



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
August 8, 2018



New & Notable

Thoughts from Lori
On a number of things...

GREAT PICNIC!

Sunday afternoon's annual picnic was terrific! The food was wonderful, as usual, the weather was fine, and the company was excellent. Many thanks to everyone who came and especially to our grill master, Jeff Zabor, and to everyone who pitched in to set-up and clean-up. It's safe to say: we all had a good time and we'll definitely do it again next year!

INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST

An "instructed Eucharist" is one during which brief explanations (and sometimes Q&A) are interjected throughout the service. Since this makes the service considerably 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.

FALL START-UP

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL and COFFEE & CONVERSATION will gear up on September 9th after the Labor Day Weekend. Coffee & Conversation will begin with a review of the General Convention held last month, and then will begin to look at "The Way of Love" developed by our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry.

BB&B

The McHenry Rotary Club's annual Blues, Brews, and BBQ festival and fund-raiser will be August 17, 18, and 19 at Petersen Park. (Bill and I are both members.) Advance sale tickets are \$7 per day (\$10 at the gate). Proceeds support local, national, and international charities. I still have some advance sale tickets available.

RECTOR'S PART-TIME STATUS

I am officially part-time as of August 1st. That means lay ministries are all the more important. Which area of our life together are you going to participate in? Worship, Administration, Building & Grounds, Outreach, and/or Parish Life? Look for more on this soon.

Faithfully,
Loritt

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>

Not quite new but still notable....

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 12, 2018
(Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost- Year B)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Reading: I Kings 19:4-5. The passage from Kings relates God's nurture of Elijah giving him strength to retreat for forty days to the mount of God. This portion of Psalm 34 relates the pleas of the psalmist and the happiness that comes through trust in the Lord. **The Epistle:** Ephesians 4:25-5:2. Here, Paul urges the Church in Ephesus to live together in truth putting aside behavior that tears apart the community of faith.

The Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51. Jesus describes Himself as the "Bread of Life," and explains what this means in terms of his redemption.

Processional: No. 537. "Christ for the world we sing." Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886) wrote this hymn in response to a banner posted at a Young Men's Christian Association meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1869. The message read, "Christ for the world, and the world for Christ." Legend has it that he formed the hymn walking home through the streets on February 9, 1869. It has been in the Episcopal hymnals since 1892. The tune, "Moscow" is named for the city where the composer, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796) died. The music fits the earnest spirit of evangelism and conversion communicated in the text.

Sequence: No. 321. "My God, thy table now is spread." The words of this hymn have been altered somewhat since it was written by Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) in the mid-eighteenth century. This is his original last verse: "Revive thy dying churches, Lord, And bid our drooping grace live; And more that energy afford, A Saviour's Blood alone can give." The newer words soften the anguish and gore of the earlier. The tune is "Rockingham," and is an old English melody adapted and harmonized for the words of this hymn.

Presentation: No. 379. "God is love." This hymn was written by Timothy Rees, the Anglican Bishop of Llandaff, a distinguished speaker in English and Welsh and respected hymnographer. This beautiful hymn covers many aspects of God's love and is appropriate for reflecting on Chapter 13 of St. Paul's letter to Corinth. Cyril V. Taylor composed the tune, "Abbot's Leigh," in May of 1941 when he was working for the Religious Broadcasting Department of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

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. 544. "Jesus shall reign." There are about a dozen hymns in our hymnal that are my favorite and this one is close to the top of the list. Isaac Watts (1674-1748) created this happy and joyful song based on Psalm 72. The imagery of the risen Christ is certainly found in the words of this hymn, especially the 4th verse, "the prisoners leap to lose their chains." The tune "Duke Street," composed by John Hatton (d. 1793) is easy to sing and reflects the joy of Easter in its melody.

Servants for August 12th

Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*
Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*
Judy Robel - *Intercessor*
Pam Dietmeyer, Linda Curran - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Kathy Biggerstaff - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Bella Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*
Patrice Braun, Doris Gaic - *Altar Guild*
Patrice Braun, Pam Dietmeyer - *Flower Guild*

On the Calendar...

Instructed Eucharist (Part 1) - 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
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