



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle ~ June 23, 2021

***Worship at St. Paul's
In-person and at home
Sundays at 8:30 am***

We are now worshipping in person here at St. Paul's, but for those who prefer at home worship below is the link for live-stream Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/98034316249>

Meeting ID: 980 3431 6249

To dial in: 312-626-6799

New Worship Guidelines

We are happy to announce that as of now, masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated persons. Parishioners who are not vaccinated, for whatever reason, are encouraged to continue to wear a mask. There are a few roped-off pews for those who wish to continue with social distancing. Yes, we are now singing. The diocese has asked that we do not resume the common cup and so Eucharist will remain as we have been doing. Thanks be to God!

BYO Coffee Hour!

St. Paul's has resumed Coffee Hour! To accommodate current restrictions, we will make a few adjustments. Please bring your own beverage and snack. We are gathering after our worship in the "Parlor". Weather permitting, we'll gather at the picnic tables outside. We have truly missed our social time. Let's gather together!

Words from Vestry

I've learned that God works through everyday experiences.

The woman came into the library, clutching two oversized manila envelopes stuffed with papers. She glanced at the massive fax/copier machine in the front of the library and then at me. I recognized the frazzled look above her mask, "the I'm in a hurry and I don't know how to work this machine" look. Though she couldn't see my smile, she heard my "do you need help" inquiry and hopefully saw my "smiling eyes" above my mask.

She sighed with relief and began to pull out crinkled papers from the envelopes. Her hands were jittery as she sorted the double sided sheets from the single sided ones. There were 60+ pages to be faxed and as I straightened and flattened each sheet, I explained that the faxing process would take a bit of time. She nodded and I noticed she was a little breathless so I suggested she take a seat on a nearby chair.

As I started the fax, she told me that she was recovering from liver surgery and explained that half of her liver had been removed. The woman gave no other details about the "why" and I didn't ask. She then said it was just recently that x-rays had shown that her liver was regenerating. I expressed my happiness for her great news and then assumed that she was faxing medical information to her insurance company. We listened a while to the whine of the fax machine, then she spoke again. What I had assumed was a medical fax, wasn't.

The woman is a companion to an elderly lady who is losing her rented apartment. Because the housing authority is closed due to COVID restrictions all applications for housing aid had to be faxed. She said that the backup in applications is mind boggling. All that this woman has been through medically and she is deeply involved in helping another person.

I work in the library's back office and usually only go out to the public area for about an hour to help cover lunches. What were the chances the woman would come into the library during my small shift out front? How many other good works are happening around us every day that go unnoticed? Sometimes it is the small good works that make a lasting impression on a person.

"God bless you" the woman said as she walked out of the library. "and to you also" I replied.

Judy Robel,
Vestry

Fiesta Days - Art in the Park **Saturday, July 17**

As part of our shared ministry with First United, we have an opportunity to help with their food booth on **Saturday, July 17**. Sign up sheets are now up at church. Jobs include:

Set up crew 7-9 am

Take down crew 4-4:30 pm

Cashiers, Cooks, Order Takers, Assemblers, Bake Sale Workers

Shifts: 9-11:30 am, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, 1:30 pm-4 pm

CASES OF WATER ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BOOTH
IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE BRING A CASE OF WATER TO CHURCH BY
THURSDAY, JULY 15.
YOUR GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Servants for Sunday, June 27

Lector/Usher – Al Robel
Intercessor - Judy Robel
Vestry Person of the Day - Al/Judy Robel

On the Calendar

Sunday, June 27 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen
Sunday, June 27 - Vestry meeting 10:30 am
Sunday, July 4 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen
Tuesday, July 6 - Ladies Lunch 11:30 am at Village Squire
Sunday, July 11 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen

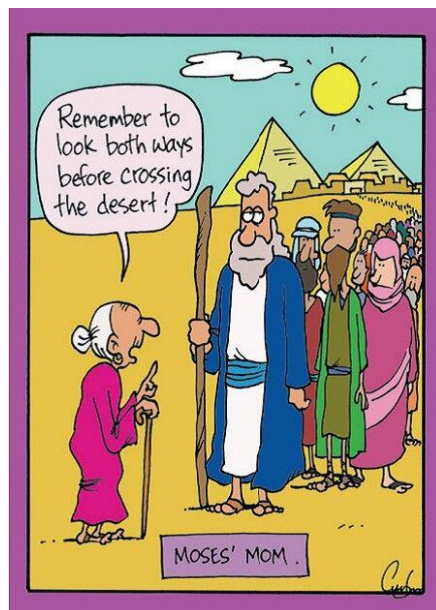
St. Paul's Prayer List

Week of June 27 - July 3

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, Amy, Tim, Eleanor, and Erin

Current prayers: Jenn, Debbie, Shawn, Paula, Kurt, Darlene, Patrice, Christian, Cindy, Rocky, Joe, and Matt



Questions or concerns?

Please contact our Senior Warden - Beth Lukas: Gramlukas2@gmail.com

In need of pastoral care?

Please contact Deborah Lang, our Deacon: DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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