



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
August 15, 2018



New & Notable

Thoughts from Bill

The Joy of Worship

St. Paul in his letter to the Church at Ephesus, a portion of which will be read this Sunday, writes, "be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts." (Ephesians 5:19)

Sheri Cook in her "Words of Worship," notes the scriptures holds four facets to the joy of worship: (1) Joy is both given by God and commanded from us; (2) God is to be our joy, both because of what He's done and who He is; (3) Joy is a response to His blessings but also is found in the midst of hardship; and (4) Joy is frequently celebratory in expression, and often loud, but there is a sacrificial element in joy.

Our service of Holy Eucharist begins with a prayer that proclaims, "Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name." What a relief! Just as we surrender to joy when we sing or enjoy music, we approach our worship with a prayer of total and complete surrender.

I'm happy to be back at St. Paul's after helping two local Episcopal congregations during their interim period between permanent priests. It's great to be worshiping with you and sharing the ministry of my Lori and her flock. But mostly, it offers me time to sing songs of joy and release; pray prayers that reflect my dependence on God; and share in the wonderful meal Jesus had with his disciples just before his death and resurrection and bids me do "as oft as I am able." What a true joy!

The Rev. William P. McLemore
Retired Priest Associate

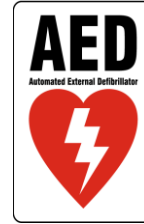
INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST
Part One this Sunday

An "instructed Eucharist" is one during which brief explanations (and sometimes Q&A) are interjected throughout the service. Since this makes the service somewhat longer, we're going to do it in two segments: the Liturgy of the Word, which is the first half of the service, on August 19th; and the Liturgy of the Table, or the Great Thanksgiving, which is the second half, on August 26th. We'll be inviting the children in the congregation to come up front so they can see and ask their own questions if they like. Feel free to invite friends and family.

Not quite new but still notable....

***St. Paul's Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, August 5th***





New CPR class sign up form

There is a new sign up form for the CPR/AED class in the Narthex. We did not anticipate the per person cost which is around \$30. If you signed up before, and are willing to pay the fee, please sign up again or let Lisa know in the office. The dates will be determined depending on how many sign up.



As you may know, Bill and I are members of the Rotary Club of McHenry. Our big fundraiser is the Blues, Brews, and BBQ festival held out at Petersen Park. The dates this year are August 17, 18, 19. Tickets at the gate are \$10; advance sale tickets are \$7, which I have if you'd like to get them from me. The proceeds from this event are used to fund community and humanitarian projects internationally, nationally, and right here in McHenry. You'll enjoy great live music, have an opportunity to purchase a wide variety of BBQ and other food (to say nothing about the beer!), and support wonderful causes. And if I run out of tickets, which is likely, you can get them online at <https://www.mrbbb.com/tickets/index.php>

Office hours have changed!

Our new regular office hours are:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

The office is closed on Mondays and Fridays.



St. Paul's Polo Shirts!



Now you can order your very own St. Paul's polo shirt! These are soft-touch, wrinkle-resistant pique shirts, available in all sizes, in both ladies' fit and men's. The color is French Blue, and they will have our St. Paul's logo embroidered on the front. Cost is \$20. Just let Lisa know if you'd like one and what size. There will be a signup form on the table in the narthex as well. We can show our support for St. Paul's by wearing these at our events! A sample shirt is available.



St. Paul's Flea Market

Plans are underway for a flea market here at St. Paul's at the end of September. If you are interested in setting up a table and selling a few of those extra things around your house, or would like to help in some way, please call the office (815) 385-0390 or email Lisa at lisa@stpaulmchenry.com. We are trying to find out if there is enough of an interest in order to proceed. Ideas include a bake sale and refreshments as well. Watch for more details to come!

Children's Chapel Classes will resume September 9th!

The usual fare...

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, August 19, 2018
(Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost- Year B)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6. The house that wisdom builds. Psalm 34:9-14, "Fear the Lord, you that are his saints." ***The Epistle:*** Ephesians 5:15-20. "Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves." ***The Gospel:*** John 6:51-58. Jesus reminds his disciples that, "the one who eats this bread will live forever," speaking about his body of sacrifice.

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 432. "O praise ye the Lord!" This hymn was authored by Sir Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877) who was the son of Admiral Sir Henry Lorine Baker, and succeeded to the baronetcy in 1851. He was born in London, and educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated B.A. 1844, and M.A. 1847. From 1851 until his death in 1877 he was Vicar of Monkland, Herefordshire, during which time he rendered the Church great service by editing "Hymns Ancient and Modern," the most popular of modern hymn-books, to which he contributed a number of original hymns, metrical litanies, and translations. His most widely used hymn is his version of the twenty-third Psalm, the third verse of which formed his last utterance upon the bed of death. The tune, "Laudate Dominum," was composed by Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

Sequence: No. 488. "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart." This is a traditional hymn from Ireland. The most well known English version, with some minor variations, was translated by Eleanor Hull and published in 1912. In 1919, the lyrics were set to the tune of the Irish folk song "Slane", to which it is sung to this day-both in Irish and English. The lyrics are attributed to the sixteenth-century Irish Christian poet, Saint Dallan.

Presentation: No. 665. "All my hope on God is founded." The original German language version of this hymn was written by Joachim Neander around 1680. In 1899 it was translated into English by Robert Bridges, who later became the British Poet Laureate. As choir master for the parish church in a Berkshire village, he was so disappointed with the range of hymns available, he created his own collection which includes the phrase from today's Gospel, "Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust; though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust."

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. 539. "O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling." The author of this hymn, Mary Ann Thomson, was born in London, December 5, 1834 and became the wife of a librarian in Philadelphia, John Thomson. She wrote many poems and hymns published and used widely in the Episcopal Church. She died in Philadelphia, March 11, 1923. She says the hymn came to her while tending to one of her children, sick with typhoid fever, but it was three years before she could come up with a suitable refrain: "Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release." James Walch wrote the tune especially for this hymn.

Servants for August 19th

Bill Lang, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*
Michelle Wiejaczka - *Lector*
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*
Barb Moriarty, Jeff Zabor - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Kim Morris - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Paige Morris - *Children's Crucifer*
Marilyn Bell, Ashley Pecoraro - *Altar Guild, Flower Guild*

On the Calendar...

Instructed Eucharist (Part 1) - This Sunday, August 19
Instructed Eucharist (Part 2) - August 26
Children's Chapel resumes September 9
Men's Breakfast resumes September 8
Vestry - Wednesday, September 19, 6:00 pm
Informal Fall Parish Meeting - September 23

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



"Actually, I'm not staying after service
to pray... My knee is stuck in some bubble gum!"

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