



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry  
April 12, 2017



*New and Notable...*



*Thoughts from Lori*

Though we are in the middle of Holy Week (see our schedule of services below), in anticipation of the celebration to come, here is the Collect for Easter:

*Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

May you and those you love be blessed this Easter season.

Faithfully,  
*Lori †*

# Holy Week and Easter

## Holy Wednesday

Tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

## Maundy Thursday

April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Agape Meal and Foot Washing

Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar  
followed by Prayer Vigil

## Good Friday

April 14

Stations of the Cross at noon

The Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Cross

Mass of the Pre-sanctified Gifts

## The Great Vigil of Easter

April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's, and St. Ann's

St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Woodstock

**Note: The offering at this service benefits the Mobile Food Pantry.**

## Easter Day

April 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Festival Eucharist of the Resurrection

### [ABOUT HOLY WEEK AND THE TRIDUUM](#)

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### *Blueprints of St. Paul's*

Do you have, or do you know of someone who has the blue prints or plans of St. Paul's buildings? If so, please contact the church office at 815-385-0390 or email [stpaulmchenry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpaulmchenry@sbcglobal.net).

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## ***LOST COAT***

Someone has accidentally taken home the wrong black coat. This would have been a couple of weeks ago when it was still chilly in the mornings. Please check your short black coat and make sure it's yours. If not, bring it back to the church. Yours (we think) is here.

Thanks.

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### **Children's Chapel**

There will be no lesson this Sunday.  
Everyone is invited to a festive reception following the Easter service.



Next week, all children are welcome to attend after the service for a snack, bible story, and activity.

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***Coming to St. Paul's on May 11th***

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on May 11th. 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.

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*In case you missed it....*

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**DEB LANG**

*Postulant for Diaconal Holy Orders*



The Bishop of Chicago has made Deb Lang a postulant for ordination as a deacon. The process toward ordination is not for the faint of heart! Deb has been in this process for more than a year-and-a-half, and yet postulancy is (canonically speaking) just the beginning. There are still several steps and requirements yet to be fulfilled, but she is now official! We'll keep you informed as the process continues. Meanwhile, thanks be to God for Deb and her ministry.

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**Notary Public**

Lisa Strandberg, the Rector's administrative assistant, is now a Notary Public. If you need something notarized, she will provide that service at no charge for parishioners. She is usually in the office Tuesday through Friday from 9am to 1pm. Call the church office (815-385-0390) if you would like an appointment.

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*The usual fare...*

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**Servants for Easter Day, April 16th**

Beth Lukas, Jim Lukas - *Ushers*  
Jim Lukas - *Lector*  
Judy Robel - *Intercessor*  
Deb Lang, Al Robel - *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Jim Lukas - *Vestry Person of the Day*  
Carter Obermeyer - *Children's Crucifer*

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***On the Calendar...***

**Noon Eucharist** - Every Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.  
**Music Therapy** - Every Friday, 10:00 a.m.  
**Vestry** - Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m.  
**Mobile Food Pantry** - Saturday, April 29, 10:00 a.m. - noon  
**Informal Parish Spring Meeting** - Sunday, May 7  
**Lifeline Screening** - Thursday, May 11

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**Lessons and Hymns**  
**Easter Sunday, April 16th**  
*by the Rev. William P. McLemore*

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**First Lesson:** Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6. Acts records Peter's discourse on Jesus; Jeremiah tells of the glories to face the people of Israel after their tribulations.

**The Psalm:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24. This psalm echoes the plight of Isaiah finding strength in God in spite of the "whispering of the crowd."

**Second Lesson:** Colossians 3:1-4. Paul says, "Set your minds on things that are above."

**The Gospel:** John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10. Two versions of the empty tomb.

**THE HYMNS:**

**Processional Hymn:** No. 179. "Welcome happy morning." This hymn, along with other Easter music, is the creation of the Italian-born poet, Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (c540-600). It was translated into English by the prolific British hymn writer, the Rev. John Ellerton (1826-1893). The music was composed by Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900) and is given the name, "Fortunatus," in honor of the author.

**Sequence Hymn:** "Celtic Alleluia." This was written and composed by Fintan O'Carroll, born July 31, 1922 in Wexford, England. On completion of his secondary school studies, he took up a position as a clerk in the national railway. He won first prize in a traditional music competition, aged 12, playing violin, and went on to study violin at home, taking lessons as the opportunity arose. His heart was in music, and he left his railway position in 1967 after 27 years of service, whereupon he completed his degree at Trinity to gain his Bachelor of Music degree.

**Presentation Hymn:** No. 180. "He is risen, He is risen!" Cecil Frances Alexander, the wife of a Bishop of the Church of Ireland, wrote this hymn in the late 1800's. She was a prolific poet and wrote nearly 400 hymns and poems. Joachim Neander is the composer of the tune, "Unser Herrscher."

**Communion Hymn:** "Bless the Lord."

***Recessional Hymn:*** No. 207. "Jesus Christ is risen today." This classic hymn for Easter dates back to a 14th century Bohemian carol. Over the years, it has been continuously altered and the fourth and final verse was written by Charles Wesley. The tune, "Easter Hymn," is from the English, "Lyrica Davidica," published in London in 1708.

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



"Why do we have to go to church every Easter?"

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