



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry  
September 14, 2016



New Information....



*You and your friends and family  
are cordially invited to St. Paul's  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
1956 - 2016*

*This Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, for  
The Holy Eucharist and Baptism  
at 10 o'clock in the morning*

*Followed by luncheon\* in  
The Parish Hall.*

*\*Parishioners are invited to bring a generous covered dish. Ham and turkey will be provided, along with dessert. Side dishes, casseroles, and salads will be most appreciated.*

*Feel free to reach out to former members and those we haven't seen in a while and invite them to be our guests. This is also a good occasion to invite unchurched friends and neighbors.*

*All are welcome!*

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## Thoughts from Lori

Through the days leading up to September 11th and in these last couple of days after, I kept seeing bits on the news and posts on Facebook with images related to that tragic day. Many were emblazoned with the words, "Never Forget." I didn't think too much about it at first, but it began to make me uncomfortable.

I'm one of those people who, over the years, has revisited 9-11 when the anniversary comes around. I know that's not what everyone does. People process and mark occasions in different ways. But given the way I do it, the way I remember, why did that phrase "Never Forget" bother me, I wondered. And I began to realize that it had begun to sound angry to me. It had - has - a bitter and vengeful ring to it, at least to my ear.

What if, instead of "Never Forget" we said "Always Remember"? To me, that speaks more clearly of remembering the tragedy, the sacrifices, the heroes. It leaves room to ponder the causes of such violence and hatred, to consider the consequences (both of the tragedy itself and the US response afterward), and to pray for peace and true healing.

Of course, one never knows what is behind another person's words. I have no way of knowing what "Never Forget" means to another or means to you. As for me, I prefer to always remember. And I will.

Faithfully,

*Lori*

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## Children's Corner

There will be no Children's Corner this Sunday, due to our 60th Anniversary Celebration.



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*In case you missed it....*

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### **Mid-Week Eucharist**

Every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. there will be a simple service of Holy Eucharist. It will include an opportunity for Unction, commonly referred to as the Laying on of Hands for Healing. This service usually lasts about 30 minutes. Those who wish to bring a bag lunch are invited to stay for an informal Bible study focusing on the readings for the upcoming Sunday. All are welcome.

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### **NEW FORMAT**

*You may notice a different look to today's edition of The ePistle. That's because we are using a new, mobile friendly format. All the content you've come to expect is still here. It's just laid out in a way that makes it easier to read on a mobile device and still works on your computer's email. Let us know what you think.*

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A new Coffee Hour sign-up sheet has been posted in the Parish Hall. Please consider helping out!

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The Rev. Bill McLemore prepares an emailed Daily Devotion for parishioners of St. Paul's. If you are not receiving this and would like to be on the list, please let Lisa know in the office. You can email her at [lisa@stpaulmchenry.com](mailto:lisa@stpaulmchenry.com) or call the office at 815-385-0390.

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### *The usual fare...*

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

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

**Men's Breakfast** - Saturday, October 1, 8:00 a.m.

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

**Women's Wednesday** - October 5, 7:00 p.m.

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

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### **September 18th Servants**

***Usher:*** Jim Lukas, Beth Lukas

***Lector:*** Jim Lukas

***Intercessor:*** Judy Robel

***Eucharistic Ministers:*** Pam Dietmeyer, Michelle Wiejaczka

***Vestry Person of the Day:*** Beth Lukas

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## Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, September 18, 2016  
Pentecost XVIII (Proper 20, Year C)  
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**First Lesson:** Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 or Amos 8:4-7. The Prophet Jeremiah laments that "there is no balm in Gilead." In Amos the prophet condemns those who "trample on the needy."

**The Psalm:** Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 113. The first selection includes a call for deliverance; the second selection reflects God's compassion for those who suffer.

**Second Lesson:** I Timothy 2:1-7. The writer urges prayers for everyone and affirms "there is one God revealed by Jesus Christ."

**The Gospel:** Luke 16:1-13. Jesus says, "No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

### THE HYMNS:

**Processional Hymn:** No. 390. "Praise to the Lord." This hymn of thankfulness is based on Psalm 103:1-6 and Psalm 150. It was written by Joachim Neander in the last 17th century. "Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee." The German hymn tune was selected by the author for this particular hymn and is intended to be sung by grateful hearts with joy and happiness.

**Sequence Hymn:** No. 538. "God of mercy, God of grace." This hymn was written by Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) who was a Scottish poet who at one time considered studying medicine, but opted for theology. He was ordained in 1817. The tune, "Lucerna Laudoniae," was composed by the Welsh musician David Evans (1874-1948).

**Presentation Hymn:** No. 455. "O love of God how strong and true." This hymn was written by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), a priest in the Church of Scotland, who authored many hymns. The tune, "Dunedin," was composed by Thomas Vernon Griffiths, a New Zealand music teacher and lecturer-composer (1894-1985). This hymn was one of those sung at the funeral of President Ronald Reagan, June 10, 2004, at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul in Washington, D.C. (The National Cathedral).

**Communion Hymn:** "Take me as I am." This tune, composed by John L. Bell, is one of the best-known and often-used songs from the Iona Community

in Scotland, having found its way into numerous hymnals, songbooks, and arrangements. The Iona Community is an ancient Christian community on the small island of Iona in the Inner Hebrides Islands of western Scotland. It was founded by St. Columba, a monk from Ireland and missionary to Scotland, in 563 A.D. It became an important monastery in the Early Middle Ages and played a major role in the conversion of the Picts to Christianity and in the evangelization of Europe. Today, the Iona Community is a place of pilgrimage from all over the world. It has become a major center for ecumenism, social justice, healing, reconciliation, and worship renewal. John Lamberton Bell was born in 1949 in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland. He is a hymn writer, minister in the Church of Scotland, and a member of the Iona Community.

**Recessional Hymn:** No. 596. "Judge eternal, throned in splendor." Henry Scott Holland's only hymn was first published in 1902. He was a Canon at St. Paul's in London and became Precentor in 1886. He returned to Christ Church, Oxford, where he became regius professor of divinity in 1922. He died there March 17, 1918. He was a strong proponent of social and economic justice, as per the second verse: "Still the weary folk are pining for the hour that brings release, and the city's crowded clangor cries aloud for sin to cease; and the homesteads and the woodlands plead in silence for their peace." The tune, "St. Leonard," is attributed to Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703).

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



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## Funny Church Signs!



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