



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
September 28, 2016



New Information....

*Please note:
The office will be closed Friday, September 30th.*



*This Saturday, October 1, 8:00 a.m.
Men's Breakfast at Kim & Patty's*

Blessing of the Animals



This 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.



Update on Deb Lang

As most of you know, Deb has been in a process of discernment - both on her part and on the part of the Church - regarding the ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons. I'm happy to report that she has been invited to a postulancy interview with the Bishop and members of the Commission on Ministry that will take place at an upcoming weekend retreat. (Date to be determined.) As Deb moves through this process, I will keep you posted. Meanwhile, please keep Deb in your prayers. lml+



Thoughts from Lori

Fair warning: I'm in one of those funks. You know, the kind when everything looks bleak. Bill and I saw the remnants of a multi-vehicle accident Sunday afternoon as we drove home from Ohio after attending a friend's wedding. Later, Bill found the details of that accident on the Internet, and it wasn't good. Then on

the radio Monday, I heard that a therapist has given a name to the anxiety being experienced as a result of the election campaign. "Election Stress Disorder" she's calling it. Then Tuesday morning, I heard about the mother who kidnapped her own children (presumably from their father who had custody). She was found...with the bodies of both children in her car.

Enough.

Sometimes it seems like the world is spinning out of control. There's no doubt, of course, that these and all the other tragic events that assault us through the news are, well, tragic. Horrific. Terrible. But I ask myself, "Does this mean that things are getting worse in the world?"

Deep breath.

And I come to the conclusion that the answer is: no. The world is not getting worse. So why does it *feel* this way? Though I'm not a sociologist or an anthropologist, I know enough history to recognize that, actually, the world is getting better. Abject poverty around the world has decreased. The world responds with aid when famine or other natural disasters strike anywhere in the world. Warfare - despite terrorism and localized wars - is far reduced. Even crime is far less rampant than it was in the past.

So again, why does it *feel* like things are so much worse? It's obvious, isn't it. We see and hear about everything! Private correspondence and newspapers, both relatively slow means of spreading information, have been replaced by telegraph, then telephone, television, and now the Internet and social media. No wonder it feels like the world is spinning out of control!

Here's what I am trying to do. I am reminding myself of what I know:

- First, that God is in charge and I'm not.
- That God is trustworthy.

And what I believe:

- That people are basically good.
- And that love will win. Love will always win.

If any of this resonates with you, I invite you to remember these things - and to remind me from time to time.

Faithfully,

Loritt

COMING: "LOVE BASKET"

Beginning this Sunday, you will see a "love basket" at Coffee & Conversation and possibly at future events. We are NOT asking anyone to pay for coffee or refreshments. But as expenses increase, we are offering the opportunity for you to make a donation from time to time. Your generosity will be much appreciated.

Dancing for Diapers

Dancing with OUR Stars!

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Auctions begin at 5:00 p.m.

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Mobile Food Truck coming to St. Paul's

St. Paul's will be hosting a mobile food truck from The Northern Illinois Food Bank on **October 29th**.
Volunteers will be needed! More information to follow.

Children's Chapel

This week's lesson will be "God Gives His People Bread to Eat." Leaders will be Jeff and Amy Zabor.



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

In case you missed it....

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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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.

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 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+

The usual fare...



Men's Breakfast - Saturday, October 1, 8:00 a.m.
Blessing of the Animals - Sunday, October 2, 3:00 p.m.
Vestry - Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.
Diaper Bank Auction/Dance - Saturday, October 22, 5:00 p.m.
Mobile Food Truck - Saturday, October 29

October 2nd Servants

Ushers: Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski
Lector: Michelle Wiejaczka
Intercessor: Judy Robel
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Al Robel
Vestry Person of the Day: Darrell Rowe

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, October 2, 2016
Pentecost XX (Proper 22, Year C)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4. God tells Habakkuk to write his vision that speaks of the end of things which "will surely come" on a tablet.

The Psalm: Psalm 37:1-10. "Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass."

Second Lesson: II Timothy 1:1-14. Paul gives helpful instruction to Timothy that he might "rekindle the gift of God that is within."

The Gospel: Luke 17:5-10. The apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith, and He compares faith to a mustard seed which, though small, can do amazing things in its spiritual flowering.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 9 (vs. 4,5,6). "Awake, awake, to love and work." This hymn was written by Geoffrey Anketell Studdert-Kennedy around 1921 as a six verse poem. Our 1940 hymnal only included the last three verses which began, "Awake, Awake, to Love and Work." Here we sing three of the verses. The hymn reflects the glorious creation of Almighty God and points to the beauty found in the seasons and all the changes during the years. The tune, "Morning Song," is an old shape note southern spiritual found in Davisson's "Kentucky Harmony," (1816).

Sequence Hymn: No. 671. "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound." "Amazing Grace" is a hymn written by the English poet and clergyman John Newton (1725-1807), published in 1779. It is one of the most recognizable songs in the English-speaking world. Newton grew up without any particular religious conviction. He was pressed into the Royal Navy, and after leaving the service became involved in the Atlantic slave trade. In 1748, a violent storm battered his vessel so severely that he called out to God for mercy, a moment that marked his spiritual conversion. "Amazing Grace" was written to illustrate a sermon on New Year's Day of 1773. The tune "New Britain" has been traced back to "Southern Harmony," a shaped note hymnbook published in 1847 published by William Walker which sold 600,000 copies. The hymn is a wonderful testimony of personal faith. "Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed."

Presentation Hymn: No. 610. "Lord, whose love through humble service." This hymn is the work of United Reformed Pastor, Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984) and is aptly assigned to our hymnal section, "Christian Responsibility." The third verse explains in detail the closing challenge at our worship, "Go in peace to serve the Lord." "As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light, in its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share." The tune, "Blaenhafren," is a Welsh melody named after striking waterfalls in Wales.

Communion Hymn: "Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name." This hymn from 1991 is a paraphrase of Psalm 103 from the Taize Community in France. It was founded by Brother Roger Schutz, with the goal of "building a life together in which the gospel of reconciliation would be a concretely lived reality." During the war he helped people in difficulty and hosted German refugees. In 1942, the Gestapo threatened to arrest brother Roger, who fled to Switzerland until the end of the war.

Recessional Hymn: No. 535. "Ye Servants of God." Charles Wesley, the son of Samuel Wesley, was born at Epworth, Dec. 18, 1708. He was educated at Westminster School and afterwards at Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated M.A. In 1735, he took Orders and immediately proceeded with his brother John to Georgia, both being employed as missionaries of the Society of the Propagation of

the Gospel of the Church of England. He returned to England in 1736. For many years he engaged with his brother in preaching the Gospel. He died March 29, 1788. This great hymn calls forth our outreach, sharing Christ with others—a prominent aspect of the Epiphany season. The spirited tune is from a 1765 melody in a German Catholic hymnal.

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



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