



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

September 21, 2016

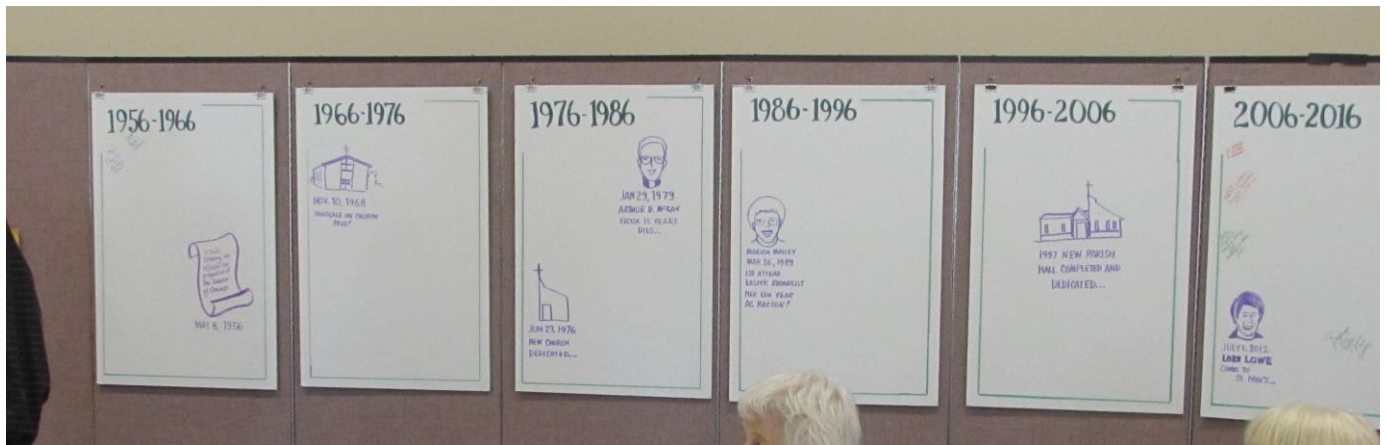
New Information....



September 18, 2016







Thoughts from Lori

Last Sunday was a great day! Not only did we have a wonderful celebration of our 60th anniversary year, but we baptized three girls- Nia, Bella, and Jianna - along with their mother, Ashley Pecoraro. Ashley's Baptism was "conditional" because she wasn't sure if she had been baptized as an infant. (See page 313 in the Book of Common Prayer.) That, of course, made the occasion that much more special. Indeed, it was a great day!

And you all outdid yourselves for the covered dish luncheon. What a spread! What a feast! I won't risk trying to name names, but we all owe a special vote of thanks to everyone who worked so hard setting up the parish hall, the decorations and displays, and those who pitched in to clean up afterwards. And I know you join me in thanking the Altar Guild and Flower Guild for making our worship particularly beautiful.

I personally want to thank Charlie Boak, Deb Lang, and Jeff Zabor for sharing their thoughts about St. Paul's past, present, and future. We have much to be thankful for here at St. Paul's. Not only for these first six decades, but for the promise of the future. On a personal note, in my 30-plus year of parish ministry, I have never served a church with a more clear sense of *being* the church. You have truly embraced the concept of not just coming to church, but *being* the church, and it (among other things) makes me proud to be your rector. Thank you one and all.

Faithfully,

Lori

P.S. There were nifty bookmarks on the tables that were meant for everyone to take home, but we forgot to mention it and most of them were left behind. They're now on the table in the narthex. Be sure to pick one up.

Traveling Mercies

Bill and I will be traveling to Ohio this weekend to attend the wedding of a dear friend. Please keep us in your prayers for safe travel. The Rev. Tommy Rogers will be here with you on Sunday morning. I know you will welcome him in fine St. Paul's style and fill the church with your normal enthusiastic worship.

lml+

A Note about Women's Wednesday

We had a good run for a couple of years, but Women's Wednesday seems to have lived out its value. I'm open to discerning another vehicle or means of providing community for the women of the parish, but for now I have taken WW off the calendar. Let me know your thoughts. lml+



Sunday, October 2nd at 3:00 p.m.

In honor of St. Francis, bring your pets
on a leash or in a carrier to be blessed.

All creatures great and small are welcome!

Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors.

Rummage Sale at McHenry Methodist Church

The McHenry First United Methodist Women will be hosting a rummage sale on Thursday, October 6th through Saturday, October 8th. They are located at 3717 W. Main Street. Call 815-385-0931 for more information or check the notice on the bulletin board in the parish hall.



October 15, 2016 Annual Lobster Fest

"Helping others, one bite at a time."

St. Ann's Church ~ 503 W Jackson St
Woodstock, IL 60098 ~ 815-338-0950

Ordering Deadline: Monday, Oct. 10, 2016

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Children's Chapel

This week's lesson will be "God Gives His People Bread to Eat." Leaders will be Katie & Bill Lang.



All children are welcome to come to the Seaton Room after the service for a story, snack, and activity.

Daily Devotions

If you are currently receiving Bill's Daily Devotion but prefer to NOT receive them, please let Lisa know in the office to be removed from that list. If you "unsubscribe" from the Daily Devotion, it will also unsubscribe you from ALL emails from the church. Call the church office at 815-385-0390 or email lisa@stpaulmchenry.com.

In case you missed it....

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.



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



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 or call the office at 815-385-0390.

The usual fare...



Vestry - Tonight, 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.

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

September 25th Servants

Ushers: Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski

Lector: Barb Moriarty

Intercessor: Barb Moriarty

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak

Vestry Person of the Day: Sally Berveiler

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Pentecost XIX (Proper 21, Year C)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 or Amos 6:1a, 4-76. The Prophet Jeremiah relates that fields in God's country can be bought again. In Amos the prophet condemns those who pamper themselves with earthly wealth.

The Psalm: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 or Psalm 146. The first selection praises God as a refuge and stronghold; the second selection reflects God's search for justice for the oppressed.

Second Lesson: I Timothy 6:6-19. The writer says, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."

The Gospel: Luke 16:19-32. Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and Lazarus—one in Hades and the other in heaven.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 423. "Immortal, invisible, God only wise." The writer of this hymn, William Chalmers Smith, may have been inspired by I Timothy 1:17, "To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever." The tune, "St. Denio" is based upon a number of Welsh ballads later adapted by John Roberts (1822-1877).

Sequence Hymn: No. 628. "Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths." This hymn was written by William Watkins Reid, Jr. (1923-2009), who earned degrees from Oberlin in 1945 and 1947, and then obtained a degree from Yale Divinity School. He served the Methodist Church not only in local parishes but also through his involvement in annual conferences and membership on various commissions and boards of that denomination. The hymn extols the benefits of studying Holy Scriptures and therefore is in this section of our hymnal. The tune, "St. Ethelwald," was composed by William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Presentation Hymn: No. 705. "As those of old their first fruits brought." This hymn was written by Frank Von Christierson (1900-1996), a Presbyterian minister who served a number of congregations in California. He is responsible for many popular hymns owned by the Hymn Society of America which holds the 1961 Copyright to this one. Born in Lovisa, Finland, he migrated to the United States and graduated from Stanford University and San Francisco

Theological Seminary. In recognition of his activities as a hymn writer, von Christierson was named a "Fellow of the Hymn Society" in 1982. The tune, "Forest Green," is an English melody adapted and harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

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. 625. "Ye holy angels bright." This is a composition of the Rev. Richard Baxter (1615-1691), a fiery Anglican priest who was very independent in thought and action. He challenged Oliver Cromwell for declaring himself the "Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland", which, among other things, netted him a two-year prison sentence. He died December 8, 1691 at the age of 76. The tune, "Darwall," was composed by and named after John Darwall to be used singing Psalm 148. It is majestic and beautiful, especially when the last verse is accompanied by the soprano descant.

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



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