



St. Paul's Episcopal Church McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle ~ February 5, 2020

New and Notable

Words from Wardens

At the Annual Meeting last month, Deb Lang and I presented some ideas that we will be pursuing as we look toward the future of St. Paul's. In case you were unable to attend the meeting, the Vestry, with guidance from Andrea Mysen of the Bishop's staff, decided to look into two options:

1. Meet with a commercial realtor to begin discussion about our physical space. Our building is by far our largest expense. Some questions that we will be asking are: How can we better utilize this space? Could we lease space to outside groups? Should we look into the possibility of selling our building and leasing space elsewhere that is more cost effective? What is the current market like? We are open to all options, and once we get answers to our questions, we will be in a much better position to make decisions in the future.
2. Conversations with the Lutheran Church. In McHenry, that would be our neighbor, Shepherd of the Hills. The Episcopal Church is in communion with the Lutheran Church, and several Episcopal Churches in our Diocese have joined with their local Lutheran Church for very successful partnerships.

As your Deacon, Wardens, and Vestry research these options, we will be working very closely with our Diocese and Andrea. In fact, Andrea will be joining us on Sunday 2/16 to celebrate the Eucharist and meet with the Vestry after Coffee & Conversation. Please join us!

Change is never easy, but we are doing this together as a team, and all ideas and suggestions are "on the table". Throughout this process, we promise to be transparent and keep you informed every step of the way. Thank you, my St. Paul's family, for your support and faith as we walk this journey together.

Beth Lukas, Sr. Warden

In case you missed it



Deacon Deb



Jeffrey Zabor



Beth Lukas

Annual Meeting January 26th

The congregation enjoyed a tasty luncheon and discussed the past year at St. Paul's, along with options for the future. Reports are available on the table in the narthex.



Ash Wednesday Services

February 26th

Noon ~ Holy Eucharist with the Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts
7:00 pm ~ Imposition of Ashes with the Rev. Deacon Deborah Lang



Holy Mowers!

Again this spring, we're looking for volunteers to join the Holy Mowers team! There's a monthly signup chart in the parish hall. Just one week per month, and it doesn't matter what day...whatever works with your schedule. Our riding lawn mower is available for your use. Please contact Jeff or the office if you're interested.



Labyrinth Walks

St. Paul's will host labyrinth walks in the parish hall during Lent. A special walk will be held for parishioners after the service on **March 1st**. Walks will be held every Wednesday starting March 4th going through April 1st from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. All are welcome to experience this wonderful opportunity for reflection, meditation, and renewal. Questions? Please call the church office or contact Jim Lukas: jimlukas2016@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed to help out with this wonderful ministry.

The usual fare

On the Calendar

February 16 – Vestry

February 16 Celebrant – Rev. Andrea Mysen

February 23 Celebrant – Rev. Estime Frader

February 26 – Ash Wednesday Services

Noon Eucharist –

Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts

7:00 Imposition of Ashes –

Rev. Deacon Deborah Lang

Labyrinth Walks – Wednesdays 5:30pm – 7:30pm
March 4 through April 1

Lessons and Hymns for February 9, 2020

(5th Sunday after Epiphany, Year A)

Officiant - The Rev. Deacon Deborah Lang

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

The Psalm: Psalm 112:1-9(10)

The Gospel: Matthew

THE HYMNS:

Opening Hymn: No. 381. "Thy strong Word"

Offering Hymn: No. 601. "O day of God draw nigh"

Closing Hymn: No. 607. "O God of every nation"

Servants for February 9th

Terry Jaworski, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*

Jim Lukas - *First Reader*

Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*

Jeffrey Zabor - *Gospel Reader*

Bill Lang - *Vestry Person of the Day*

Questions or concerns?

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

In need of pastoral care?

Please contact Deborah Lang, our Deacon.



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