



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



New and Notable...

Please note: The office will be closed
Thursday, December 29th and Friday, December 30th.

Thoughts from Lori



Thank you so much for making this such a glorious celebration of the birth of Christ! I am so grateful for all of you: those who helped prepare for our services, those who took part in them - especially our young acolytes! - including the Altar Guild, Flower Guild, choir and soloists, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, intercessors, ushers, and of course Julie at the organ and Lisa in the office. And for all of you who came to worship and lift your voices in praise and thanksgiving.

I also want to thank you for the cash purse with which I was presented. Your generosity is deeply touching.

May the coming of the New Year be filled with many blessings!

Faithfully,
Lori



*You are cordially invited to an
OPEN HOUSE
at "The Rectory"
(Lori and Bill's house)
5116 W. Malibu Court
McHenry
on Sunday, January 1st
from 4 to 6pm*



All are welcome!



Advent Baby Baskets

Thank you to all who contributed to our eight Advent Baby Baskets!
This is our third year of donating new baby items to moms in need.



Music Therapy Christmas Party 2016

Pictured (left to right): Diana Brown, Terry Jaworski, Baby Quincy,
Donald Jaworski, Nicole Toft, and Carol Toft



Opportunities to help!

As you're considering your new year's resolution, think about adding something to your life. The Altar Guild, Flower Guild, and Children's Chapel, as well as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Intercessors, and Ushers are wonderful opportunities to grow and bring you closer to our Church. There are never too many hands to help and this is a great way to take part in the life of the parish.

The **Altar Guild** tends to the physical items we use in worship, including the hangings and vestments, the linens, candles, brass, and silver. Members of the AG are scheduled to set up and prepare for the Eucharist. The **Flower Guild** prepares the flower arrangements for the altar and usually places additional arrangements near our statue of Mary and on the narthex table.

Volunteers for **Children's Chapel** take turns preparing and leading a brief lesson (provided) for our young children after church during coffee hour. **Eucharistic Ministers** are trained and licensed to assist at the Eucharist, including administering the chalice. **Lectors** read one of the lessons, **Intercessors** read the Prayers of the People, and **Ushers** greet people arriving for worship as well as directing people during Communion.

Those who serve in these positions are scheduled on a rotating basis, usually about once a month.

To volunteer for any of the above, contact:

Altar Guild -- Deb Lang at dlobjn@comcast.net

Flower Guild and Children's Chapel -- Pam Dietmeyer
at pwd3485@hotmail.com

EMs, Lectors, Intercessors, Ushers -- Lisa Strandberg
at lisa@stpaulmchenry.com

Children's Chapel

This week's lesson will be "Epiphany".
Leaders are Amy and Jeff Zabor.



All children are welcome to attend after the service for a snack, bible story, and activity.

In case you missed it....



If you have not already brought in or sent your pledge cards for next year, we welcome them any time.

Please note that 2016 contributions that you intend to claim as charitable deductions for 2016 must be received by December 31st.

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2017 are now available on the table in the narthex. If yours is not there, please let the office know!
Thank you for your support of St. Paul's!

Lifeline Screening Coming to St. Paul's January 10th

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at St. Paul's on 1/10/2017. 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/advantagemembers

The usual fare...

Servants for January 1st

Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski

Ushers

Michelle Wiejaczka

Lector

Judy Robel

Intercessor

Pam Dietmeyer, Al Robel

Eucharistic Ministers

Michelle Wiejaczka

Vestry Person of the Day

Lessons and Hymns
Sunday, January 1st
(Holy Name - Year A)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Numbers 6:22-27. The familiar Jewish blessing is found in the quote from the Book of Numbers.

The Psalm: Psalm 8. God's name is given honor in this psalm; "O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!"

Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7 or Philippians 2:5-11. In the Galatians passage, Paul notes we are "adopted as children" by God. Philippians relates Paul's appeal to reverence the name of Jesus always and everywhere.

The Gospel: Luke 2:15-21. This is the account of Jesus being circumcised and receiving his name, as was the Jewish custom on the eighth day after birth.

THE HYMNS:

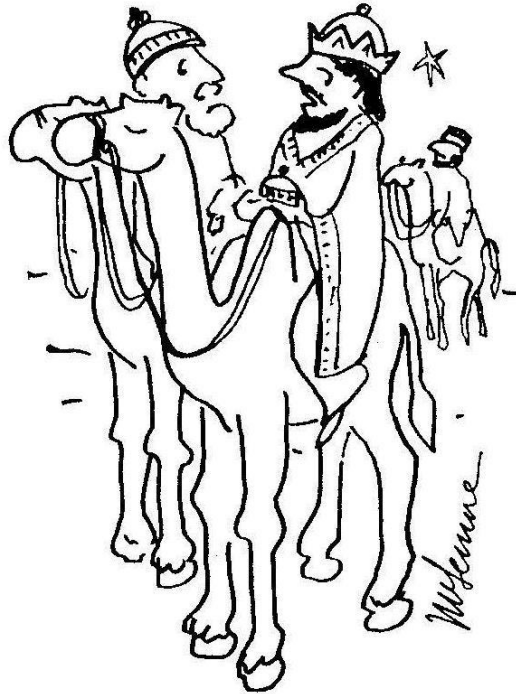
Processional Hymn: No. 87. "Hark, the herald angels sing." This is another creation of the prolific hymn writer, Charles Wesley (1707-1788), who was an Anglican priest but associated with other clergy who observed a very methodical manner of observing Christian life and were called "Methodists." Wesley wrote over 6,500 hymns and 500 are in common use. The final verse ends, "Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings, hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace." The tune, "Mendelssohn," is the second movement of Felix Mendelssohn's (1809-1847) "Festgesang an die Kunstler," (1840). It has been adapted and harmonized here by Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879-1943).

Sequence Hymn: No. 89. "It came upon the midnight clear." This hymn was composed by Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810-1876) during the time he was the minister to a Unitarian Congregation in Wayland, Massachusetts. The tune, "Carol," was composed by Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900) in a series of Church Chorales and Choir Studies (c. 1850).

Presentation Hymn: No. 115. "What Child is This." This is another Epiphany hymn by William Chatterton Dix (author of "As With Gladness," Hymn 119). The third verse names the three gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh brought to the Christ child. "Greensleeves" is a traditional English melody believed to trace back to a ballad of 1580 entitled "Lady Greene Sleeves."

Recessional Hymn: No. 99. "Go Tell It on the Mountain." The words and tune for this hymn come from an Afro-American gospel song of the 19th century south. The text was adapted by John W. Work around 1930; and the music was arranged by Horace Clarence Boyer for publication in our 1982 hymnal.

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



"We've been to the 'field and fountain'
and passed the 'moor and mountain'...
We ought to be there by now!"

Church Humor!

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt."

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

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