



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!

Women's Wednesday is tonight!

7:00 p.m. following the Holy Eucharist

*Join the women of the church for
discussion, bible study, and refreshment*.*

*(*This might include some pre-Lenten chocolate!)*

Men's Breakfast is this Saturday!

March 6th

8:00 a.m. at Kim & Patty's

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Mardi Gras Taco Tuesday is next week!

Come help us celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a taco dinner February 9th at 6:30 p.m. here at the church. Sign up chart is in the narthex! Sign-up is for numbers only. There is no charge for dinner, but a "luv offering" will be gratefully accepted. Don't miss this!

Ash Wednesday

February 10

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
at noon and 7:00 p.m.



Thoughts from Lori

It was good to go "home" again, and good to come "home" again. As Bill and I sat together - a rare treat - on Sunday morning, it struck me what a fluid thing *home* is. There we were, in the church where I was ordained, where I had worked for four years, where I still knew many of those in the seats around us, and it was undeniably home. In fact, I was born and raised in Atlanta. I was educated there, raised my children there, and spent most of my adult life in or around Atlanta. How could it not generate feelings of home?

And yet, as we packed and headed to the airport, it was equally clear that we were going (coming) home. Home to our house, our dear pets, our neighbors, and most of all - the churches and parishioners we each love and serve. Home is so much more than where we started, or even where we have a treasure chest of memories. It is where we find ourselves not only physically, but spiritually and emotionally; where we find ourselves doing the work God has given us to do.

For the past seven years, Bill and I have moved around quite a bit. First it was Annapolis, Maryland; then Wilmette here in this diocese; followed by coming here to McHenry. When someone asked me what I considered home, I immediately answered, "Where Bill is." So I guess it's true what they say: Home is where the heart is.

None of us knows what the future will bring. We all know that life can (and does) turn on a dime. So it would behoove us to make ourselves at home wherever we find ourselves. I read a story recently about an elderly woman who was moving into a new apartment in an assisted living community. Her eyesight was very bad, so the person (friend, daughter?) showing her the apartment was describing the living room. The elder smiled and said, "I love it!" To which the other woman said, "But you don't even know what it looks like." The elder's answer? "Well, I've already decided to love it."

I know it's not as simple as all that. But to a great extent, we carry within us the capacity to make ourselves at home wherever we are. That's true of churches, too. When we have loved a particular church, a particular rector, it can be very hard to be happy in a new parish. And it's reasonable to look around to find the best fit. But eventually we may have to pick one and decide to love it. Now that I think about it, this principle may be true of many things in life.

Ah, well. Many musings get stirred up when we go "home" again. And many joys when we come back "home."

Faithfully,

Loritt

Mobile Food Truck

On Saturday, March 12, the Northern Illinois Food Pantry will again have a Mobile Food Truck here at St. Paul's. Volunteers are needed for sorting, traffic control, hospitality and more. Please contact the church office or Deb Lang at (dllobjn@comcast.net) if you can lend a hand!



Women's Wednesday - Tonight, 7:00 pm
Men's Breakfast - Saturday, February 6, 8:00 am

Shrove Tuesday - February 9
Taco dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday - February 10
Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Vestry - Wednesday, February 17, 7:15 pm
Endowment Meeting - Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 pm

Lessons and Hymns
Sunday, February 7, 2016
Last Sunday after Epiphany
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: Exodus 34:29-35. Moses speaks to the Lord and his face shines so much he uses a veil to cover it amongst the people.

The Psalm: Psalm 99. "The Lord is King."

The Epistle: II Corinthians 3:12-4:2. Paul refers to Moses' veil and claims that the followers of Christ behold the glory of God without veils.

The Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 (37-43). The first portion tells the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. The second portion tells of Jesus healing a young boy with seizures.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 376. "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." This hymn was written by a well-known Congregationalist minister, the Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke. His son tells the story that his father, while on a preaching visit at Williams College, came to breakfast and placed a manuscript on the table before President James A. Garfield and said to him, "Here is a hymn for you... Your mountains [the Berkshires] were my inspiration. It must

be sung to the music of Beethoven's 'Hymn to Joy.'" As you sing this hymn you will invariably see the magnificent Berkshire Mountains in your heart: "All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee." Henry van Dyke said of this hymn: "These verses are simple expressions of common Christian feelings and desires in this present time-hymns of today that may be sung together by people who know the thought of the age, and are not afraid that any truth of science will destroy religion, or any revolution on the earth overthrow the kingdom of heaven. Therefore this is a hymn of trust and joy and hope."

Sequence Hymn: No. 616. "Hail to the Lord's Anointed." This hymn was written in 1821 by James Montgomery to be used by a Moravian Settlement during the Christmas season. It is based upon Psalm 72. "He comes with succor speedy, to those who suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong." The tune is an adaptation of a German folk song and should be sung happily with hearts of joy!

Presentation Hymn: No. 377. "All People That on Earth Do Dwell." This hymn is the earliest example in our Hymnal of the metrical versions of the Psalms which played such an important role in the church music of England and America from around 1650 to 1850 (200 years). The tune is called "The Old Hundredth" because it is based on the 100th Psalm. The music was composed by Louis Bourgeois.

Communion Hymn: No. 383. "Fairest Lord Jesus." This hymn originated in Germany and slowly found its way to the English speaking world. It extols the beauty of nature and affirms that Jesus Christ is even more lovely to behold. The tune, "St. Elizabeth," is also of German origin; its name comes from the use of the tune by Franz Liszt in his oratorio, "The Legend of St. Elizabeth," 1862.

Recessional Hymn: No. 544. "Jesus Shall Reign." There are about a dozen hymns in our hymnal that are my favorite and this one is close to the top of the list. Isaac Watts (1674-1748) created this happy and joyful song based on Psalm 72. The imagery of the risen Christ is certainly found in the words of this hymn, especially the 4th verse, "the prisoners leap to lose their chains." The tune "Duke Street," composed by John Hatton (d. 1793) is easy to sing and reflects the joy of Easter in its melody.

February 7th Servants

Ushers: Terry Jaworski, Don Jaworski

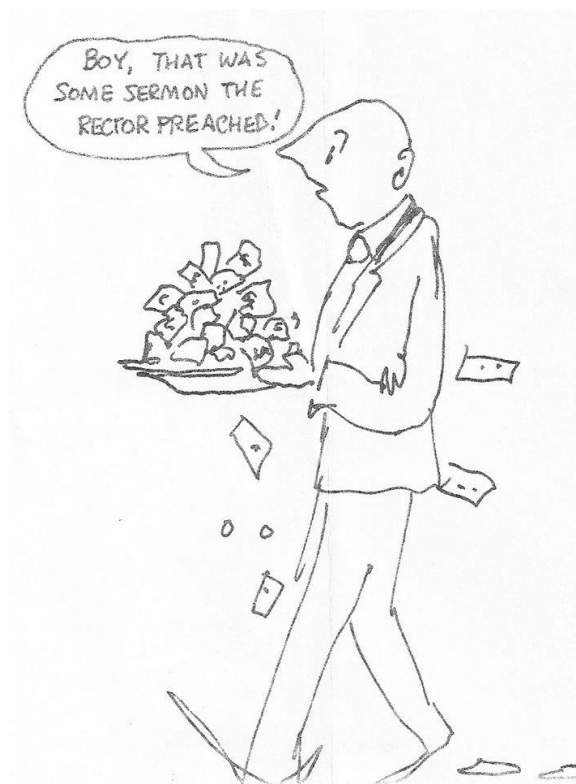
Lector: Rick Carlstedt

Intercessor: Judy Robel

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Dietmeyer, Al Robel

Vestry Person of the Day: Rick Carlstedt

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



"Don't let worry kill you off--let the church help."