



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry  
September 13, 2017



*New and Notable...*



*Thoughts from Lori  
Regarding the Fall Parish Meeting  
This Sunday -- September 17th*

Fairly early on in my ministry here with you, we looked at our traditional committee structure and realized that the various committees were all made up of pretty much the same people. We concluded that St. Paul's is just a little too small to have lots of committees, so we decided to think of the congregation as a "committee of the whole." To make that work, we started having two parish meetings (in addition to the official Annual Parish Meeting); one in the spring and one in the fall. This Sunday is that fall meeting.

This particular meeting has special importance. Now that we have sold Betts' Place, the Vestry is faced with making decisions about that money. At the same time, we are acutely aware of the implications of our dwindling Endowment Fund. To say that the future of St. Paul's is at stake is not an exaggeration. This meeting will be dedicated to providing you with information and with an opportunity to give the Vestry your valuable feedback.

Please make every effort to be present and take part in this very important meeting. As is our custom, we'll gather around a covered dish lunch and then transition into our meeting. Bring enough food to share. Pitch in to set up and clean up, but most importantly, add your voice to the discussion.

See you Sunday!

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*Not quite new but still notable....*

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### **Fall Parish Meeting**



Everyone is invited to stay after the service on September 17th for our informal Fall Parish Meeting! The subject of this meeting will include a discussion of how or if to use the funds from the sale of Betts' Place for maintenance projects. Your input is important. Plan to attend!



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### **SPECIAL OFFERING FOR HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF**

We will again provide an opportunity to make special offerings for disaster relief this Sunday. Please think ahead and bring a check or extra cash for this offering to provide assistance to those in the wake of recent hurricanes and in the paths of wildfires in the West. It will be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development. Meanwhile, pray for those everywhere who are facing danger and recovery.

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### **Children's Chapel**

Children are invited to the meet after the service for a snack, bible story, and activity.



This Sunday's lesson will be "Eucharist Feeds us Every Week." Leaders will be Tommy and Kerry Obermeyer.

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### **A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore**

#### **Feast Day of John Henry Hobart**

The feast day of Tuesday, September 12th, is the feast of John Henry Hobart. Born in Philadelphia on September 14, 1775, Hobart revived the floundering Episcopal Church during the early years of its independence from the Church of England. He was educated at the University of Pennsylvania and Princeton, and ordained deacon in 1798, and priest in 1801. He became assistant minister of Trinity Church, New York City, and after he was consecrated Bishop of New York, continued to serve both as bishop and Rector of Trinity Church.



As Bishop, he doubled the number of clergy and quadrupled the number of missionaries, planted churches in almost every major city in New York, and opened missionary work among the Oneida Indians. He died September 12, 1830, and is buried beneath the chancel of Trinity Church, New York City. He was greatly respected for his staunch faith, his consuming energy, his personal integrity, and his missionary zeal.

What we learn from Hobart is the value of a positive attitude towards God's church and its possibilities when leaders and followers work together for a common benefit. His collect prays that his "faith and vigor of mind" may awaken people to God's message and mission.



*Found glasses! Are these yours?  
They're waiting at the church!*

*In case you missed it....*



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be here at St. Paul's on **Thursday, September 28**. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. **Register online today at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!**



If you wish to contribute to the relief of those suffering as a result of recent natural disasters, ERD is a reliable agency through which to do that. See the link below.

<http://mailchi.mp/episcopalrelief/hurricane-harvey-2017-what-can-i-do-to-help?e=4776a7cb4e>

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To view Bishop Lee's letter concerning the Dreamers, [click here](#).

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## Important Dates for Your Calendar

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

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.

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

*September 16*

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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. \*This meal is offered to those in our community who may be experiencing difficulty in procuring enough food. Free to All! All are Welcome! Family Friendly!

**Where:**

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

**2017 DINNER DATES**

October 21, November 18, December 16

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*The usual fare...*

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### **Servants for September 17th**

Terry Jaworski, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*  
Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*  
Barb Moriarty - *Intercessor*  
Deb Lang, Michelle Wiejaczka - *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Jim Lukas - *Vestry Person of the Day*  
Bev Jannotta, Carol Toft - *Altar Guild, Flower Guild*  
Carter Obermeyer - *Children's Crucifer*

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### ***On the Calendar...***

**Vestry** - Tonight, 7:00 p.m.  
**Fall Parish Meeting** - Sunday, September 17  
**Lifeline Screening** - Thursday, September 28  
**Bishop Lee at St. Paul's** - October 22  
**Ducks in a Row** - November 4

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

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**Lessons and Hymns**  
**September 17 - Proper 19**  
*by the Rev. William P. McLemore*

#### **THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21. Joseph's brothers seek forgiveness from him for what they did and they have an emotional reconciliation. The Psalm: Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13. "The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness." Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12. St. Paul says, "Whether we live, or whether we die, we are the Lord's." The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35. Here, Jesus answers Peter's question about how many times one must forgive, suggesting seven times. Jesus says, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

#### **THE HYMNS:**

Processional: No. 390. "Praise to the Lord." This hymn of thankfulness is based on Psalm 103:1-6 and Psalm 150. It was written by Joachim Neander in the last 17th century. "Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee." The German hymn tune was selected by the author for this particular hymn and is intended to be sung by grateful hearts with joy and happiness.

Sequence: No. 524. "I love thy kingdom, Lord." This hymn was authored by Dr. Timothy Dwight (1725-1817) when he was president of Yale College. It is based on Psalm 137 and has been in the Episcopal hymnals since 1826. The tune, "St. Thomas," was composed by Aaron Williams (1731-1776) and later harmonized by Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Presentation: No. 690. "Guide me O thou great Jehovah." This hymn was written by William Williams (1717-1791) who was the chief hymn writer of Wales and one of her greatest poets. Though ordained an Anglican priest, he later withdrew from the Established Church and joined the Calvinist Methodist Connection. He composed over 800 hymns in Welsh and 100 in English. This hymn was later re-written and translated into English by another Welshman, Peter Williams, (1722-1796) a biblical scholar. The tune, "Cum Rhondda," was composed by John Hughes (1873-1932). The hymn reflects the biblical image of God's people on a pilgrimage, "For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water." (Revelation 7:17a)

Communion Hymn: No. 47. "In the Lord I'll be ever thankful." This song was written and composed by Jacques Breathier and printed on the presses of the Taize' Community in France who owns the 1991 copyright to both the words and the score. It is found in the "Taize book of Songs and Prayers." This English version is based on Philippians 4:4-6, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Recessional: No. 334. "Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing." This hymn was written by the Rev. Canon Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (born 1902), a cleric and teacher at Malvern College, Malvern, Worcestershire, England (1937-1953). The last verse hearkens to Paul's II Corinthians 5:17, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation." The tune, "Alles ist an Gottes Segen," is a melody attributed to Johann Balthasar Konig (1691-1750) harmonized by Johann Lohner (1645-1705).

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



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