



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church McHenry, IL



November 17, 2021

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

## Sundays at 10:30 am

We are now worshiping 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

Please note: The office will be closed next week, November 22-26.

#### From Deacon Deb

Sunday is Christ the King Sunday commemorating the Kingship of Christ in the Kingdom of God. This marks the end of the liturgical year as the following Sunday will be Advent I when a new liturgical year begins. We will hear from the Gospel of John. Jesus stands before Pilate and Pilate asks "What is truth?" The truth of God's love for all of creation stands before Pilate and he cannot see it. He is blind to the truth that triumphs over all. The question is, can we see it?

"The future is not a forbidding place, full of the unknown and the uncertain, but a place as familiar as the guardian angel who used to watch over us as we crossed the street. The same Spirit that dwelled in the past, caring for us as children, is the Spirit of the now, caring for us as adults. The holy presence that helped us navigate adolescence

is the same presence who is with us as we read these words. We know this Spirit. She is an old and trusted friend. Even in the most difficult times, we are not afraid, because we know the Spirit is with us. We do not need to be anxious about what is to come, for the love that saw us through yesterday will see us through tomorrow." Steven Charleston, Ladder to the Light.

In the love of Christ, Deacon Deborah

## Words from the Warden

St. Paul's is "In the News"! This past week, St. Paul's was featured in the Chicago Diocese Newsletter. I am excited to share this article with you, and I am truly humbled by the kind words about our journey. You can access it here: <a href="https://episcopalchicago.org/st-pauls-mchenry-finds-new-ministry-in-a-difficult-season/">https://episcopalchicago.org/st-pauls-mchenry-finds-new-ministry-in-a-difficult-season/</a>

As you know, our outreach efforts this year, in particular our scholarship awards, have been funded by the Chicago Diocese's Vitality Grant that was awarded to us last year. Once again, St. Paul's applied for grant money recently in order to expand our outreach efforts for 2022. Last week, I received a phone call from Andrea Mysen congratulating St. Paul's for being a 2022 recipient of \$20,000 from the Vitality Grant. Andrea said that the Vitality Grant Committee was so impressed with how St. Paul's has faced adversity in the past year, and how we have persevered to not only stay together as a community of faith, but have never lost sight of the fact that we are here to serve God by serving our community. "We can't wait to see where you go in the future!", she said.

In the upcoming months, you will be hearing about several outreach efforts we are exploring as we look to expand our partnerships in the community. This is an exciting time for us, but we need everyone's help - please join us in whatever way you can!

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.

#### Funeral Service for Eleanor Crump

The service for Eleanor Crump will be Friday, December 3 at 11:00 am, with a reception to follow in the fellowship hall. Please let the office know if you plan to attend the luncheon.

## Servants for Sunday, November 21

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

#### On the Calendar

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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 10:30 am
Wednesday, December 1 - Deadline for adopted family donations
Thursday, December 2 – Ladies Lunch, 11:30 am
Friday, December 3 - Eleanor Crump funeral, 11:00 am

## St. Paul's Prayer List

## Week of November 21 - November 27

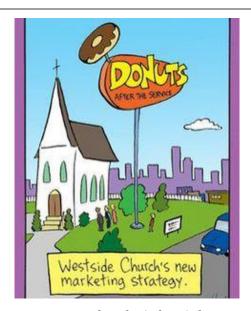
Please keep those on our prayer list in your thoughts during this time. If you wish to add to the list, please contact the church office.

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

For those celebrating anniversaries: John and Nan Patnaude



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#### 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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