



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry July 19, 2017



New and Notable...



Thoughts from Lori

Beth Lukas and I are spending the week in Chicago attending a program/course known as the College for Congregational Development. We started Sunday afternoon and will finish this intensive submersion at noon on Saturday. It's a two year body of work developed in the Diocese of Olympia which we here in the Diocese of Chicago have embraced and underwritten to make it available and possible for even small churches like ours to take advantage of.

We'll have a lot to share with you in the months ahead...after we've had some time to digest all this material and figure out how to apply some of it to our life together at St. Paul's. Meanwhile, please pray for us, especially for our sustained energy!

See you Sunday.

Faithfully, *Lori*



Episcopal Church Women *Diocese of Chicago*

Women's Fall Gathering & Retreat *Nurturing the Spirit*

Join us for a weekend of faith, fellowship and education.
October 27-29, 2017

DeKoven Retreat Center - Racine, Wisconsin

All interested women of the region and their guests are invited to attend this special weekend. Take time for yourself - take time to reflect. This is a special opportunity to focus on your spiritual side with prayer, music, meditation and discussion.

[Registration](#)

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The Diaper Bank is in desperate need of
size 5 children's diapers!
Donations may be dropped off any time in the bin
right inside the front door.
Thank you!

A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

Feast Day of Saint Mary Magdalene

The feast day of Saint Mary Magdalene is this Saturday, July 22nd. Mary of Magdala, near Capernaum, was one of several women who followed Jesus, and ministered to him in Galilee. The Gospels tell us that Mary was healed by Jesus, followed him, and was one of those who stood by him at Calvary.



It is clear that Mary Magdalene's life was radically changed by Jesus' healing. Her ministry of service and steadfast companionship, even as a witness to the crucifixion, has, through the centuries, been an example of the faithful ministry of women to Christ. All four Gospels name Mary as one of the women who went to the tomb to mourn, and to care for Jesus' body. Her weeping for the loss of her Lord strikes a common chord with the grief of all others over the death of loved ones. As the first witness to the risen Jesus, she is given the charge, "Go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." (John 20:17) As the first messenger of the resurrection, she tells the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." (John 20:18)

What we learn from Mary Magdalene, first and foremost, is the importance of women to Jesus in his life, ministry, and teachings. We also see the importance of service to others, especially the compassionate outreach to the sick, the lonely, and the marginalized. Finally, we see that death is an occasion for love, support, and prayer.

In case you missed it....

SPECIAL REQUEST

Our own **Yasmin Brown** is a creative soul. She's written several children's stories, one of which (see link below) is called "Jungle Tales" with a character named Cheesipoo. Her plan is to offer it for publication and give the proceeds to St. Paul's. But she needs cover art. If you *or your children/grandchildren* are so inspired, send up your ideas or drafts and we'll pass them on to Yasmin. Get those creative juices going!

[Jungle Tales](#)



Sunday, August 13th at 4:00 p.m.

We'll be grilling hotdogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings (donations enthusiastically accepted)! Pack up your lawn chair... Make your favorite dish to share.... (salads, appetizers, casseroles, desserts) and remember to BYOB!

SPECIAL THANKS

We're so grateful to **Carol Toft** for the very attractive display of pictures of the Mobile Food Pantry ministry. If you haven't seen it yet, it's on the narthex wall right over our grocery basket. Speaking of which, let's fill it up! The contents will be shared with the TLS (Transitional Living Services for veterans) food pantry.

Thanks, Carol!



Important Dates for Your Calendar

Sunday, August 13th	Parish Picnic - 4pm
Sunday, Sept. 17th	Fall Parish Meeting
Sunday, October 22nd	EPISCOPAL VISIT*
Saturday, Nov. 4th	Ducks-in-a-Row workshop**

*"Episcopal Visit" means that our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee, will be here at St. Paul's to preach and celebrate the Holy Eucharist. In anticipation of that occasion, we will offer a series of classes for anyone who wishes to be confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church. Those classes will be on Sunday mornings during Coffee & Conversation on the following dates: Sept. 24, October 1, 8, and 15.

** The Ducks-in-a-Row workshop is an opportunity to create your own notebook of vital information for your family, including end-of-life wishes and funeral planning. Every adult should have this material available for their loved ones. There's nothing macabre about this workshop! If anything, it's really interesting. Plan to attend.

We'll have sign-ups for these various events as the dates approach. Meanwhile, have a safe and refreshing summer.

***Join the folks of St. Mary's for their next
FREE COMMUNITY MEAL****

August 19

Guests and volunteers eat together and get to know each other. Great food and conversation. Note: St. Mary's is a big supporter of our Mobile Food Truck. Let's return the favor.

Where:

**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
210 S. McHENRY AVENUE
CRYSTAL LAKE - 815-459-1009
No RSVP Required - Every 3rd Saturday**

2017 DINNER DATES

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

August 19 September 16

October 21 November 18 December 16

Free to All! All are Welcome! Family Friendly!

*This meal is offered to those in our community who may be experiencing difficulty in procuring enough food.

The usual fare...

Servants for July 23rd

Jim and Beth Lukas - *Ushers*

Jim Lukas - *Lector*

Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*

Deb Lang, Charlie Boak - *Eucharistic Ministers*

Jim Lukas - *Vestry Person of the Day*

Bella Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*

On the Calendar...

Noon Eucharist - Every Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.

Annual Parish Picnic - Sunday, August 13, 4:00 p.m.

Fall Parish Meeting - Sunday, September 17

Inquirers/Confirmation Classes - Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15

Bishop Lee at St. Paul's - October 22

Ducks in a Row - November 4

Lessons and Hymns
July 23rd - Proper 11
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Reading: Again, the first readings have choices for this Sunday. The first choice is Genesis 28:10-19, Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23; the second choice is Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-17. Genesis tells of Jacob's dream and the ladder. Wisdom of Solomon affirms that God judges with "mildness and great forbearance." Isaiah describes God as "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no God."

The Epistle: Romans 8:12-25. Here St. Paul portrays creation as "groaning in travail" and as followers of Jesus Christ we await the adoption by God.

The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. Jesus tells the parable of the sower who sows good seed but an enemy comes while everyone is asleep and sows weeds and explains that He sows the good seed so be careful of the evil one who sows the bad seed.

THE HYMNS:

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 376, "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee." This hymn was written by a well-known Congregationalist minister, the Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke. His son tells the story that his father, while on a preaching visit at Williams College, came to breakfast and placed a manuscript on the table before President James A. Garfield and said to him, "Here is a hymn for you... Your mountains [the Berkshires] were my inspiration. It must be sung to the music of Beethoven's 'Hymn to Joy.'" As you sing this hymn you will invariably see the magnificent Berkshire mountains in your heart: "All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee." Henry van Dyke said of this hymn: "These verses are simple expressions of common Christian feelings and desires in this present time-hymns of today that may be sung together by people who know the thought of the age, age are not afraid that any truth of science will destroy religion, or any revolution on the earth overthrow the kingdom of heaven. Therefore this is a hymn of trust and joy and hope."

SEQUENCE HYMN: No. 542. "Christ is the world's true light." This hymn was written by George Wallace Briggs to express the true nature of Christian mission work. "In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting." The hymn reflects the evangelistic aspect of the season of Epiphany. The tune, "St. Joan," was composed in 1941 by Percy E. B. Collier and is named for his wife.

PRESENTATION HYMN: No. 380. "From all that dwell below the skies." This hymn is one of the compositions of Isaac Watts on Psalm 117 which he first published in his "Psalms of David," 1719. With few alterations, it has been in the hymnal of the Episcopal Church since 1826. The tune, "Old Hundredth" by Louis Bourgeois, is the

only tune which has been preserved intact throughout the entire history of metrical psalmody-a real gem of historic church music. Purists insist on singing this hymn slowly and deliberately!

COMMUNION HYMN: "Take, O take me as I am." This is one of the best-known songs from the Iona Community in Scotland which has become a major center for ecumenism, social justice, healing, reconciliation, and worship renewal. John Lamberton Bell, a member of the Iona Community, was born in 1949 in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire Scotland. As you sing the song, you will notice that there are four phases of our faith journey in the text: (1) surrender and conversion, (2) transformation, (3) sealed and marked by God's covenant, and (4) new life together with and in God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 550. "Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult." This is a hymn for St. Andrew's Day which was first published by the Anglican Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge (SPCK) in 1852. It was written by the prolific Frances Alexander, the wife of Archbishop Alexander of Ireland, who is reputed to have written over 400 hymns and poems in her lifetime (1818-1895). The tune, "Restoration," is a melody from "The Southern Harmony," (1835).

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



"If God wanted lawns mowed, he would
have made the grass perpetually short!"

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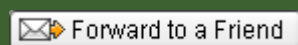
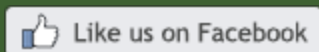
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