



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 will meet next week,

July 6th at 7:15 p.m.

Please see information below.

Please note:

There will be no Men's Breakfast until September 10th.



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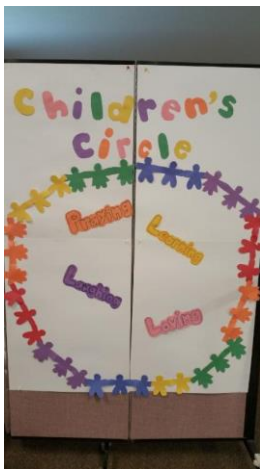
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Minutes

December
2015
January 2016

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Children's Circle



August 7th we will hold the first Sunday Children's Circle. The weekly program will cover Old Testament stories through October: Joseph and his coat; Jonah and the whale; Moses and Miriam, et al. November and December will focus on lessons about Advent. The meetings will last between 20-30 minutes immediately following Sunday services while the adults enjoy coffee and conversation.

We are so excited about the enthusiasm of our volunteers - if you are interested in joining the team, contact Pam Dietmeyer at pwd3485@hotmail.com or call 815-354-3407.



Thoughts from Lori

You know, of course, that there has been another terror attack. This time at one of the world's busiest airports, Istanbul. It's so tempting to duck our heads and count on being here, safe and sound, in a small town in Northern Illinois. What could possibly happen here? But the world has grown smaller, and though it's always been true, we are more and more aware of it. You and I might not be in Istanbul - or Paris or Brussels - any time soon, but people we know and love might be. We can never truly separate ourselves and think that makes us safe. If there is such a thing as safety, it is to be found in who we are, *whose* we are - that is, to whom we belong! - and in how we live as people of faith.

There was a piece in my inbox this morning from Forward Movement, the same people who publish our Day by Day devotional series. Click [here](#) to access it. I couldn't have said it better myself! Over and over again, whether it's from God's angels or Jesus himself, we are told, "Do not be afraid." That's a good thing to remember when we listen to the news.

In addition to that link, I commend to you a prayer that Bill wrote and included in one of his morning devotionals recently. He called it "A Prayer for Joy." Here it is:

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Eternal God, when you created this world you claimed all of it was good, help me to focus on this joyous aspect of life; deliver me from dwelling only on the unhappy things in this world; give me the promised joy of your Son Jesus, that truly my joy may be complete, in His Most Holy Name, I pray. *Amen.*

Faithfully,

Loritt

WORSHIP IN JULY

For the month of July, we will be using some of the more contemporary options in the Book of Common Prayer in our liturgy. We'll use Eucharistic Prayer C (see pp. 369-372) and the contemporary form of the Lord's Prayer (p. 364). As usual, it will all be printed in our service bulletin. Hearing and saying words that are less familiar is an opportunity to become more aware of what we are saying and what it means. You may find yourself drawn to these new forms, or you may become more aware of what you value about the more traditional forms. In any case, this is just for the month of July. Let's see how the Spirit moves us!

ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

in our Prayers of the People

Over the years, I've found that most people don't know their date of Baptism. There's probably a record of it in your baby book or tucked away in a family Bible somewhere. It's been the tradition here to print the names of those whose baptismal anniversaries are recorded in our parish data base (provided by those few of you who know it) in the Prayers of the People. Going forward, we are not going to put those in print. *However*, if you know your baptismal anniversary, feel free to come forward for a blessing as usual. That goes for anyone who wishes to receive a birthday blessing, anniversary (of marriage) blessing, whether we've printed it or not, and blessings for safe travel.

Pastoral Letter

Here's a link to a recent pastoral letter from our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, and the President of the House of Deputies, the Rev. Gay Jennings. I commend it to you for your prayerful consideration and possible discussion at this week's Coffee & Conversation. lml+

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WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY IN JULY

The group that gathers on the first Wednesday of the month has decided to continue to meet through the summer. For July, we decided to read Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz-Weber. It's available on e-readers, in the library, or bookstores (online or otherwise). Our next meeting is July 6th at 7:15 pm. All women of the parish and their friends are welcome.

And speaking of **Nadia Bolz-Weber**, she is going to be at St. Ignatius Episcopal Church in Antioch on July 16. She is a Lutheran pastor and author and one of the most exciting voices in Christian circles. Her two most popular books are Patrix (which the WW group read last year) and Accidental Saints. Check out her website at www.nadiabolzweber.com and/or her Facebook page. If you're interested in going as a group, please sign up on the clipboard on the narthex table.

There are two sessions, morning and afternoon. Each session is \$25. If you wish to attend both sessions, the cost is \$40. Lunch is \$10.



There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall
for Coffee Hour Hosts.
Please consider helping out!



Women's Wednesday - July 6, 7:15 p.m.
(No Men's Breakfast in July)
Fiesta Days Booth - Friday, July 22
Vestry - Wednesday, August 17, 7:15 p.m.
(No Vestry meeting in July)

Looking ahead....

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, July 3, 2016

Pentecost VII (Proper 9 - C)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14.

The Psalm: Psalm 66:1-8. "Be joyful in God, all you lands."

Second Lesson: Galatians 6:1-16.

The Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 616. "Hail to the Lord's Anointed." This hymn was written in 1821 by James Montgomery to be used by a Moravian Settlement during the Christmas season. It is based upon Psalm 72. "He comes with succor speedy, to those who suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong." The tune is an adaptation of a German folk song and should be sung happily with hearts of joy!

Sequence Hymn: No. 530. "Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word." This hymn was written by Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier and is one of the first hymns to turn from the individual piety of the 19th century to the zeal for foreign missions and education. The present form includes only the first five of the original seven stanzas of the hymn. The tune, "Gott Sei Dank," is a melody taken from the German, "Geisteiches Gesangbuch," (1704) and harmonized by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

Presentation Hymn: No. 671. "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound." "Amazing Grace" is a hymn written by the English poet and clergyman John Newton (1725-1807), published in 1779. It is one of the most recognizable songs in the English-speaking world. Newton grew up without any particular religious conviction. He was pressed into the Royal Navy, and after leaving the service became involved in the Atlantic slave trade. In 1748, a violent storm battered his vessel so severely that he called out to God for mercy, a moment that marked his spiritual conversion. "Amazing Grace" was written to illustrate a sermon on New Year's Day of 1773. The tune "New Britain" has been traced back to "Southern Harmony," a shaped note hymnbook published in 1847 published by William Walker which sold 600,000 copies. The hymn is a wonderful testimony of personal faith. "Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed."



Communion Hymn: No. 764. "Taste and See, Taste and See." This hymn was written and composed by James Edward Moore, Jr., and is based on Psalm 34:8, "O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him." Dr. James E. Moore, a native of LaCrosse,

Virginia, where he was born in 1951, holds undergraduate degrees in both piano and vocal music. He currently resides in Vienna, Austria, where he serves as a professional coach and teaches voice and conducting. (Note: We will be singing this for our Communion Hymn for the month of July, enjoy!)

Recessional Hymn: No. 718. "God of Our Father." This hymn was written by the Rev. Daniel Crane Roberts (1841-1907), while rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Brandon, Vermont. He says, "This hymn was written in 1876 for a celebration of the Centennial "Fourth of July," and sung at Brandon, Vermont to the tune called 'Russian Hymn.'" Later, George William Warren (1828-1902) composed the present tune and named it "National Hymn."

July 3rd Servants

Ushers: Terry Jaworski, Don Jaworski

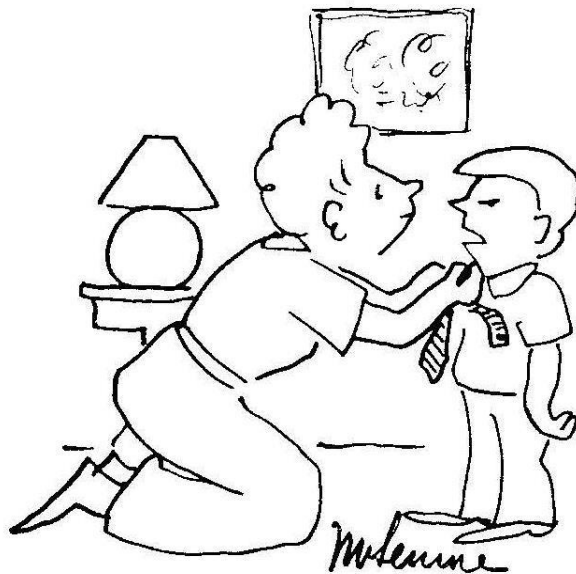
Lector: Judy Robel

Intercessor: Judy Robel

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Dietmeyer, Al Robel

Vestry Person of the Day: Marilyn Bell

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



"How can they call it 'Vacation Church School?' You can't have vacation and school at the same time!"

Funny Church Signs!

