



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle
February 6, 2019

New and Notable...

Annual Meeting
THIS SUNDAY
February 10

All are cordially invited and urged to attend
St. Paul's Annual Parish Meeting
this Sunday, February 10, following our morning worship.

The meeting begins with a COVERED DISH luncheon after which we will review the business of the parish. Please bring a covered dish to share. Also remember to bring canned or dry goods for our grocery basket in the spirit of "Feed ourselves, feed others."

Thoughts from Bill
An article by the Rev. Lynn White

Wonder

*"Look among the nations and see! Wonder and be
astounded! For a work is being done in your days
that you would not believe if you were told."
(Hab. 1:5)*

How about you? How is your “wonder” vision and what is your vision quotient? Most of us are more inclined to see snow that needs to be plowed than wonder/marvel at the reality of each unique snowflake. We shudder at the cold and snow storm and forget to give thanks that it reveals the footprints of deer at the bird feeder in the night. We dig in deep to the humdrum and often miss the miraculous.

I suggest that wonder is as common to our lives and breathing in and breathing out. However, like our breathing, we’re often unaware of wonder’s presence. I’ll give you some examples. I’m presently reading a book, *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult. I’m immersed in wonder as I’m discovering facts I didn’t know. I’ve learned that the leg muscles of a locust are a thousand times more powerful than the same weight of human muscle. I’ve learned that underneath the white fur of a polar bear their skin is black. I learned that a giraffe, whose spots are as individual as our fingerprints and snowflakes has four stomachs.

On Monday, January 21st, we celebrated Martin Luther King Jr.’s Day and wonder as well as the tragic quality of his life. It was a day to recall King’s life and words. King said wondrous and inspiring words like, “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.” And, “Love is the most durable power in the world.” King’s words cause us to catch our breath with wonder at their eloquence, insightfulness and truth, but years later, we’ve returned to simply breathing in and out, having lost some of the power and strength in them.

Nevertheless, the wonders continue. God continues God’s astounding work, hoping to stop us in our tracks, change our direction, and feed us in a new way. Just a week ago we were treated to a blood red moon. As I thought about the different words we use to describe the wonder of the God head, I thought about our Father, the Creator, who is always creating something new which to marvel and enjoy. I thought about Jesus, the Deliverer, whose mission is to deliver abundant forms of new life, and I thought about the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, who makes things holy. Might we become more aware of each breath, each moment of feeling, each gift of love, and be astonished at all we have been given. You won’t believe all there is which you are offered that is wonderful and present for you to behold. To God be the glory.

Amen

The Rev. Lynn White
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In case you missed it...

BSA Troop 455
24th Annual Pig Roast and Silent Auction
Sunday, February 10, 2019
11am - 3pm
Carry out or Dine in all-you-can-eat
Adults - \$12.00 Seniors(65+) - \$10.00 Children(4-10) - \$7.00
Johnsburg Community Club
2315 W. Church St., Johnsburg
www.troop455pigroast.org

Every year Boy Scout Troop 455 in Johnsburg hosts a Pig Roast Dinner/Silent Auction as a fundraiser for our scouts. This year will be the 25th Annual Pig Roast. Many of our scouts reside in Johnsburg, Wonder Lake, Woodstock, Richmond, McHenry, Fox Lake and Lakemoor areas. Without this fundraiser, many scouts could not afford summer camp and the troop could not afford many programs such as Leadership Training.



Help is needed!

We have openings for both Flower Guild and Altar Guild coming up for the 2nd week of each month. Training will be provided. Please let Lisa know (lisa@stpaulmchenry.com or 815-385-0390) if you feel called to help in these wonderful ministries!

The usual fare...

On the Calendar...

Annual Parish Meeting - This Sunday, February 10
Vestry - Thursday, February 21, 6:30 pm
Men's Breakfast - Saturday, **March 2**, 8:00 am
Shrove Tuesday / Taco Dinner - March 5
Ash Wednesday - March 6

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, February 10, 2019

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (Year C)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13). This passage tells the story of the call of God to Isaiah to be a prophet. **Psalms 138.** This Psalm relates the strength and security that comes from faith in God. **The Epistle:** I Corinthians 15:1-11. Here, St. Paul relates the essence of the Christian gospel as it has been revealed. **The Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11. Jesus joins the fishermen in their boats, teaching the crowd. He instructs them to put down their nets, which become full of fish.

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 522. "Glorious things of thee are spoken." Another majestic hymn set to Franz Joseph Haydn's "Austria," and first sung at the birthday of the Emperor Franz II, February 12, 1797, and became the national hymn of Austria. Haydn created it at the request of its chancellor who wanted an Austrian counterpart to the British, "God Save the King." The hymn is based on Isaiah 33:20-21, "Look on Zion, the city of our appointed

festivals... But there is the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams." It was first published in John Newton's, *Olney Hymns*, 1779, and has been in the various Episcopal hymnals since 1874. The words, written by the prolific John Newton, son of a shipmaster, who himself became a midshipman in the English Navy, are based on Isaiah 33. Again, we have music that directs our witness to the praise and glory of God.

Sequence: No. 524. "I love thy kingdom, Lord." This hymn was authored by Dr. Timothy Dwight (1725-1817) when he was president of Yale College. It is based on Psalm 137 and has been in the Episcopal hymnals since 1826. The tune, "St. Thomas," was composed by Aaron Williams (1731-1776) and later harmonized by Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Presentation: No. 416. "For the beauty of the earth." The hymn was written by Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917) who was born in Bath, England, and educated at Queens' College, Cambridge, where he graduated with honors in classics, B.A., 1857. For a good part of his life, he taught classics at Somersetshire College. The hymn extols the beauty of all creation, the time we spend on this earth, the joy of all sensations, human love, and the church "which evermore lifteth holy hands above." The tune, "Lucerna Laudoniae," was composed by David Evans (11874-1948).

Communion: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer." This is another Taize community musical paraphrase to a psalm (102:1-2). It was set to music by Jacques Bertheir (1923-1994) in 1991, shortly before he died. The Psalm reads, "Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you; hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble."

Recessional: No. 559. "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us." This hymn, written for the children of the London Orphan Asylum by James Edmeston, was first published in the second set of his "Sacred Lyrics" of 1821. It has been in the Episcopal Hymnal since 1874. The tune, "Dulce Carmen," has been ascribed to Johann Michael Haydn, but the composer of this lyric is yet unknown. Its earliest appearance is in the "Essay on Church Plain Chant," of 1782. The message of this hymn has long provided strength for those who suffer physically or mentally.

Servants for February 10th

Bill Lang - *Usher*
Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*
Judy Robel - *Intercessor*
Pam Dietmeyer, Charles Sterbis - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Kathy Biggerstaff - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Ryan Bell - *Children's Crucifer*
Beth Lukas, Nan Patnaude - *Altar Guild, Flower Guild*

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