



# 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!

### Diaper Drive in June!

The Diaper Bank is in need of some specific sizes. Please consider helping out by donating diapers during the month of June. They are especially in need of the following:

- Preemies
- Sizes 1 and 5
- Adults small and medium
- Poise pads



Let's fill our grocery cart with diapers!

And speaking of our grocery cart, also in June, we are going to start a special outreach project related to the Mobile Food Pantry; that is, PERSONAL CARE BAGS. Watch for more information on this in next week's ePistle.

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## Thoughts from Lori

You probably didn't miss me. I left Sunday afternoon the 15th after our splendid Pentecost service and newcomers reception, and returned on Saturday afternoon the 21st. I attended the annual Festival of Homiletics which was in Atlanta this year. I stayed with a dear friend (who also loaned me a car!) and got to see four of our grandchildren while I was there. But the main event was the Festival of Homiletics.

Homiletics. That's another word for preaching, as in "homily" or sermon. This particular preaching conference is sponsored by Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. It's held every year in different places around the country. The preachers and lecturers are the best of the best. I have come back inspired, renewed, and encouraged. Maybe that will make a difference in my preaching... we'll see. But it has certainly made a difference in my spirit. I am most thankful for the opportunity to attend.

Keep in mind, though, that I'm not the only one called to preach around here. No, I'm not talking about Bill or various supply priests or guests. I'm talking about YOU. St. Francis of Assisi is quoted as having said: **"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."**

You can still count on me to deliver a sermon on Sunday mornings, but together, it is with our lives that we share the Good News of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

Faithfully,  
*Lori*



Beginning this Sunday, you're invited to bring a news story to be discussed "through theological lenses." It can be from TV, radio, the newspaper - whatever - but not about politics. At least, not yet. Most likely, we'll have to tackle that subject sooner or later. In any case, we will examine the news, good and bad, as Christians. Bibles may be involved!

## OUR EMERGING MINISTRIES TO AND WITH CHILDREN



There is some excitement in the air about the increasing number of children among us. That includes some conversation about a special time after the service (while the adults have Coffee & Conversation) for a snack, a Bible story and art project. Everyone who is interested in this potential ministry - parents, children, and everyone who has promised to "*support these persons in their life in Christ,*" which means everybody who has witnessed a baptism - is invited to participate in a brief meeting after church on Sunday, June 5th in the far end of the Parish Hall.

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### WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY IN JUNE

The group that gathers for Women's Wednesday will meet in June - on the first, as it happens - and discuss "Good Goats," by Dennis Linn. It's available online as a paperback or as an e-book. Short and easy to read. We'll talk about how this compares and contrasts Lewis's "The Great Divorce." You won't have any trouble following the discussion even if you haven't read the book(s), so don't stay away for that reason. We're creating an opportunity for women to come together for community, learning, and spiritual growth. Check it out!

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**Vestry** - Wednesday, May 25, 7:15 p.m.  
**Women's Wednesday** - June 1, 7:15 p.m.  
**Men's Breakfast** - Saturday, June 4, 8:00 a.m.

### *Down the road....*

**Parish Picnic** - Sunday, August 14, 4:00 p.m.  
**Mobile Food Truck** - Saturday, August 27, 10:00 a.m.  
**Lifeline Screening** - Thursday, September 8  
**Fall Parish Meeting** - Sunday, September 18  
**Blessing of the Animals** - Sunday, October 2, 3:00 p.m.

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## Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, May 29, 2016

Pentecost II (Proper 4 - C)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**First Lesson:** I Kings 8:22-23, 41-43. King Solomon offers a prayer of praise to God before the assembly of the people before the altar of God.

**The Psalm:** Psalm 96:1-9. "Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth."

**Second Lesson:** Galatians 1:1-12. These are the opening words of Paul's letter to his churches at Galatia. He's concerned about some who are deserting the church and perverting the Gospel.

**The Gospel:** Luke 7:1-10. Jesus heals an ill slave of a Roman centurion.

### THE HYMNS:

**Processional Hymn:** No. 372. "Praise to the living God." This hymn was written by Thomas Olivers and is based on an ancient Jewish creed called the "Yigdal." It has thirteen articles that praise God in every way imaginable. Translated into English, it begins with these words, "Extolled and praised be the living God, who exists unbounded by time." The tune was written by a Jewish cantor, Meyer Lyon, thus the name, "Leoni."

**Sequence Hymn:** No. 533. "How Wondrous and Great." This is one of the nine hymns written by Henry Ustick Onderdonk for the Hymnal of 1820. It is a paraphrase of the Song of Moses and the Lamb, Revelation 15:-3-4. This hymn also reflects the missionary spirit of Epiphany: "To nations of earth thy light shall be shown." The tune, "Lyons," closely resembles a Haydn minuet.

**Presentation Hymn:** No. 408. "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above." This hymn was penned by Johann Jakob Schutz (1640-1690), a German lawyer and also a man of deep faith and piety. It was translated into English by Elizabeth Cos. However, later in life, Schutz became a Separatist and ceased to attend his Lutheran church. Each verse ends with the triumphant "to God all praise and glory." The tune is an ancient German pastoral melody of 1529.

**Communion Hymn:** "Take, O take me as I am." This is one of the best-known songs from the Iona Community in Scotland which has become a major center for ecumenism, social justice, healing, reconciliation, and worship renewal. John Lamberton Bell, a member of the Iona Community, was born in 1949 in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland. As you sing the song, you will notice that there are four phases of our faith journey in the text: (1) surrender and conversion, (2) transformation, (3) sealed and marked by God's covenant, and (4) new life together with and in God.

**Recessional Hymn:** No. 537. "Christ for the World We Sing." Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886) wrote this hymn in response to a banner posted at a Young Men's Christian Association meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1869. The message read, "Christ for the world, and the world for Christ." Legend has it that he formed the hymn walking home through the streets on February 9, 1869. It has been in the Episcopal hymnals since 1892. The tune, "Moscow" is named for the city where the composer, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796) died. The music fits the earnest spirit of evangelism and conversion communicated in the text.

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### **May 29th Servants**

Usher: Bill Lang  
Lector: Pam Dietmeyer  
Intercessor: Terry Jaworski  
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak  
Vestry Person of the Day: Darrell Rowe  
Flower Guild: Pam Dietmeyer, Deb Lang

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





## *Funny Church Signs!*

