



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



October 27, 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



Our next St. Paul's Ladies Lunch will be **Thursday, November 4** at 11:30 am at the Rusty Nail Saloon, located at 4520 Ringwood Rd in Ringwood. Please let Lisa know if you are able to attend. Hope to see you there!



***New Worship Time
Starting November 7***

We're happy to announce that starting November 7th, our worship time will change from 8:30 am to 10:30 am! As part of our ongoing communication with First United, and with strong support from their congregation and Church Council, it was decided that they would move up their worship time to 9:00 am, and we would move to the later time of 10:30 am. We're hoping this time change will allow more families to attend St. Paul's.

This Sunday, October 31, will be at 8:30 am.

This time change also coincides with our one-year anniversary of sharing worship space with First United!

Words from the Warden

As you know, last summer we awarded \$2000 scholarships to five First Generation MCC college students using money that we were awarded from the 2021 Vitality Grant. We have finally received information from MCC about the recipients, and while we will respect their anonymity, we would like to add their first names to our parish prayer list so that we can pray for their wellbeing and success. Their names are:

Autumn, Ashley, Yaqui, Kimberlee, and John

In addition to their names, MCC has also shared their heartwarming comments upon learning that they were recipients, which I will be sharing with you in the upcoming weeks. To say that these young people were grateful is an understatement. I am happy to also announce that the Vestry has decided to apply for the 2022 Vitality Grant again, so that we can continue this important ministry. Our application will be submitted this week - we will let you know as soon as we hear something!

Beth Lukas
Sr Warden

From Deacon Deb

Friends,

Every now and then one happens upon a book that will be re-read and remain with us for a long time. I am currently reading such a book. The book is "Ladder to the Light" written by Steven Charleston. Steven Charleston is a voice of justice for Indigenous people, a member of the Choctaw Nation and has served as the Episcopal bishop of Alaska. Over the next weeks I plan to share excerpts from his spiritually rich wisdom. This week, what he has said about the power of love perfectly coincides with our Sunday gospel. In Sunday's reading Jesus reminds us that the greatest of all commandments is to love God and love our neighbor. Surely Jesus knew the strength and power that is born of love.

Let your love be your strength. You do not need anger or judgment, for they are mirrors of the soul that say more about you than others. You do not need righteousness or correctness, for these pretenses are always transparent. You do not need superiority or power, for they will always betray you to false pride. When you feel called to stand for what you believe, take up love as your witness. Love will shine through with the clear message you wish to convey. It will withstand any pressure to compromise your truth or bend to deny that truth. Love will unite your friends in struggle and speak to the hardest heart with whom you contend. Let love be your strength and you can stand before lions and never fear.

(Steven Charleston, Ladder to the Light, pg 37)

In peace and with love,
Deacon Deborah

***Christmas Cantata - December 19
with Winds Off the Lake wind ensemble***

First United Methodist is planning a Christmas cantata and they are in need of singers! If you are interested in participating, please notify the office. There will be four Saturday practices: Nov. 20, Dec. 4, 11, & 18 from 9:00-10:30 am. The performance will be during the FUMC church service on December 19 at 9:00 am.

Servants for Sunday, October 31

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

On the Calendar

Sunday, October 31 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen, 8:30 am
Thursday, November 4 - **Ladies Lunch** at Rusty Nail Saloon, 11:30 am
No Men's Breakfast in November
Sunday, November 7 - All Saints Day service and **worship time change! 10:30 am**
Sunday, November 14 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen, **10:30 am**
Sunday, November 21 - Vestry Meeting 8:30am/Morning Prayer 10:30 am

St. Paul's Prayer List

Week of October 31 - November 6

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, Tim, and Jenn

Current prayers: Paula, Andrew, Kurt, Darlene, Rory, Bonnie, Jane, Claudia, Theresa, Patty, Adrian, Kai, Meghan, and Joe

For those celebrating birthdays: Matthew Bell (November 5)

For those celebrating anniversaries: Bill & Missy Robel (November 2) and Bill & Patrice Braun (November 3)

For our MCC scholarship recipients: Autumn, Ashley, Yaqui, Kimberlee, and John

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



Cartoon by *Inherit the Mirth*

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