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## St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

August 24, 2016



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### *New Information!*



## Thoughts from Lori

Funerals are a mixed bag. They are, in the scheme of things, ancient rituals, and truth be told, not much changed since human beings lived in caves. We - family, friends, and community (however one might define community) - gather to remember and honor the loved one who has died. It is an occasion for both grieving and celebrating; grieving the loss of one dear to us, and celebrating his or her life, and in the case of people of faith, celebrating the deceased's new life. For those of us who are Christians, we lay claim to a resurrection with Christ Jesus.

Yesterday, we gathered to do those things for Jean Delarue, a long-time member of this church. Jean was the artist who executed our beautiful stained glass windows in the nave that illumine our worship. But that was in another time, another era in his life. In recent years, Jean was pretty much homebound. It was always a delight when Yasmin and his friends or family managed to get him here. The last time was only a few weeks ago.

The turnout for the service yesterday was a nice combination of his friends and family. There were neighbors, members of the Lion's Club (to which Yasmin and Jean had belonged for many years), family (including two grandchildren and a great grandson from England), and parishioners. I was particularly proud of the parishioners who were here. Some had known Jean for years; some came simply because he was an elder of the church and



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therefore their brother in Christ. And I know that others of you who could not be here, had Jean and his family in your prayers.

The Altar Guild prepared the altar for worship. The Flower Guild provided fresh arrangements. Parishioners (you know who you are) put on a wonderful reception after the service. Julie provided the music. Dan, Jan, and Marilyn supported the singing. Bill, who had given Jean last rites (Extreme Unction in our prayer book), read the Gospel and the Prayers and con-celebrated with me. And Pam and Charlie served as Eucharistic Ministers. And I can't forget Lisa, the producer of our wonderful service programs. It was truly a parish funeral. I am always proud of the way we do funerals in The Episcopal Church, and never more so than here at St. Paul's.

There is a wonderful description of an Episcopal funeral on page 507 in our prayer book. Read it sometime. It's all about the mixture of joy and sorrow that accompanies the death of Christian people.

One of my responsibilities as your priest and rector is to encourage you to (1) have a will - especially those of you with children - and (2) to have your funeral plans and other information prepared for those you will leave behind. This isn't just for the elderly to do. It's important for all of us to do! For many years, I helped others do these things, but neglected my own. Bill and I have had our wills in order ever since we married and updated them when we moved to Illinois. But it wasn't until last year that we wrote down what we hoped would be included in our own funerals.

It's not a morbid process at all. In fact, it's rare that people can get through it without some good laughs! And it's a great feeling to have done and filed away. So I'll offer another funeral planning workshop before the year is over. Last time we called it "Ducks in a Row." Time before that, it was the "Final Affairs Fair." Look for an announcement soon about another such event. Meanwhile, I'm happy to meet with anyone who wants to start this process. Just give me call and we'll arrange a time.

Remember: "All we go down to the dust," says the ancient prayer, "yet even at the grave we make our song, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!" Not bad, I'd say. Not bad at all.

Faithfully,  
*Lori*



**September 18th will be the Fall Parish Meeting  
and  
our 60th Anniversary Celebration and  
Homecoming.**

**We'll have a covered dish lunch and celebrate  
St. Paul's history. Please join us!**



## Children's Ministry

This week's lesson will be about Jonah and the Big Fish. Leaders will be Bobbi Fiali and Bill & Katie Lang. All children are invited!

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Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Saint Paul Episcopal Church on 9/8/2016. 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](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).**

*In case you missed it....*

*(repeat announcements)*

## 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.

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## 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...



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

**Women's Wednesday** - September 7, 7:00 p.m.

**Lifeline Screening** - Thursday, September 8

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

**Fall Parish Meeting /**

**60th Anniversary Celebration and Homecoming**

Sunday, September 18

**Finance Committee** - Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 p.m.

**Vestry** - Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.

### Looking ahead....

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

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

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## Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, August 28, 2016

Pentecost XV (Proper 17, Year C)

*by the Rev. William P. McLemore*

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**First Lesson:** Jeremiah 2:4-13, Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7. The Prophet Jeremiah chastises the house of Israel for its wayward ways; Sirach says "Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women"; Proverbs calls for people to take the lower seat in the presence of a noble.

**The Psalm:** Psalm 81:1, 10-16 or Psalm 112. The first selection says God has been "my confidence since I was young"; the second describes the blessings that come from serving God.

**Second Lesson:** Hebrew 13:1-8, 15-16. The writer of this book says, "Let mutual love continue."

**The Gospel:** Luke 14:1,7-14. Jesus gives a lesson in humility and generosity."

#### THE HYMNS:

**Processional Hymn:** No. 376. "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee." This hymn was written by a well-known Congregationalist minister, the Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke. His son tells the story that his father, while on a preaching visit at Williams College, came to breakfast and placed a manuscript on the table before President James A. Garfield and said to him, "Here is a hymn for you... Your mountains [the Berkshires] were my inspiration. It must be sung to the music of Beethoven's 'Hymn to Joy.'" As you sing this hymn you will invariably see the magnificent Berkshire mountains in your heart: "All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee." Henry van Dyke said of this hymn: "These verses are simple expressions of common Christian feelings and desires in this present time-hymns of today that may be sung together by people who know the thought of the age, and are not afraid that any truth of science will destroy religion, or any revolution on the earth overthrow the kingdom of heaven. Therefore this is a hymn of trust and joy and hope."

**Sequence Hymn:** No. 615. "Thy kingdom come on bended knee." This hymn was written by Frederick Lucian Hosmer on June 12, 1891, for the commencement exercises of Meadville Theological School in Pennsylvania. It is based on the first petition of the Lord's Prayer. Hosmer was an ordained Unitarian minister who served as minister of a number of Congregational churches. He had a deep sense of the kingdom of God ushering in justice and healing, as we see in the fourth verse: "the day to whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed, when justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt revealed." The tune, "Flavian," is a melody from Psalms Hymnbook of the sixteenth century and harmonized by Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

**Presentation Hymn:** No. 665. "All my hope on God is founded." The original German language version of this hymn was written by Joachim Neander around 1680. In 1899 it was translated into English by Robert Bridges, who later became the British Poet Laureate. As choir master for the parish church in a Berkshire village, he was so disappointed with the range of hymns available, he created his own collection which includes the phrase from today's Gospel, "Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust; though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust."

**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. 437. "Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord." Here we have a hymn paraphrasing the "Magnificat" written by Tim Dudley-Smith in 1962. The words also form a spirited plea for evangelism, "Tell out my soul, the greatness of his Name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy Name-the Lord the Mighty One." The tune, "Birmingham," is from Francis Cunningham's Selection of Psalm Tunes (1834).

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### **August 28th Servants**

***Ushers:*** Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski

***Lector:*** Barb Moriarty

***Intercessor:*** Judy Robel

***Eucharistic Ministers:*** Deb Lang, Charlie Boak

***Vestry Person of the Day:*** Rick Carlstedt

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



## *Funny Church Signs!*

