



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

This past Sunday we had 27 people stay for our spring parish meeting after church. The theme of our meeting was "discernment of gifts for ministry." Of course, given the brevity of the meeting, this was just an introduction to the subject and meant to generate questions rather than answer them. Discernment, after all, is a process.

For those of you who weren't here Sunday and those who weren't able to stay, here are the questions we were asked to think about:



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AFFINITY:

What human needs speak to me? What stirs my interest, my passions?

ABILITY:

What am I good at? What do others say I'm good at?

OPPORTUNITY:

What needs doing?

The temptation is to apply these questions to things to be done in and for the church, especially a small parish church like ours in which almost everything is done by volunteers. Things like serving on the Altar Guild, singing in the choir, being a lector or intercessor (readers for the lessons and the prayers), serving as a Eucharistic Minister, arranging flowers, taking part in outreach events such as our Mobile Food Pantry, and in projects around the building and grounds. It's tempting because all of those things need doing!

But the real subject of discernment is about our ministries in the larger community; that is, in the world. It's about *being* the church, not just coming to church. And that's harder. It's harder because we've confused ministry with the ordained. But ministry is not limited to the professionals. Ministry is the work of the baptized. In other words, all of us. So if you don't know what your ministry is, these questions are for you. Pray them. Ponder them. I promise you: something will come of it!

Faithfully,

Lori +

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

I will be leaving this Saturday to participate in a retreat from Sunday, April 24th until Sunday, May 1st. The Rev. Tommy Rogers will be the guest preacher and celebrant this Sunday, and the Rev. Bill McLemore on May 1st. Please give them the warmest of St. Paul's Church welcomes. I will appreciate your prayers for safe travel and the rest and renewal of the retreat. lml+

RESOURCE AND ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS

The McHenry VFW is sponsoring and Veterans Resource Fair and Stand Down, Thursday, April 28th, from 10 AM - 3 PM, at their lodge, 3002 W. Route 120 in McHenry.

The fair will include VA benefits screening, health screening, employment services, legal counseling and assistance, financial counseling, mental health counseling, homeless assistance, free haircuts, along with information, referral and advocacy. There will also be a free lunch for veterans who are area residents of McHenry County.

The Fair is sponsored by the Veterans Assistance Commission as well as other veteran service agencies, state agencies, local agencies, and the American Community Bank and Trust. For more information, please call the Veterans Assistance Commission: (815) 334-4429.

A NOTE ABOUT WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY

The group that gathered 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.



Coming to St. Paul's May 10th

Stroke can be a life threatening and life changing event, and yet according to the National Stroke Association, 80% of strokes are preventable.

By signing up for this health event, not only will you be able to take your health into your own hands, but you will also receive \$10 off any package of \$129 or more. The Stroke, Vascular & Heart Rhythm Package includes four screenings: carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and atrial fibrillation. To schedule your appointment and to receive this special offer, please sign up ***only*** by either calling our members-only phone number, which is **1-888-653-6441** or by visiting www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. Join in the fight against vascular disease!

Will it hurt? *No. We use Doppler, color flow ultrasound, which is painless and considered the gold standard in uncovering early stroke and vascular disease. It is the same equipment commonly used on pregnant women.*

How accurate are results? *Very. We've been classified as hospital-grade and state of the art.*

How old should someone be to get a baseline test? *40 with family history. All those over 50 should be screened so if there are findings, they can get under their doctor's care and receive treatment as early as possible.*

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

Vestry - Tonight, 7:15 a.m.

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 24, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18. This passage tells about Peter describing his vision in Joppa to the circumcised followers of Jesus in Jerusalem. "What God has made clean, you must not call profane."

The Psalm: Psalm 148. The whole earth and creation praises God.

The Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6. God is making all things new; death has been abolished in Christ.

The Gospel: John 13:31-35. Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 296. "We Know That Christ is Raised." This hymn is based on Romans 6:3-11, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." The text was written by John Brownlow Geyer in 1969 and he was born in 1932 in Yorkshire, England. The tune, "Engleberg," is a melody composed by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) in 1904. The music meter is 10 10 10 with alleluias.

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. 379. "God is Love." This hymn was written by Timothy Rees, the Anglican Bishop of Llandaff, a distinguished speaker in English and Welsh and respected hymnographer. This beautiful hymn covers many aspects of God's love and is appropriate for reflecting on Chapter 13 of St. Paul's letter to Corinth. Cyril V. Taylor composed the tune, "Abbot's Leigh," in May of 1941 when he was working for the Religious Broadcasting Department of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

Communion Hymn: No. 178. "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord." 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. 529. "In Christ There is No East or West." This hymn was written by a traveling businessman named William Arthur Dunkerley. He began writing novels and songs as a diversion with the penname, John Oxenham. This particular hymn reflects his deep theology from visiting countries all over the world embracing a God whose Son Jesus Christ brings together East and West, and North and South. The tune, "McKee," was adapted from an Afro-American spiritual by Harry T. Burleigh, a choir member of St. George's, New York City, and is named in honor of his Rector, Elmore McNeill McKee.

April 24th Servants

Ushers: Beth Lukas, Jim Lukas

Lector: Jim Lukas

Intercessor: Judy Robel

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak

Vestry Person of the Day: Beth Lukas

Coffee Hour: Georgiann Kolba

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



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"Hymn: I Love Thee, my Ford"