



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle — November 7, 2018

New and Notable

St. Paul's to Host Special Veterans Mass Sunday Nov. 11th



The congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, McHenry is inviting all McHenry area veterans to a special Veterans Day Mass on Sunday, November 11th at our 10am service. This special service is in honor of all veterans for their service to our country! The Reverend Lori Lowe will officiate with the Reverend William McLemore, U.S. Army, Retired, preaching. There will be a special reception following the service in the Parish Hall.

St. Paul's has a long history of helping our nation's veterans. We provided housing for homeless veterans at Betts' Place, a church owned residence on the west side of McHenry, through Transitional Living Services (TLS) for several years, and have supported TLS in their service to veterans in many ways over the years. We are currently providing, non-perishable food and paper products to TLS for their veteran clients. St. Paul's is also participating in the McHenry Chamber Veterans Expo at the McHenry VFW from 6PM to 8PM on Thursday November 8, 2018.

All veterans, their families, and all interested parties are welcome to attend the Special Service on November 11th and the reception that follows.

Thoughts from Bill

You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

In our gospel reading last Sunday, Jesus answered a question by a scribe as to which is the great commandment. Jesus replies: "The first is 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, we learn that a neighbor is a person who shows mercy to someone who has been wounded. In this sense, we are called not only to show mercy to the wounded, but to accept mercy for those wounds that we carry. We saw this recently in the wonderful response to the shooting in the Living Tree Synagogue in Pittsburgh. People of many different faiths, cultures, and backgrounds rallied to offer help and support to the survivors.

Sunday is Veterans Day and we not only remember all who gave their lives for our country, and who were wounded, but everyone who served in any capacity. Veterans are our neighbors—human beings—who served for our country—Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Marines, and many other responding groups to the call to serve. Our worship this Sunday will be an occasion for honoring those who have served. Please come and show love for these neighbors and thereby reflect this love on ourselves.

The Rev. William P. (Bill) McLemore
Retired Associate

In case you missed it...

St. Paul's to Participate in the McHenry Chamber Veterans Expo *An announcement from Jim Lukas*

St. Paul's Welcome Team will participate in the 2018 McHenry Chamber Veterans Expo on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at the McHenry VFW from 6 to 8PM.

Last year, over 300 people attended this event. More are expected in 2018. St. Paul's has a long history of helping our nation's veterans. We housed homeless veterans at Betts' Place on the west side of McHenry for several years and have supported Transitional Living Services (TLS) in many ways over the years. We are currently providing nonperishable food and paper products for the TLS food pantry for their veteran clients.

We will invite any Expo attendees to St. Paul's special Veterans Day Mass on Sunday, November 11th at our 10AM Service. Please be sure to attend this special service and show your appreciation to our nation's veterans for their service! If you are a veteran, please wear your "colors".

The purpose of the Welcome Team is to get the word out about St. Paul's and promote St. Paul's to the community. We have something very special here and we want to share it! You will be hearing more from the Welcome Team in the near future.

If you would like to participate in the Veterans Expo, please contact any of the Welcome Team members- John Patnaude, Kathy Biggerstaff, Charles Sterbis, Carol Toft, Kim Morris, or Jim Lukas.



FaithBridge's 12th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

Sunday, November 18th at 7:00 PM
Hosted by Tree of Life Unitarian Universalist Congregation
5603 W. Bull Valley Road
McHenry, IL 60050

Come join neighbors, families, and friends as we celebrate diversity of faith and culture... and in that celebration we explore our unity. Sharing community through drumming, singing, and varied messages, we have this joyful opportunity to meet and connect with diverse faith communities. To share gratitude, an offering will be made to benefit local food pantries. Refreshments will be served. Contact M. E. (Emi) Tanabe with any questions: 815-337-9895 (landline)



St. Leonard's Ministries provides housing and reentry programs to formerly incarcerated individuals, and is currently in urgent need of winter coats for men and women and heavy winter blankets. If you have coats you can donate, bring them to St. Paul's and we will arrange a pick-up. Or you can contact the coordinator, Katie Gonzalez, directly at katie.gonzalez@slministries.org, (312) 780-3192.

Pledge Cards

We have sent out your stewardship material -- a letter from your wardens, Jim and Jeff -- along with your pledge card in the mail. Please notice that the front is for your financial contribution, your "Treasure," and the back is for your contribution of "Time and Talent." Prayerfully consider how these commitments reflect your relationship with God and your devotion to St. Paul's. If you've lost or misplaced your card, we will be happy to send you another one, or you can pick one up in the narthex.

The usual fare...

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, November 11, 2018

(Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Year B)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: I Kings 17:8-16. Elijah creates a miracle with a widow who ends up with a jar of meal that last forever. **Psalms 146.** The Lord is portrayed as one who gives justice to the oppressed, and food to those who hunger. **The Epistle:** Hebrews 9:21-28. Jesus suffers for our sins and will return a second time, not to deal with sin, "but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him." **The Gospel:** Mark 12:38-44. Here Jesus speaks about a poor widow who offers two copper coins in the temple treasury and praises her generosity over the rich people who offer large sums of money.

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 686. "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." This hymn was written by Robert Robinson in 1757 when he was 22 years old. The words reflect our wandering nature and how God seeks us out and leads us home through Christ. The tune, "Nettleton" is a melody from "A Repository of Sacred Music" (1815).

Sequence: No. 718. "God of our Fathers." This hymn was written by the Rev. Daniel Crane Roberts (1841-1907), while rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Brandon, Vermont. He says, "This hymn was written in 1876 for a celebration of the Centennial 'Fourth of July,' and sung at Brandon, Vermont to the tune called 'Russian Hymn.'" Later, George William Warren (1828-1902) composed the present tune and named it "National Hymn."

Presentation: No. 579. "Almighty Father Strong to Save." This majestic hymn was written by William Whiting and appeared in a 1860 Hymnal. It immediately became popular as a naval hymn, but in 1937, Robert Nelson Spenser adapted it to include land and air. Both versions are included in the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal. The tune was composed by John Bacchus Dykes for this text and has greatly aided its popularity. Additional verses have been written to cover almost every branch of service and some medical professions, but perhaps the most far-reaching is by J. E. Volonte in 1961: "Eternal Father, king of birth, who didst create the heaven and earth, and bid the planets and the sun, their own appointed orbits run; O hear us when we seek thy grace for those who soar through outer space."

Communion: "In the Lord I'll be forever thankful." This hymn was written and set to music by Jacques Breathier for the Taizé religious community in France. 1991. It is based on Philippians 4:4-6.

Special Hymn: No. 716. "God Bless our Native Land."

Recessional: No. 681. "A Mighty fortress is our God." The German Roman Catholic monk, Martin Luther (1483-1546), who rebelled against the excesses of the Medieval Roman Catholic Church, composed and wrote the words to this very famous reformation hymn. The hymn became immediately popular and became the song of many involved in the reformation effort throughout Europe. The words and rhythm have experienced slight change from the original German (legend says the melody came from a popular beer drinking song); but the essence remains intact. The "world with devils filled" who "threaten to undo us," no doubt included the anger of the Papacy and his minions who physically tortured and persecuted the reformers.

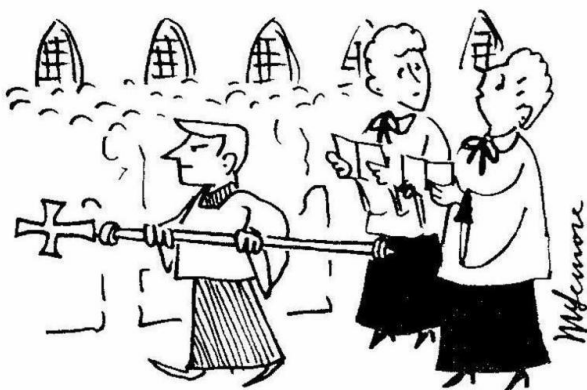
Servants for November 11th

Patrice and Bill Braun - *Ushers*
Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*
Judy Robel - *Intercessor*
Pam Dietmeyer, Charles Sterbis - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Christian Bell - *Children's Crucifer*
Beth Lukas, Nan Patnaude - *Altar Guild, Flower Guild*

On the Calendar...

Veterans Day Service - Sunday, November 11, 10:00 am
Vestry - Wednesday, November 14, 6:00 pm
Stewardship Reception - Sunday, November 18, after service
Eve of Thanksgiving Eucharist - Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 pm
First Sunday of Advent - December 2

From the studio of the Rev. William P. McLemore



"Every once in a while, Reginald starts daydreaming that he is leading the charge of the light brigade!"

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