



*St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
July 26, 2017*



New and Notable...



Thoughts from Lori

As most of you know, there was a death in my family last week. My former husband and father of our children, Steve Bishop, died on Wednesday, July 19th, within three weeks of being diagnosed with cancer. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Decatur, Georgia. Steve and his wife Ellen were active and much beloved members there. Over 460 people packed the church to grieve his loss and celebrate his life. My presence was in support of our (adult) children and our grandchildren, but I was also there to honor Steve and Ellen and their family. Over the years, we had all built a truly warm and loving relationship, for which I am profoundly grateful.

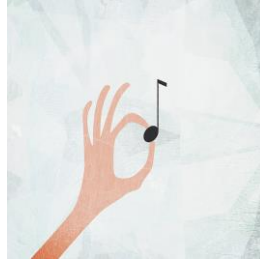
I am also grateful for your understanding and support. Thank you so very much.

Faithfully,
Lori t

NO NOON EUCHARIST

AUGUST 2nd or 9th

Neither Bill nor I will be available to preside at the "Noon (12:15) Eucharist" on August 2nd or 9th. This service will resume on August 16th.



Music Therapy

Take Note!

The sound of music has turned into the sounds of silence in the parish hall on Friday mornings as we take a respite from our weekly get together while enjoying summer activities with our families, in our gardens and on the road.

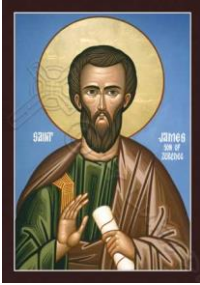
We are looking forward to starting a new session the first week of September. While we had been mainly focused on our percussion instruments and the hand bells, we look forward to enjoying other formats as well. Feel free to join us and bring your gifts and talent to share. **Let's make a joyful noise!**

Contact Carol Toft (815) 245-2442 for more information.

A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

Feast Day of Saint James the Apostle

The feast day of Saint James the Apostle was Tuesday, July 25th. James was the son of the prosperous Galilean fisherman, Zebedee. James and his brother, John, left his home and his trade for the call of Jesus the Christ. Along with Peter and John, James seemed to have belonged to a special group of Our Lord's disciples, whom he chose to be with him at the Transfiguration, the raising from death of Jairus' daughter, and the time in the garden of his agony.



James and his brother were so passionate and zealous that Jesus nicknamed them "Boanerges," which meant "Sons of Thunder." James' willingness to share the cup of Christ came to fruition with his martyrdom, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles. "About that time Herod the King laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the Church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword." (Acts 12:1-2)

According to an old tradition, James' body was taken to Compostela, in Spain, which remains a shrine for pilgrims. He is one of the most popular Spanish saints. In the Middle Ages, bearing the name "Santiago de Compostela," he was prayed to for help in their battle against the Moors.

What we learn from James is the true meaning of the word "courage." Here, we become passionate for loving impulses from our hearts. This is perhaps best expressed in a verse from Hymn 232 in the 1982 Church Hymnal: "O Lord, for James we praise you, who fell to Herod's sword. He drank the cup of suffering and thus fulfilled your word. Lord, curb our vain impatience for glory and for fame, equip us for such sufferings as glorify your Name."

In case you missed it...



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!



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

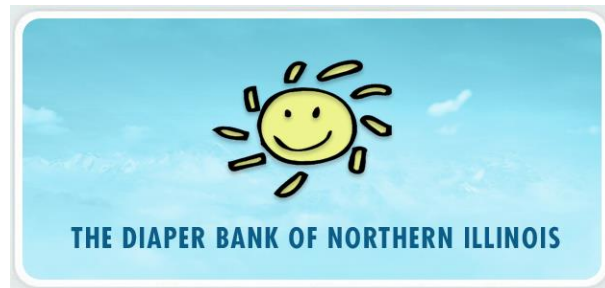
DeKoven Retreat Center

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.

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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!

Important Dates for Your Calendar

Sunday, August 13th
Sunday, Sept. 17th
Sunday, October 22nd
Saturday, Nov. 4th

Parish Picnic - 4pm
Fall Parish Meeting
EPISCOPAL VISIT*
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 30th

Patrice and Bill Braun - *Ushers*

Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*

Barb Moriarty - *Intercessor*

Jeff Zabor, Charlie Boak - *Eucharistic Ministers*

Sally Berveiler- *Vestry Person of the Day*

Paige Morris - *Children's Crucifer*

On the Calendar...

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

Vestry - Wednesday, August 16, 7:00 p.m.

Fall Parish Meeting - Sunday, September 17

Bishop Lee at St. Paul's - October 22

Ducks in a Row - November 4

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

Lessons and Hymns

July 30th - Proper 12

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 29:15-28 and Psalm 105:1-11,45B or Psalm 128; the second choice is I Kings 3:5-12 and Psalm 119:129-136. Genesis tells the story of Jacob serving Rachel's father, Laban, for seven years to win her hand, only to be presented her sister, Leah. Jacob relents and lets Jacob marry Rachel. The reading from Kings relates Solomon's request of God for wisdom as king of Israel.

The Epistle: Romans 8:26-39. This is Paul's wonderful affirmation that nothing can separate us from the "love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. Jesus tells several parables that are images of the Kingdom of Heaven.

THE HYMNS:

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 488. "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart." This is a traditional hymn from Ireland. The most well known English version, with some minor variations, was translated by Eleanor Hull and published in 1912. In 1919, the lyrics were set to the tune of the Irish folk song "Slane", to which it is sung to this day-both in Irish and English. The lyrics are attributed to the sixty-century Irish Christian poet, Saint Dallan.

SEQUENCE HYMN: No. 536. "Open your ears, O faithful people." This hymn was written by Rev. Willard Francis Jabusch, He is a Roman Catholic priest born in 1930 and educated at Mundelein Seminary, Loyola University, and received his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1968. His education was enhanced at the University of London, and as a composer at the Chicago

Conservatory. The words celebrate the coming of the Messiah and include the Hebrew affirmation, "Torah Ora," which means "The Law is Our Light." The tune, "Torah Song," is a Hasidic melody arranged by Richard Prouix (1937-2010).

PRESENTATION HYMN: No. 635. "If thou but trust in God to guide thee." This hymn is new to the Episcopal 1982 Hymnal (though almost four centuries old). It was written and composed by Georg Neumark (16 March 1621 - 8 July 1681), a German poet and composer of hymns. In 1640 he began law studies, but fearing the tumult of war, he took a position as tutor instead. This particular hymn was written for himself as much as anyone else as he feared war so much, "God will give thee strength whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days."

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 Lambertson 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. 594. "God of grace and God of glory." Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote this hymn in 1930 for the dedication of the Riverside Church in New York City. It was first sung at the opening service, October 5, 1930, and at the dedication on February 8, 1931. The tune, 'Cum Rhondda' was composed by John Hughes. The hymn is a great one to close our worship by asking God to "Grant us wisdom, grant us courage."

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



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