



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

July 27, 2016



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Please note!

The 6:30pm Wednesday Eucharist is **cancelled** for tonight and for the remainder of the summer. Beginning after Labor Day, there will be a "Noon Eucharist" on Wednesdays. It will start at 12:15pm in order to allow travel time for those who may be coming from work. The service, including the opportunity for the Laying on of Hands for Healing, will last about 30 minutes. Those who wish to bring a "brown bag lunch" can stay to eat and have a little fellowship.

New Information!



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Thoughts from Lori

I once asked a group of ordinary Christians like us if they knew the basic tenants of Islam. They actually did know them, pretty much anyway. Things like Ramadan, making a Haj, charity and almsgiving, abstaining from alcohol and caffeine, and probably a few more. Then I asked them what were the tenants of our faith, and they had a hard

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time coming up with clear answers. Maybe that's partly because of the publicity around Islam in recent years. Maybe it's because of our perception, rightly or wrongly, that Islam has specific expectations while Christianity (at its best) is less specific. In any case, I found it both fascinating and disturbing that we Christians are so vague about what it means to be Christian; that is, about what is expected of us.

What's good about that is the core of our belief that God in Christ Jesus has saved us *by grace*. That is, we are not saved by our own actions. We are not saved by keeping any set of rules, even the Ten Commandments. We are not saved by anything *except by the grace of God*. So no wonder we can't rattle off a list of requirements for being Christians. But - yes, there is a but! - there are core values we are called to embrace as a result of this grace. I could list what I think those are, but I'm more interested in what you think they are. So the topic of Coffee & Conversation (C&C) this coming Sunday will be just that: **WHAT DO YOU UNDERSTAND AS CORE VALUES FOR CHRISTIANS?** (Hint: you might start by checking out the baptismal covenant in the Book of Common Prayer, pages 304-5.)

We've been pretty casual about C&C over the past few weeks, and I miss our more intentional conversations. So let's get back in the groove and tackle this topic. In light of the current social and political environment, knowing who we are and what that means has never been more important!

See you Sunday.

Faithfully,

Lori +



Children's Ministry Meeting

Reminder! There will be a brief meeting after the service this Sunday, the 31st, to finalize the launch of the new children's ministry program! August 7th will be first session!

Jewelry Sale to benefit the Northern Illinois Food Bank ***This Sunday during Coffee & Conversation***

Georgiann Kolba will again be offering her new and re-purposed handcrafted jewelry this Sunday to benefit the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Donations may be made by cash or check (payable to the Northern Illinois Food Bank) and are tax deductible. You may find some great gift ideas!



LifeLine Screening coming to St. Paul's September 8

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Saint Paul Episcopal Church on 5/10/2016. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

*In case you missed it...
(repeat announcements)*



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:

<http://www.mchenryrotarybluesbrewsandbbqs.com/dining/index.php>

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

The Usual Fare...



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 31, 2016

Pentecost XI (Proper 13 - C)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Hosea 11:1-11 or Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14. The prophet, Hosea, talks about God's love for Israel; and the lesson of Ecclesiastes stresses the vanities of human life.

The Psalm: Psalm 107:1-9,43 or Psalm 49:1-11. The first selection offers thanks for the goodness of God; the second admonishes those that put their trust "in their goods."

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11. "There is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free, but Christ is all and in all!"

The Gospel: Luke 12:13-21. Jesus warns those who put all their trust in their possessions. "So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 408. "Sing praise to God." 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.

Sequence 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.

Presentation Hymn: No. 435 (vs. 1-4). "At the name of Jesus." This hymn was written by Caroline Maria Noel as processional music for Ascension Day. It is based on Philippians 2:9-10 which speaks of bowing the knee before Christ. Some biblical scholars think that St. Paul himself quoted it from an early Christian hymn. The tune, "King's Weston" was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1925 expressly for this hymn.

Communion Hymn: "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.

Recessional Hymn: No. 594. "God of grace and God of glory." Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote this hymn in 1930 for the dedication of the Riverside Church in New York City. It was first sung at the opening service, October 5, 1930, and at the dedication on February 8, 1931. The tune, 'Cum Rhondda' was composed by John Hughes. The hymn is a great one to close our worship by asking God to "Grant us wisdom, grant us courage."

July 31st Servants

Ushers: Bill Lang

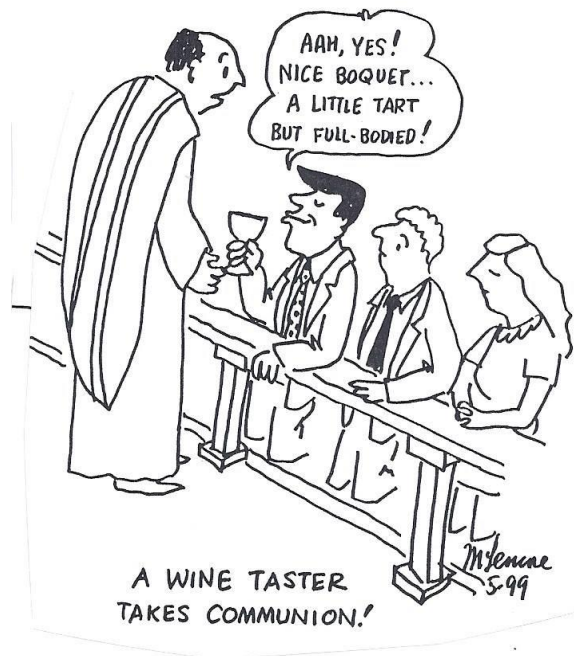
Lector: Jim Lukas

Intercessor: Judy Robel

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Dietmeyer, Charlie Boak

Vestry Person of the Day: Marilyn Bell

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



Funny Church Signs!

