



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
March 28, 2018



New & Notable



Thoughts from Lori

So we come again to Holy Week. This is one of those experiences we do over and over again. Like birthdays, anniversaries, remembrances of all sorts. We do them over and over because each time there is the opportunity to experience something deeper, to gain a richer understanding of their meaning, to have new insight into our own selves.

As we hear again the stories of the Last Supper, of Jesus' trial and crucifixion, and the empty tomb, it is my hope that we will understand them as our own stories. May we hear and know them to be about us and for us.

Wherever you are, whether here at home or away, may your Easter Day be one of joy and hope!

Faithfully,
Lori

Holy Week

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



Informal Spring Parish Meeting
Sunday, April 15th

Please bring a covered dish to share!

Not quite new but still notable....



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



As spring has sprung upon us, I am organizing a Spring Clean Up Day for the church grounds. Please join me on Saturday April 14th at 1:00 pm to help out. The more people the merrier and the job will go quickly! We'll have a tentative rain date of Saturday April 21st in the event of inclement weather. Picking up fallen sticks, washing exterior windows etc.

Jeffrey Zabor (Junior Warden)
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Children's Chapel

There is no Children's Chapel this Sunday. It will resume April 8!



The usual fare...

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, April 1, 2018 (Easter - Year B) by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9. "This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24. This psalm echoes the plight of Isaiah finding strength in God in spite of the "whispering of the crowd."

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6. Acts records Peter's discourse on Jesus; Jeremiah tells of the glories to face the people of Israel after their tribulations.

The Gospel: John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10. Two versions of the empty tomb.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 179. "Welcome happy morning." This hymn, along with other Easter music, is the creation of the Italian-born poet, Venantius Honorius

Fortunatus (c540-600). It was translated into English by the prolific British hymn writer, the Rev. John Ellerton (1826-1893). The music was composed by Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900) and is given the name, "Fortunatus," in honor of the author.

Sequence Hymn: "Celtic Alleluia." This was written and composed by Fintan O'Carroll, born July 31, 1922 in Wexford, England. On completion of his secondary school studies, he took up a position as a clerk in the national railway. He won first prize in a traditional music competition, aged 12, playing violin, and went on to study violin at home, taking lessons as the opportunity arose. His heart was in music, and he left his railway position in 1967 after 27 years of service, whereupon he completed his degree at Trinity to gain his Bachelor of Music degree.

Presentation Hymn: No. 180. "He is risen, He is risen!" Cecil Frances Alexander, the wife of a Bishop of the Church of Ireland, wrote this hymn in the late 1800's. She was a prolific poet and wrote nearly 400 hymns and poems. Joachim Neander is the composer of the tune, "Unser Herrscher."

Communion Hymn: "Bless the Lord."

Recessional Hymn: No. 207. "Jesus Christ is risen today." This classic hymn for Easter dates back to a 14th century Bohemian carol. Over the years, it has been continuously altered and the fourth and final verse was written by Charles Wesley. The tune, "Easter Hymn," is from the English, "Lyrica Davidica," published in London in 1708.

Servants for April 1st

Rick Carlstedt - *Usher*

Judy Robel - *Lector*

Barb Moriarty - *Intercessor*

Al Robel, Charles Sterbis - *Eucharistic Ministers*

Kathy Biggerstaff - *Vestry Person of the Day*

Cassidy Obermeyer - *Children's Crucifer*

Doris Gaic, Karen Rowe - *Altar Guild*

On the Calendar...

Mid-Week Eucharist - Wednesdays at 12:15 pm

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, April 7, 8:00 am

Spring Cleanup Day - Saturday, April 14

Spring Parish Meeting - Sunday, April 15

Vestry - Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 pm

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



"I am afraid our new priest
is losing his mind... Sunday he said that the day before
Good Friday is Monday Thursday!"

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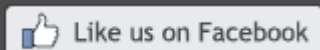
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