



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!



Reminder!

Mobile Food Truck volunteers
should arrive at St. Paul's no
later than 9:00 a.m.!



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Thoughts from Lori

This Saturday we will host our third Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) truck, joined once again by the folks of St. Mary's (Crystal Lake) and St. Ann's (Woodstock). Our first two were last May and November. We hope to do at least three in 2016. It's an event that must be experienced, and even then isn't altogether easy to understand. How can people - this many people - in our own community, in one of the wealthiest countries in the world... how can this many people be hungry? Be unable to feed themselves and their families with the kind of food you and I take for granted?

One of the challenges of volunteering for this ministry is the need to suspend judgment and to receive those who show up as our guests. I say this to the volunteers at each event, but I think I really say it for my own sake. To remind myself that I have no idea about the circumstances of this person or that couple. To try to keep myself from frowning at the couple who drives up in the Escalade. To remember what I once read (and believe to be true): that most people are within two paychecks of being penniless; of looking into an empty pantry and refrigerator.

So we don't question or screen those who come. In the name of Jesus, we welcome them as guests, as we can only hope that we would welcome Jesus himself. Even that is a challenge: to do that with genuine humility and not a shred of superiority. Of course, this probably doesn't apply to you. But it does to me. Nevertheless, as your rector, I gladly take pride in this ministry. I'm so very proud of you, and of our partnership with St. Mary's and St. Ann's. Surely I can be forgiven for that.

If you haven't volunteered before, come join us early Saturday. A few of our experienced volunteers will be here at the crack of dawn, because some of our guests will line up that early. But the rest of us just need to be here by 9am. All volunteers will need to go to the Upper Room to sign in. In case you don't know where that is, it's upstairs. That space is still being renovated, but it will do nicely for this purpose. Even though the bulk of the work is at the truck, volunteers are also needed to mingle with the guests who will be invited inside to have some coffee and a bagel. We also need volunteers for traffic control, clean up, and to be hosts inside to direct guests to our restrooms and answer their questions. And we invite everyone to join us for worship on Sunday morning.

If you're unable to come in person, I know you'll be here in spirit. Please pray for this ministry; for the guests who will come for food,

for all who are hungry and in need of food, here and around the world, and for all our volunteers. And since each truck costs us \$1200, your contribution is always appreciated. Thanks be to God for all of you!

Faithfully,

Loritt

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY IN APRIL

April 6th at 7:15pm

The group gathered for Women's Wednesday last week 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.



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!

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

Mobile Food Truck - Saturday, March 12
Vestry - Wednesday, March 16, 7:15 p.m.
Men's Breakfast - Saturday, April 2, 8:00 a.m.
Women's Wednesday - April 6, 7:00 p.m.
Young Families Dinner - Saturday, April 9, 5:00 p.m.
Flower Workshop - Saturday, April 16, 9:00 a.m.
Spring Parish Meeting - Sunday, April 17



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

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, March 13, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

The Scripture Lessons:

The Old Testament: Isaiah 43:16-21. The prophet reveals that God is about to do a "new thing."

The Gradual: Psalm 126. "Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy."

The Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14. Paul reminds his readers that he was first a Jew and then he "lost" that life for the "surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus."

The Gospel: John 12:1-8. Here, Jesus is at the home of Martha and Mary, the latter coming and anointing his feet with costly perfume and in spite of an objection by one of His disciples, he blesses her actions.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 686. "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." This hymn was written by Robert Robinson in 1757 when he was 22 years old. The words reflect our wandering nature and how God seeks us out and lead us home through Christ. The tune, "Nettleton" is a melody from "A Repository of Sacred Music" (1815).

Sequence Hymn: No. 382. This hymn was written by George Herbert (1593-1633), a prolific writer of hymns, who became an Anglican priest later in life and served the small parishes of Leighton Bromswold and Foughlestone, Bemerton. The tune, "General Seminary," was composed by the Rev. David Charles Walker (1938) an Episcopal priest who has this to say about himself, "After ordination, I taught for a few years at General Seminary in New York City before becoming Rector of a small parish in Brooklyn. Then to California and served parishes in San Diego, Beverly Hills, and ended up with 12 years as Chaplain and Director of Pastoral Care at Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles, from which I retired in June 2003."

Presentation Hymn: No. 469. "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy." This is only part of a much longer hymn written by Frederick William Faber that appeared in "Hymns 1862." The words express an expansive image of God's love and mercy that pours forth over all the earth. "For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind." The tune, "St. Helena," is new to our 1982 hymnal, composed by Calvin Hampton who was the organist and choirmaster at Calvary Episcopal Church, Gramercy Park, New York City, for twenty years (1963-1983). This setting is best sung simply with deep meditation on the words.

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. 142. "Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days." The words of this Lenten hymn are taken out of Claudia Frances Hernaman's "Child's Book of Praise," (1873). It is remarkable that in just 5 verses, it encompasses the full scope of Lent. The tune, "St. Flavian," is from the English Psalter of 1562 and has been adapted by Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

March 13th Servants

Usher: Bill Lang

Lector: Rick Carlstedt

Intercessor: Terry Jaworski

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak

Vestry Person of the Day: Michelle Wiejaczka

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



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*"Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on
October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that
began in their school days."*