



St. Paul's Episcopal Church McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle

August 29, 2018

New and Notable



Thoughts from Bill

Human Precepts

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah, "In vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." Our Lord was ridiculing many of the Jewish dietary and religious customs which they considered important. He teaches that nothing that goes into us can defile; we are defiled by what comes out—what emanates from our human hearts.

In the Lord's Prayer we pray: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." How is it in heaven? We really don't know other than what Jesus teaches us which is that it is the completion of our lives and our entry into God's loving arms--a spiritual place where there is only love and forgiveness. The function of the Christian community on this earth is to be a place where we can learn and practice to be loved and forgiven. The outward and visible (rituals, prayers, communion, etc.) are not so important as the education of our hearts and souls from being despisers and judges (human precepts) to be lovers and forgivers (God's doctrines).

*The Rev. William P. McLemore
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CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Postponed

The beginning of Children's Chapel is being postponed until the end of the month. Watch for information about a chance to brainstorm new ideas for this important aspect of our life together.

TEAM MINISTRIES MEETING

Sunday September 16th

after church

There will be a meeting of Team Leaders (you know who you are) and anyone interested in being on one of these teams for lay ministry/leadership on Sunday, **September 16th** right after church. This is an essential part of our transition to being a parish with a part-time rector. Everyone will be needed to participate at some level in order to ensure that we thrive and not only continue, but expand our ministries, especially outreach. The areas are: Outreach, Worship, Administration, Facilities, and Parish Life.

FALL PARISH MEETING

Sunday September 23rd

Covered Dish Lunch and Meeting

after church

Mark your calendars now and be sure to attend our Fall Parish Meeting on the 23rd. Bring a covered dish to share for lunch and then we'll continue the discussion and work to strengthen our Team Ministries (see above).



St. Paul's Polo Shirt

The must-have item for fall!

The St. Paul's Polo shirt order will go out soon. If you haven't yet ordered, and would like to, please contact Lisa in the office as soon as you can: 815-385-0390 or lisa@stpaulmchenry.com. Thanks!



Organ Concert at The Church of the Holy Communion 320 Broad St., Lake Geneva

This concert is a benefit for their 1883 pipe organ. Advance tickets are \$25 which includes a dinner voucher for the same day to Tuscan Tavern. Payments may be sent with a SASE to the church or call the church office at 262-248-3522 to reserve tickets at the door.

Help is needed...

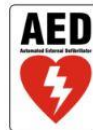
We are in need of someone to alternate with Carol Toft in the taking of the grocery cart donations to the TLS veterans. If you are able to help out, please call the office. This would be about once a month.

In case you missed it...



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 email Lisa at lisa@stpaulmchenry.com or call the office at (815) 385-0390. There will be a bake sale and refreshments as well, so many volunteers are needed. If you can devote the morning or the afternoon (or all day!) it would be greatly appreciated! Sign up sheets are in the narthex.



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.

The usual fare...

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, September 2, 2018

(Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost- Year B)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9. Moses reminds the people to carefully observe the commandments given to them by God. Psalm 15 says "Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?" **The Epistle:** James 1:17-27. The write of this letter urges the readers to be doers of God's words, not just those who listen and do not act upon them. **The Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23. Jesus is asked why he and his disciples don't obey the traditional rules of the Jewish faith, and Jesus reminds them that moral behavior is more important than obedience to laws that only govern religious practices and rituals.

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 7. "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies." This hymn was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1786) which he based on Malachi 4:2. "But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings." The tune, "Ratisbon," is from Johann Werner's "Gesangbuchern," (1815). The present harmony is by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

Sequence: No. 660. "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee." This beautiful hymn was the inspiration of another Congregational minister, the Rev. Washington Gladden. The early version could have been inspired by Jeremiah and the Psalmist in today's lessons. Here is a portion of a verse that was later omitted from the hymn: "O Master, let me walk with thee before the taunting Pharisee; help me to bear the sting of spite, the hate of men who hide thy light." In spite of this editorial license, the hymn cries for God to grant patience, forbearance, and slow-ness of heart; as we journey on our walk of faith in life. Dr. Gladden chose this hymn tune by Henry Percy Smith for this hymn and it is best sung with passion and feeling!

Presentation: No. 664. "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need." This hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 23 by the prolific hymn writer, Sir Isaac Watts (1674-1748). He wrote around 600 hymns, many during the early years of his life (age 20-22) before he entered the ordained ministry as a nonconformist pastor. The tune, "Resignation," is an American folk melody in common meter.

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. 542. "Christ is the World's True Light." This hymn was written by George Wallace Briggs to express the true nature of Christian mission work. "In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting." The hymn reflects the evangelistic aspect of the season of Epiphany. The tune, "St. Joan," was composed in 1941 by Percy E. B. Collier and is named for his wife.

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