



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
McHenry, IL



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## Weekly ePistle ~ September 30, 2020

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### *Words from Wardens*

Hello all,

That greeting should almost say "Hello Fall". It's a chilly one lately but I welcome the changing seasons. It's something that I feel we take for granted living in this area. I hope you are keeping well and warm.

As the end of the year draws near we are starting our Stewardship campaign once again. In the not too distant future, pledge cards will be mailed to you and we ask that you return your pledge card back to the church in a timely fashion. This is very important as the Vestry and the finance committee use these pledge cards to plan for the year ahead. Your continued generosity is appreciated and important to us all as a church family.

The new owners of the building are making plans to refurbish the parking lot presumably before winter and these plans are currently in the works. Do not be surprised if one day soon the parking lot is temporarily blocked off for repairs.

As indicated previously there are unused / not needed items in the parish hall available for you to see that are available for the taking; we are accepting donations.

Prayerfully,

Jeffrey Zabor ( Junior Warden )

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***From Deacon Deb***

Friends,

From the moment we began considering the sale of our building we were aware of the sensitive nature of the future of St. Paul's Columbarium. No one anticipated that the sale would be complete within a two month period. We did anticipate that notifying families with an interest in the columbarium and subsequent re-internment would take time. As such, it was negotiated with our buyer that we would have 12 months from the date of closing to complete these tasks.

We have sought the input of experts to determine what is necessary to facilitate the removal of cremains in a prayerful and respectful manner that honors all concerned. I have contacted the McHenry County Coroner's Office, the McHenry County Public Health Department and several local Funeral Directors. We have asked our attorney to review state and local ordinances. So far we have learned that much depends upon the decision of the family for future internment.

We are contacting other Episcopal churches with a columbarium to determine if they have niches available and their process. We intend to provide families with a resource of options available. We will work with each family on an individual basis to tend to each particular need.

Our next priority is to contact families and individuals regarding next steps. In the meantime, we ask that you give your plans some thought and contact the church office with any questions and concerns.

We are all saddened by the need to move those who were resting in peace. Please pray for God's guidance and grace as we move through this delicate time.

In Christ,  
Deacon Deborah

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***New Worship Time Coming Soon!***

Starting 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. October 4th and 11th will still be at our regular 10:00 am time.

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***Items still available for the taking!***

Items are still available for you to take home in the parish hall. Also available are bookcases and shelving units elsewhere in the building. Please stop by the church or take a look on Sunday. If these items are not taken, they will be donated or thrown out. Let the office know as well if you might be interested.

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***Do you have knowledge of the history of items around St. Paul's?***

In light of the changes we are facing at St. Paul's, we're very interested in any information you may have. If you know the stories or history of anything in our church, please share them with a vestry member, wardens, or the office.

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***Servants for October 4  
Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts***

Rick Carlstedt - *Usher*  
Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*  
Judy Robel - *Intercessor*  
Jeff Zabor - *Epistle Reader*  
Jeffrey Zabor - *Vestry Person of the Day*

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***On the Calendar***

Saturday, October 3 - ***Men's Breakfast, 8am at Brunch Cafe***  
Sunday, October 4 - ***Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts***  
Sunday, October 11 - ***Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts***  
Sunday, October 18 - ***Morning Prayer / Vestry***

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***Holy Mowers  
September Schedule***

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

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***St. Paul's Prayer List  
Week of October 4 - October 10***

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, and Camilla

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***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](mailto:DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com)

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## ***101 Reasons to be Episcopalian!***

*#25 Where faith is God's gift to us, not our gift to God.  
-- Louie Crew, Diocese of Newark*

*#58 We proudly wear ribbons of so many different colors.  
-- Mary Jane Herron, Diocese of Newark*

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