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St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle ~ October 14, 2020

New Worship Time This Sunday!

Starting next Sunday, **October 18**, we will be switching to a worship time of **8:30 am** in order to accommodate the worship service of the new owners of St. Paul's. This will be our new worship time going forward.

We have a new home!

We are happy to announce that we have reached a shared ministry agreement with the First United Methodist Church in McHenry. We anticipate our first Eucharist there will be celebrated in early November. Details coming soon!

Words from Wardens

Good day to all!

Exciting change is in the fall air for us and I must say I for one am very excited. As Episcopalians we are very traditional and I probably speak for more than a few when I say that we'd rather avoid change.

"Do you know how many Episcopalians it takes to change a light bulb? It takes three, one to change the bulb and two to talk about how good the old one was."

Our church family is alive and well and these new changes, I'm confident, are going to restore our enthusiasm and excitement in our church life and our commitment to community outreach.

Remember that during this time of change it also the season of giving. Please join me in considering your own pledge to this exciting year ahead of us.

Prayerfully,

Jeffrey Zabor (Junior Warden)

From Deacon Deb

Friends,

When I look back on the past few months, I'm filled with an assortment of feelings. Like you, I am saddened that we are leaving our beloved building. I am also delighted that our building will continue to be a house of worship and is owned by people who already love it. Overall, I am filled with a sense of awe. I am awed by the presence of God as we have moved through this time with grace and abundant blessings. I am awed by the resilience and determination all of you have shown as we continue our journey as St. Paul's church.

You are the church. And you, the people of St. Paul's, have a long history of caring for the community. This work is not finished. The community needs us to continue to do God's will in caring for those in need. Our commitment to our pledge is essential in keeping this work alive. Our pledge is a faith-filled "Yes" to the gifts God has given us; gifts that are meant to be shared.

Every aspect of our lives is being touched by change. What we can hold on to, what we know will never change, is our identity as the people of God. No matter what happens, we belong to God. I invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge. God is calling us to know that God is with us now and to trust that God holds our future. It is up to us to faithfully live into that future.

You will receive a pledge card in the mail this week. Please bring it to Stewardship Sunday, October 25, and place it on the altar in thanksgiving and to the glory of God.

In Christ,
Deacon Deborah



The Rev. Canon Paula Clark

The Rev. Edwin D. Johnson

The Rev. Dr. Fulton L. Porter, III

The Rev. Winnie Varghese

The Standing Committee has announced the slate of candidates for the 13th Bishop of Chicago. Information about the candidates, including each candidate's short introductory video, spiritual autobiography, resume, and answers to the essay questions asked by the Search & Nomination Committee, can be found on the [Bishop Search and Transition website](#). The Electing Convention will take place virtually on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

The Transition Committee has scheduled a series of virtual Candidate Conversations to provide the people of the diocese the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the candidates for bishop prior to the election. The conversations are scheduled for various times from November 5-14. Visit the [Bishop Search and Transition website](#) for more information and to see the complete schedule.

***Servants for October 18
Morning Prayer***

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

On the Calendar

Sunday, October 18 - ***Morning Prayer / Vestry***
New Time - 8:30 am!!
Sunday, October 25 - ***Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts***
Sunday, October 25 - ***Pledge Sunday***

***St. Paul's Prayer List
Week of October 18 - October 24***

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, Bonnie, Brandy, Danielle, Peter, Debbie, Peter, Owen, Patsy, Debbie, Camilla, Jennifer, Shirley-Patricia, Al, and Barbara

For those celebrating birthdays: Jeff Lynaugh (Oct. 22)

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

101 Reasons to be Episcopalian!

*#59 Two millennia of faith; four centuries of liturgy; comrades worldwide traveling in love the journey to God we each tread alone.
-- Peter Berry, Diocese of Bristol, England*

*#5 The seasons are color coded.
-- Bungee Bynum, Diocese of Lexington*

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