



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle ~ August 12, 2020

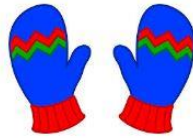
Words from Wardens

At our last parish meeting, the Vestry, Deb, Jeff, and I all made a commitment to you to keep you informed about what is going on at St. Paul's. Continuing with that pledge of transparency, I would like to use this week's Word from the Wardens to give you an update. Last week, after an attorney review, I signed a listing contract with Tim Billimack from Blue Chip Realtors. We are considering all options, but our primary focus is to try to find someone to share our space so that we can continue to worship in our building. Our next step in this process is to meet with Tim to discuss how he will proceed. At the meeting there was some question as to what the Diocese is doing to assist us right now. While it might not always be apparent, the Diocese has been a tremendous support to us, and as we walk this uncertain path right now, they are with us. Andrea Mysen, who has been our liaison to the Diocese, is going to be meeting with the Vestry conducting a transitioning workshop with us. It is our intent to bring this workshop to everyone at a future parish meeting. Deb, Jeff and I are also meeting with Courtney Reid, who is the Director of Operations for the Diocese, to discuss the Columbarium.

These are some of the many "behind the scenes" things that are happening right now. So, what visible things have been happening at St. Paul's? We may be in a period of transition, but we are not sitting still. A "to do" list has been created to make needed repairs and improvements and to do general cleanup. This is an ongoing project, and anyone who would like to help, please let us know. We have hired a cleaning crew to come in the church monthly to do general cleaning. We are joyfully meeting every Sunday to celebrate Morning Prayer together, while we are continuing to search for supply priests so join us to celebrate the Eucharist. And.....most importantly – we are continuing our promise to not lose sight of Outreach. Our Food for Thought ministry is continuing, with an even greater need for food during these difficult times. Please see the separate article for what is needed. In addition to continuing our food ministry, we have a new outreach opportunity for McHenry Elementary school age children who are in need of hats, mittens, and masks for the upcoming school year. A group is being organized to get started on this outreach project. Please see the separate article and consider joining us!

So, as you can see, St. Paul's is very much Alive and Well! Please join us in whatever capacity you can – by working together we can achieve great things!

Beth Lukas (Senior Warden)



Mitten Ministry

We will have a short informational meeting after this Sunday's service on the **16th** to discuss plans for our Mitten Ministry. We'll talk about what is involved and set a date. Please join us! Sewers and non-sewers welcome. Mittens will be donated to the Kids in Need program here in McHenry. Questions? Email Lisa: lisa@stpaulmchenry.com

Men's Breakfast is starting back up! Saturday, September 5

Please join the men of the church for Men's Breakfast at Brunch Cafe on Saturday, **September 5th** at 8:00 am. Questions? Please email Al Robel: alanrobelt@att.net.

New email for Deacon Deb!

Our Deacon, Deborah Lang, has a new email here at St. Paul's. You may now contact her at: deacondeb@stpaulmchenry.com.

Servants for August 16th

Terry and Don Jaworski - *Ushers*
Judy Robel - *First Reader*
Barb Moriarty - *Intercessor*
Al Robel - *Gospel Reader*
Kathy Biggerstaff - *Vestry Person of the Day*

Food for Thought update

The Food for Thought program at McHenry West is still going on. They will be packing two weeks' worth of bags every two weeks for parents/guardians to pick up. Currently, they are in need of **cereal, canned fruit, granola bars, peanut butter, and jelly**. They are so grateful for our continued support!

Holy Mowers August Schedule

Week 1 - Ashley Pecoraro
Week 2 - Jeff Zabor
Week 3 - Jeff Lynaugh
Week 4 - Bill Lang

St. Paul's Prayer List
Week of August 16 - 22

Please keep those on our prayer list in your thoughts during this time. If you wish to add to the list, please contact the church office.

Ongoing prayers: Yasmin, Kay, Edna, Ann, Amy, Tim, Bren, Brady, Jim, Marty, Barb, Marianne, Jim, Lucy, Vic, and Cindy

Current prayers: Michelle, Jenn, Stacy, Jeff, Keith, Shane, Bobbi, Rory, Brandy, Danielle, and Robert

For those celebrating birthdays: Bob Curran (Aug 19th)

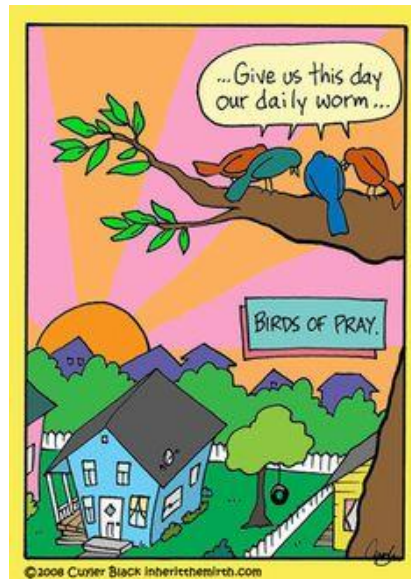
For those celebrating anniversaries: Bob and Linda Curran (Aug 17th)

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: DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com



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