



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle
November 14, 2018

New and Notable



**Stewardship at St. Paul's
and Reception this Sunday!**

First, thank you all for your generous pledges to support St. Paul's Church. We are planning a brief recap of your Time, Talent and Treasure at a reception during this Sunday's coffee hour. We will have coffee, juice and cake. So far this year, St. Paul's has 24 pledges totaling \$50,290. We expect to receive an additional six to eight pledges soon. Last year, we had a total of 29 pledges for \$63,749. So, it looks like pledges this year will surpass last year's total. Thank you all for your generosity. If you haven't completed your pledge cards, please do so and turn them in to Billy Lang, Lori or myself.

Barbara Moriarty
Stewardship Chair

Thoughts from Lori

Sunday was a very special event. We observed Veterans Day at our morning worship, followed by a reception. Thank you to everyone who helped: those who participated in worship and who set up the reception, including those who helped at the Veterans Expo earlier in the week. As they left, one of our guests told me that he thought it was the best Veterans Day observance he'd ever experienced in an Episcopal church.

This Sunday, there will be another small reception to thank everyone who has made a pledge for 2019. (See Barb's note below.) If you haven't pledged yet, not to worry – you can still come for coffee and cake! And we'll give you another pledge card in case you misplaced yours.

Meanwhile, Thanksgiving is practically upon us, and you know what that means. The holidays are here! In the liturgical calendar, Sunday the 25th is the Last Sunday after Pentecost, also known as the Feast of Christ the King, marking the end of the church year. Then Sunday, December 2nd is the First Sunday of Advent. For liturgical buffs, we will be in Year C of the three-year lectionary cycle.

Watch upcoming editions of The ePistle for dates and special occasions you won't want to miss. As always, I hope to see you Sunday.

Faithfully,
Lori+

St. Paul's at the McHenry Chamber Veterans Expo



A delegation from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, McHenry participated in the November 8, 2018 McHenry Chamber Veterans Expo at the McHenry VFW. The Church members honored and greeted Veterans and their families at this event.

Pictured are parishioners Jim Lukas, the Reverend Lori Lowe, Rector of St. Paul's, US Air Force Veteran Charles Sterbis, and US Army Veteran Justin Pecoraro.

Veterans Day Mass at St. Paul's



We will gather as a group to clean-up and set-up the altar for the Season of Advent. The first Sunday of Advent is December 2nd. I hope you can all join us on Saturday morning, **December 1st at 10:00 am.** Please bring supplies to clean, dust and polish. Start to finish should take no more than ninety minutes.

We will set up the altar with our beautiful blue Advent vestments and set up the Advent wreath and candles. This is also a good time for us to talk about how things are going and answer any questions.

Thank you,
Deb Lang

Help Wanted

Sunday mornings don't just spring up out of nowhere! There are lots of hands, some behind the scenes and some up front, making it all happen. With the help of the Holy Spirit, our worship is TO THE GLORY OF GOD, in thanksgiving for our many blessings, and for the opportunity for us to pray both individually and corporately. Please consider participating in some of the specific roles. Here are some of the ways (as):

Ushers

Lector (one of the lessons)

Intercessor (Prayers of the People)

Eucharistic Ministers

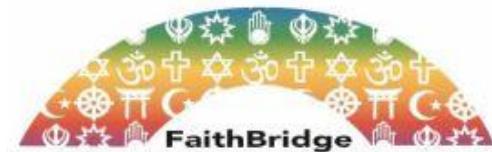
Altar Guild

Flower Guild

Coffee Hour

Email us at the church office to volunteer (lisa@stpaulmchenry.com). And thanks.

In case you missed it...



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)

The usual fare...

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, November 18, 2018

(Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Year B)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The Old Testament: Daniel 12:1-3. This passage refers to the Archangel Michael who will arise and exercise judgment of those who “sleep in the dust of the earth” to lead many to righteousness, “like the stars forever and ever.” **The Epistle:** Hebrews 10:11-14; Hebrews 10:15-18; Hebrews 10:19-25. Again, the writer continues with the imagery of the Eucharist and the spirit that should prevail as we participate in it. **The Gospel:** Mark 13:1-8. Some people tell Jesus how marvelous the great temple is with such large stones and great size. To which Jesus reminds them, the time will come when the great buildings will be thrown down; and there will be “earthquakes in various places” and famine.

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 48. “O Day of Radiant Gladness.” This hymn is the first one in Christopher Wordsworth’s “Holy Year, 1862.” It has been in the Hymnal since 1874. The first line in the 1940 hymnal was, “O Day of Rest and Gladness.” Thus it has been altered for this hymnal, including the 3rd verse written by the Rev. Dr. Charles Philip Price (1920-1999), Professor of Systematic Theology at Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia. Though primarily a hymn for Sundays, it extols the Trinitarian nature of God. The tune, “Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldogelein,” is a German folk song which has been harmonized by George Ratcliff Woodward (1848-1934).

Sequence: No. 632. “O Christ the Word Incarnate.” This hymn was written by William Walsham How and is based on Psalm 119:105. “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” This hymn has been in the Hymnal of the Episcopal Church since 1874 but in our current volume, the first line has been changed from “O Word of God Incarnate” to “O Christ the Word Incarnate.” The tune “Munich” is taken from a quartet piece in Felix Mendelssohn’s “Elijah” (1847).

Presentation: No. 414. “God My King, Thy Might Confessing.” This hymn was written by the prolific hymn-writing British Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Richard Mant. It is a paraphrase of verses 1-12 of Psalm 145. Episcopalians today can be happy that the editors of the hymnal have gradually pared the original 14 verses down to 6 (after all—we DO sing all verses of every hymn, eh?) The tune, “Stuttgart,” originated with Christian Friedrick Witt and was harmonized in its present form by William Henry Havergal. It is a very traditional English 87.87 meter hymn.

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. 607. “O God of Every Nation.” This hymn is new to the 1982 Hymnal and was written by William Watkins Reid, Jr., in 1958. He served as a Medic in the second war and ended the war as a POW in Germany. When he returned to this country he pastored Methodist churches in North Dakota and Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was born in 1923 in New York City and died in 2009. He is listed as one of the great hymn writers who have graduated from Oberlin College including George Calvin Hampton (1938-1984) whose hymn tunes are found in our hymnal. The tune “Llangloffan,” comes from a Welsh folk melody.

Servants for November 18th

Jim and Beth Lukas - *Ushers*

Michelle Wiejaczka - *Lector*

Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*

Barb Moriarty, Jeff Zabor - *Eucharistic Ministers*

TBD - *Vestry Person of the Day*

TBD - *Children's Crucifer*

Heather Dodge, Ashley Pecoraro - *Altar Guild*

Ashley Pecoraro, Carol Toft - *Flower Guild*

On the Calendar...

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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