



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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St. Paul's
Episcopal Church

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Holy Eucharist
and the
Laying on of Hands for Healing

Tonight at 6:30 p.m.
All are welcome!



This Saturday, April 2
8:00 a.m. at Kim & Patty's



Thoughts from Lori

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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That's the traditional Easter greeting exchanged between Christians for hundreds of years. So while some may think that Easter is over, we know better. We know that Easter lasts for 50 days, culminating with Pentecost which falls on Sunday, May 15th this year. So when you bump into each other at the grocery store or wherever, share that wonderful greeting.

I want to thank everyone who made Holy Week and Easter Day such a blessing: the altar guild, Julie and our choir members, the Eucharistic Ministers, lectors and intercessors; everyone who helped with the Palm Sunday coffee hour, the agape meal on Maundy Thursday, and the reception on Easter Day. Also to those who set up (and broke down) tables and set out chairs, washed table cloths, and did the dishes. And to Lisa, who made all those service programs come together and look so good.

Then there is one more special group deserving recognition and thanks: our fledgling flower guild! Never has our nave and sanctuary looked so beautiful. It was truly glorious! (Check out the information below about the upcoming flower arranging workshop.)

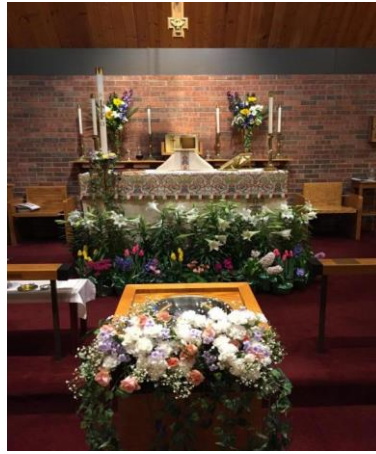
Thank you, thank you, thank you! More to the point: THANKS BE TO GOD for this part of the Body of Christ that we call St. Paul's Church.

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Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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Easter Day and Baptism of Paige





ST. PAUL'S FLOWER GUILD

As part of the process of developing our own Flower Guild, there will be a FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP on Saturday, April 16 from 10am to 1pm, led by two experienced flower guild members from Holy Comforter Church, Winnetka. Anyone can attend, men and women, even if you are not planning to join the flower guild - but we do hope you'll consider it! The ministry of flower arranging is to beautify the church TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in thanksgiving for the beauty of nature and the gift of creativity. Please email or call the church office to sign up: lisa@stpaulmchenry.com or 815-385-0390.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY IN APRIL

April 6th at 7:15pm

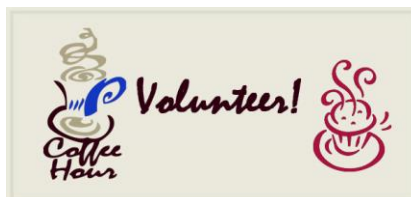
The group gathered for Women's Wednesday has decided to read The Great Divorce by C. S. Lewis. It's a short easy read about the gulf between heaven and hell, and is sure to generate a great discussion at our April meeting. The book is available at the library, on Kindle, or through Amazon. All women of the church and their guests are most welcome.



Coming to St. Paul's Tuesday, May 10th

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Paul's on 5/10/2016. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **(Note: One of our own parishioners received life-saving treatment as a result of this screening. Consider taking advantage of this opportunity.)**

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.



COFFEE HOUR *Another way to serve!*

We have re-established 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. There are still a lot of blank dates. You can do this! There are plenty of other folks around to help. It's an opportunity to serve that enriches our life together. If you've got any questions, check with Nan Patnaude. Thanks!



Upcoming Events

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, April 2, 8:00 a.m.
Women's Wednesday - April 6, 7:00 p.m.
Flower Guild Workshop - Saturday, April 16, 10:00 a.m.
Spring Parish Meeting - Sunday, April 17
Vestry - Wednesday, April 20, 7:15 a.m.
Spring Grounds Clean-up Day - Saturday, April 23

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, April 3, 2016
Second Sunday of Easter
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Reading: Acts 5:27-32. The High Priest warns the apostles about continuing to teach of Jesus, but Peter and the disciples insist they have a higher call to witness to Christ.

The Epistle: Revelation 1:4-8. John sends a message to the seven churches that to God in Christ be "glory and dominion forever and ever."

The Gospel: John 20:19-31. Jesus appears to the disciples when Thomas is not there, and later Thomas doubts their story, but Jesus appears again, shows himself to Thomas, and Thomas believes in the Risen Lord.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 180. "He Is Risen." Cecil Frances Alexander, the wife of a Bishop of the Church of Ireland, wrote this hymn in the late 1800's. She was a prolific poet and wrote nearly 400 hymns and poems. Joachim Neander is the composer of the tune, "Unser Herrscher."

Sequence Hymn: "Celtic Alleluia." This was written and composed by Fintan O'Carroll, born July 31, 1922 in Wexford, England. On completion of his secondary school studies, he took up a position as

a clerk in the national railway. He won first prize in a traditional music competition, aged 12, playing violin, and went on to study violin at home, taking lessons as the opportunity arose. His heart was in music, and he left his railway position in 1967 after 27 years of service, whereupon he completed his degree at Trinity to gain his Bachelor of Music degree.

Presentation Hymn: No. 193. "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright." Tradition says that this hymn was written by Saint Ambrose and dates in Latin back to the 5th century. The appearance of Jesus to Thomas is referred to as, "His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his wounded hands and feet he showed; those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave." The tune, "Puer Nobis," was adapted from a 15th century melody by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

Communion Hymn: No. 711. "Seek Ye First" This hymn is based on Matthew 6:33 and was written and composed by Karen Lafferty. Karen is a well-known Christian musician who lives in New Mexico, but travels around the world spreading the faith through music. She says that after years of singing in bars and saloons, she felt she needed to get closer to God. Somehow, she read this passage in Matthew and "the hymn simply fell together, along with the alleluias!" She has produced many hymns now and can be found on Facebook.

Recessional Hymn: No. 492. "Sing Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness." The author of this hymn is John Ellerton, born in London, December 16, 1826 and educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. Although an Anglican priest, he is better known as a hymnologist, hymn-writer, and translator. The 1940 Hymnal has seven of his hymns and this one is new to the current 1982 Hymnal. The tune, "Finnian" was composed by Christopher Dearnley (1930-2000), British organist and composer. The National Cathedral sung this hymn this past Sunday and can be heard on YouTube by entering the first line in a Google search which will produce the link to the music.

April 3rd 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
Coffee Hour: Barb Moriarty

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



**"No sir. It wasn't your sermon.
He accidentally put his hundred dollar bill
in the collection plate!"**

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*"Today's Sermon: How Much Can a Man Drink?
with hymns from a full choir."*