



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle ~ June 30, 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

BLOOD DRIVE

Blood Donors are Vital

Because of you, life doesn't stop. #vitaltoife

McHenry Township Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, June 30
1 – 6 p.m.
Johnsburg Room

For more information or to schedule a donation, call 877.258.4825 or visit us at vitalant.org and use group code 241G.

Appointments required. Masks required.

For more information or to schedule a donation, call 877.258.4825 or visit vitalant.org. Find us @vitalant.

All presenting donors with a confirmed e-mail address on file will receive a t-shirt (choice of black or granite stone).

GIVE A PINT GET A PINT

All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a pint of frozen plasma from Cuhner's.

All successful blood donations are now tested for COVID-19 antibodies (testing ending June 2021).

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Reminder - Ladies Lunch
Next Tuesday, July 6th

Next Tuesday, the ladies of St. Paul's will meet at Village Squire in McHenry at 11:30 for our monthly lunch! Please let Lisa know if you are planning to attend so we can make a reservation. Hope to see you there!

Diocese Confirmations/Receptions

The diocese is asking if there are people interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Deborah Lang immediately. The diocese would like this information by **July 5**.

Words from Vestry

Sarah Young has written a book called, "Jesus Calling". For each day of the year she has written a devotion followed by Scripture references. Once such devotion talks about the "hidden treasures" God has strategically placed throughout the day for us. Some of these treasures are blessings that reveal God's presence. I believe I experienced a "treasure" earlier this year.

The sun was shining, the temperature was good, and it was the Saturday before Mother's Day. One of our local stores was having their annual Mother's Day weekend plant sale. It had been a long COVID winter and I was looking forward to this sale. I got out of my car and instantly felt happiness in the air. As I walked through the parking lot to the outdoor plant area, I stared ahead at the plants trying to see what choices were being offered this year. As I passed a car with its open trunk, an older couple offered me their shopping cart. As carts are usually in short supply for this sale I thankfully accepted. As I walked into the plant area I noticed that it was filled with older people and everyone was masked as was I. It was like entering into another world. The atmosphere was filled with kindness. As I walked up and down the plant aisles I heard and saw complete strangers pointing out plants to other strangers including myself. Taller customers pulled down hanging planters for shorter people. Strangers would exclaim to each other about the colors of this year's flowers, the good points of this perennial versus another, the good experiences someone had last year with a particular vegetable.

The checkout line, though jammed, was calm. Those with few plants were encouraged by those with overflowing carts to step in front of them. Seeing the politeness of complete strangers to one another was overwhelming. As I walked back to my car I was again enveloped with an aura of happiness. I unloaded my plants and turned to see a couple getting out of their car. I gave them my cart.

Judy Robel
Vestry

From Deacon Deb

Take nothing for the journey...

In Sunday's gospel reading Jesus sends the disciples out into the world to do his ministry of healing and teaching. Jesus gives them some very specific instructions before they go on their way. "Take nothing for the journey...no bread, no bag, no money. Wear sandals but

not an extra tunic..." (Mark 6:8-9) In short, do *not*, in any way, prepare for the journey. These must have seemed like harsh restrictions given the territory and danger of traveling in those days. The disciples were walking through the rugged Judean countryside. They could not depend on a McDonalds or Kwik-Trip to provide sustenance. Nor could they depend upon conveniently located roadside inns. They were completely on their own without even a bite of bread. Jesus was very clear; take nothing - just go.

We can't help but wonder why Jesus would be so adamant? Why would he send them out with nothing to fall back on? What was he trying to teach them? Perhaps he is providing the disciples with a valuable opportunity to grow in faith. Clearly, their success or failure would not depend on their well thought out plans or preparations. They had to trust in God and God alone.

Jesus seems to be giving us an opportunity as well. As we discern our next ministry/outreach project, this gospel has much to say to us. The blessing does not lie with planning, preparation and concerning ourselves with how it will all turn out. The blessing lies in going and doing. Just go.

Go and do the work of Jesus, trusting in God and God alone.

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.



Save the date!
St. Paul Parish Potluck!

We will be having a "Welcome back to Church" potluck on Sunday, **September 26 at 4:00 pm**. A signup sheet will be posted closer to the date. Hope to see you there!!

Servants for Sunday, July 4

Lector/Usher – Jim Lukas
Intercessor -Terry Jaworski
Vestry Person of the Day - Beth Lukas

On the Calendar

Tuesday, July 6 - Ladies Lunch 11:30 am at Village Squire
Sunday, July 11 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen
Saturday, July 17 – Fiesta Days booth w/1st United
Sunday, July 18 – Morning Prayer with Deacon Deb
Sunday, July 25 – Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen
Sunday, September 26 - Parish potluck 4:00 pm

St. Paul's Prayer List

Week of July 4 - July 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, Amy, Tim, Eleanor, and Erin

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



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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