



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
November 15, 2017



New & Notable

*Please note: The office will be closed
Thursday, November 16th and Friday, November 17th.*



Eve of Thanksgiving Service
Holy Eucharist
Here at St. Paul's
Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 pm

Thoughts from Lori



It's not even Thanksgiving yet, so I'm hesitant to mention Christmas already. But I want to give you a heads-up early enough to be helpful. If you're like us, you don't really need any more *stuff*. A truly wonderful alternative is to ask your family to give you a goat...or a beehive...or a flock of chickens. Not to you directly, you understand, but to a family in a developing part of the world through one of any number of trustworthy agencies. My favorites are Episcopal Relief & Development and Heifer International.

Bill and I do this for our adult children, too. There are all kinds of options, and they'll even provide you with cards to send to them which explain the nature of your gift. What better way to honor our loved ones than to make a difference in the lives of others!

We have put a few of the catalogs for these organizations in the narthex. Feel free to take one. Or you can go online to peruse all the opportunities and make your donation.

www.Episcopalrelief.org/gifts
www.Heifer.org/catalog

Meanwhile, let's focus on Thanksgiving. This Sunday evening, join Bill and me at the Community Interfaith Thanksgiving service. It's at 7pm at the Blue Lotus Temple in Woodstock. It's a wonderful experience of people of many faiths coming together to give thanks for our many blessings. And of course, there is our own Eve of Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, the 22nd at 7pm.

For me, this marks the beginning of what has become known at the holiday season. Whatever way you observe this time of year, may you know yourself to be truly loved and cherished by God in Christ Jesus.

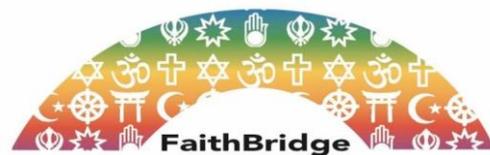
Faithfully,

Loritt

LET'S HELP BOBBI!

Bobbi Fiali needs help packing in preparation for her move. She's there today (she started early and will be going until 5 this afternoon and from 7 to 9 tonight) and again tomorrow, same hours. If you can stop by and lend a hand for a couple of hours, please do! The address is 5610 Chesapeake Drive, McHenry.

Not quite new but still notable....



11th ANNUAL COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION
WE ARE ONE Identifying Ourselves in Each Other

Sunday, November 19th, 2017 at 7 pm

BLUE LOTUS BUDDHIST TEMPLE & MEDITATION CENTER
221 Dean Street, Woodstock, IL
815-337-7378

Come join neighbors, families and friends as we honor the diversity of faith and culture - and celebrate the Oneness of our humanity. Sharing community in a variety of musical offerings and messages, we take this time to find joy in connecting with one another. To share gratitude, an offering will be made to benefit the people of Puerto Rico, local food pantries and the work of FaithBridge. For additional information, contact: Tricia Alexander: triciababa@aol.com or M.E. Tanabe: m.e.tanabe@comcast.net

This gathering is sponsored by FaithBridge Interfaith Association. Promoting mutual understanding and respectful relationships among diverse religious communities and advancing unity in diversity for the common good. FaithBridge is a 501(c)3 organization - www.faithbridgeinterfaith.org

Children's Chapel

Children are invited to attend the Children's Chapel following the service for a bible story, activity, and snack. This week's lesson will be "Stories of David." Leaders are Kim Morris and Kerry Obermeyer.



In case you missed it....

***Join the folks of St. Mary's for a
FREE COMMUNITY MEAL*
November 18 and December 16***

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Guests and volunteers eat together and get to know each other. Great food and conversation. Note: St. Mary's is a big supporter of our Mobile Food Truck. Let's return the favor. *This meal is offered to those in our community who may be experiencing difficulty in procuring enough food. Free to All! All are Welcome! Family Friendly!

Where:

**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
210 S. McHENRY AVENUE
CRYSTAL LAKE - 815-459-1009
No RSVP Required - Every 3rd Saturday**

The usual fare...

A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

Feast Day of Margaret of Scotland

Thursday, November 16th, is the festival day for Margaret of Scotland (c1045-1093) who was an English princess of the house of Wessex. The daughter of a Saxon king, she and her family were in exile following the Norman conquest of England in 1066. In 1070, Margaret married King Malcolm III of Scotland. She was a very pious Roman Catholic, and zealously chastised the clergy to be more observant of the rules for their conduct as priests and follow the traditional liturgical practices.



Margaret also encouraged the founding of schools, hospitals, and orphanages, and used her influence with King Malcolm to help her improve the quality of life among the isolated Scottish clans. Together Margaret and her husband rebuilt the monastery of Iona, and founded Dunfermline Abbey with the aid of the Benedictine monks. Her work among the people, and her reforms in the Church, made her Scotland's most beloved saint. She died on November 16, 1093, and is buried at Dunfermline Abbey.

What we learn from Margaret of Scotland is the value of being zealous for the faith and the regular attendance at worship. The collect (prayer) for her day asks that we commemorate her with "fruitful good works."

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, November 19, 2017

(Proper 28 - Year A)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Reading: The Track I readings are Judges 4:1-7 and Psalm 123; the Track II readings is Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 and Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12. Judges has the story of Deborah, a prophetess, whom the people come to for judgment. The Zephaniah reading is another description of the Lord's Day of Wrath. The Track I Psalm seeks the mercy of God, and the Track II Psalm ends with, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."

The Epistle: I Thessalonians 4:13-18. Paul tells of the "Day of the Lord."

The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13. Here, Jesus tells the parable of the talents entrusted to various slaves, and the master's rage with the one who was "afraid and buried his talent."

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 460. "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus." This majestic hymn was written by an English businessman, William Chatterton Dix, who sold insurance, but had a hobby of writing hymns based on his personal faith. This particular hymn is based on Revelation 5:9, "for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God." The tune "Hyfrydol" by Rowland Hugh Prichard is remarkable in that it limits itself to a range of only a fifth, save for the final phrase which rises to the sixth (D). Having celebrated God's "goodness and mercy," we go forth singing: "Hark! the songs of holy Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood."

Sequence: No. 535. "Ye servants of God." Charles Wesley, the son of Samuel Wesley, was born at Epworth, Dec. 18, 1708. He was educated at Westminster School and afterwards at Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated M.A. In 1735, he took Orders and immediately proceeded with his brother John to Georgia, both being employed as missionaries of the Society of the Propagation of the Gospel of the Church of England. He returned to England in 1736. For many years he engaged with his brother in preaching the Gospel. He died March 29, 1788. This great hymn calls forth our outreach, sharing Christ with others—a prominent aspect of the Epiphany season. The spirited tune is from a 1765 melody in a German Catholic hymnal.

Presentation: No. 9. "Not Here for High and Holy Things." This hymn was written by Geoffrey Anketell Studdert-Kennedy around 1921 as a six verse poem. Our 1940 hymnal only included the last three verses which began, "Awake, Awake, to Love and Work." Here we sing all six of the verses. The hymn reflects the glorious creation of Almighty God and points to the beauty found in the seasons and all the changes during the years. The tune, "Morning Song," is an old shape note southern spiritual found in Davisson's "Kentucky Harmony," (1816).

Communion: "In the Lord I'll be forever thankful." This hymn was written and set to music by Jacques Breathier for the Taizé religious community in France. 1991. It is based on Philippians 4:4-6.

Recessional: No. 368. "Holy Father, Great Creator." When this hymn written by Alexander Viets Griswold (1766-1843) appeared in an 1835 worship book it was titled "A Hymn to the God of Christians." Griswold was one of the early bishops of the Episcopal Church and served as the Presiding Bishop from 1836-1843 when he dropped dead at the door of a newly elected bishop, Manton Eastburn. The tune, "Regents Square" was composed by Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879) for the English Presbyterian 1867 Psalter.

Servants for November 19th

Terry Jaworski, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*
Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*
Barb Moriarty - *Intercessor*
Michelle Wiejaczka, Jeff Zabor - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Darrell Rowe - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Bev Jannotta, Carol Toft- *Altar Guild, Flower Guild*
Jianna Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*

On the Calendar...

Mid-Week Eucharist - Every Wednesday, 12:15 pm
Vestry - Tonight, 7:00 pm
Eve of Thanksgiving Service - Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 pm
Men's Breakfast - Saturday, December 2, 8:00 am
First Sunday of Advent - December 3

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



*"Alice, did you remember
to send in our church pledge?"*

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