



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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Holy Eucharist
and Laying on of Hands for Healing
tonight at 6:30 p.m.

All are Welcome!

Women's Wednesday is tonight!

The women of the church (along with friends) are invited tonight at 7pm for bible study and friendly conversation. Bring a little snack to share if you like.

OUR SECOND MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

is *this* Saturday, November 7th, at 9am.
All volunteers must be here by 8am
to register with Kathy or Lori
and get your volunteer lanyard.

"...for I was hungry and you gave me food..."
Matthew 25:35

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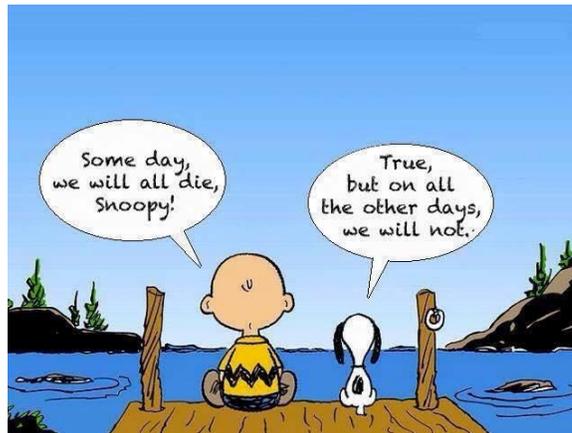
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Thoughts from Lori

There was a Peanuts cartoon on FaceBook recently that struck a chord. Thanks to modern technology, here it is. In case it's too small here, I've also put it on my office door. Speaks volumes, doesn't it. At least it does to me.



Maybe it's because I grew up with a mother (bless her) who instilled many fears in me. Or maybe because Bill came so close to dying a few years ago. Or simply because I'm getting older. In any case, I've been rather obsessed lately - okay, maybe not obsessed, but at least slightly preoccupied - with death. It's not so much that I'm afraid of dying, but like most of us I suppose, I'm not keen on the possibility of illness or of the general decline that usually comes with age. But the trouble with being preoccupied (if not obsessed) is that it robs me of energy and even time that I could be using for living!

So you can see why the Peanuts cartoon spoke to me. "Some day we will all die, Snoopy." "True, but on all the other days, we will not." I'm going to make that my mantra! On all the other days, we live. Today, I'm alive. Thanks be to God.

In truth, though, I had learned this a while back and just let it slip into one of those crevices in my mind. The Peanuts cartoon has reminded me; reminded me of something Bill taught me back when I first met him. He had (has) lost so many loved ones in his life: his mother when he was only 14; his only brother, killed in Viet Nam; his father; his only sister to cancer in her early 50s; his wife of 33 years; and then shortly after we were married, his best friend. I asked him once how he managed to not be mired in grief all the time. His response: "I've learned to give thanks for each day, one day at a time." Sounds a little

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like "...all the other days we will not," doesn't it. The wisdom of Bill and Snoopy.

So perhaps you'd like to join me in giving thanks for today, and for each day as it comes, and "all the other days". Thanks be to God!

Faithfully,

Lori



Veteran's Day Service

Wednesday, November 11th, is **Veteran's Day**. The 6:30pm Eucharist will be a time of remembrance for all veterans. Veterans are invited to wear their uniforms or other insignia and to remember the names of fallen comrades. If you are unable to be here but would like a name (or names) to be added to the Prayers of the People, please send them to me at lorilowe@stpaulmchenry.com

Music Therapy Group



Pictured: Diana Brown, Rev. Lori Lowe, Don Jaworski, Terry Jaworski, Baby Quincy, Carol Toft, and Nicole Toft

Did you know that we have a music therapy group that meets here every Friday morning at 10? Starting in 2010, several members have met through the years to enjoy music with rhythm instruments, chimes, and bells. A certified music therapist will be joining them on November 20th at 9:30 a.m. Anyone is welcome to share music!

Our New Presiding Bishop:

***THE MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL BRUCE CURRY***

by the Rev. William P. McLemore



Bishop Curry was born March 13, 1953 to Kenneth Stuart Lee and Dorothy Ada Curry in Chicago, Illinois. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hobart and William Smith Colleges in 1975 and a Masters in Divinity from Yale Divinity School in 1978. June 20, 1981 he married Sharon Elizabeth Clement and they have one child.

He was ordained a Deacon June 3, 1978 by the Rt. Rev. Harold Barrett Robinson, Bishop of Western New York. December 1, 1978, the Rt. Rev. John Melville Burgess laid hands on him and ordained him a priest. Burgess, former Bishop of Massachusetts, was at this time one of his professors at Yale Divinity School in New Haven Connecticut.

Curry's first parish was St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina (1978-1982). From 1982 through 1988, he served as Rector of St. Simon of Cyrene Episcopal Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, as well as Chaplain of Bethany School in the same community. In 1988, he received a call to serve as Rector of St. James' Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland, where he served until the year 2000 when he was elected the Bishop of North Carolina. Bishop Curry is noted for his preaching having written a book entitled, "Sermons that Work."

In his three parish ministries in North Carolina, Ohio, and Maryland, Bishop Curry had extensive involvement in Crisis Control Ministry, founding of ecumenical summer day camps for children, preaching missions, the Absalom Jones initiative, creation of networks of family day care providers, creation of educational centers, and the brokering of millions of dollars of investment in inner city neighborhoods. He inspired a \$2.5-million restoration of the St. James' church building after a fire. The St. James' After School Academy was designated a Jubilee Ministry by Presiding Bishop Edmund Browning.

On June 27, 2015, at the Episcopal Church's 78th General Convention in Salt Lake City, he was elected on the first ballot with 121 of 174 votes casted to be the 27th Presiding Bishop of the Church. He formally took office on November 1, 2015, All Saints' Day, with an investiture ceremony in the Washington National Cathedral. In his sermon at the 78th General Convention, Bishop Curry said, "Jesus came to change the world and to change us from the nightmare that life can often be to the dream that God has intended from before the earth and world was ever made."

Memorial Service for Survivors of Suicide
Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church
8505 Church St.
Saturday, November 21st
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

This community wide service will consist of a short talk from a survivor or the relative of someone lost, some music and a showing of the International Suicide Awareness Day video about dealing with loss, then a candle lighting /naming of the lost, followed by coffee and a time to chat.

A Day of Remembrance
A Day of Action
A Day of Strength
A Day of Hope



Coming to St. Paul's December 4th

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 12/4/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.



Women's Wednesday - Tonight, 7:00 pm
Mobile Food Truck - Saturday, Nov. 7th
Endowment Meeting - Tuesday, Nov. 10th, 7:00 pm
Veteran's Day Service - Wednesday, Nov. 11th 6:30 pm
Men's Breakfast - Nov. 14th, 8:00 am
Pledge Sunday - Nov. 15th
Vestry - Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 7:15 pm
Thanksgiving Eve service - Wednesday, Nov. 25th, 7:00 pm
Lifeline Screening - Saturday, Dec. 4th

*Holy Eucharist and the
Laying on of Hands for Healing
Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm*

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, November 8th

Proper 27 - Year B

by the Rev. William McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: I Kings 17:8-16. Elijah creates a miracle with a widow who ends up with a jar of meal that lasts forever.

The Psalm: Psalm 146. The Lord is portrayed as one who gives justice to the oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Epistle: Hebrews 9:214-28. Jesus suffers for our sins and will return a second time, not to deal with sin, "but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him."

The Gospel: Mark 12:38-44. Here Jesus speaks about a poor widow who offers two copper coins in the temple treasury and praises her generosity over the rich people who offer large sums of money.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 686. "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." This hymn was written by Robert Robinson in 1757 when he was 22 years old. The words reflect our wandering nature and how God seeks us out and leads us home through Christ. The tune, "Nettleton" is a melody from "A Repository of Sacred Music" (1815).

Sequence Hymn: No. 383. "Fairest Lord Jesus." This hymn originated in Germany and slowly found its way to the English speaking world. It extols the beauty of nature and affirms that Jesus Christ is even more lovely to behold. The tune, "St. Elizabeth," is also of German origin, its name comes from the use of the tune by Franz Liszt in his oratorio, "The Legend of St. Elizabeth," 1862.

Presentation Hymn: No. 579. "Almighty Father, Strong to Save." This majestic hymn was written by William Whiting and appeared in an 1860 Hymnal. It immediately became popular as a naval hymn, but in 1937, Robert Nelson Spenser adapted it to include land and air. Both versions are included in the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal. The tune was composed by John Bacchus Dykes for this text and has greatly aided its popularity. Additional verses have been written to cover almost every branch of service and some medical professions, but perhaps the most far-reaching is by J. E. Volonte in 1961: "Eternal Father, king of birth, who didst create the heaven and earth, and bid the planets and the sun, their own appointed orbits run; O hear us when we seek thy grace for those who soar through outer space."

Communion Hymn: No. 711. "Seek Ye First" This hymn is based on Matthew 6:33 and was written and composed by Karen Lafferty. Karen is a well-known Christian musician who lives in New Mexico, but travels around the world spreading the faith through music. She says that after years of singing in bars and saloons, she felt she needed to get closer to God. Somehow, she read this passage in Matthew and "the hymn simply fell together, along with the alleluias!" She has produced many hymns now and can be found on Facebook.

Recessional Hymn: No. 594. "God of Grace and God of Glory." Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote this hymn in 1930 for the dedication of the Riverside Church in New York City. It was first sung at the opening service, October 5, 1930, and at the dedication on February 8, 1931. The tune, 'Cum Rhondda' was composed by John Hughes. The hymn is a great one to close our worship by asking God to "Grant us wisdom, grant us courage."

November 8th Servants

Ushers: Beth Lukas, Jim Lukas
Lector: Michelle Wiejaczka
Intercessor: Barb Moriarty
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak
Vestry Person of the Day: John Patnaude

From the cartoons created by
the Rev. William P. McLemore



100 Ways to Save the Environment
Number 22

Replace old windows with energy efficient ones.