

St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
April 26, 2017



New and Notable...

*Please note: the office will be closed
Thursday, April 27th and Friday, April 28th
and
the Rector will be out of the office this week.*

A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

Feast Day of Saint Mark

St. Mark is commemorated on Tuesday, April 25th. He is the author of the second gospel, and also known as John Mark. He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem, generally accepted as a wealthy woman with a large home. Some traditions have it that the Last Supper of Jesus was celebrated in an upper room of her house. It is believed that Mark was in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus was taken captive. Mark is usually thought to be the "young man" who lost his nerve, and ran away, leaving his clothes in the hands of Jesus' captors.



Later on, Mark went to Antioch with his cousin, Barnabas. He accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey, but again he "ran away." When it came time for a second journey, Paul refused to let him go. Mark became close to Peter, and it is believed that he served as Peter's scribe or secretary. The Gospel of Mark, which bears his name, may be based on the information reported by Peter during his time with Christ. Mark's final journey was to the city of Alexandria, where he reputedly formed the Christian Church, and became its first Bishop. Alexandria became one of the most important of early Christian communities. St. Mark is often symbolized by a winged lion.

Mark left Alexandria to link up with Paul, and after a while, returned home. However, upon his return, the pagans resented his effort to turn them from their traditional gods, and in AD 68 they placed a rope around his neck, and dragged him through the streets until he was dead. Mark is remembered as an early Christian martyr.

What we learn from this Saint is the struggle we face in our Christian journey--sometimes being faithful, and other times fraught with doubt and uncertainty. But just as this early saint affirmed his faith to the end, we can know that regardless of where we are on our life and spiritual journey, we are never far from God's love, redemption, and forgiveness.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

We're gearing up for our next MFP on April 29th. Volunteers are asked to be here no later than 9:30 am. Please be prepared to stay for our group picture when our guests have been served.

Children's Chapel

The lesson for this Sunday is "Paul Spreads the Good News." Leaders will be Kim Morris and Terry Jaworski.



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

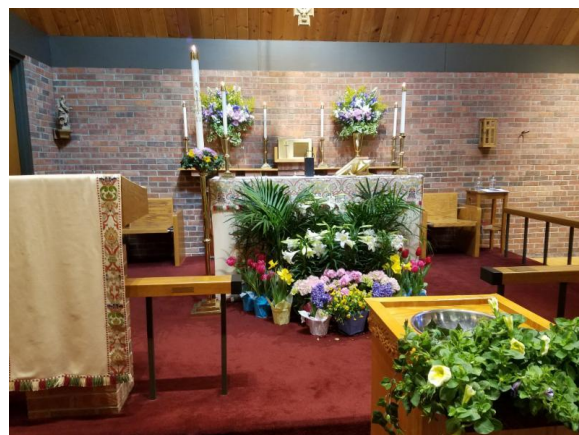
In case you missed it....



**Informal Spring Parish Meeting
May 7th**

Please join us after the service for our Spring Meeting.
Bring a dish to share, and something for the grocery cart
in the spirit of "feed ourselves, feed others."

***Easter Sunday and Baptism
at St. Paul's***



An Invitation: Holocaust Remembrance Day

May 1st at Noon
Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital
Conference Room: A&B

For more information:
[Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)

We welcome your presence.

Peace,
Suzanne 'Sam' Martinez
Coordinator, Congregational Outreach
Office for Mission and Spiritual Care
Advocate health Good Shepherd Hospital



Coming to St. Paul's on May 11th

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on May 11th. 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 or text the word circle to 797979

The usual fare...

Servants for April 30th

Patrice and Bill Braun - *Ushers*
Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*
Barb Moriarty - *Intercessor*
Michelle Wiejaczka, Jeff Zabor - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Jim Lukas- *Vestry Person of the Day*
Cassidy Obermeyer - *Children's Crucifer*

On the Calendar...

Noon Eucharist - Every Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.
Music Therapy - Every Friday, 10:00 a.m.
Mobile Food Pantry - Saturday, April 29, 10:00 a.m. - noon
Informal Parish Spring Meeting - Sunday, May 7
Lifeline Screening - Thursday, May 11
Vestry - Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.

Lessons and Hymns

April 30th

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41. Peter continues his first sermon telling the story of the life and ministry of Jesus.

The Psalm: Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17. "How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?"

Second Lesson: I Peter 1:17-23. Christ was destined before the world was founded to reveal the genuine love of God.

The Gospel: Luke 24:13-35. Jesus meets his followers on the road to Emmaus and has breakfast with them.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 180. "He is risen, He is risen." Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), the wife of a Bishop of the Church of Ireland, wrote this hymn in the late 1800's. She was a prolific poet and wrote nearly 400 hymns and poems. The hymn not only relates the joy of the resurrection, but calls for witness to it: "Tell it out with joyful voice." Joachim Neander (1650-1680) is the composer of the tune, "Unser Herrscher."

Sequence Hymn: "Celtic Alleluia." This was written and composed by Fintan O'Carroll, born July 31, 1922 in Wexford, England. On completion of his secondary school studies, he took up a position as a clerk in the national railway. He won first prize in a traditional music competition, aged 12, playing violin, and went on to study violin at home, taking lessons as the opportunity arose. His heart was in music, and he left his railway position in 1967 after 27 years of service, whereupon he completed his degree at Trinity to gain his Bachelor of Music degree.

Presentation Hymn: No. 495. "Hail, thou once despised Jesus."

Communion Hymn: "Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name." This hymn is a 1991 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 helps people in difficulty and hosts German refugees. In 1942, the Gestapo threatened to arrest Brother Roger, who fled to Switzerland until the end of the war.

Recessional Hymn: No. 296. "We know that Christ is raised." This hymn is based on Romans 6:3-11, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." The text was written by John Brownlow Geyer in 1969 and was born in 1932 in Yorkshire, England. The tune, "Engleberg," is a melody composed by Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924) in 1904. The music meter is 10 10 10 with alleluias.

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



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