



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle
September 12, 2018

New and Notable

Thoughts from Bill

NOT FOR PROFIT

The dictionary defines “profit” as “a financial gain, especially the difference between the amount earned and the amount spent in buying, operating, or producing something.”

In this Sunday’s gospel reading, Jesus says, “For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?” (Mark 8:36 NRSV)

As always, Jesus is talking about our values as human beings—which he sees as far more important than what we earn or gain in terms of wealth or power on this earth.

Many psychologists and counselors say that finances and earthly gain are the main source of depression and suicides. I believe this is what Jesus means by forfeiting our lives. Over and over again Jesus teaches that in God’s eyes we have enormous value as living beings. “Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouses nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!” (Luke 12:24 NRSV)

Recently a reporter interviewed a family that had lost their home in one of the California fires. “You’ve lost everything,” he said. “No,” answered the family’s mother, “we’ve retained the most valuable assets we have, our own lives.” It’s as if Jesus was there with her and her family. “For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?” (Mark 8:36 NRSV)

The Rev. William McLemore

TEAM MINISTRIES MEETING
THIS SUNDAY
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 this 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.

McHenry County CROP Hunger Walk
by Deb Lang

Hunger is an issue that is very important to all of us! I am walking in the McHenry County CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, September 30th and am asking for your support. CROP Hunger Walks help children and families locally and worldwide. Our donations will provide assistance for hungry people in our community and around the world by supporting Church World Service's life-saving programs. Join with me as we work together to solve this global challenge. I'm inviting you to walk with me and or make a donation on-line. Your gift can help save a life. Our sister church, St. Mary's, will also be walking to help the hungry.

McHenry County CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday September 30th
Walk Start: 1:00 pm
First Church, 236 West Crystal Lake Avenue, Crystal Lake

To join or donate visit crophungerwalk.org/mchenrycounty
Look for me and St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Thank you,
Deb Lang



If you have placed a name on the prayer list, please update the office of any changes. Names are kept on the list for one month, then taken off.

McHenry Township Bus Transportation Service now has Sunday Service

The McHenry Township Bus Transportation Service is starting a pilot program to enable senior and disabled citizens the opportunity to receive Sunday transportation service. This pilot program will run through December 2018, then be re-evaluated. The fare for this service is \$1.00 donation per each one-way ride. No one will be denied service for the inability to pay.

If you live within McHenry Township, which includes zip codes 60050, 60051, 60072, and 60097, and you would like to schedule a ride on a given Sunday, please contact Matthew Morrison at McHenry Township to get placed on the schedule. He can be reached at 815-385-5605. For a pickup for Sunday, a reservation must be made before 2pm on the Friday prior.

In case you missed it...

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.



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).



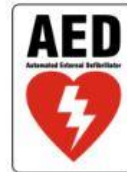
St. Paul's Flea Market

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. MANY volunteers are needed!



**Organ Concert
at The Church of the Holy Communion
320 Broad St., Lake Geneva
Sunday, September 23, 2018, 6:00 pm**

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.



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 16, 2018

(Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost- Year B)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9a. The prophet addresses his adversaries and takes comfort in God's support of his ministry. Psalm 116:1-8. "I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living." *The Epistle:* James 3:1-12. The writer warns people to be careful of how they speak because "the tongue is a fire." *The Gospel:* Mark 8:27-38. Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" He then reminds them to "take up their cross and follow me."

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 525. "The Church's One Foundation." This hymn was written by Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) in response to the liberal interpretation by the Rt. Rev. John William Colenso (1814-1883), the first Anglican bishop of Natal. Bishop Colenso was also a mathematician, theologian, biblical scholar, and social activist. Stone was an Anglican priest who felt deeply troubled by Colenso's ideas about Christianity and especially the interpretation of the Bible. Thus the third verse of his hymn: "Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed; yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, 'How long?' And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song." The tune, "Aurelia" was composed by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

Sequence: No. 574. "Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel." The author of this hymn is William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), the Anglican Bishop of Ripon in North Yorkshire, England. This forms a dramatic poem seeking forgiveness and reconciliation along with personal spiritual growth. "For lives bereft of purpose high, forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry." The tune, "St. Petersburg," was composed by Dimitri S. Borniniansky (1751-1825) and traces its roots to an old Russian hymn.

Presentation: No. 675. "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said." This hymn was written by an Episcopal priest, the Rev. Charles William Everest (1814-1877), Rector of Grace Church, Hamden, Connecticut (1942-1873). The hymn is based on words of Jesus that appear in all three synoptic Gospels: Mark 8:33, Matthew 16:24, and Luke 9:23. The tune, "Bourbon," attributed to Freeman Lewis (1780-1859), is a five-pitch folk tune from the southern United States.

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. 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 September 16th

Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*

Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*

Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*

Pam Dietmeyer, Linda Curran - *Eucharistic Ministers*

Bill Lang - *Vestry Person of the Day*

Ryan Bell - *Children's Crucifer*

Patrice Braun, Carol Toft - *Altar Guild, Flower Guild*

On the Calendar...

Team Ministries Meeting - This Sunday after church

Vestry - Wednesday, September 19, 6:00 pm

Informal Fall Parish Meeting - September 23

St. Paul's Flea Market - Saturday, September 29

Volunteers needed!

From the studio of the Rev. William P. McLemore



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