



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.

Women's Wednesday is tonight!

*Bring a small refreshment to share.
7:00pm - Right after the 6:30 Eucharist.*

Thoughts from Lori

Name tags are coming to St. Paul's!



Why name tags, you might ask. We're a small church. We all know each other, don't we? But that's just the thing. Those of us who have been around a while, do. But we have had at least eleven newcomers in the last

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two years, to say nothing about visitors. It's easy enough for us to learn their names - though I'm sure some of us haven't - but a real challenge for them to learn ours. And nothing is more important in the process of belonging than names. So, yes, name tags.

When you get to church Sunday morning, there will be a screen near the door with your name tag on it. Please find it *and wear it!* In fact, let's wear them at any event here in the church. When you leave the building, clip it back on the screen. If you forget to leave it, just bring it back the next time you're here. If you lose it, don't worry. They're easy enough to replace, and there will be a clipboard on which you can request a new one, along with some stick-on name tags to use in the meantime.

Churches are famous for saying they want to grow, including St. Paul's. If we're serious about that, it means doing everything we can to be welcoming and to help new people gain a sense of belonging. This small step can help, so let's do it!

Peace and blessings,

Lori



COFFEE HOUR
Another way to serve!

We're going to re-establish the role of COFFEE HOUR HOSTS here at St. Paul's. It's a fairly simple thing to do, and we'll provide instructions. It involves making the coffee, set-up and clean-up, buying or making something to serve with the coffee. Not too much and not too fancy. There are usually some frozen donuts or coffee cake in the freezer you can use. And there are always folks around to help.

Please see the sign up poster on the bulletin board in the parish hall. It's an opportunity to serve that enriches our life together. If you've got any questions, check with Nan Patnaude. Thanks!



Holy Week

Palm Sunday - March 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Palms

The Passion Narrative and the Holy Eucharist

Holy Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

March 21, 22, 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Agape Meal and Foot Washing

Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

followed by Prayer Vigil

Good Friday

March 25

Stations of the Cross at noon

The Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Cross

Mass of the Pre-sanctified Gifts

The Great Vigil of Easter

March 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Jointly with St. Mary's,

St. Paul's, and St. Ann's

St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Woodstock

Easter Day

March 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Festival Eucharist of the Resurrection

FLOWERS AND LILIES FOR EASTER



There is a sign-up sheet for those wishing to contribute to the **flowers and lilies that will grace our church on Easter Day**. Your donation of \$25 (or more) may be given - as always TO THE GLORY OF GOD - and in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a person or special blessing. Thank you for helping to make our Easter celebration more beautiful than ever!



Upcoming Events

Women's Wednesday - Tonight! 7:00 p.m.
Mobile Food Truck - Saturday, March 12
Vestry - Wednesday, March 16, 7:15 p.m.

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, March 6, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Lent
by William P. McLemore

The Scripture Lessons:

The Old Testament: Joshua 5:9-12. The people of Israel keep the Passover and after the Passover, they no longer eat God's manna, but plants from the land.

The Gradual: Psalm 32. This psalm recounts the blessings of forgiveness.

The Epistle: II Corinthians 5:16-21. Paul teaches that in Jesus Christ, God calls us to a "ministry of reconciliation."

The Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32. This is the story of the son who leaves his father and brothers and goes off on his own and returns to be forgiven and welcomed with a party.

The Hymns:

Processional Hymn: No. 690. "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah." This hymn was written by William Williams (1717-1791) who was the chief hymn writer of Wales and one of its greatest

poets. Though ordained an Anglican priest, he later withdrew from the Established Church and joined the Calvinist Methodist Connection. He composed over 800 hymns in Welsh and 100 in English. This hymn was later re-written and translated into English by another Welshman, Peter Williams, (1722-1796) a biblical scholar. The tune, "Cum Rhondda," was composed by John Hughes (1873-1932). The hymn reflects the biblical image of God's people on a pilgrimage, "For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water." (Revelation 7:17a)

Sequence Hymn: No. 455. "O Love of God How Strong and True." This hymn was written by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), a priest in the Church of Scotland, who authored many hymns. The tune, "Dunedin," was composed by Thomas Vernon Griffiths, a New Zealand music teacher and lecturer-composer (1894-1985). This hymn was one of those sung at the funeral of President Ronald Reagan, June 10, 2004, at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul in Washington, D.C. (The National Cathedral).

Presentation Hymn: No. 411. "O Bless the Lord My Soul." This hymn was written by James Montgomery and is based upon Psalm 103. The text has been in our hymnals since 1826 without any alterations over the years. The tune "St. Thomas" was composed by Aaron Williams and is used in its abbreviated form for this hymn. The words call forth our faith in the deepest sense, "O bless the Lord my soul."

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. 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.

March 6th Servants

Ushers: Terry Jaworski, Don Jaworski

Lector: Rick Carlstedt

Intercessor: Judy Robel

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Dietmeyer, Al Robel

Vestry Person of the Day: Darrell Rowe

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



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*"The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung
without musical accomplishment."*