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St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

August 10, 2016



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New Information!

Our fourth annual Parish Picnic is this Sunday, the 14th, at 4pm. Burgers, brats, 'dogs, buns, and condiments will be provided. Please bring a side dish, extras (like chips and such), and beverages to share. Come through the kitchen and we'll set up out back. Please bring a lid or cover for your dish if possible so we can set out the food on tables outside AND BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET. Friends, family, and guests of all sorts are most welcome.



***And remember - Feed ourselves, feed others -
bring a donation for the food pantry!***



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I'm out-of-town visiting family, so I asked my husband Bill -- that is, the Rev. Bill McLemore, our retired priest associate and now interim rector at St. Ann's, Woodstock -- to write a brief history of St. Paul's in anticipation of the upcoming September celebration of our 60th anniversary. By the way, if you have pictures or memorabilia related to the parish, please share them with us. We'll be glad to make copies and return the originals. Thanks! See you Sunday. lml+

BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH McHENRY, ILLINOIS

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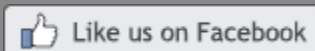
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In 1955, when the village of McHenry was just beginning to shed its farm/fishing identity and become a serious suburban residential city for workers in Chicago, a group of Episcopalians met in December at the Methodist Church to develop plans for an Episcopal congregation. They secured the help of the Rev. Dr. Walter C. Klein, a professor at Seabury-Western Seminary in Evanston to assist them.

On May 8, 1956, the Diocese of Chicago formally recognized the new congregation as a Mission and the Bishop assigned the Rev. Vincent Paris Fish as the vicar. In the next three years, the congregation chose the name St. Paul's Episcopal Church and purchased the five acre property off Green Street. The street south of the property was soon named St. Pauls Avenue and by 1958 the congregation had built a functional building to house the worship space on the first floor and a fellowship hall on the second floor.

Several clergy followed the Rev. Mr. Fish: the Rev. Robert LeRoy Eldridge (1959-1962) and the Rev. Russell Stanley Northway (1963-1964). On October 10, 1964, the Rev. Arthur Donald McKay arrived and served the congregation for 15 years, dying while here, January 29, 1979. He remains the longest serving priest of the parish. During these years, the congregation grew in numbers. McKay took great interest in involving children in the life of the parish, and by 1975, having outgrown the original building, new worship space to the west of the earlier building was constructed and dedicated.

Four years after the death of Arthur McKay, the congregation officially became a parish and later distinguished itself by being the first parish in the Diocese of Chicago to call a woman rector. The Rev. Marion Gladding Mailey, who arrived October 9, 1983, served St. Paul's until October 1991 when she left to become rector of St. Luke's, Niles, Illinois.

After an interim ministry by the Rev. Maxwell Brown, the Rev. Tony Longhi was called in February 1993. Under his leadership, the parish undertook the major construction of the new parish hall, kitchen, bathrooms, entryway and narthex, and offices. Following his nine-year tenure, the Rev. Jimmy Swarthout arrived as Interim. The next rector, the Rev. Dennis Joe Dunlap, served for only 2 ½ years, after which Swarthout returned as rector. During his tenure, he was instrumental in the development of a number of social ministries, including a day school for preschoolers and a diaper bank. Also during this time, a piece of property which included two houses was bequeathed to the church by Betts Alderson. For several years, St. Paul's worked with Transitional Living Services to provide temporary housing for homeless veterans on that property, which became known as Betts' Place.

When Jimmy Swarthout left in 2011, the Rev. Rich Frontjes stepped in as interim until the search committee called the Rev. Lori Marleen Lowe to serve as Priest-in-Charge for two years beginning in July of 2012. After the first year, the vestry unanimously called her as their next rector. She brought many years of parish experience to the congregation and has placed

an emphasis on worship and liturgy, and on mission and ministry. With her guidance, the following vision statement was adopted in 2013:

**SEEKING God in Christ.
SERVING others for the sake of Christ.
GROWING in God's image along the way.**

The following mission statement was adopted in 2015:

**St. Paul's mission is to feed the hungry
in mind, body, and spirit.**

With this vision and mission in mind, parishioners are now developing new outreach, especially ministries in our community related to hunger. St. Paul's is focusing on *being* the church, not just coming to church.



Children's Ministry

Our first Children's Circle was a great success thanks to Jeff Zabor's lead and help from Tommy Obermeyer and Ashley Pecoraro. The children participated with enthusiasm as they discussed how great is God's love. They also took home coloring books to help them learn the Lord's prayer. We're looking forward to this week's lesson about baby Moses. Be sure to notice the children's artwork!

This week's leaders will be Kim Morris and Terry Jaworski.

Pam Dietmeyer

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

Please note!

The mid-week Eucharist is suspended 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.



Mobile Food Truck Meeting

After the service on **August 21**, there will be a meeting for team leaders and other interested volunteers.

ALTAR FLOWERS

As you may know, the Vonderohe Family has generously donated flowers for the entire year in memory of our beloved Donald and Patricia Seaton, and we are incredibly grateful. Their dedication in the service program does not preclude other dedications. Please feel free to sign-up (on the poster in the narthex) to dedicate flowers in memorium or in thanksgiving for your special occasions as well. The donation is \$35.

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, August 14, 2016
Pentecost XIII (Proper 15 Year C)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7 or Jeremiah 23:23-29. The Prophet Isaiah has a "love-song concerning his vineyard." Jeremiah says that God wants prophets "who have my word speak my word faithfully."

The Psalm: Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18; or Psalm 82. The first selection has God calling for Israel to "shine forth; the second appeals for salvation for the "humble and needy" as well as the "weak and the poor."

Second Lesson: Hebrew 11:29-12:2. The writer of this book reminds the readers that they are "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses."

The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56. Jesus reminds his flock that his words will not necessarily bring peace, but in some cases division.

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. 536. "Open your ears, O faithful people." This hymn was written by Rev. Willard Francis Jabusch, He is a Roman Catholic priest born in 1930 and educated at Mundelein Seminary, Loyola University, and received his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1968. His education was enhanced at the University of London, and as a composer at the Chicago Conservatory. The words celebrate the coming of the Messiah and include the Hebrew affirmation, "Torah Ora," which means "The Law is Our Light." The tune, "Torah Song," is a Hasidic melody arranged by Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

Presentation Hymn: No. 574. "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel." The author of this hymn is William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), the Anglican Bishop of Ripon in North Yorkshire, England. This forms a dramatic poem seeking forgiveness and reconciliation along with personal spiritual growth. "For lives bereft of purpose high, forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry." The tune, "St. Petersburg," was composed by Dimitri S. Borniniansky (1751-1825) and traces its roots to an old Russian hymn.

Communion Hymn: No. 711. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." This hymn is based on Matthew 6:33 and was written and composed by Karen Lafferty. Karen is a well-known Christian musician who lives in New Mexico, but travels around the world spreading the faith through

music. She says that after years of singing in bars and saloons, she felt she needed to get closer to God. Somehow, she read this passage in Matthew and "the hymn simply fell together, along with the alleluias!" She has produced many hymns now and can be found on Facebook.

Recessional Hymn: No. 544. "Jesus shall reign." There are about a dozen hymns in our hymnal that are my favorite and this one is close to the top of the list. Isaac Watts (1674-1748) created this happy and joyful song based on Psalm 72. The imagery of the risen Christ is certainly found in the words of this hymn, especially the 4th verse, "the prisoners leap to lose their chains." The tune "Duke Street," composed by John Hatton (d. 1793) is easy to sing and reflects the joy of Easter in its melody.

August 14th Servants

Ushers: Terry Jaworski and Don Jaworski

Lector: Barb Moriarty

Intercessor: Terry Jaworski

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Dietmeyer, Michelle Wiejaczka

Vestry Person of the Day: John Patnaude

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

