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McHenry, IL



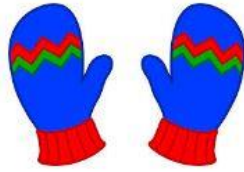
Weekly ePistle ~ August 26, 2020

Words from Wardens

In the upcoming weeks, you are going to hear a lot about paths and pathways. When the decision was made to move forward in a new direction for St. Paul's, I like to think that we chose to take a path that would lead to St. Paul's becoming financially sustainable in a new way. We have officially engaged into a contract to sell or lease our building. While this might seem scary because of the unknown outcome, we have chosen a path to be open to new opportunities for St. Paul's. In the meantime, we need to be ready to accept all interested inquiries and begin to prepare for the future. Along the way, there will be uncertainty, and with uncertainty comes misinformation. Misinformation leads to speculation which often leads to fear and distrust. The Wardens and Vestry have promised to keep all lines of communication open; please reach out to us if you hear information that you do not understand or you have questions about where we are in the process. We do not want misinformation to create fear or divisions. This is a path we are walking **together**; together we will create a future for St. Paul's.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Eileen Shanley-Roberts who joined us last Sunday to celebrate with us. Eileen has graciously offered to provide St. Paul's with her services of being our regular supply priest until at least the end of the year. Eileen will be with us every Sunday with the exception of the 3rd Sunday of the month when we will continue with Morning Prayer. Eileen is also guiding us as we walk this path towards a new future. As such, she has also offered her pastoral services to anyone who has a need. Please introduce yourself to Eileen and welcome her to our home, and know that she is there if you should have a need.

Beth Lukas (Senior Warden)



***Mitten Ministry
This Saturday, August 29***

We will meet this Saturday, **August 29th** to make mittens! Starting at 9:00 am, we'll go until noon or so. Please join us! Sewers and non-sewers are needed. Please bring sharp scissors! Mittens will be donated to the Kids in Need program here in McHenry. Questions? Email Lisa: lisa@stpaulmchenry.com

Looking for new Vestry members!

St. Paul's future is very much on the minds of all of us right now. What better way to help to steer our future than to become a part of the Vestry. Several members of our current Vestry are nearing the end of their terms which will create open positions in 2021. Please consider volunteering for this important and exciting role as we blaze new paths for St. Paul's. Contact a Warden or Vestry member for information or to volunteer.

Coming Soon!! Stewardship 2021

The path that we travel in 2021 will always depend upon the stewardship of our parishioners. Stay tuned for more information as we kick off Stewardship 2021.

***Bishop Search and Transition News
Standing Committee to announce slate on October 5***

The Standing Committee is pleased to announce updates to the bishop search timeline, including new dates for the announcement of the slate and the petition process:

- October 5 - Standing Committee expects to announce the slate and open the petition process
- October 12 - Any candidates added to the slate by petition will be announced
- November 5, 6, 7 and 12, 13, 14 - Candidate Conversations (see below)

The Transition Committee is pleased to announce the schedule for Candidate Conversations. Candidate Conversations will provide the people of the diocese the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the candidates for bishop prior to the election. All of the sessions will be held virtually and will comply with local health guidelines.

- Thursday, November 5 at 6 pm (Central Time, CT)
- Friday, November 6 at 10 am (CT)
- Saturday, November 7 at 12 pm (CT)
- Thursday, November 12 at 6 pm (CT)
- Friday, November 13 at 10 am (CT)
- Saturday, November 14 at 12 pm (CT)

The sessions will present the candidates in a variety of formats intended to be similar to in-person meetings. The candidates will also have opportunities to learn about the diocese and its members, an important part of the process. Each Candidate Conversation will include closed captioning and simultaneous English to Spanish translation to reach as many members of the diocese as possible. The Transition Committee is looking forward to presenting the candidates this fall and would like to encourage the people of the diocese to view as many of these sessions as possible.

***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: alanrob@att.net.

***Servants for August 30th
Holy Eucharist***

Jim & Beth Lukas - *Ushers*
Jim Lukas - *First Reader*
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*
Al Robel - *Epistle Reader*

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!

On the Calendar

Sunday, August 30 - ***Holy Eucharist with Rev. Dr. Jane Clark***
Saturday, September 5 - ***Men's Breakfast***
Sunday, September 6 - ***Morning Prayer***
Sunday, September 13 - ***Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts***
Sunday, September 20 - ***Morning Prayer / Vestry meeting***

***Holy Mowers
September Schedule***

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

St. Paul's Prayer List
Week of August 30 - September 5

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: Jenn, Stacy, Jeff, Keith, Shane, Bobbi, Rory, Brandy, Danielle, and Peter

For those celebrating birthdays: Missy Robel (Sept 3) & Terry Jaworski (Sept 5)

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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