



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle
October 31, 2018
Happy Halloween!

New and Notable



Men's Breakfast

This Saturday, November 3rd

8:00 am at Kim & Patty's

Please RSVP Al Robel at alanrobel@att.net



Thoughts from Lori

I've got several things on my mind this morning, so I'm going to make a list:

- First off, this Sunday is our **PLEDGE SUNDAY**; the ingathering and blessing of our pledge cards at the offertory. Please prayerfully consider your commitment of Time, Talent, and Treasure to our life together here at St. Paul's.
- By the way, it's also the fall **TIME CHANGE** – the good one. We all get an extra hour, TBTG!
- And it's our first **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**. All children and grandchildren are invited to come early (9:30) to prepare to take part in the service.
- Yes, it's Halloween today. But it's more than a one-day event related to Trick-or-Treating. In fact, it's part of a three-day religious tradition: All Hallows Eve (or Halloween), All Saints Day (always November 1st), and All Souls Day (always November 2nd). The first Sunday after All Saints Day is All Saints Sunday.

All this on Sunday! But wait, there's more.

- **Veterans Day** is coming up and we've had strong ties with vets, including donating our grocery cart to the TLS food pantry. In that same spirit, St. Paul's will have a table at the upcoming Veterans EXPO on November 8th from 6 to 8pm at the McHenry VFW on H120. Everyone is encouraged to drop by.
- Veterans Day, November 11th, falls on a Sunday this year. Our Eucharist that day will be dedicated to all veterans. Look for more information about this next week.
- There will be a **special vigil** at 7pm on Friday night at the **McHenry County Jewish Congregation** to remember the victims of last week's massacre at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. The address is 8617 Ridgefield Road, Crystal Lake. I plan to be there. I hope you'll join me. Here's the link for more information: <https://mcjconline.org>
- And finally, remember to **VOTE**, either early or on Election Day!



FaithBridge's 12th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

Sunday, November 18th at 7:00 PM
Hosted by Tree of Life Unitarian Universalist Congregation
5603 W. Bull Valley Road
McHenry, IL 60050

Come join neighbors, families, and friends as we celebrate diversity of faith and culture.... and in that celebration we explore our unity. Sharing community through drumming, singing, and varied messages, we have this joyful opportunity to meet and connect with diverse faith communities. To share gratitude, an offering will be made to benefit local food pantries. Refreshments will be served. Contact M. E. (Emi) Tanabe with any questions: 815-337-9895 (landline)

**ST. LEONARD'S
MINISTRIES**
REBUILDING LIVES, RESHAPING FUTURES

St. Leonard's Ministries provides housing and reentry programs to formerly incarcerated individuals, and is currently in urgent need of winter coats for men and women and heavy winter blankets. If you have coats you can donate, bring them to St. Paul's and we will arrange a pick-up. Or you can contact the coordinator, Katie Gonzalez, directly at katie.gonzalez@slministries.org, (312) 780-3192.

In case you missed it...

Pledge Cards

We have sent out your stewardship material -- a letter from your wardens, Jim and Jeff -- along with your pledge card in the mail. 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.

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 Mass 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

The usual fare...

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, November 4, 2018

(Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Year B)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9. The prophet rejoices that the Lord of hosts will bless the people and “swallow up death forever.” **The Epistle:** Revelation 21:1-6a. God is with the people, God comforts the people, God is trustworthy, God is the beginning and the end. **The Gospel:** John 11:32-44. This passage features the amazing story of Jesus giving life to Lazarus, the brother of Mary. It is a story that shows God’s love over-powering the human fears and myths about death. It ends with the Lord saying, “Unbind him and let him go.”

THE HYMNS

Processional: No. 287. “For All the Saints.” This stirring hymn by the Rt. Rev. William Walsham How is an All Saints Day tradition. The stirring tune, “Sine Nomine,” was written especially for this hymn by Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1906. The words describe the amazing transition from earthly life to life eternal: “And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.”

Sequence: No. 366. “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name.” This hymn first appeared in the personal hymnbook of the Austrian Empress, Maria Theresa of Vienna around 1774. Perhaps, her tragic life called for a hymn of tribute to God. Her four children all died as infants. She was able to enjoy the title “Queen of Saxony” for only a few months after the death of her brother-in-law, Frederick Augustus I in May 1827. The final stanza of this hymn includes these words, “Lord, renew our hearts within us.” The tune is folk song in style; and fits well with the words that praise God’s salvation in Jesus Christ.

Presentation: No. 293. “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God.” Lesbia Scott, the wife of a British Naval Officer, wrote this hymn for her own children to impress upon them that sainthood is a living possibility now – not just in heaven. It remains a favorite child’s hymn with implications for all ages: “They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still, the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus’ will.” The tune, ‘Grand Isle,’ was composed in 1940 by John Henry Hopkins for use with her text.

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. 551. “Rise Up, Ye Saints of God.” This hymn was written by William Pierson Merrill on a ship sailing across Lake Michigan. The hymn has been set to no less than 12 different tunes in 24 years and “Festal Song” is the one that has become the most popular in the United States. This tune was composed by William Henry Walter, an organist at several Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches. The hymn forms appropriate music with which to leave church thinking about God’s love and our love in return. “Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long: Lord, bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.”

Servants for November 4th

Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski- *Ushers*
Judy Robel - *Lector*
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*
Al Robel, Charles Sterbis - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Jianna Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*
Patrice Braun, Doris Gaic - *Altar Guild*
Patrice Braun, Pam Dietmeyer- *Flower Guild*

On the Calendar...

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, November 3, 8:00 am
Daylight Savings time - Sunday, November 4
Pledge Sunday - November 4
Veterans Day Service - Sunday, November 11, 10:00 am
Vestry - Wednesday, November 14, 6:00 pm
Stewardship Reception - Sunday, November 18, after service
Eve of Thanksgiving Eucharist - Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 pm
First Sunday of Advent - December 2

From the studio of the Rev. William P. McLemore



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