



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
November 1, 2017



New & Notable

*Please note: The church office will be closed
Friday, November 3rd.*



Time Change this Weekend!
Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour.

Reminder: **DUCKS IN A ROW**

Because of low interest, the "Ducks-in-a-Row" workshop scheduled for Saturday, November 4th, will be **rescheduled**. If you were interested but didn't sign-up, watch for the announcement of a new date, probably after the first of the year.



Men's Breakfast

This Saturday, November 4th
8:00 am at Kim & Patty's
Please RSVP to Al Robel by noon Friday:
alanrobel@att.net

Thoughts from Lori



Today is All Saints Day, one of the major festivals in the Church calendar. It is part of a trilogy of days: All Hallows Eve (Halloween), All Saints Day, and All Souls Day, which are fixed dates: November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. All Souls Day is a commemoration of all who have died, particularly those who have died in the past year. Of the three-day festival, All Saints Day is the centerpiece. It celebrates, as the name indicates, all the Saints (saints), the living and the dead in the Body of Christ, especially martyrs of the early Church.

It likely originated in Ireland, then spread across Europe to Rome, and later throughout Christendom. Dates and places and the particulars of the celebration vary. As in all things liturgical, it has evolved to become what we have today. It is considered a "Principal Feast"; that is, it takes precedence over lesser feast days and is one of the four days recommended in the Prayer Book as particularly fitting for the administration of Baptism. It is the only feast day which may be - and almost always is - observed on the following Sunday.

Given that today is November 1st, the Noon Eucharist will have been our first observance of All Saints Day. And Sunday, November 5th will be observed as All Saints Sunday. And given that we will have not had a service to observe All Souls Day, at Sunday's Eucharist, everyone will be invited to remember and recall all those who have died, all those "we remember and see no longer," as the Prayer Book says.

Many churches collect those names in advance and the list read by a lector or the clergy during the Eucharist. But I invite you to say those names yourselves, silently or aloud, but hopefully right out loud. No need to take turns or get fussy about how. At the specified time, we will all speak the names of our loved ones who have died. If you aren't going to be here due to some "insuperable hindrance" (as a former bishop of mine used to say), you may email those names to me personally (lorilowe@stpaulmchenry.com), and I will say them for you. But that's a poor substitute and I hope you will be here to do it yourselves.

All this is what it means to be part of the Whole Communion of Saints. We will do this for those who have gone before us, and someday, others will remember us, say our names on a day of remembrance. Thanks be to God!

Faithfully,

Loritt

Not quite new but still notable....

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

There will be a training session for all **current and new EMs** on Sunday, November 12th after Coffee & Conversation. If you are currently serving as a Eucharistic Minister, plan to attend to refresh and expand your training. If you are interested in becoming an EM, let the Rector know of your interest and put this training on your calendar.

Is the Spirit nudging you to serve in this capacity?

Children's Chapel

Children are invited to attend the Children's Chapel following the service for a bible story, activity, and snack. This week's lesson will be "Jacob and Esau." Leaders are Amy and Jeff Zabor.



**Episcopal Visit by Bishop Lee
Confirmation and Reception
October 22nd**

*Pictured (left to right): the Rev. Lori Lowe, Robert Vonderohe, Connor Vonderohe,
Debby Zamost, the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee, Amy Zabor, Kim Morris
Not pictured: Charles Sterbis*



In case you missed it....



Coffee Hour Volunteers are needed!

Please see the sign-up form in the Parish Hall. Is there a date you could help? It would be greatly appreciated. This is an easy way to serve the church!

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

November 18 and December 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**

The usual fare...

A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

Feast Day of Richard Hooker

The feast day of Richard Hooker falls on Friday, November 3rd. Richard Hooker is one of the great Anglican theologians. He was born in 1553 near Exeter, England. He entered Corpus Christi College in Oxford at the age of 14, and became a Fellow of the College ten years later.

Hooker married, and was ordained, in 1581, and served several Anglican parishes near Canterbury. Against prevalent Puritan theology, he wrote a comprehensive defense of the Reformation settlement, entitled, "Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity." It asserted that all positive laws of Church and State are grounded on Scriptural revelation, ancient tradition, reason, and experience.



Concerning the nature of the Church, Hooker wrote: "The Church is always a visible society of men; not an assembly, but a Society. For although the name of the Church be given unto Christian assemblies, although any multitude of Christian men congregated may be termed by the name of the Church, yet assemblies properly are rather things that belong to a Church. Men are assembled for performance of public actions; which actions are being ended, the assembly dissolveth itself and is no longer in being, whereas the Church which was assembled doth no less continue afterwards than before."

Hooker died November 3, 1600, at his Rectory in Bishopsbourne, and was buried in the chancel of the church. He was survived by his wife and four daughters. His will includes the following provision: "I give and bequeath three pounds of lawful English money towards the building and making of a newer and sufficient pulpit in the parish of Bishopsbourne." This pulpit can still be seen in this church.

What we learn from Hooker is the three-legged stool image of Anglican theology: Scripture, Tradition, and Reason. Our faith finds its foundation and form in the Holy Bible; it's growth in its rich tradition, and its faith in the freedom to approach God with a language of wonder, love, and praise.

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, November 5, 2017
(All Saints' Day - Year A)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Micah 3:5-12. The prophet predicts that Israel will be called into accountability for her sins. **The Psalm:** Psalm 43. This psalm calls for absolute trust in God. **Second Lesson:** I Thessalonians 2:9-13. Paul reminds the church at Thessalonica that he came to help them learn about the faith. **The Gospel:** Matthew 23:1-12. Jesus reminds the people that those who exalt themselves will be humbled.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 287. "For All The Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest." This popular hymn for All Saints Day was written by the Rt. Rev. William Washam How (1823-1897), popularly known in England as the "Children's Bishop." The fourth verse connects those of us who struggle on this earth with those who live in glory in heaven: "O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine." The stirring tune, "Sine Nomine," was written especially for this hymn by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) in 1906.

Sequence Hymn: No. 293. "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God." Lesbia Scott, the wife of a British Naval Officer wrote this hymn for her own children to impress upon them that sainthood is a living possibility now-not just in heaven. It remains a favorite child's hymn with implications for all ages: "They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still, the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will." The tune, 'Grand Isle,' was composed in 1940 by John Henry Hopkins for use with her text.

Presentation Hymn: No. 526. "Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing." This hymn, which has been placed in the 'CHURCH' section of our hymnal, is actually one of Charles Wesley's funeral songs published in 1759. The words end with the image of Jesus as our constant guide through life-leading us towards our final and joyful union with God and all the saints in heaven. The tune, "Dundee," is from the Scottish Psalter of 1615.

Communion: "In the Lord I'll be forever thankful." This hymn was written and set to music by Jacques Breathier for the Taize religious community in France. 1991. It is based on Philippians 4:4-6.

Recessional Hymn: No. 287. "For All The Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest." This popular hymn for All Saints Day was written by the Rt. Rev. William Washam How (1823-1897), popularly known in England as the "Children's

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Servants for November 5th

Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*
Judy Robel - *Lector*
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*
Pam Dietmeyer, Al Robel - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Sally Berveiler- *Vestry Person of the Day*
Doris Gaic, Karen Rowe - *Altar Guild*
Patrice Braun, Pam Dietmeyer - *Flower Guild*
Bella Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*

On the Calendar...

Mid-Week Eucharist - Every Wednesday, 12:15 pm
Men's Breakfast - Saturday, November 4, 8:00 am
All Saints Sunday - November 5
Eucharistic Minister Training - Sunday, November 12
Vestry - Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 pm

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



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