



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry September 20, 2017



New and notable!



The following is Lori's sermon from last Sunday.

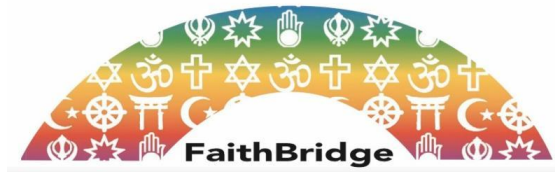


Pentecost XV (Proper 19 A)
September 17, 2017

In case you missed it in your e-news, "The ePistle," allow me to provide some background for today as we hold our Fall Parish Meeting right after our worship. Most churches share the necessary work through a variety of committees. One for worship (including music, altar guild, and flowers), one for building and grounds, another for mission; others for education, communication, finance and so forth.

In the first year of my ministry here, we (the vestry and I) recognized that it was the same small group of people who were on all of those committees...all peddling as fast as they could. So we decided that, as a small church, we would try to operate as a "committee of the whole." In this pared down structure, the leadership of the parish functions by way of the Vestry, the finance committee, the Endowment Trustees, and occasional ad hoc committees.

To read the rest of the sermon, please [click here](#).



**Come Meet Your Neighbor!
"An Interfaith Gathering to Support, Honor,
and Respect All People"**

September 24, 2017, 4:00 pm

Vegetarian Potluck and Building Community
Bring a Dish to Pass

McHenry County College
Conference Center, Building B
8900 US Highway 14
Crystal Lake, IL 60012
www.faithbridgeinterfaith.org

Not quite new but still notable....

**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.

Children's Chapel

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

This Sunday's lesson will be "We all have a place in God's Church." Leaders will be Kim Morris and Bobbi Fiali.



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 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>

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



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

Important Dates for Your Calendar

Sunday, October 22nd
Saturday, Nov. 4th

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.

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

October 21

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

November 18

December 16

The usual fare...

A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

Feast Day of Philander Chase



Friday, September 22nd, is the feast day of Philander Chase. He was born December 14, 1775, in New Hampshire. He attended Dartmouth College, preparing to become a minister in the Congregationalist Church. The story goes that while in college, he happened to see an Episcopal Book of Common Prayer next to a Bible. He picked it up, read it, and believed it to be very compelling and inspired by God. The Prayer Book led him to join the Episcopal Church at the age of 19.

Following his graduation from college, he worked as a school teacher in Albany, New York, and read for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church. He was ordained a deacon in 1798, and became a priest in 1799. During his diaconate, he served the Mohawk and Oneida people, and after being ordained a priest, he became the rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, New York. He then moved to New Orleans, where he organized what was to become the cathedral church of the Diocese of Louisiana.

After working for a short time back in Connecticut, he moved to Ohio, where he was elected the first bishop in 1818. He immediately began founding congregations and organizing the diocese. He also established Kenyon College and Bexley Hall Seminary. In 1835, he was elected the first Bishop of Illinois, and as senior bishop in the Episcopal Church, he served as the Presiding Bishop from 1843 until his death in 1852. At a meeting of the House of Bishops in 1835, Bishop Doane of New Jersey said of Hobart, "He is a veteran soldier, a bishop of the Cross, whom hardships never have discouraged, whom no difficulties seem to daunt."

What we learn from Philander Chase is the evangelical advantage of keeping a positive and progressive image of the Gospel of Christ. The many different places where he ministered remind us of a church beyond our own local congregation, and help us keep focused on God's people spread about the geography of the world we live in.

Lessons and Hymns September 24 - Proper 20 *by the Rev. William P. McLemore*

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11. Here we hear the story about Jonah regretting the Lord's decision not to punish Nineveh, which made him look bad.

The Psalm: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45. This psalm records the Lord's deliverance of his people from Egypt. **Second Lesson:** Philippians 1:21-30. St. Paul wrestles with his call to ministry as to whether for him it is better to live or die.

The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16. Here, Jesus tells the parable of the land owner and the laborers in his vineyard noting, "The last will be first, and the first will be last."

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 411. "O bless the Lord my soul." This hymn was written by James Montgomery and is based upon Psalm 103. The text has been in our hymnals since 1826 without any alterations over the years. The tune "St. Thomas" was composed by Aaron Williams and is used in its abbreviated form for this hymn. The words call forth our faith in the deepest sense, "O bless the Lord my soul."

Sequence: No. 627. "Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace." This hymn was written by Bernard Barton (1784-1849), a Quaker poet and author who was friends with Charles Lamb, Lord Byron, Sir Walter Scott, and Robert Southey. The major portion of his life was spent at Woodbridge, England, engaged in business. The tune, "Nun danker all und bringet Ehr," is attributed to Johann Cruger (1598-1662).

Presentation: No. 404. "We will extol you, ever blessed Lord." This hymn is attributed to J. Nichol Grieve and is based on Psalm 145. The tune is the "Old 124th" and was harmonized by Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

Communion: 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. 551. "Rise up, ye saints of God." This hymn was written by William Pierson Merrill on a ship sailing across Lake Michigan. The hymn has been set to no less than 12 different tunes in 24 years and "Festal Song" is the one that has become the most popular in the United States. This tune was composed by William Henry Walter an organist at several Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches. The hymn forms appropriate music with which to leave church thinking about God's love and our love in return. "Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long: Lord, bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong."

Servants for September 24th

Jim and Beth Lukas - *Ushers*

Jim Lukas - *Lector*

Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*

Barb Moriarty, Jeff Zabor - *Eucharistic Ministers*

Carol Toft, Judy Robel - *Vestry Persons of the Day*

Marilyn Bell, Heather Dodge - *Altar Guild*

Marilyn Bell, Kathy Biggerstaff - *Flower Guild*

Carol Toft, Judy Robel - *Coffee Hour*

Liam Obermeyer - *Children's Crucifer*

On the Calendar...

Lifeline Screening - Thursday, September 28

Vestry - Thursday, October 19, 7:00 pm

Bishop Lee at St. Paul's - October 22

Ducks in a Row - November 4

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

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



“Actually, I’m not staying after service
to pray... My knee is stuck in some bubble gum!”

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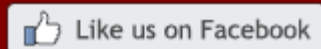
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