



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle
October 17, 2018

New and Notable

**Stewardship 2019
ABUNDANCE**

by Rev. Bill McLemore

Stewardship is a matter of trust and as human beings, trust is very difficult to have. This is because we have often been disappointed and let down by others, by friends and family, and by the circumstances of life. We begin to fear to have love and trust. This learned fear invades every part of our lives, even our spiritual lives. We pray for things and when we don't get them, we add fear to our faith in God. Our lives, more tragically, our faith, reflects scarcity and disappointment.

Yet, God in Jesus Christ, through the blessings of the Holy Spirit, wants us to lead lives of abundance. The teachings of Jesus, especially His parables, are full of surprises about the grace, mercy, and joy of life. Being a steward means trusting in this abundance of God's love and forgiveness.

In the giving of ourselves, our money is as spiritual as our prayers, worship, and service. Thus, we should not give in a fearful way, worried about having enough, but giving with an abundant heart filled with the blessings of God—certain of the presence and providence of God.

The biblical standard of giving is the tithe—a tenth of our income given in faith and trust to God. The faithful in scripture always gave the tithe as the first payment from their resources, so-called “first fruits.” Many set the tithe as a goal for giving, increasing year by year, until learning that we can live on 90% of our earnings. Such stewardship truly reflects an approach to life as one of abundance not scarcity.

*The Rev. William P. McLemore
Priest Associate Retired*



St. Paul's Polo shirts still available

We have extras in the office for \$20. Sizes M, L, XL, and 2XL are available in both ladies' and men's. Please let Lisa know if you'd like one!

In case you missed it...

Crandall's Chicken Dinner to benefit WACM

~Woodstock Area Community Ministries~

Monday, October 29th, 4pm to 8pm

www.wacmgroup.org

All-You-Can-Eat Broasted Chicken Dinner

Adults - \$15, Kids (6-12) - \$10, Kids (5 and under) - \$5

In addition to your meal, you can also buy a meal for a Veteran!

For more information or to buy tickets, please contact Patrice Braun:

(815) 701-7317 or patricebraun55@gmail.com

WACM is a community-based organization dedicated to caring for those in need in the community with emergency financial aid, PADS, and other services.



2018 CROP Walk

Despite the damp and chilly weather, the CROP Walk was a great success. Many families from area churches walked to support and bring awareness to the issue of hunger in our community and the world. Next year we are planning to walk under the banner of “The Episcopal Churches of McHenry County” and have a team from St. Ann’s, St. Mary’s and St. Paul’s. The picture above is of St. Mary’s rest stop that they sponsored. Water, popcorn and games for little ones were offered and enjoyed.

Deb Lang



Historic Hook & Hastings Organ Concert

Sunday, November 4th, 6:00 pm
Holy Communion Episcopal Church
320 Broad St., Lake Geneva

On Sunday, November 4th Greg Zelek, Principal Organist and Curator from the Madison Symphony Orchestra, will be performing a selection of organ works from Vierne, Bach, Elgar, Guilmant, and others on this historic 1883 instrument, Hook & Hastings OPUS 1144. Advance tickets are available and free will offerings will also be accepted. All proceeds will go to the Organ Restoration Fund at Holy Communion, as their 135 year old organ is needing a 50-year check-up and restoration.

The usual fare...

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, October 21, 2018

(Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost- Year B)
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: Isaiah 53:4-12. The prophet tells of God's servant who will bear the sins of the people and be God's emissary of grace and mercy. **Psalm 91:9-16.** This psalm celebrates God as our refuge and agent of deliverance. The Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10. Jesus is recalled as the "high priest according to the order of Melchizedek." **The Gospel:** Mark 10:35-45. Jesus is asked by James and John for the privilege of being at his right hand in the kingdom, but Jesus reminds them "whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all."

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 616. "Hail to the Lord's Anointed." This hymn was written in 1821 by James Montgomery to be used by a Moravian Settlement during the Christmas season. It is based upon Psalm 72. "He comes with succor speedy, to those who suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong." The tune is an adaptation of a German folk song and should be sung happily with hearts of joy!

Sequence: No. 455. "O Love of God How Strong and True." This hymn was written by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), a priest in the Church of Scotland, who authored many hymns. The tune, "Dunedin," was composed by Thomas Vernon Griffiths, a New Zealand music teacher and lecturer-composer (1894-1985). This hymn was one of those sung at the funeral of President Ronald Reagan, June 10, 2004, at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul in Washington, D.C. (The National Cathedral).

Presentation: No. 408. "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above." This hymn was penned by Johann Jakob Schutz (1640-1690), a German lawyer and also a man of deep faith and piety. It was translated into English by Elizabeth Cos. However, later in life, Schutz became a Separatist and ceased to attend his Lutheran church. Each verse ends with the triumphant "to God all praise and glory." The tune is an ancient German pastoral melody of 1529.

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

Recessional: No. 410. "Praise My Soul The King of Heaven." The composer of this hymn is Henry Francis Lyte who was born in Scotland in 1793 and was ordained an Anglican priest in 1815. He served as a curate in a small fishing village in Devonshire and the 1951 Hymnal Companion (from which I have gleaned most of the information I have used in this series) says, "The rigor of the work in this small fishing village, among the people who failed to appreciate his delicate and sensitive nature, undermined his never robust health." Lyte died 1834 at 39 years of age. The tune "Lauda Anima" was composed by John Goss (1800-1880) and deserves to be sung majestically and with spirit. The servant nature of Christ is emphasized in the third verse of this hymn. "Father, like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in His hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes."

Servants for October 21st

Bill Lang, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*
Michelle Wiejaczka - *Lector*
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*
Barb Moriarty, Jeffrey Zabor - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Antania Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*
Marilyn Bell, Marilyn Reihansperger - *Altar Guild*
Ashley Pecoraro, Carol Toft - *Flower Guild*

On the Calendar...

Vestry - Tonight, 6:00 pm
Men's Breakfast - Saturday, November 3, 8:00 am
Daylight Savings time - Sunday, November 4
Eve of Thanksgiving Service - Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 pm

From the studio of the Rev. William P. McLemore



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