



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!

Women's Wednesday is tonight!

Tonight we'll 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!



Men's Breakfast is this Saturday!

Men of the church and their friends are invited to Kim & Patty's this Saturday, June 4th at 8:00 a.m.

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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.



St. Paul's will have an Ice Cream Social on
June 12th, following the service!
Please join us!

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 later.



Thoughts from Lori

Within the span of a month, I've passed the scene of a serious automobile accident three times, all on Hwy. 120. The last one was Friday at 120 and Hwy. 12. By the time I got there, one car had been removed, but a silver SUV (much like the one I drive) was upside down, surrounded by emergency vehicles. When I read about it in the Northwest Herald the next morning, I was amazed that no one was killed. In fact, there were no serious injuries. Thanks be to God... and for improved safety standards in our cars!

Even in my limited driving these days, hardly a day goes by that I don't witness speeding, ignoring stop signs, running red lights, and even some form of road rage. It doesn't help that there are now more distractions than ever while we drive, most notably cell phones. But it seems to me that the biggest problem is that we're all in such a darn hurry. For pity's sake, let's all slow down. There's an old saying, probably from Confucius, that goes like this: "If luck is with you, why hurry? If luck is against you, why hurry?"

Of course, this applies to more than driving. It applies to life. We all need to slow down; to resist the culture of *hurry-up-do-more-work-harder-do-it-faster-and-more-of-it*. Slowing down isn't lazy. It's healthy. One could even say, holy. After all, how can we hope to see God's handiwork all around us if we're in such a hell bent hurry all the time? Or hear the whisper of the Holy Spirit if we fill every moment with self-manufactured urgency?

Whatever our circumstances, let's try to slow down. Take a deep breath. Look around. Listen. There is more to life than rushing around. No telling what we'll see or hear or how we will each bloom, given a chance.

Faithfully,

Lori



Continuing 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!



Women's Wednesday - Tonight, 7:15 p.m.
Men's Breakfast - Saturday, June 4, 8:00 a.m.
Ice Cream Social - Sunday, June 12
Endowment Committee - Tuesday, June 14, 7:00 a.m.
Vestry - Wednesday, June 22, 7:15 p.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.

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, June 5, 2016
Pentecost III (Proper 5 - C)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: I Kings 17:17-24. Elijah blessed the poor widow of Zarephata with a jar of meal that is never emptied and a jug of oil that is always full.

The Psalm: Psalm 30. "I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up."

Second Lesson: Galatians 1:11-24. Paul speaks about his Jewish heritage and notes that he once persecuted the faith he now professes.

The Gospel: Luke 7:11-17. Jesus enters a town called Nain, and raises a woman's son from death to the amazement of all the people.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 411. "O bless the Lord my soul." This hymn was written by James Montgomery and is based upon Psalm 103. The text has been in our hymnals since 1826 without any alterations over the years. The tune "St. Thomas" was composed by Aaron Williams and is used in its abbreviated form for this hymn. The words call forth our faith in the deepest sense, "O bless the Lord my soul."

Sequence Hymn: No. 538. "God of mercy, God of grace." This hymn was written by Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) who was a Scottish poet and at one time considered studying medicine, but opted for theology. He was ordained in 1817. The tune, "Lucerna Laudoniae," was composed by the Welsh musician David Evans (1874-1948).

Presentation Hymn: No. 493. "O for a thousand tongues to sing." This hymn was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), May 21, 1739, upon the first anniversary of his spiritual conversion. Wesley was ordained an Anglican priest in 1735 and came with General Oglethorpe to Georgia as his private secretary and chaplain. Because of the adverse reaction to his new environment, he returned to England. Even though tagged a "Methodist" for his support of a highly organized ministry, he refused to leave the Anglican church. He wrote over 6,500 hymns and 500 are still in common use. The fourth verse reveals the depth of his very personal conversion experience: "He speaks and listening to his voice, new life the death receive, the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe." The tune, 'Azman,' was composed by Carl Gotthilf Glaser (1784-1829).

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. 390. "Praise to the Lord." This hymn of thankfulness is based on Psalm 103:1-6 and Psalm 150. It was written by Joachim Neander in the 17th century. "Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee." The German hymn tune was selected by the author for this particular hymn and is intended to be sung by grateful hearts with joy and happiness.

June 1st Servants

Ushers: Terry Jaworski and Don Jaworski

Lector: Judy Robel

Intercessor: Judy Robel

Eucharistic Ministers: Al Robel, Pam Dietmeyer

Vestry Person of the Day: Beth Lukas

Flower Guild: Pam Dietmeyer, Deb Lang

Coffee Service: Georgiann Kolba

Altar Guild: Pam Dietmeyer, Deb Lang

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



Funny Church Signs!

