



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
November 8, 2017



New & Notable



Thoughts from Lori

Yes, Virginia, we will be doing Advent Baby Baskets this year! And our recipients will be new moms at Centegra, McHenry. The staff there is thrilled! Right after Christmas, everything in the baskets will be taken to the hospital, and the neo-natal and pediatric nurses will distribute it all according to need.

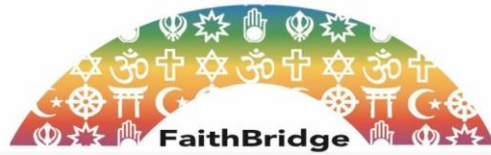
The baskets will be available in the narthex beginning the First Sunday of Advent, which is December 3rd. This has become a joyful tradition here, with everyone contributing something purchased or handmade, and watching week-to-week as the baskets fill. The list below will give you some ideas.

- Receiving blankets
- Soft toys for newborns
- Baby bottles for water, juice, formula
- Onesies
- Burp cloths
- Changing pads
- Wet wipes
- Baby lotion
- Diaper rash ointment
- Etc., etc.!

May we enjoy this opportunity to express our generosity and gratitude for the gift of the Christ Child given to us!

Faithfully,

Lori



11th ANNUAL COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION
WE ARE ONE Identifying Ourselves in Each Other

Sunday, November 19th, 2017 at 7 pm

BLUE LOTUS BUDDHIST TEMPLE & MEDITATION CENTER
221 Dean Street, Woodstock, IL
815-337-7378

Come join neighbors, families and friends as we honor the diversity of faith and culture - and celebrate the Oneness of our humanity. Sharing community in a variety of musical offerings and messages, we take this time to find joy in connecting with one another. To share gratitude, an offering will be made to benefit the people of Puerto Rico, local food pantries and the work of FaithBridge. For additional information, contact: Tricia Alexander: triciababa@aol.com or M.E. Tanabe: m.e.tanabe@comcast.net

This gathering is sponsored by FaithBridge Interfaith Association. Promoting mutual understanding and respectful relationships among diverse religious communities and advancing unity in diversity for the common good. FaithBridge is a 501(c)3 organization - www.faithbridgeinterfaith.org



Winter Coat Giveaway

at McHenry Township, 3703 N. Richmond Rd.
Monday, November 13 - Tuesday, November 21

McHenry Township has received a generous donation courtesy of Johnsburg Knights of Columbus. FREE new and gently used coats, hats and gloves will be available to residents who need help keeping warm this winter. Cold weather gear will be given out while supplies last. There will be a variety of sizes from children through adult.

Not quite new but still notable....

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

There will be a training session for all **current and new EMs** this 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 Meets Angels." Leaders are Kim Morris and Bobbi Fiali.



In case you missed it....

***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...

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, November 12, 2017
(Proper 27 - Year A)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Reading: The Track I readings are Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25 and Psalm 78:1-7; the Track II readings is a choice between Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24 and Psalm 70. Joshua is told by the people of Israel they will turn from false gods and worship the Lord. The Wisdom of Solomon focuses on people who seek wisdom; Amos calls for justice rather than false worship. The Track I Psalm calls people to hear the word of the Lord, and the Track II Psalm reads, "O Lord, make haste to help me."

The Epistle: I Thessalonians 4:13-18. Paul reminds the church at Thessalonica the "dead in Christ will rise first."

The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13. Here, Jesus tells the parable of the foolish bridesmaids who weren't prepared for the coming of the bridegroom, and ends with these words, "keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 609. "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life." This hymn contrasts the passion of Christ with the desperate human needs and was written by a Methodist minister, Frank Mason North. It is set to an older tune composed by William Gardiner and is named after him. The son of an English hosiery manufacturer, he worked all his life in the mill, but with enormous gifts for music composed many sacred and secular songs. Though this hymn falls in our hymnal section for "Christian Responsibility," it reveals the saving power of God in Jesus Christ moving from the "cries of race and clan" to "till glorious from thy heaven above, shall come the city of our God." This hymn should be prayed as it is sung-it has a wonderful message that continues to survive through the years.

Sequence: No. 620. "Jerusalem, My Happy Home." This hymn is ancient in Christian hymnody probably dating back to the 6th or 7th century A.D. The image of a heavenly Jerusalem is a favorite medieval theme for hymns and this particular version has many lost and left out verses of the Latin original. It has been attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo, but this is purely conjecture. The

tune, "Land of Rest," is an American Folk Hymn, adapted and harmonized by Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

Presentation: No. 574. "Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel." The author of this hymn is William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), the Anglican Bishop of Ripon in North Yorkshire, England. This forms a dramatic poem seeking forgiveness and reconciliation along with personal spiritual growth. "For lives bereft of purpose high, forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry." The tune, "St. Petersburg," was composed by Dimitri S. Borniniansky (1751-1825) and traces its roots to an old Russian hymn.

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: No. 436. "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates." This joy-filled hymn was written by Georg Weissel (1590-1635), a Prussian priest who is considered one of the most important hymnologists of his country. The words are based on Psalm 24. The text calls for us to open our hearts to Jesus and make it a holy temple "adorned with prayer and love and joy." The tune, "Truro," appeared anonymously in an Evangelical Psalmbook (1789). The words of the hymn were translated into English by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878); and the music was harmonized by Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Servants for November 12th

Jim and Beth Lukas - *Ushers*
Jim Lukas - *Lector*
Judy Robel - *Intercessor*
Barb Moriarty, Jeff Zabor - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Judy Robel, Carol Toft - *Vestry Persons of the Day*
Beth Lukas, Nan Patnaude - *Altar Guild, Flower Guild*
Paige Morris - *Children's Crucifer*

On the Calendar...

Mid-Week Eucharist - Every Wednesday, 12:15 pm
Eucharistic Minister Training - This Sunday, November 12
Vestry - Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 pm
Diocesan Convention - November 17 & 18
Eve of Thanksgiving Service - Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 pm
Men's Breakfast - Saturday, December 2, 8:00 am
First Sunday of Advent - December 3

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



"Mom! The usher found the frog I put
in the offering plate!"

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