



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry August 9, 2017



New and Notable...

Reminder!

*There will be no mid-day Eucharist today.
The service will resume next week, August 16th.*



Thoughts from Lori

You've probably noticed the final blessing I've been saying at the end of our Sunday Eucharist.

"Life is short. We don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind."

It is a quotation from the work of Henri-Frédéric Amiel, a 19th century Swiss philosopher and poet. It speaks to me and I hope it also speaks to you. May we all take it to heart.



Faithfully,
Lori

Kitchen Help Wanted

We're in need of someone to be our volunteer kitchen chair/supervisor. This ministry - and yes, this is a ministry - involves keeping track of the supplies for the kitchen, such as coffee, juice boxes, napkins, etc. This can be done in one of two ways. One, you can shop for these things and be reimbursed; or two, they can be ordered through the church office. This is one of those jobs behind the scenes that is essential for our fellowship and hospitality. Call the Rector if you think this is right up your alley or if you have questions.

A NOTE FROM OUR PARISH HISTORIAN

Last Sunday, August 3rd, Bobbi Fiali presented St. Paul's with some historic papers she found while cleaning up her attic. These are very valuable historic papers which augment our history from 1972-1997. I've already received some great historic papers from Al Robel, so now we have "Robel Papers" and "Fiali Papers" in our digital archives. If anyone out there has some old photos, documents, etc. related to our parish history, please let me know. Below is a 1972 newspaper article about St. Paul's from her collection. Thanks, Bobbi!

Bill McLemore, Parish Historian



ALTAR BOYS INSTALLED - Recently at St. Paul's Episcopal church, McHenry, four new altar boys were installed. Shown with Father McKay, vicar, at right, are Rory Fiali, left, Billy Lang, Howell Breidenfeld and Dan Heldt, Jr.

Bachelor of Science degree.
Also Greta K. and Gretchen S.
Johnson, 5721 George street,
Richmond, Bachelor of
Science-Teacher Education
degrees; Mary Billmack, 9005

W. Hickory, Ringwood,
Bachelor of Science-Teacher
Education degree and Gregory
Todey, 1802 Main street, Spring
Grove, Bachelor of Arts
degree.

Bill: I've eaten beef all
of my life and now I'm strong
as a bull.
Will: That's funny. I've
eaten fish all my life and I
can't swim a stroke.

A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

Feast Day of Florence Nightingale

The feast day of Florence Nightingale is this Saturday, August 12th. Florence Nightingale was born in Florence, Italy, on May 12, 1820. After several years of nurses training, she was appointed as superintendent of a hospital for invalid women in London. Holy Women and Holy Men, says, "In response to God's call and animated by a spirit of service, in 1854 she volunteered for duty during the Crimean War and recruited 38 nurses to join her.

With them she organized the first modern nursing service in the British field hospitals of Scutari and Balaclava. By imposing strict discipline and high standards of sanitation she radically reduced the drastic death toll and rampant infection then typical in field hospitals."



Florence became a member of the Church of England, and personally practiced a spiritual mysticism that saw her through many years of poor health until her death August 13, 1910. What we learn from Florence is the value of perseverance with vocation, to overlook physical setbacks, and to forge ahead with a positive and spiritually-centered life.

A message from Barbara Zamastil, secretary of the Woodland Cemetery Association in McHenry:

We are looking for volunteers to be on the Woodland Cemetery Board, the only non-denominational cemetery in McHenry. It is located on Richmond Rd, between Grand Avenue, St. Mary's cemetery, and Panera Bread, on the west side of the street.

As board members, we meet about 4-5 times a year to discuss and make decisions on the upkeep of the cemetery, any landscaping, repairing of head stones, trees that need trimming or removal, the upkeep of the Mausoleum, keeping the area of the columbarium's neat, and various other items. If you take a drive out to the cemetery you will notice a gazebo in the Circle area toward the rear of the cemetery. We have just finished this and are deciding how best to utilize the space surrounding it.

We have officers included in the board membership, we sell plots, niches in the columbarium, record all burials and keep the financial books as the State of Illinois requires.

If interested, please contact Mike Darbro, President (815-322-6676) or Barb Zamastil (815-385-4503)

In case you missed it....



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

We'll be grilling hotdogs, hamburgers, and brats with all the trimmings (donations will be enthusiastically accepted)! Pack up your lawn chair...

Make your favorite dish to share....(salads, appetizers, casseroles, desserts) and remember to BYOB!

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 August 13th

Patrice and Bill Braun - *Ushers*
Michelle Wiejaczka - *Lector*
Sally Berveiler - *Intercessor*
Barb Moriarty, Jeff Zabor - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Darrell Rowe - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Carter Obermeyer - *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
August 13 - Proper 14
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: I Kings 19:9-18. Elijah hears the voice of God in a "still small voice."

The Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13. The Lord is speaking to his people in this psalm which claims "mercy and truth have met together."

Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15. St. Paul praises those who bring the good news of Jesus to the people.

The Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33. Here, Jesus walks on water and Peter tries it, but fails as fear creeps upon him, to which Jesus reaches out and helps him saying, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

THE HYMNS:

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 680. "O God our Help in ages past." 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.

SEQUENCE HYMN: No. 529. "In Christ there is no east or west." This hymn was written by a traveling businessman named William Arthur Dunkerley. He began writing novels and songs as a diversion with the penname, John Oxenham. This particular hymn reflects his deep theology from visiting countries all over the world embracing a God whose Son Jesus Christ brings together East and West, and North and South. The tune, "McKee," was adapted from an Afro-American spiritual by Harry T. Burleigh, a choir member of St. George's, New York City, and is named in honor of his Rector, Elmore McNeill McKee.

PRESENTATION HYMN: No. 608. "Eternal Father, strong to save." This hymn which is sung at most every service at the Naval Academy chapel was written by William Whiting (1825-1878). The tune, "Melita," was composed by John Bacchus Dykes (1828-1876) and named for the island of Malta where St. Paul was shipwrecked (Acts 28:1). It is an appropriate presentation hymn as

its climatic verse exclaims, "thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea."

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 559. "Lead us heavenly Father, lead us." This hymn, written for the children of the London Orphan Asylum by James Edmeston, was first published in the second set of his "Sacred Lyrics" of 1821. It has been in the Episcopal Hymnal since 1874. The tune, "Dulce Carmen," has been ascribed to Johann Michael Haydn, but the composer of this lyric is yet unknown. Its earliest appearance is in the "Essay on Church Plain Chant," of 1782. The message of this hymn has long provided strength for those who suffer physically or mentally.

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



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