



## St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

October 19, 2016



*New and Notable...*



### Thoughts from Lori

Bill and I just attended our diocesan Clergy Conference. It began Sunday evening with the renewal of our ordination vows followed by a clergy appreciation dinner hosted by Bishop Lee. The speaker/retreat leader for the conference was the Rev. Charles LaFond of Denver. He is the Canon Steward for the Cathedral of St. John's in the Wilderness. In a previous manifestation of his vocation, he was a monk in the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE). From the riches of that experience, he shared with us the process of the development of a rule of life and its applications in our lives.

Now if you're like me when I read about this topic before the conference, it sounded dry as toast. But let me tell you: it was anything but! In fact, on the way home yesterday, Bill - who can barely tolerate half-an-hour of anything that involves more than three people - said that in his 50 years of ordained ministry he had never attended anything any better. That's how good it was.

Which means that I am still digesting it all. Still considering how to incorporate what we heard and learned into my own life. Which is to say that you'll be hearing more about this in the near future. For now, suffice it to say that it was an inspiring and moving time for which I am immensely grateful.

Hope to see you Sunday to share in the Feast of the Eucharist.

Faithfully,

*Lori*

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### Children's Chapel

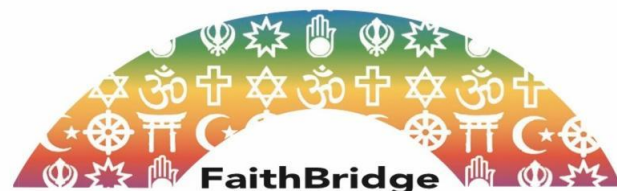
This week's lesson will be "The Story of St. Paul." Leaders will be Bobbi Fiali, Katie Lang, and Billy Lang.



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

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*In case you missed it....*



When we "celebrate" in our traditions, *what* are we celebrating? Join neighbors from various religious traditions on **Sunday, November 13**, to learn and share the spiritual meanings that enrich celebrations within our faiths that mean the most to us. We will gather from **2:00 - 4:00 pm** at the **Algonquin Public Library**, 2600 Harnish Drive. Please come!

Rabbi Maralee Gordon (Judaism), Barbara Marian (Catholicism) Bhante Suyama (Buddhism), Dr. Muhammad Eissa (Islam) and Bob Armbruster (Baha'i Faith) will each speak briefly, followed by small group discussions among attendees. We will share how and why religious celebrations are important to us and our families, the larger community, and the world. How does a rhythm of religious celebrations increase our spirituality? What is the role of celebration in the life of faith? Of the community?

For more information, click [here](#). There is no charge.

Peace,

Budd Friend-Jones

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### ***2017 Diocese of Chicago Men's Pre-Lenten Retreat***

To the men of your congregation about this increasingly popular retreat: those who want to attend should immediately send their completed registration form and check for \$145.00 made out to James Massie. Click [here](#) for the flyer. Click [here](#) for the registration form.

Individual paid registrations will be confirmed on a "first come, first registered" basis, using post mark dates to determine the order in which they were sent/received. Room is limited so please do not wait.

Thanks for your help!  
Jim Massie

Mobile (630) 267-7688, or [jmassie@ameritech.net](mailto:jmassie@ameritech.net) for questions.



### ***Mobile Food Pantry coming to St. Paul's***

St. Paul's will be hosting another event from The Northern Illinois Food Bank on **October 29th**. Volunteers and donations are needed! Thanks!

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## 60th Anniversary Displays

The scrapbooks, photos, and the six panels representing the six decades of St. Paul's collective life will all stay on display for the rest of the month. Please be sure to take time to look and remember - and to add your name and events on panels. Put your name and year on the panel representing when you joined St. Paul's, including names (and dates if you know them) for special occasions. Let's fill them up!

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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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### *The usual fare...*



**Vestry** - Tonight, 7:00 p.m.

**Noon Eucharist** - Wednesday, October 26, 12:15 p.m.

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

**Mobile Food Pantry** - Saturday, October 29, 10:00-noon

**Men's Breakfast** - Saturday, November 5, 8:00 a.m.

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### **October 23rd Servants**

***Ushers:*** Jim Lukas, Beth Lukas

***Lector:*** Jim Lukas

***Intercessor:*** Barb Moriarty

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

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

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## Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Pentecost XXIII

(Proper 25, Year C)

*by the Rev. William P. McLemore*

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**First Lesson:** Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22. The reading from Sirach calls for honest stewardship of God's people; the reading from Jeremiah has the people of God seeking to repent for not being faithful.

**The Psalm:** Psalm 84:1-6. "Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you."

**Second Lesson:** II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18. Paul says that though some of his followers have left him, God has been faithful and supportive.

**The Gospel:** Luke 18:9-14. Jesus praises the tax collector for his prayer of mercy rather than the Pharisee who prayed a self-promoting prayer to God.

### THE HYMNS:

**Processional 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."

**Sequence Hymn:** No. 686, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." This hymn was written by Robert Robinson in 1757 when he was 22 years old. The words reflect our wandering nature and how God seeks us out and lead us home through Christ. The tune, "Nettleton" is a melody from "A Repository of Sacred Music" (1815).

**Presentation Hymn:** No. 680, "O God Our Help." This hymn is based on Psalm 90:1-5 and was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748). He moved church music from the old medieval office hymns to that of the reformation. He composed 600 hymns, many of which are still in hymnals of many denominations. This particular hymn has been in the Episcopal hymnal since 1874. The tune "St. Anne" with all its beauty is of dubious origin but was enhanced by William Croft in a 1708 book of arrangements for singing the psalms.

**Communion Hymn:** "Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name. This hymn is 1991 a paraphrase of Psalm 103 from the Taizé 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. 525, "The Church's One Foundation." This hymn was written by Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) in response to the liberal interpretation by the Rt. Rev. John William Colenso (1814-1883), the first Anglican bishop of Natal. Bishop Colenso was also a mathematician, theologian, biblical scholar, and social activist. Stone was an Anglican priest who felt deeply troubled by Colenso's ideas about Christianity and especially the interpretation of the Bible. Thus the third verse of his hymn: "Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed; yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, 'How long?' And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song." The tune, "Aurelia" was composed by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

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





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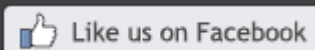
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