



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



November 10, 2021

***Worship at St. Paul's
In-person and at home***

Sundays at 10:30 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

From Deacon Deb

This Sunday we will hear a rather unsettling reading from the gospel of John. In this reading Jesus foretells of the destruction of the temple, of wars, of earthquakes, and of famine. These are frightening events that no one would welcome. Yet, if we are paying attention, we will notice that Jesus frames these events as things that must happen and calls them “the beginnings of the labor pains.” So for Jesus these are not signs of chaos and destruction but signs of new birth! Something new and wonderful is about to happen. As we consider our own lives, our community, are we able to see that difficulties are indeed signs of new birth?

“Do not be afraid of change, for the eternal now in which you live, the changeless love that surrounds you, will take you through whatever is to come, bringing you safely to the embrace of the one who watches over you. You do not need to try to control every moment, predict every outcome and struggle with every new reality. You need only to trust what your heart tells you: You are loved unconditionally, you are cared for

unceasingly, and you are secure in the arms that will never let you go. Life is within you, always. Change will come and go, but what you feel when you close your eyes in prayer will outlast even the stars above you."

Steven Charleston, Ladder to the Light, pg 45

In Christ,
Deacon Deborah

Words from the Warden

Many of you have noticed that for the past couple of weeks we have been praying for the five recipients of St. Paul's 2021-2022 MCC scholarships. During this season of Thanksgiving, I thought I would share with you some excerpts from the recipients' application letters:

"I grew up in a very poor family. A family where I had to provide my own school supplies when I was in middle school. I would save up all of my birthday money since my birthday was in August and I would use it for school supplies and maybe a first day of school outfit. Then when it came to high school I had to pay for my athletic fees, dance dresses, school lunch, school tuition, and anything that I would have needed. My money was never wasted."

"I have always wanted to go to college but never thought that I would be able to afford it. My father told me to follow my heart and that is what I am doing."

"MCC has already helped me understand how I can accomplish my goals and I know that I would be struggling so much if I didn't get the help that I have from MCC. This opportunity means a great deal to me and I feel lucky to be considered."

Because of the Vitality Grant, St. Paul's has been blessed to be able to provide this wonderful opportunity to our community and to students in need. Our outreach efforts have clearly made a difference in the lives of these students. We are applying for the grant again this year, so hopefully this will become an outreach opportunity we can repeat again next year!

Beth Lukas, Sr Warden

Calling All Shoppers!

In partnership with the Youth and Family Center of McHenry County, we have adopted a family to purchase gifts for the holiday season. We need people who would like to shop for the needed items. We are purchasing all New items for a family of four. St Paul's has set aside funds to cover costs. Shoppers would need only to bring receipts to the office for reimbursement. Of course, anyone is welcome to purchase items themselves as a donation. If you are interested in being a part of helping a family that has had a really tough year, please notify the church office. You will be given a specific list of items to purchase once we have all of our volunteers. All gifts should be wrapped, labeled and brought to the office by December 1.

Servants for Sunday, November 14

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

On the Calendar

Sunday, November 14 - Holy Eucharist with Rev. Eileen 10:30 am
Sunday, November 21 – Vestry Meeting 8:30 am
Sunday, November 21 – Morning Prayer 10:30 am
Week of November 22-26 – Office closed
Sunday, November 28 – 1st Sunday of Advent 10:30 am
Wednesday, December 1 - Deadline for adopted family donations
Thursday, December 2 – Ladies Lunch, 11:30 am
Sunday, December 5 - Vestry Retreat 11:30 am

St. Paul's Prayer List

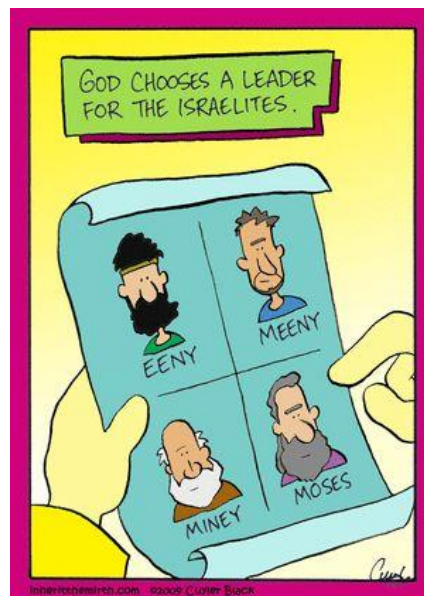
Week of November 14 - November 20

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, Tim, and Jenn

Current prayers: Paula, Andrew, Darlene, Rory, Bonnie, Jane, Claudia, Joe, Julie, Arne, and Heather

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



Cartoon by *Inherit the Mirth*

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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