



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church McHenry, IL



## Weekly ePistle ~ August 5, 2020

## Words from Wardens

Good Day to all!

I welcome this cool down we are having! It has a hint of fall to it even though another warm up is imminent.

Good to see all of you that were in church for last Sunday's service. Please consider signing up to help sew hats and mittens for needy children, and non-sewing volunteers are also needed. I made the announcement in church that our local school district has elected to begin the first trimester of the school year with distance learning from home. Therefore our school supply drive has been placed on hold until I discuss with the Vestry how we will proceed.

Special thanks are given to Al Robel who I spent some time with this last weekend cleaning up the church grounds and gutter cleaning etc. Al's time and generosity is appreciated and noteworthy.

Corona virus is on the rise here in the Midwest unfortunately. Please continue to heed the warnings and suggestions for your safety and the safety of others and join me in prayer that this time will pass as safely as possible.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Zabor (Junior Warden)

## 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.



#### Calling all knitters, sewers and helpful folk!

We have a new outreach opportunity for Kids in Need here in McHenry. Elementary school age children are in need of hats, mittens, and masks for the upcoming school year. We are planning a day to get together to work on these projects and we need to know how many are interested. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you can leave a message in the office. If there is enough interest, we'll set a date! Materials and patterns will be provided. Kits can be made up for those wanting to sew them at home.

**Knitters** - can you make child-size hats or mittens? **Sewers** - can you bring your sewing machine and stitch up masks and easy fleece mittens?

**Non-sewers** - can you trace the patterns and cut out pieces for the sewers?

Questions? Just let Lisa know!

#### YOU KNOW YOU ARE AN EPISCOPALIAN WHEN:

- It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.
- When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," and you respond, "And also with you."
- And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye.

#### Food for Thought

Even though it's summer, we're looking forward to filling our grocery cart in anticipation of school opening in August. McHenry High School students anonymously provides bags of food to qualifying students to sustain them through the weekend. Items needed are:

Canned tuna, salmon, chicken, vegetables, and fruits Grains (brown & white rice, pasta, mac & cheese) Hot and cold cereals Healthy snacks, peanut butter, and canned soups



## 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 9 - 15

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, Larry, Jerry, Audra, and Peter

For those celebrating birthdays: Joshua Zabor (Aug 13)

#### Helpful Websites

Below are links from Bishop Curry, Bishop Lee, and others that you may find helpful:

**Episcopal News Service.** Bishop Curry's news is posted here along with Episcopal news from around the country. Subscribe: https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/

**Chicago Diocese website.** Bishop Lee posts his videos and letters here along with other diocese news. Very good general resource. https://episcopalchicago.org/

**Leadership News from Chicago Diocese:** From the diocese home page there is a link to subscribe to the newsletter. Updates come regularly and are informative.

**Episcopal Relief and Development.** Link to supportive resources: <a href="https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/us-disaster-program/remoteministry/">https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/us-disaster-program/remoteministry/</a>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: https://www.cdc.gov/

**World Health Organization**: https://www.who.int/

#### 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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