



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry September 6, 2017



New and Notable...

Please Note: The office will be closed on Friday, September 8th.



Thoughts from Lori

In a recent conversation with a group of clergy, Bill was talking about the changes he's experienced over the years in his ministry. One of the things he commented on is how privacy laws have limited clergy access to information about hospital patients. When he started out in ministry, he said, he could walk into a hospital and ask for a list of all the Episcopalians (as indicated on their admission form) who were current patients, and he would call on them, whether they were his parishioners or not. Not so today.

Thanks to HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) - which overall is a good thing - what anyone can be told about you if you're in the hospital is restricted, even to clergy. So if you find yourself admitted to the hospital, you can't expect anyone to notify your priest, not even the hospital chaplain, unless you provide consent. And if you're stressed, as one would expect when you land in the hospital, and hoping to see your priest (in this case, me), I can imagine how disappointed you would be if...when...I don't show up. To be clear, this hasn't happened any time lately, so I'm not writing about a specific occasion when this has happened. I just want you to know the facts and be prepared should you end up in the hospital.

If you do - find yourself in the hospital, that is - please let me know! If you are unable to place a call yourself, ask a family member to notify me. Or ask a nurse or chaplain how to arrange for me to be called. I very much want to be there for you.

As a parishioner, if you know of anyone who is ill or in the hospital, it's perfectly appropriate for *you* to let me know. It's just the hospital that is under the constraints of HIPAA. Please don't assume that I already know. I'd rather hear from ten of you than to not hear at all.

Here's to hoping that we all stay healthy!

Faithfully,
Loritt

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF

We will provide an opportunity to make a special offering for hurricane disaster relief this Sunday. Please think ahead and bring a check or extra cash for this offering. It will be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development. Meanwhile, pray for those who are facing recovery from Hurricane Harvey and those now facing Hurricane Irma.

FALL IS HERE!

Children's Chapel returns this Sunday and our **Fall Parish Meeting is Sunday, the 17th**. It's time to get back into the swing of things! This Sunday (the 10th) at Coffee & Conversation, we will have an opportunity to reflect on our recent experience of Enriching Our Worship. Here's your chance to (1) learn a little more about liturgy in general, and (2) have some input in our corporate worship. Note: the word *liturgy* means "work of the people," not just work of the clergy!



September 5, 2017

Dear People of God in the Diocese of Chicago:

These are urgent times for Christians who seek to follow Jesus by loving our neighbors as ourselves. Today, we learned that more than 800,000 young people brought to the United States as

children before 2007 are at risk of deportation if Congress does not pass legislation that protects them before March 5. Many of these young people, often known as Dreamers, have no memory of any other country or language. They are students and workers, homeowners and business owners, and some are, by now, husbands, wives, and parents.

Dreamers contribute greatly to our society and are integrated into our communities and congregations. But as people of faith, we are called to care for them not because they are good or productive, or because they are like us, but because they are children of God who are now living in fear.

On Sunday, Episcopalians and many other Christians read these words from Paul's letter to the church at Rome: "Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers." (Romans 12: 11-13)

Seldom does God's call come to us so clearly or with a such a specific deadline. Between now and March, I ask you, in the spirit of Paul, to persevere in prayer for the Dreamers who find themselves newly at risk and to be ardent in spirit as you urge Congress to pass bipartisan legislation that secures a hopeful future for them. The hospitality that we can extend to Dreamers by raising our voices in the public square could, quite simply, transform their lives.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee

Bishop of Chicago

Not quite new but still notable....

Fall Parish Meeting



Everyone is invited to stay after the service on September 17th for our informal Fall Parish Meeting! Sign up in the narthex for a dish to share. 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!



Children's Chapel

We're gearing up for a new season which will resume this Sunday, September 10th. All children are welcome to attend the Children's Chapel following the service and enjoy a snack, bible story, and activity. This week's lesson will be "We are Baptized in Christ."



St. Ann's Annual Women's Retreat 2017

Registration deadline extended to Sunday, September 10.

Women of St. Paul's: Please mark your calendars for the upcoming St. Ann's Annual Women's Retreat, **Friday, September 22nd through Saturday, September 23rd**, at The DeKoven Center in Racine, Wisconsin. The Reverend Liz Meade will lead us as we consider "Transitions and Transformations: Walking Faithfully Through Change." Please join us, and feel free to invite others. Call Vicky Tusken at 630-947-2403 if you have questions.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#) (fill out a separate registration form for each person), then mail or drop off your payment to St. Ann's Episcopal Church.

Cost for a single room: \$140 per person. Cost for a double room: \$130 per person. The rooms include all linens, and the cost includes all meals, including dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

Important: Please register through the online registration form, via the link above, or at St. Ann's website. Register today, or by September 10, 2017. Hope to see you there!

A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

Feast Day of Constance, Nun, and Her Companions

The feast day of Constance, Nun, and Her Companions is this Saturday, September 9th. The Rt. Rev. Charles T. Quintard, Bishop of Tennessee (1865-1898), invited Constance, Superior of the Sisters of St. Mary's, to come to Memphis and establish a Girl's School near St. Mary's Cathedral in 1873. In August, 1878, Yellow Fever invaded the city for the third time in ten years. About 200 people were dying daily from the plague.

Sister Constance, with the encouragement of the Dean of the Cathedral, organized relief work among the stricken citizens of the city. The Cathedral buildings were located in the most infected region of Memphis. Here, amid sweltering heat and scenes of indescribable horror, Constance and other



members of her order, together with doctors and members of the congregation, gave relief to the sick, comfort to the dying, and homes to the many orphaned children. Almost all of them, including Constance, died of the fever. They became known as the "martyrs of Memphis."

What we learn from Constance, Nun, and Her Companions, is best expressed in the Collect appointed to be said on her day: "We give you thanks and praise, O God of compassion for the heroic witness of Constance and her companions, who, in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and the dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death: Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. AMEN."

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 Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey, 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>



Kiwanis Peanut Day

The Kiwanis Club of McHenry will be holding their annual Peanut Day Fundraiser on September 22nd. Their primary focus is serving the needs of children in the community through FISH, Special Olympics, Scouts, Pioneer Center, and many more. Consider making a donation! Click [here](#) for a donation form.

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.

*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

The usual fare...

Servants for September 10th

Patrice and Bill Braun - *Ushers*
Bob Curran - *Lector*
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*
Deb Lang, Linda Curran - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Sally Berveiler - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Beth Lukas, Nan Patnaude - *Altar Guild, Flower Guild*
Jianna Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*

On the Calendar...

Music Therapy - Friday, September 8, 10:00 a.m.
Fall Parish Meeting - Sunday, September 17
Vestry - Wednesday, September 20, 7:00 p.m.
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

Lessons and Hymns

September 10 - Proper 18

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11. The prophet says that God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that they turn from their sins and live. **The Psalm:** Psalm 119:33-40. "Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end." **Second Lesson:** Romans 13:8-14. St. Paul says, "Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." **The Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20. Here, Jesus says, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 400. "All creatures of our God and King." This hymn which praises nature and God's creation is based on a poem of St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226). The Italian text was translated into English by the Rev. William H. Draper (1855-1933), an Anglican priest and musician. The tune, "Lasst Uns Efreuen," is taken from a Jesuit hymnal of 1623. The words of this hymn reflect the extreme piety of St. Francis who is famous for his love of animals and nature. The gentle monk even speaks tenderly of death, "And even you, most gentle death, waiting to hush our final breath, O praise him, Alleluia! You lead back home the child of God, for Christ Our Lord that way has trod."

Sequence: No. 440. "Blessed Jesus at thy word." This hymn was written in German by Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684) and translated by Catherine Winkworth, who was a very notable English song writer and translator. She is also known for her passionate and ardent support of women in higher education. The hymn announces "Blessed Jesus" as the revealed mystery of God "with the beams of truth unclouded; thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us." The tune, "Leibster Jesu" is a melody by Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673) and later harmonized by George Herbert Palmer in the early 20th century.

Presentation: No. 302. "Father, we thank thee who hast planted." This hymn was written by Francis Bland Tucker (1895-1984) and is based on an important teaching manual for the Early Christian Church, "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles." The prayers used in this hymn are considered much older than the "Teaching" and may very well date back to the 1st century and the formation of the Gospels. Dr. Tucker was born in Norfolk, Virginia, the son of a bishop and brother of a former presiding bishop. He was ordained a priest in 1920 and served as Rector of Christ Church, Savannah, for 22 years. The Diocese of North Carolina elected him as a bishop in 1945 but he refused the nomination saying he was devoted to serving his parish in Savannah.

Communion: "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: No. 530. "Spread, O spread, thou mighty word." This hymn was written by Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier and is one of the first hymns to turn from the individual piety of the 19th century to the zeal for foreign missions and education. The present form includes only the first five of the original seven stanzas of the hymn. The tune, "Gott Sei Dank," is a melody taken from the German, "Geistliches Gesangbuch," (1704) and harmonized by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

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



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