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St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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New Information!

**Annual Parish Picnic
August 14th**



We had our most successful picnic ever! More than 40 parishioners, friends, and family gathered to share great food and fellowship, and it was a perfectly beautiful August day. What could be better!

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Thoughts from Lori *Sixty Years of St. Paul's*

If you missed Bill's brief history of St. Paul's in "The ePistle" last week, go back and take a look. It's a nice overview of the life of this church. In the scheme of things, we're a young parish. (One parish I served was chartered by King George in 1692!) But for such a young parish, we've certainly seen a lot of activity around here. PADS, a pre-school, AA meetings, a diaper bank, the Boy Scout Pinewood Derby, Life Screening (offering a discount to parishioners), just to name a few - and now about to host our fourth Mobile Food Pantry.

Some of those things are now defunct or have outgrown us; for instance, the pre-school was a wonderful ministry, but closed when it was no longer self-sustaining. The diaper bank evolved into an independent 5013C and continues to provide for an ever expanding need. And new opportunities will come to us. Some will be successful, some will serve a purpose for a time, and some may become part of our collective DNA. Our job is to listen and discern as best we can, and then try to do God's work here in this time and this place. So far, I think we're doing pretty darn well!

On September 18, which has been scheduled as our informal fall parish meeting, we're going to celebrate the life and ministry of this church and our 60th anniversary. As has been our custom for parish meetings, it will be a covered dish affair after our Sunday worship. We'd also like for this to be an old fashioned homecoming, so reach out to those you know who were once part of this parish - whether they now attend someplace else (which is fine, of course) or have stepped back from church for one reason or another - with a low key, friendly invitation to come back for the day.

If you have pictures or memorabilia related to St. Paul's, please share them with us. We'll make copies and return the originals to you. In any case, mark your calendars now for September 18th. You won't want to miss it!

Faithfully,
Lori



Children's Ministry

This week's lesson will be about David and the Biggest Man.
Leaders will be Kerry and Tommy Obermeyer. All children are invited!

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



Mobile Food Truck Meeting

After the service **this Sunday, 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.

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.

The Usual Fare...

Vestry - Tonight, 7:00 p.m.

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 21, 2016
Pentecost XIV (Proper 16, Year C)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10 or Isaiah 58:9b-14. The Prophet Jeremiah recalls his hesitation at being made a prophet, "I am only a boy." Isaiah tells of Israel's restoration by Almighty God.

The Psalm: Psalm 71:1-6 or Psalm 103:1-8. The first selection says God has been "my confidence since I was young;" the second offers several blessings toward the Lord God.

Second Lesson: Hebrew 12:18-29. The writer of this book calls for the faithful to offer God an "acceptable worship."

The Gospel: Luke 13:10-17. Jesus is chastised by the leader of a synagogue for healing on the sabbath; and the Lord retorts that he did a freeing service to the woman who could not stand straight up.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 304. "I come with joy to meet my Lord." This hymn is a product of the Rev. Dr. Brian A. Wren, born in Britain on June 3, 1936 and a minister and scholar of the United Reformed Church. Most recently he was the Conant Professor of Worship, Columbia Theological Seminary, in Decatur, Georgia. He wrote this hymn in 1971 with Hope Publishing Company holding the copyright. The tune is an American folk melody.

Sequence Hymn: No. 522. "Glorious things of thee are spoken." Another majestic hymn set to Franz Joseph Haydn's "Austria," and first sung at the birthday of the Emperor Franz II, February 12, 1797, and became the national hymn of Austria. Haydn created it at the request of its chancellor who wanted an Austrian counterpart to the British, "God Save the King." The hymn is based on Isaiah 33:20-21, "Look on Zion, the city of our appointed festivals... But there is the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams." It was first published in John Newton's, *Olney Hymns*, 1779, and has been in the various Episcopal hymnals since 1874. The words, written by the prolific John Newton, son of a shipmaster, who himself became a midshipman in the English Navy, are based on Isaiah 33. Again, we have music that directs our witness to the praise and glory of God.

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: 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. 334. "Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing." This hymn was written by the Rev. Canon Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (born 1902), a cleric and teacher at Malvern College, Malvern, Worcestershire, England (1937-1953). The last verse hearkens to Paul's II Corinthians 5:17, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation." The tune, "Alles ist an Gottes Segen," is a melody attributed to Johann Balthasar König (1691-1750), harmonized by Johann Lohner (1645-1705).

August 21st Servants

Ushers: Beth Lukas, Jim Lukas

Lector: Jim Lukas

Intercessor: Terry Jaworski

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak

Vestry Person of the Day: Beth Lukas

Funny Church Signs!



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

