



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!

New Information!



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Thoughts from Lori

*Things are not getting worse,
they are getting uncovered.
We must hold each other tight
and continue to pull back the veil.*

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Vestry Minutes

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Those were the words in a meme on Facebook earlier this week. When I read it, the words rang true to me. In spite of the fact that the news makes it seem like everything is going to hell in a hand basket, a little measured reflection leads me to recognize that the underlying issues are not new. They have been there all along. Things like prejudice, economic disparity, classism and racism and sexism - all the things that are making headlines these days - have been around in one form or another for as long as, well, we human beings have been around.

But never before have we been so connected. The question is how we regard that connectivity and whether or not we can put it to good use; whether or not it can be redemptive. In the aftermath of the Kennedy assassination in 1963, when Lee Harvey Oswald was shot and killed by Jack Ruby on national television, it was said that that was the first time a murder was witnessed by the entire country. Now, with smart phones in practically every hand, we see videos of acts of violence and brutality on a daily basis.

Again, the question is: can we use this for good? Can we acknowledge that the issues are not new? Can we, knowing what we can no longer deny, that we disparately need each other? I believe that when St. Paul was talking about the Body of Christ, that he was (whether he knew it or not at the time) talking about the whole human race when he said:

God has so arranged the body...that there may be no dissension within the body but the members may have the same care for one another. Of one member suffers, all suffer together with it, if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. [I Cor.12: 24b-26]

Dear sisters and brothers, let us not be discouraged, but let us hold each other tight as we continue to pull back the veil. Let all wounds be healed in and by the light of Christ.

Faithfully,

Lori t

*The Diaper Bank of Northern Illinois is pleased
to let you know that 964 diapers were
donated at St. Paul's in June!*



Thank you for your generosity!



BLUES, BREWS, AND BBQ

As a point of personal privilege and as a member of the McHenry Rotary Club, I share this announcement: the annual **Blues, Brews, and BBQ** will be August 5, 6, and 7th at Petersen Park. Advance tickets may be purchased online (for the first time) for \$5 per day. They are \$10 at the gate. I also have tickets available. This event is our major fundraiser and proceeds are given to charitable groups locally, nationally, and internationally. Come out for a great time and support these good causes. Check out the website for more information. lml+

In case you missed it....

(repeat announcements)



Personal Care Bags for the Food Pantry

Don't forget to pick up a bag to be filled with donations for our Mobile Food Truck patrons!

SUGGESTED NEW, FULL-SIZE, ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Soap (bar, hand, and/or sanitizer)
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Tissue
- Tooth paste, tooth brush, floss
- Band-Aids, first aid supplies

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.

The Usual Fare...



Fiesta Days Booth - Friday, July 22

Parish Picnic - Sunday, August 14, 4:00 p.m.

Vestry - Wednesday, August 17, 7:15 p.m.

(No Vestry meeting in July)

Mobile Food Truck - Saturday, August 27, 10:00 a.m.

Looking ahead....

Lifeline Screening - Thursday, September 8

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, September 10, 8:00 a.m.

Fall Parish Meeting/Homecoming Celebration

Sunday, September 18

Blessing of the Animals - Sunday, October 2, 3:00 p.m.

Diaper Bank Auction/Dance - Saturday, October 22, 5:00 p.m.

Mobile Food Truck - Saturday, October 29

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, July 17, 2016
Pentecost IX(Proper 11 - C)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

The Psalm: Psalm 15

The Epistle: Colossians 1:15-28

The Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 401. "God of Abraham, praise."

Sequence Hymn: No. 467. "Sing, my soul, his wondrous love."

Presentation Hymn: No. 488. "Be thou my vision."

Communion Hymn: No. 764. "Taste and See, Taste and See."

Recessional Hymn: No. 336. "Come with us, O blessed Jesus."

July 17th Servants

Ushers: Beth and Jim Lukas

Lector: Jim Lukas

Intercessor: Judy Robel

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Michelle Wiejaczka

Vestry Person of the Day: Darrell Rowe

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



Funny Church Signs!

