

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle

May 1, 2019

New and Notable...



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 4
8:00 am at Kim & Patty's

This will be our last Men's Breakfast with Bill McLemore! All men are welcome to attend this great time of food and fellowship. Please RSVP to Al Robel (alanrobel@att.net).

Words from the Wardens

Welcome to a new regular communication from your Wardens, Jeff Zabor and Beth Lukas, that we are calling "Words from the Wardens." Continuing in the St. Paul's tradition of open and honest communication and transparency, it is our intent to keep you informed and updated as we begin this new journey at St. Paul's. Let me begin this communication with a message that your Wardens and Vestry believe with all of our hearts:

***St Paul's is Alive & Well!!
Alleluia!!***

Change is happening in our St. Paul's family. Lori and Bill will be moving forward at the end of May and relocating in Sterling, Illinois. While this is a change that saddens us, we are happy for Lori and Bill and certainly wish them well in their new pursuits. It also provides St. Paul's an opportunity to build on what we have become under Lori's leadership and envision a new way to be "us".

Change is never easy, but I also believe that growth requires change. Change does not mean that something is broken and needs to be fixed, but rather, change is providing us a situation in which we can stretch and become even better versions of who we are now.

The Wardens have already reached out to our Diocese to guide us through the process of moving forward. Our liaisons through this process are Andrea Mysen, Director of Ministries, and Victor Conrado, Associate for Ministries. The Vestry has already met in person with Andrea, and the Wardens will be meeting via conference call again this week. Although the Vestry and Wardens will be conducting these meetings, we will need everyone's input along the way. We are embarking on a journey to re-envision how to be "church" – won't you please join us? Please contact Jeff or Beth or any Vestry member at any time with your questions and ideas.

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Mark your Calendar!

*Farewell party in celebration of Lori & Bill's ministries at St. Paul's
Sunday, May 26@ 4pm ~ Details to follow!*



Our beautiful altar on Easter morning!



*Deb Lang, Jeffrey Zabor,
Antania Pecoraro, and Barb Moriarty*



Labyrinth Update *by Jim Lukas*

The Welcome Committee held weekly indoor Thursday labyrinth walks for five weeks ending April 11th.

We believe the labyrinth was successful. We had 24 people walk the labyrinth. Eight people walked who had never been to St. Paul's. The rest of the walkers were parishioners. We believe we accomplished our goal of gaining awareness for St. Paul's through social network sites, McHenry Chamber and the NW Herald.

Special thanks to Welcome Committee members Carol Toft, Ray Bishop, Kathy Biggerstaff, Charles Sterbis, and Vestry members Rick Carlstedt, Beth Lukas, Judy Robel, and Deacon Candidate Deb Lang for acting as docents for these walks over the five week period. We also have a major "Shout Out" to St. Mary's Church in Crystal Lake, Rev. Fran Holiday, St. Mary's Rector, and Catherine Carrol, St. Mary's Labyrinth Expert, for letting us use their labyrinth and instructing us in its proper use.

The Welcome Committee will convene over breakfast soon to decide our next project. We are a fun loving group that makes things happen! Come join us and help us make things happen!

In case you missed it...



Saturday, August 24th
9:00 - 3:00 pm

Mark your calendars for our next **flea market!** We'll have vendors both outside and inside, so if you'd like to reserve a space, give Lisa a call in the office. They're already starting to sign up! There will be baked goods for sale, and possibly a raffle. There are many volunteer opportunities as well. Stay tuned!

The usual fare...

On the Calendar...

Vestry - Thursday, April 25, 6:30 pm
Men's Breakfast — May 4, 8:00 am
Celebration for Lori and Bill - Sunday, May 26, 4:00 pm
Flea Market / Craft Show - Saturday, August 24

Lessons and Hymns for May 5, 2019

(The Third Sunday of Easter, Year C)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Reading: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20). This is the dramatic story of the conversion of Saul on the road to Tarsus — quite an event in the early history of the church as St. Paul becomes one of the true leaders and theologians of the new faith. **The Epistle:** Revelation 5:11-14. John beholds the elders around the throne of God along with other personages singing, "to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever." **The Gospel:** John 21:1-19. Jesus appears to the disciples on their fishing trip and later at a breakfast in which there is a charge by Jesus to Peter as to the depth of his love.

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 182. "Christ Is Alive!" The author of this new hymn is Brian Wren (b. 1936), Emeritus Professor of Worship, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia. He is a writer, preacher, liturgics scholar, and internationally published hymn-poet. Brian is a Minister of the United Reformed Church (UK). Hope Publishing Company owns the 1975 copyrights to the text. The hymn reflects the sacrificial nature of Our Lord's Resurrection. Here is the 4th verse: "In every insult, rift and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide, he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives though ever crucified." The tune, "Truro," is from a 1789 Psalm Book, harmonized by Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Sequence: "Celtic Alleluia." This was written and composed by Fintan O'Carroll, born July 31, 1922 in Wexford, England. On completion of his secondary school studies, he took up a position as a clerk in the national railway. He won first prize in a traditional music competition, aged 12, playing violin, and went on to study violin at home, taking lessons as the opportunity arose. His heart was in music, and he left his railway position in 1967 after 27 years of service, whereupon he completed his degree at Trinity to gain his Bachelor of Music degree.

Presentation: No. 210. "The Day of Resurrection." This is a popular hymn of the Orthodox churches and dates back to St. John of Damascus (c. 750). It is sung in Greek churches at midnight on Easter morning. It was the tradition to begin the hymn in relative darkness and, as it was being sung, each worshiper would light their candle until they felt the "rays eternal of resurrection light" of the second verse. The tune, "Ellacombe," is by an unknown composer and appears first in the "Gesangbuch" of 1863.

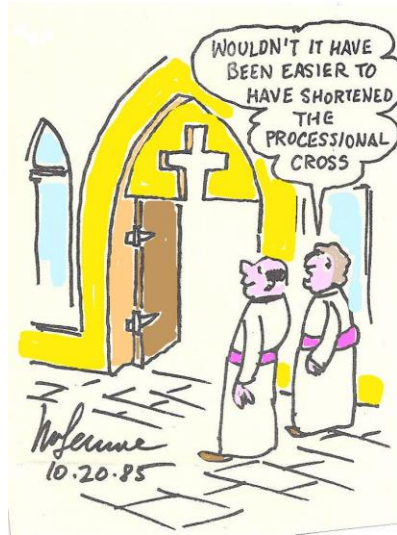
Communion: No. 178. "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord." This hymn was written by Donald Fishel, born in 1950, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and a consummate musician. In a biographical sketch he writes that after college, "I then embarked on a career in music publishing and began writing the Christian songs for which I am best known. My songs *Alleluia No. 1* and *The Light of Christ* can be found in the hymnals of the Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, and Roman Catholic Churches." The tune name is the "Alleluia No. 1" and was composed by him and arranged by Betty Carr Pulkingham (b. 1928) the wife of the Rev. William Graham Pulkingham an Episcopal priest who lived from 1926-1993.

Recessional: No. 199. "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain." This hymn is based upon Exodus 15, "The Song of Moses," and is attributed to St. John of Damascus (8th century). It has been translated from the Latin by John Mason Neale (1818-1866). The tune, "St. Kevin," was composed by Arthur S. Sullivan for this text in the "Hymnary" of 1872.

Servants for May 5th

Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*
Judy Robel - *Lector*
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*
Al Robel - *Eucharistic Minister*
Rick Carlstedt - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Antania Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*
Patrice Braun, Doris Gaic - *Altar Guild*
Patrice Braun, Pam Dietmeyer - *Flower Guild*
Jeffrey Zabor - *Coffee Hour*

From the studio of William P. McLemore



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