



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
March 14, 2018



New & Notable

Thoughts from Lori



Stephen Hawking has died, the great physicist who greatly increased our understanding of the universe. You may read or hear that Dr. Hawking didn't believe in God. Don't let that distract or disturb you. He once said, "It would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love." As for me, anyone who has that kind of understanding of love was, in the words of C.S. Lewis, in service to God.

So, thanks be to God for this amazing scientist and brave human being. He also said, "Look up at the stars not down at your feet." Good advice - for a scientist and for anyone looking for God.

Faithfully,
Lori



St. Paul's Flower Guild will be preparing for Palm Sunday on Saturday, March 24 at 10 am. And again for Easter Sunday on Saturday, March 31 at 10 am. All are welcome to help with the preparations!

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday - March 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Palms

The Passion Narrative and the Holy Eucharist

Holy Wednesday - March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday - March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing

Stripping of the Altar followed by Prayer Vigil

Good Friday - March 30

Stations of the Cross at noon

The Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Cross

Mass of the Pre-sanctified Gifts

The Great Vigil of Easter - March 31 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's, and St. Ann's

St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Woodstock

Easter Day

April 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Festival Eucharist of the Resurrection

Not quite new but still notable....



FLOWERS AND LILIES FOR EASTER

There is a sign-up sheet for those wishing to contribute to the **flowers and lilies that will grace our church on Easter Day**. Your donation of \$25 (or more) may be given - as always TO THE GLORY OF GOD - and in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a person or special blessing. Thank you for helping to make our Easter celebration more beautiful than ever!

WINDOW TREATMENTS IN THE PARISH HALL

Many of the blinds in the parish hall are dysfunctional, to say nothing of unsightly. Bill and I donated new blinds for one window. You can help beautify this space by donating \$50 (per window). We'll buy and install the new blinds for you. [Note: this will make the parish hall more attractive not only for us, but for potential rental.] Thanks! lml+

Update: only a handful of folks have indicated that they are willing to do this. If you've been intending to sign-up for one but keep forgetting, take a minute now to call (815-385-0390) or email us (lisa@stpaulmchenry.com) so we'll know what we can expect. Thanks.

NEW ADDRESS FOR NATALIE BOAK

Here is Natalie's new address: 9651 Prairie Ridge Blvd. #218, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158. Send her a card or note and remind her how much we love and miss her! Call the Rector to request her phone number.

Children's Chapel "Jesus is alive!"

Children are invited to attend the Children's Chapel following the service to hear a story, have a snack, and enjoy an activity. This week's leaders are Kim Morris and Kerry Obermeyer.



A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

Gregory the Great

Monday, March 12th, was the feast day for St. Gregory the Great. He is one of only two Popes who have been given the title "great." The other is Pope Leo I. Both served the church in difficult times of the barbarian invasion of Italy. Gregory also endured what he termed a time of "plague, pestilence, and famine."



Gregory was born of a patrician family about 540 A.D., and became the Prefect of Rome in 573. His pontificate included the defense of Rome against the attacks of the Lombards. He fed the people from the Papal granaries in Sicily. His formulation of the liturgy of the church and its music has molded the spirituality of the Western Church to the present.

In the midst of all his cares and duties, he prepared and fostered missions to the Anglo-Saxons under Augustine. The Venerable Bede has justly called Gregory the "Apostle of the English," which, for us as Episcopalians, being an integral part of the Anglican Communion, are linked to his contributions in both liturgy and music.

Pope Gregory died on March 12, 604, and is buried in St. Peter's basilica. What we learn from this great pontiff is best described in the Collect appointed for his day: "Preserve in your Church the catholic and apostolic faith they taught, that your people, being fruitful in every good work, may receive the crown of glory that never fades away."

**Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, March 18, 2018
(Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34. The prophet tells of a new covenant that God will make with his people and will "write it on their hearts." **The Psalm:** Psalm 51:10-13 or Psalm 119:9-16. Both psalms in one way or another deal with the commandments of God. **Second Lesson:** Hebrews 5:5-10. Jesus Christ is described as the High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek. **The Gospel:** John 12:20-23. Some Greeks tell the disciples they wish to see Jesus who himself replies, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 709 "O God of Bethel, by whose hand." This hymn was written by Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), one of the outstanding

nonconformist clerics whose practical and straightforward preaching attracted many in 18th century England. He based this hymn on Genesis 28:20-22 which records the vow Jacob made to God. The tune, "Dundee," is a melody from the "Psalmes of David," 1615.

Sequence: No. 439. "What wondrous love is this." This is a beautiful American folk hymn, the words and music of which date back to the early 19th century. It first appears in the "Southern Harmony" of 1835 compiled by William 'Singin Billy' Walker, a shape note and tune book. The book contained 335 songs, went through several editions, and became one of the most popular southern tune-books of the century.

Presentation: No. 474. "When I survey the wondrous cross." This is another hymn written by Isaac Watts. He wrote this hymn being inspired by Galatians 6:14, "May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." The tune, "Rockingham," was adapted from an old English psalmody hymnal by Edward Miller (1731-1807).

Communion: "Let the broken ones be healed." This short song will be used for our communion hymn during Lent. It was written by the Rev. Michael Hudson in his "Songs for the Cycle," (2004).

Recessional: No. 473. "Lift high the cross." This hymn was written by George William Kitchin in 1887 when he was Dean of Winchester Cathedral in England. The tune "Crucifer" was composed by Sydney Hugo Nicholson, Warden of the Royal School of Music in England. This hymn is new to the 1982 hymnal and has become very popular as a processional and recessional hymn. "So shall our song of triumph ever be; praise to the crucified for victory."

Servants for March 18th

Beth and Jim Lukas - *Ushers*

Jim Lukas - *Lector*

Al Robel - *Intercessor*

Pam Dietmeyer, Barb Moriarty - *Eucharistic Ministers*

Judy Robel - *Vestry Person of the Day*

Carter Obermeyer - *Children's Crucifer*

Marilyn Bell, Heather Dodge - *Altar Guild*

On the Calendar...

Mid-Week Eucharist - Wednesdays at 12:15 pm

Palm Sunday - March 25

Easter - April 1

Spring Parish Meeting - April 15

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



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