



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle
October 24, 2018

New and Notable

Lori's Stewardship Sermon

This was my sermon last Sunday, a stewardship sermon, as requested by Barb Moriarty, our Steward Chair for 2018-19.

Pentecost XXII (Proper 24 B)

October 21, 2018

St. Paul's McHenry

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. *Amen.*

Michael and I were unlikely friends. We were in discernment together back in the early '80s. I was a suburban housewife and mother; he was a soft-spoken young man living in his parents' basement apartment. I went on to seminary and Michael went to graduate school and earned a master's degree in community counseling.

He came to terms with his sexuality and "came out" in a time when that was not well-received. Though not destined to become a priest, he found his vocation as a therapist and was one of the first counselors to serve the gay community during the height of the AIDS epidemic.

His vocation was every bit as sacred as the priesthood. He died of AIDS himself just a couple of years later. He was as much a saint as any of those disciples, as any of those across the ages we call Saints with a capital S.

When I was ordained, 30 years ago this December, he gave me a manuscript – a piece of calligraphy with gold leaf – which reads “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.” I cherish it and it has hung on the wall of my office in every church I’ve ever served.

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Pledge Cards

We are putting your stewardship material -- a letter from your wardens, Jim and Jeff -- along with your pledge card in the mail today. Please notice that the front is for your financial contribution, your "Treasure," and the back is for your contribution of "Time and Talent." Prayerfully consider how these commitments reflect your relationship with God and your devotion to St. Paul's. PLEDGE SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 4th at which time your pledges will be blessed at the altar. Thanks be to God for your generosity. lml+

St. Paul's to Participate in the McHenry Chamber Veterans Expo

An announcement from Jim Lukas

St. Paul's Welcome Team will participate in the 2018 McHenry Chamber Veterans Expo on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at the McHenry VFW from 6 to 8PM.

Last year, over 300 people attended this event. More are expected in 2018. St. Paul's has a long history of helping our nation's veterans. We housed homeless veterans at Betts' Place on the west side of McHenry for several years and have supported Transitional Living Services (TLS) in many ways over the years. We are currently providing nonperishable food and paper products for the TLS food pantry for their veteran clients.

We will invite any Expo attendees to St. Paul's special Veterans Day service on Sunday, November 11th at our 10AM Service. Please be sure to attend this special service and show your appreciation to our nation's veterans for their service! If you are a veteran, please wear your "colors".

The purpose of the Welcome Team is to get the word out about St. Paul's and promote St. Paul's to the community. We have something very special here and we want to share it!

You will be hearing more from the Welcome Team in the near future.

If you would like to participate in the Veterans Expo, please contact any of the Welcome Team members- John Patnaude, Kathy Biggerstaff, Charles Sterbis, Carol Toft, Kim Morris, or Jim Lukas.

In case you missed it...



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 mens. Please let Lisa know if you'd like one!

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.

The usual fare...

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, October 28, 2018

(Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost- Year B)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:7-9. The Lord God will gather the tribes of Israel to "walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble." Psalm 126. This passage of the psalter echoes the restoration of Israel in Jeremiah. The Epistle: Hebrews 7:23-28. Jesus is portrayed as a priest forever because he is the eternal son of God. The Gospel: Mark 10:46-52. This is the story of Jesus healing the blind beggar Bartimaeus.

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 411. "O Bless the Lord My Soul." This hymn was written by James Montgomery and is based upon Psalm 103. The text has been in our hymnals since 1826 without any alterations over the years. The tune "St. Thomas" was composed by Aaron Williams and is used in its abbreviated form for this hymn. The words call forth our faith in the deepest sense, "O bless the Lord my soul."

Sequence: No. 671. "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound." "Amazing Grace" is a hymn written by the English poet and clergyman John Newton (1725-1807), published in 1779. It is one of the most recognizable songs in the English-speaking world. Newton grew up without any particular religious conviction. He was pressed into the Royal Navy, and after leaving the service became involved in the Atlantic slave trade. In 1748, a violent

storm battered his vessel so severely that he called out to God for mercy, a moment that marked his spiritual conversion. "Amazing Grace" was written to illustrate a sermon on New Year's Day of 1773. The tune "New Britain" has been traced back to "Southern Harmony," a shaped note hymnbook published in 1847 published by William Walker which sold 600,000 copies. The hymn is a wonderful testimony of personal faith. "Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed."

Presentation: No. 679. "Surely it is God who Saves Me." Based on the First Song of Isaiah, this popular contemporary hymn was composed by the Rev. Dr. Carl Pickens Daw, Jr., before he studied at the University of the South and was ordained an Episcopal priest in March of 1982. He served on the Committee on Texts for the 1982 Hymnal and currently lives in Watertown, Maine. The tune was composed by Ray W. Urwin.

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. 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. This spirited tune is from a 1765 melody in a German Catholic hymnal.

Servants for October 28th

Jim and Beth Lukas - *Ushers*

Jim Lukas - *Lector*

Barb Moriarty - *Intercessor*

Pam Dietmeyer, Linda Curran - *Eucharistic Ministers*

Bella Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*

Heather Dodge, Ashley Pecoraro - *Altar Guild*

Marilyn Bell, Kathy Biggerstaff - *Flower Guild*

On the Calendar...

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, November 3, 8:00 am

Daylight Savings time - Sunday, November 4

Vestry - Wednesday, November 14, 6:00 pm

Eve of Thanksgiving Service - Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 pm

From the studio of the Rev. William P. McLemore



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