



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
McHenry, IL



September 8, 2021

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***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

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***St. Paul's Fall Parish Meeting and Potluck***  
**Sunday, September 26**  
**4:00 pm**

Break out your favorite potluck recipes as we gather together for our fall parish meeting and celebrate St. Paul's and our parish family! There is a sign up outside the office for sides, salads, desserts, and drinks. Or let the office know what you'll be bringing. We'll need a tally on how many are attending. Italian beef and mostaccioli will be provided.

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***Pastoral word from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry  
on 20th anniversary of Sept. 11***

As followers of Jesus, and with our siblings in other faith traditions, we place great value on the act of remembrance. As we reflect on the solemn anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, we remember many loved ones lost and first responders who put their lives at risk, modeling the sacrificial love of Jesus, who said: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

While 20 years have passed, I also want us to pause and remember the days that followed these tragic events. There was a moment in the aftermath when people came together. We were praying, grieving, and also working together. Because in that moment, however fleeting it was, we knew with immediacy and vulnerability that we need God, and we need each other.

Memories of that tender cooperation—of love for each other as neighbors—serve as guiding lights for the present. Amidst the ongoing pandemic and natural disasters that have taken so many lives and pushed first responders to their limits, and amidst a worldwide reckoning with the sin of racism, we are called to become the Beloved Community whose way of life is the way of Jesus and his way of love.

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*Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will deliver a blessing and sermon Sept. 11 and 12 as part of ***A Time and Space of Remembrance and Healing*** at Trinity Church Wall Street in New York, which served as a ***relief mission*** for recovery workers at Ground Zero for nearly a year after the buildings fell. Tune in online at [trinitywallstreet.org/september-11](http://trinitywallstreet.org/september-11).*

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***From Deacon Deb***

Friends,

Events of the past weeks have shown us there is no end to the suffering in this world. As Episcopalians and citizens of the planet, we have a legacy and duty to do what we can to help those in need. We are reminded of the letter of James:

*“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” James 2:14-17*

Presiding Bishop Curry has made an appeal to all of us to help our Afghan allies. Hundreds of thousands of people are displaced and at risk; particularly women and girls. Please take a few moments to watch the video link below.

[https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/presiding-bishop-michael-curry-highlights-ways-to-help-afghan-refugees-through-episcopal-migration-ministries/?wvideo=3lsoopoyml&wkey=ZGVibGFuZzZkxOEBnbWFpbc5jb2o=&foreign\\_data=mailchimp\\_campaign\\_id%3Add6ad3d39b](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/presiding-bishop-michael-curry-highlights-ways-to-help-afghan-refugees-through-episcopal-migration-ministries/?wvideo=3lsoopoyml&wkey=ZGVibGFuZzZkxOEBnbWFpbc5jb2o=&foreign_data=mailchimp_campaign_id%3Add6ad3d39b)

To donate by mail, please send checks to:  
DFMS-Protestant Episcopal Church US  
P.O. Box 958983  
St. Louis, MO 63195-8983  
(Include Episcopal Migration Ministries in the memo line.)

In addition, Episcopal Relief and Development has established a relief fund to help the people of Haiti and Louisiana: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

Please mail checks to the address below.  
Episcopal Relief & Development  
P.O. Box 7058  
Merrifield, VA 22116-7058

*We pray and give thanks to God our Father who has given us the means and the will to help our brothers and sisters in need. May God keep his hand upon them; comfort and protect them through this terrible time of trial. Through the mercies of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Thank you for your generosity,  
Deacon Deborah Lang

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### **Words from the Warden**

#### **Reminder!**

**Please remember to fill out & return your survey indicating your outreach choices as we determine what St. Paul's can do for our community.**

Beth Lukas  
Sr. Warden

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### **Women's Events at First United**

*United Methodist Women (UMW)  
Thursday, September 9, Noon*

St. Paul's ladies are welcome to attend the UMW's reconnect and planning meeting. Bring a sandwich and lawn chair. Dessert and drinks are provided. They will be taking up a collection of school supplies to give to the Youth and Family Center.

*United Methodist Women  
Thursday, November 11, Noon*

Bring a sandwich; dessert and drinks are provided. Program: Karla Chandler will share the amazing story of Corrie Ten Boom, a Dutch woman who hid and protected Jews in her home from the Nazis. A betrayal sent her to Ravensbruck concentration camp, and after liberation, Corrie shared her story with the world.

*December 5 - UMW Annual Cookie Walk  
More information will be coming.*

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### **Servants for Sunday, September 12**

Lector/Usher – Jeff Zabor  
Intercessor - Christine Battaglia  
Vestry Persons of the Day - Jeff Lynaugh

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### **On the Calendar**

Sunday, September 12 – Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen  
Sunday, September 19 - Morning Prayer  
Sunday, September 26 – Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen  
Sunday, September 26 – **Parish meeting and potluck** 4:00 pm  
Saturday, October 2 - **Men's Breakfast**  
Sunday, October 3 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen  
Tuesday, October 5 - **Ladies Lunch**

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### **St. Paul's Prayer List**

#### **Week of September 12 - September 18**

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.

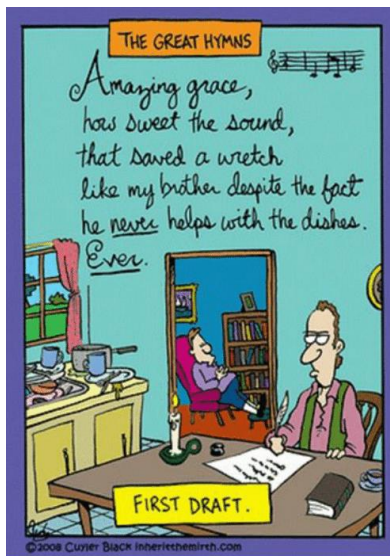
**Ongoing prayers:** Yasmin, Kay, Edna, Amy, Tim, and Erin

**Current prayers:** Jenn, Debbie, Shawn, Paula, Kurt, Darlene, Rory, Bonnie, Bill, Stacy, Amy, Jaime, and Les

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Bobbi Fiali (September 14), Jim Lukas (September 15), Deb Lang (September 18)

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** Bill & Deb Lang (September 14)

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#### **Questions or concerns?**

Please contact our Senior Warden - Beth Lukas: [Gramlukas2@gmail.com](mailto:Gramlukas2@gmail.com)

#### **In need of pastoral care?**

Please contact Deborah Lang, our Deacon: [DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com](mailto:DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com)

***Office Hours***

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

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