



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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Holy Eucharist
and the
Laying on of Hands for Healing

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



Thoughts from Lori

One of my favorite quotes from Frederick Buechner* is this: "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." It's about vocation, or calling, and not just for those who are called to an ordained life, but for all of us. What an idea! That our calling in life has something to do with our "deep gladness." Not, as some suppose, with suffering and sacrifice, though exercising one's calling may indeed involve both. And that such a calling, such deep gladness, has a place to fit; a place that meets some equally deep need.

The first thing this rich quote does is provoke some serious thinking about what our deep gladness looks like. This is not a matter to be taken lightly. Nor is it one to limit with practicality - at least not in the

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beginning. This is nothing less than discernment. Nothing less than opening one's heart and one's imagination and asking: What brings me joy?

There are limits, of course. The thought of being a major league baseball player may bring you joy, but if you've got two left feet or you're 50 years old already, well, there ya' go. So what if you coached little league? Or helped take a group of under privileged kids to a big league ball game?

The second part of the quote is just as important. Where do I see the "world's deep hunger"? It doesn't have to be Africa, though it might. It could be right around the corner. In any case, there is plenty of need, plenty of deep hunger everywhere around us to provide opportunities for exercising our callings. Which, by the way, can change and evolve throughout our lives. God can be very creative when nudging us to help build up the new creation ushered in by Jesus. Like a good friend of mine used to say: God is always a surprise!

This Sunday at our informal spring parish meeting, we will do some thinking and talking about our gifts and our callings. If we do it right, I expect we'll leave with more questions than answers, which might just give the Holy Spirit a little room to work. In each of us, that is.

See you Sunday.

Faithfully,

Lori

*Frederick Buechner is a Presbyterian minister and well known author.

Spring Parish Meeting

This Sunday!

We will gather after church for an informal parish meeting. Please bring a **covered dish** of your favorite food to share. And remember: we've committed to "feeding others when we feed ourselves." So **bring canned goods or non-perishables** to be donated.



MUSIC PLANNING

It's short notice, but there will be a meeting tomorrow, April 14th at 2pm to plan our hymns and service music for the next several weeks. If you're free at that time and would like to participate, come join us. We'll be the ones in the nave at work near the piano. [Note: We will try to vary the day and time of these meetings and definitely give more notice in the future.]

ST. PAUL'S FLOWER WORKSHOP This Saturday!



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.

Please note! You do NOT have to attend the workshop in order to be a part of the Flower Guild!

A NOTE ABOUT WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY

The group that gathered last Wednesday for WW enjoyed talking about the C.S. Lewis book, The Great Divorce, so much that we're going to continue the discussion in May. So if you didn't get around to reading it for the April meeting, it's not too late. Pick it up at the library, buy it at Amazon or your favorite bookstore, or download it on your e-reader. It's a short, easy read - with the exception of some slightly dated British vernacular - and is full of interesting ideas. The May meeting is the 4th at 7:15pm, right after the 6:30 Eucharist. All women of the church and any friends you'd like to bring are most welcome.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS STILL NEEDED!

Please see the sign up poster on the bulletin board in the parish hall. There are still a lot of blank dates.

Mark your calendars!

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be August 27th from 10:00 to noon. More information to follow about opportunities to volunteer.



Upcoming Events

Flower Workshop - Saturday, April 16, 10:00 a.m.
Vestry - Wednesday, April 20, 7:15 a.m.
Spring Grounds Clean-up Day - Saturday, April 23
Women's Wednesday - May 4, 7:15 p.m.
Men's Breakfast - Saturday, May 7, 8:00 a.m.
Lifeline Screening - Tuesday, May 10

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, April 17, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Easter
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Reading: Acts 9:36-43. This is the dramatic story where Peter raises Tabitha from death.

The Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17. John identifies a great multitude of people from every tribe and every language robed in white who have survived a "great ordeal" and are free to praise God.

The Gospel: John 10:22-30. The Jews question Jesus about whether he is really the Messiah, and He affirms that all human beings will be saved by Him.

THE HYMNS:

Processional 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, hymnwriter, 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.

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. 343. "Shepherd of Souls." This hymn is from a 1832 Moravian hymnbook and the text is generally believed to have been written by James Montgomery (1771-1854). The tune, "St. Agnes," was composed by John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) for another Christian hymn but it's strength of meter lends it to be used with this hymn as well. It relates well to receiving communion, "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock."

Communion Hymn: No. 178. "Jesus Is Lord of All the Earth." This hymn was written by Donald Fishel born in 1950, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and a consummate musician. In a biographical sketch he writes that after college, "I then embarked on a career in music publishing and began writing the Christian songs for which I am best known. My songs *Alleluia No. 1* and *The Light of Christ* can be found in the hymnals of the Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, and Roman Catholic Churches." The tune name is the "Alleluia No. 1" and was composed by him and arranged by Betty Carr Pulkingham (b. 1928), the wife of the Rev. William Graham Pulkingham, an Episcopal priest who lived from 1926-1993.

Recessional Hymn: No. 625. "Ye Holy Angels Bright." This is a composition of the Rev. Richard Baxter (1615-1691) a fiery Anglican priest who was very independent in thought and action. He challenged Oliver Cromwell for declaring himself the "Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, which, among other things, netted him a two-year prison sentence. He died December 8, 1691 at the age of 76. The tune, "Darwall," was composed by and named after John Darwall to be used singing Psalm 148. It is majestic and beautiful, especially when the last verse is accompanied by the soprano descant.

April 17th Servants

Ushers: Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski

Lector: Judy Robel

Intercessor: Terry Jaworski

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Dietmeyer, Charlie Boak

Vestry Person of the Day: Darrell Rowe

Coffee Hour: ??

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



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"The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her."