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Dietmeyer, Michelle Wiejaczka

Vestry Person of the Day: John Patnaude

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



**"My wife and I have a religious marriage...
She blesses me out constantly and I pray for
deliverance every day!"**

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*"The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the
delight of the audience."*