



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



August 18, 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

Words from the Warden

Very shortly, members of St. Paul's will be receiving, by mail, a brief survey assessing what our next steps will be in our pursuit of community outreach. For many years, we have focused on feeding the hungry in our community. While this will continue to be a focus through our Food for Thought partnership with the McHenry high schools, we are interested in identifying other opportunities that our members are interested in supporting. While we know that there are many pressing needs in our community, we are most interested in finding out what ministries speak to YOU, and most importantly what are YOU willing to support. Due to the changes that St. Paul's has gone through in the past year, we are now able to make an impact in the community, which is something that we all agreed was a reason for making the changes we did. We are now in a position to truly live our faith in the community. Please help us identify what you are interested in supporting, and how you can participate.

For those faithful readers of our weekly newsletter who may not receive a survey, please feel free to contact me or the parish office with any suggestions or ideas that you might have. All are welcome to participate!

We are asking that all surveys and any other suggestions be received by 9/10 in order to prepare a report to be presented and discussed at our Parish Potluck on 9/26. Thank you in advance for your participation and commitment to focusing on the needs of our community.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

Beth Lukas
Sr. Warden

New Mask Policy

Dear all,

In cooperation with the new masking policy of the First United Methodist Church, we will resume wearing masks during our worship services. As we hope to be good churchmates, we will readily comply with their policy. We will continue to sing and worship together as we are now doing.

In peace,
Deacon Deborah Lang

Diocesan Convention **November 20**

The 184th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021 as a virtual gathering on Zoom between 9 am and 3 pm. Convention is the annual business meeting of the diocese, during which we elect leaders, consider resolutions and hear reports from across the diocese and the wider church.

Voting participants at convention include the clergy of the diocese and lay delegates elected from each congregation. All voting will be conducted electronically. General attendees and visitors are invited to observe the proceedings online or to listen by phone. Convention updates, including registration information and a preliminary schedule, will be posted beginning in September.

St. Paul's will have three delegates present. We already have two volunteers but are in need of a third. If you would like to attend, or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let us know!

Ladies Lunch **September 7 at 11:30 am**

Our next Ladies Lunch will be **September 7** at Plum Garden, McHenry at 11:30 am. Please let the office know if you will be attending so we can make a reservation. Hope you can join us!

**From Episcopal Relief and Development
Earthquake in Haiti**

Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with long-term development partners in Haiti after a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the country on Saturday, August 14, 2021. The earthquake killed over a thousand people, caused structures to collapse and triggered landslides and flooding in the western part of the nation.

Our partners, including the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, have been assessing damage and checking in on the status of priests, parishes and community members. While the full extent of the damage has yet to be determined, initial reports are of over one thousand dead and over five thousand injured, centered in the departments of Grand Anse, Sud and Nippes. The US State Department has estimated over 1.6 million people have been affected.

“We are deeply saddened by the reports coming from our friends and partners in Haiti,” said Abigail Nelson, Executive Vice President, Episcopal Relief & Development. “We pray for their safety as Tropical Storm Grace approaches the country. We are currently mobilizing to work with an array of development partners to meet the immediate and long-term needs of affected communities.” Please pray for our siblings in Haiti and all those affected by this earthquake. Donations to Episcopal Relief & Development’s [Haiti Fund](#) will support the organization’s continued emergency response efforts in Haiti.

For 80 years, Episcopal Relief & Development has been working together with supporters and partners for lasting change around the world. Each year the organization facilitates healthier, more fulfilling lives for more than 3 million people struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease. Inspired by Jesus’ words in Matthew 25, Episcopal Relief & Development leverages the expertise and resources of Anglican and other partners to deliver measurable and sustainable change in three signature program areas: Women, Children and Climate.

**Presiding Bishop Michael Curry offers a prayer for the people of
Afghanistan**

Eternal God, hear our prayer for the peoples of Afghanistan. There is a profound humanitarian crisis. Countless people, mostly women and children, are now fleeing and vulnerable. The lives of many are now endangered. The hopes of many are forgone. Send your Spirit, Lord, to rally the resolve of the nations of the earth to find pathways to save human lives, protect human rights, and to resolve the hardships of those seeking refuge, asylum, and safety. Hear our prayer for the peoples of Afghanistan. This we pray as followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

Servants for Sunday, August 22

Lector/Usher – Jim Lukas
Intercessor - Judy Robel
Vestry Person of the Day - Beth Lukas

On the Calendar

Sunday, August 22 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen
Sunday, August 29 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen
Saturday, September 4 - Men's Breakfast
Sunday, September 5 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen
Tuesday, September 7 - Ladies Lunch
Sunday, September 26 - Parish meeting and potluck 4:00 pm

St. Paul's Prayer List

Week of August 22 - August 28

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, and Erin

Current prayers: Jenn, Debbie, Shawn, Paula, Kurt, Darlene, Mary Jo, Bobbi, Rory, Bonnie, Bill, and Natica

For those celebrating birthdays: Bill O. Lang (August 25)



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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