



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
McHenry, IL



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## Weekly ePistle

July 24, 2019

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*New and Notable...*

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### ***Words from the Wardens***

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our informal parish meeting on Sunday with Andrea Mysen.

Andrea started the meeting with a discussion about the Benedictine life which is centered in the premise that God is here right now and is with us in our lives at ALL times. God is beckoning us to listen; God will guide us if are open to listening. This is a very powerful message, especially at this time of discernment for St Paul's. Andrea invited us to always be mindful of this message as we ponder questions like: Who are we? What is our identity? What do we value? What does God envision for us as we move forward? God is with us always.

Andrea also discussed the life cycle of the church which is very similar to the human life cycle. We were all asked to chart where we thought St Paul's was in this life cycle. Where we are will help lead us to where we want to be and help us decide what is needed to get there.

In August, the Vestry will be doing a retreat. As we prepare and participate in this retreat, we will be reminding ourselves that God is with us, beckoning us to listen. I invite all of you to practice this Benedictine model not only as we discern our future, but also in your everyday life. Who knows where it will lead?

*Beth Lukas, Junior Warden*

*St Paul's is Alive and Well!!*

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*Looking back through the St. Paul archives...*



*Original building, dedicated in 1958*



*Before the addition of the current sanctuary*

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*In case you missed it...*

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***Financial Update***

*By Jim Lukas, Finance Committee Chairman  
and Billy Lang, Treasurer*

The Finance Committee has been diligently working on projecting St. Paul's finances during this period of transition. We have analyzed pledge data through June 30th and forecasted income and expenses through December 31, 2019. The preliminary results are:

1. St. Paul's cash position has improved due to our managing expenses by not paying rector salary and related expenses, using supply priests, having Morning Prayer at times, mowing our lawn ourselves and renegotiating our maintenance contracts.
2. Because of this improved cash position, St. Paul's will not take our scheduled \$4,700 monthly deposit from the Endowment Fund in July and August.
3. Going forward, we expect to continue to use the Endowment Fund for monthly deposits; however the amount will be approximately \$2,500 per month starting September, 2019.
4. Previously, the Endowment Fund was projected to exhaust in April, 2020. Using the \$2,500 monthly deposit amount starting in September, we project the Fund to exhaust in February, 2021.
5. We will continue to monitor income and expenses and make every effort to reduce our monthly Endowment Fund deposit, thereby increasing the life of the Endowment Fund.

As always, St. Paul's financial information is available to parishioners. If anyone ever has any questions do not hesitate to reach out to us. Please continue to make your pledge through these summer months. St. Paul's is alive and well and with your continued support we will transition to the next phase of our parish life.

Thanks,  
Jim and Billy

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## ***August 24***

Our Second Annual Flea Market/Craft Show is coming up! This year, we'll be holding a raffle with donated items. There is a chart in the narthex where you can sign up to participate! There are several great baskets to choose from: Wine Lover's, Chocoholics, Dog Lover's, Lottery Tickets, Kid Stuff, and Coffee Lovers! Of course, you will have an opportunity to win these baskets as well!

Volunteers will be needed, as well as contributions to our bake sale. Stay tuned!

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### ***Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Message, "Who is my Neighbor?"***

“Deeply embedded in the Christian faith, indeed deeply embedded in the Jewish tradition, which is the mother of the Christian faith, and deeply embedded in the faith and traditions and values of many of the world’s great religions, is a profound conviction in a sure and certain value and virtue that care for the stranger, the alien, the visitor, is a sacred duty, a sacred vow.”

The Presiding Bishop’s video message can be found here:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/video-presiding-bishops-message-who-my-neighbor>

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## **St. Paul's Annual Parish Picnic AND the celebration of Deb Lang's Ordination to the Diaconate!**

**August 18 @ 4:00 pm**

Everyone is invited to our annual Parish Picnic here at St. Paul's. We're firing up the grill and there will be fun and games! Plan on bringing a dish to pass, and bring a friend as well!

*See you there!*

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### ***Our Current Outreach Project!***

For this summer's outreach opportunity we will be filling backpacks with school supplies to be given to McHenry Elementary schools. The deadline is **August 11**. You may leave them in the box in the narthex or in the office. Anything (or all) from the list will be greatly appreciated! Supplies needed are:

#### **Backpack –**

- Large enough to fit folders inside
- Plain colors – no characters
- No wheels
- No trapper-keepers
- Five Below and Walmart have great ones for \$5!

#### **Supplies –**

- Plastic pencil box
- Washable school glue (Elmer's)
- 3 boxes 24-count crayons
- Washable markers
- Glue sticks
- Sharpened yellow pencils
- Large pink pencil erasers
- Fiskars scissors for kids
- Spiral notebooks – assorted primary colors
- Large box Kleenex

**Thank you!!**

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#### ***Questions or concerns?***

Please contact our Wardens - Jeff Zabor (Senior Warden)  
or Beth Lukas (Junior Warden).

#### ***In need of pastoral care?***

Please contact Deborah Lang, our Deacon.

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#### ***Mark your calendar!***

**Backpack supplies deadline** - Sunday, August 11  
**Vestry** - Sunday, August 18, after the service  
**Annual Parish Picnic** - Sunday, August 18, 4:00 pm  
**Flea Market / Craft Show** - Saturday, August 24

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*The usual fare...*

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## Lessons and Hymns for July 28, 2019

(Seventh Sunday of Pentecost, Year C)

Celebrant - The Rev. Clarence Langdon

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**First Lesson:** Genesis 18:20-32

**The Gradual:** Psalm 138

**Second Lesson:** Colossians 2:6-19

**The Gospel:** Luke 11:1-13

### THE HYMNS:

**Processional:** No. 410. "Praise my soul, the King of heaven"

**Sequence:** No. 47. "On this day, the first of days"

**Presentation:** No. 380. "From all that dwell below"

**Communion:** "Taste and see"

**Recessional:** No. 709. "O God of Bethel"

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### Servants for July 28th

Terry Jaworski, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*

Judy Robel - *Lector*

Barb Moriarty - *Intercessor*

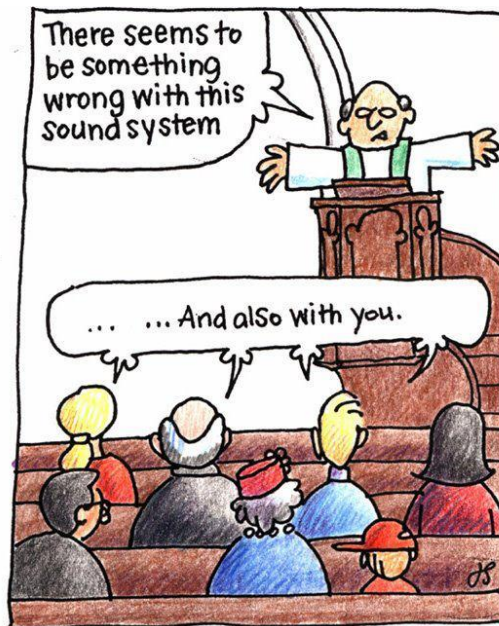
Al Robel - *Eucharistic Minister*

Barb Moriarty - *Vestry Person of the Day*

Marilyn Bell, Marilyn Reihansperger - *Altar Guild*

Marilyn Bell, Kathy Biggerstaff - *Flower Guild*

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