



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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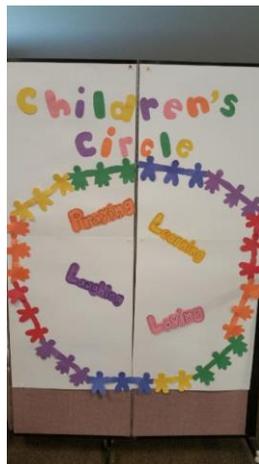


Holy Eucharist and the Laying on of Hands for Healing

Tonight at 6:30 p.m.
All are welcome!

Children's Circle

August 7th we will hold the first Sunday Children's Circle. The weekly program will cover Old Testament stories through October: Joseph and his coat; Jonah and the whale; Moses and Miriam, et al. November and December will focus on lessons about Advent. The meetings will last between 20-30 minutes immediately following Sunday services while the adults enjoy coffee and conversation.



We are so excited about the enthusiasm of our volunteers - if you are interested in joining the team, contact Pam Dietmeyer at pwd3485@hotmail.com or call 815-354-3407.

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Thoughts from Lori

"Justice issues" is a catch phrase we hear a lot these days. It falls, I think, under the larger umbrella of all things "politically correct," and as such might provoke one of two reactions: one being an eye roll or a joke, and the other being a sort of knee jerk affirmation no matter what the subject. Both reactions, it seems to me, could do with a little refinement. Let's start by responding instead of reacting. (And I am speaking mostly to myself here.)

A reaction is by definition an immediate, instinctive... well, reaction. A response, on the other hand, could involve a conversation, an interaction between two people involving questions and answers and an opportunity to listen and learn from each other. Such an interchange might not change the mind of either party, but it certainly has the potential to increase understanding.

Take so-called justice issues, for example. Things like affirmative action or equal pay for equal work, like the minimum wage issue or sick leave for hourly workers, like... well, you get the idea. People tend to feel strongly about these things, whether for or against, and in the current civic environment, to *react* rather than *respond*. I'm suggesting (again, mostly to myself) that it's healthier to *respond*, especially as Christians who are, I hope, trying to see each other and all people as children of God [see our reading from Galatians last week]. And it seems to me that the most important question to ask each other when we see things differently is this: What does that [fill in the blank] mean to you? Then of course is the hard part. Listening. Really listening without formulating your (my) retort.

Well, all this could certainly be part of a larger conversation. For now, I invite you to join me in my concerted effort to respond instead of react and to truly listen.

Faithfully,

Lori

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Prayers of the People

When entering prayers in the notebook for the Prayers of the People, please check to see if the names are already listed in the service program, and enter new prayer requests only. Also, please put your name down in case we need to reach you for follow-up. Names are kept on the list for one month unless otherwise indicated. Thank you!

Diaper Drive Last push to donate in June!

The Diaper Bank is in need of some specific sizes. Please consider helping out by donating diapers during the month of June. They are especially in need of the following:



Preemies
Sizes 1 and 5
Adults small and medium
Poise pads

Let's fill our grocery cart with diapers!

And speaking of our grocery cart, also in June, we are going to start a special outreach project related to the Mobile Food Pantry; that is, **PERSONAL CARE BAGS**. Watch for more information on this later.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY IN JULY

The group that gathers on the first Wednesday of the month has decided to continue to meet through the summer. For July, we decided to read Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz-Weber. It's available on e-readers, in the library, or bookstores (online or otherwise). Our next meeting is July 6th at 7:15 pm. All women of the parish and their friends are welcome.

And speaking of **Nadia Bolz-Weber**, she is going to be at St. Ignatius Episcopal Church in Antioch on July 16. She is a Lutheran pastor and author and one of the most exciting voices in Christian circles. Her two most popular books are Pastrix (which the WW group read last year) and Accidental Saints. Check out her website at www.nadiabolzweber.com and/or her Facebook page. If you're interested in going as a group, please sign up on the clipboard on the narthex table.

There are two sessions, morning and afternoon. Each session is \$25. If you wish to attend both sessions, the cost is \$40. Lunch is \$10.



There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall
for Coffee Hour Hosts.
Please consider helping out!



Continuing this Sunday, you're invited to bring a news story to be discussed "through theological lenses." It can be from TV, radio, the newspaper - whatever - but not about politics. At least, not yet. Most likely, we'll have to tackle that subject sooner or later. In any case, we will examine the news, good and bad, as Christians. Bibles may be involved!



Vestry - Tonight, 7:15 p.m.
Women's Wednesday - July 6, 7:15 p.m.
Fiesta Days Booth - Friday, July 22

Looking ahead....

Parish Picnic - Sunday, August 14, 4:00 p.m.
Mobile Food Truck - Saturday, August 27, 10:00 a.m.
Lifeline Screening - Thursday, September 8
Fall Parish Meeting - Sunday, September 18
Blessing of the Animals - Sunday, October 2, 3:00 p.m.

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, June 26, 2016

Pentecost VI (Proper 8 - C)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21. Elijah, and the beckoning of the Lord, seeks out Elisha to leave his farming and be his servant and understudy.

The Psalm: Psalm 16. "You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore."

Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-25. Paul reminds the Churches in Galatia that the law can be summed up as, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The Gospel: Luke 9:51-62. Jesus continues to give instruction to his disciples.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 525. "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ." This hymn was written by Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) in response to the liberal interpretation by the Rt. Rev. John William Colenso (1814-1883), the first Anglican bishop of Natal. Bishop Colenso was also a mathematician, theologian, biblical scholar, and social activist. Stone was an Anglican priest who felt deeply troubled by Colenso's ideas about Christianity and especially the interpretation of the Bible. Thus the third verse of his hymn: "Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed; yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, 'How long?' And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song." The tune, "Aurelia" was composed by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

Sequence Hymn: No. 513. "Like the murmur of the dove's song." This hymn was written by Carl Pickens Daw, Jr., in 1981. He is an Episcopal priest who was ordained by Bishop Vache in 1982 of Southern Virginia. A very talented church musician, he was on the commission that helped develop our 1982 hymnal. Biblical images in this hymn include Isaiah 38:14; John 15:5; and Philippians 4:7. The tune, "Bridegroom," was composed by Peter Cutts. The hymn makes a beautiful statement as we receive Holy Communion with an inner plea for God's blessing in the Holy Spirit.

Presentation Hymn: No. 458. "My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me." This hymn was written by the Rev. Samuel Crossman, a 17th century Anglican cleric who primarily ministered to small parishes. Its romantic tone reflects a very personal relationship with his Lord and Savior: "My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be." The hymn tune, "Love Unknown," was reputedly written over lunch one day by John Ireland at the suggestion of organist and fellow-composer, Geoffrey Shaw.

Communion Hymn: "Take, O take me as I am. This is one of the best-known songs from the Iona Community in Scotland which has become a major center for ecumenism, social justice, healing, reconciliation, and worship renewal. John Lamberton Bell, a member of the Iona Community, was born in 1949 in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire Scotland. As you sing the song, you will notice that there are four phases of our faith journey in the text: (1) surrender and conversion, (2) transformation, (3) sealed and marked by God's covenant, and (4) new life together with and in God.

Recessional Hymn: No. 530. "Spread, O spread, thou mighty word." This hymn was written by Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier and is one of the first hymns to turn from the individual piety of the 19th century to the zeal for foreign missions and education. The present form includes only the first five of the original seven stanzas of the hymn. The tune, "Gott Sei Dank," is a melody taken from the German, "Geisteiches Gesangbuch," (1704) and harmonized by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

June 26th Servants

Ushers: Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski

Lector: Rick Carlstedt

Intercessor: Judy Robel

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Dietmeyer, Charlie Boak

Vestry Person of the Day: Michelle Wiejaczka

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



Funny Church Signs!

