



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle

October 3, 2018

New and Notable

Stewardship 2019

GRATITUDE

by Barb Moriarty

This year the theme of stewardship is Gratitude. The bible tells us many times but especially in Genesis 9:3 that “I (God) give you everything.” I am especially reminded of this because 2018 has been a trying year for me. I am also reminded of the lilies. In Luke 12:27 Jesus says “consider the lilies how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you even Solomon in all his glory was not like one of these.” Jesus goes on to say in Luke 12:32 “Do not be afraid little flock, for it is the Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Remember the words during the service – “all things come of thee and of thine own have we given thee.”

During this season we remember that everything comes from God and we should be giving back to God. One way to give back to God is through our pledge. Our pledge is about our relationship with God. During the next few weeks we will be communicating about stewardship and pledging. Although stewardship is a life-long journey, now is the time of the year for pledging. Reflect on the mission of St. Paul’s “serving others for the sake of Christ.” During this past year we have changed the contract of our rector from full-time to part-time. This means that all of us need to be more active participants and join in fulfilling our mission. Whether this means you are a leader of one of the ministry teams or a member, your talents are important. One of our talents is the money given as part of our pledge. Remember when you pray about the pledge that your pledge is important in meeting St. Paul’s mission, “serving others for the sake of Christ.”



Men's Breakfast this Saturday

October 6, 2018

8:00 am at Kim and Patty's

Please RSVP Al Robel if you are attending:

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Thoughts from Lori

Well, it's October! My favorite time of year. Let's hope for a beautiful display of color this year. As I write, I've got several things on my mind, so bear with me. First, I want to thank everyone for a great job on the Flea Market last Saturday. We may not have had the traffic we'd hoped for, but it was incredibly well organized and we learned a lot. So many of you donated money upfront that everything else was profit. We made about \$1000 – not bad for our first try. Lots of you helped in many ways, but I would be remiss if I didn't mention the committee members who made it happen: Beth Lukas, Judy Robel, Carol Toft, and Lisa Strandberg. Great job! They are already reviewing the event and talking about doing it again next year.

Second, we've agreed to try a new approach to our children's ministry. Instead of the Children's Chapel as we've done it for the past couple of years, we're going to make the first Sunday of each month Children's Sunday. All of our children will have some role in our worship that day. Some will be acolytes or acolyte assistants, some of the older ones will read a lesson or the prayers, carry the cross and the gospel book, and all of them will be invited to be with me at the altar for the Great Thanksgiving.

The first Children's Sunday will be November 4th. This coming Sunday, October 7th, all our children are invited to stay for a brief discussion and rehearsal *after* church. Parents, you can enjoy coffee in the parish hall. Meanwhile, we will continue the Children's Minute after the reading of the Epistle.

Third (and lastly), I'm including a link to Sunday's sermon, not because it was particularly special, but because in it I made some promises that I want to make sure everyone is aware of. [September 30, 2018 Sermon](#)

Love each other this week. Come back to church Sunday for reinforcements for next week. We need each other, and all the help we can get!

Faithfully,

Lori+

St. Paul's First Flea Market!



Admission Table



Committee



Baked Goods



McLemore Hardware Store



Kitchen Crew



For sale!

Presentation at St. Ann's about Convention

Saturday, October 13, 9:30 am

Part 1 – Rev. Fran Holiday – Presentation regarding the Episcopal Convention

- Overview of the Convention – How often, why it is important, what is its purpose
- Activities of the Convention – Proposed BCP revision, voter suppression, anti-gun violence demonstration, other items of interest

Part 2 –

- An introduction of the materials which will be available after the meeting. Included will be a brief overview of Presiding Bishop Curry's "The Way of Love – Practices for Jesus-Centered Life."
- Rev. Lynn will read her "Ponderings" article – "Loyalty"
- "The Prayer Attributed to St. Francis" (BCP pg. 833) and how it reminds us of our goals for living each day. The persons attending will be asked to ponder on these goals in their own lives as the prayer is read slowly.
- Fr. Scott will give the closing prayer.

Part 3 – After the meeting

- Distribution of printed information giving a list of appropriate websites to view as anyone might have an interest, including (1) Bishops Against Gun Violence, (2) Vote Faithfully, (3) ENS Newsletters, (4) Diocese Newsletters.
- Distribution of Voter Registration forms to anyone wishing them.
- A list of all relevant elected officials for persons wishing to write them with their suggestions for changes.

NOTE: There will be NO discussions regarding the gun violence issues and NO discussions regarding how to or for whom to vote, including which party (make your own choice).

In case you missed it...



Fall Parish Meeting - A BIG THANK-YOU

A big thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our Fall Parish Meeting! Everyone present was invited to sign-up for one or more of the Team Ministries: OUTREACH, PARISH LIFE, BUILDING & GROUNDS, WORSHIP, and EVANGELISM (subject to possible name-change). If you were not able to attend, you will still have an opportunity in the coming weeks to sign-up for the team or teams of your choice.

What ministry here at St. Paul's is God calling you to?

The usual fare...

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, October 7, 2018

(Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost- Year B)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: Genesis 2:18-24. God creates woman from a man's rib and sets the process of human reproduction in motion. ***Psalm 8.*** This psalm praises God for all life upon the earth as well as the "moon and the stars you have set in their courses." ***The Epistle:*** Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12. The writer of Hebrews praises God for all creation especially the brothers and sisters in the "midst of the congregation." ***The Gospel:*** Mark 10:2-16. The Pharisees try to trick Jesus with the question about divorce and Jesus gives his response and then blesses children who come to him.

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 388. "O Worship the King." This hymn is based on Psalm 104 and reputedly written by a Scottish priest, William Kethe, who with other biblical scholars in Geneva, sought to render the Hebrew psalms into English meter and prose. His original first stanza included, "My soule praise the Lord, speake good of his Name, O Lord our great God how dost thou appeare, So

passing in glorie, that great is thy fame, Honor and maiestie in thee shine most cleare." Like the psalm, the hymn rejoices in all aspects of God's creation. The tune 'Hanover' has been erroneously attributed to Handel but nevertheless is an easy to sing hymn tune.

Sequence: No. 405. "All Things Bright and Beautiful." This is a delightful hymn by Cecil Frances Alexander based on the second Article in the Creed: "Maker of heaven and earth." It originally appeared in the 1848 "Hymns for Little Children." One verse was omitted due to the passage of time and social norms: "The rich man in his castle, the poor man at his gate, God made them high and lowly, and ordered their estate." The tune, "Royal Oak," was adapted for this hymn by Martin Shaw in 1915. Again, this is a joyful reflection of all aspects of God's creation.

Presentation: No. 416. "For the beauty of the earth." This hymn was written by Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917) who was born in Bath, England, and educated at Queens' College, Cambridge, where he graduated with honors in classics, B.A., 1857. For a good part of his life, he taught classics at Somersetshire College. The hymn extols the beauty of all creation, the time we spend on this earth, the joy of all sensations, human love, and the church "which evermore lifteth holy hands above." The tune, "Lucerna Laudoniae," was composed by David Evans (11874-1948).

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. 559. "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us." This hymn, written for the children of the London Orphan Asylum by James Edmeston, was first published in the second set of his "Sacred Lyrics" of 1821. It has been in the Episcopal Hymnal since 1874. The tune, "Dulce Carmen," has been ascribed to Johann Michael Haydn, but the composer of this lyric is yet unknown. Its earliest appearance is in the "Essay on Church Plain Chant," of 1782. The message of this hymn has long provided strength for those who suffer physically or mentally.

Servants for October 7th

Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*
Judy Robel - *Lector*
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*
Al Robel - *Eucharistic Minister*
Barb Moriarty - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Cassidy Obermeyer - *Children's Crucifer*
Patrice Braun, Doris Gaic - *Altar Guild*
Patrice Braun, Pam Dietmeyer - *Flower Guild*
Coffee Hour - *Bob and Linda Curran*

On the Calendar...

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, October 6, 8:00 am
Vestry - Wednesday, October 17, 6:00 pm

From the studio of the Rev. William P. McLemore



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