



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
McHenry, IL



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## Weekly ePistle

May 15, 2019

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### *New and Notable...*

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The Bishop has announced the ordination of  
**Deborah Lynn Lang**  
to the Sacred Order of Deacons  
on Saturday, July 6th at  
eleven o'clock in the morning at  
St. James Cathedral  
65 E. Huron, Chicago.

*Additional details to follow.*

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### Thoughts from Lori

We've all heard the old saying (in one form or another): The only things that don't change are death and taxes. Well, change is hard. Whether it's planned or unexpected, it upends our lives. That's certainly the case for us, isn't it? For Bill and me and for St. Paul's. All kinds of questions come to mind. For us personally it's things like:

- *What will we have room to take with us and where will we put it?*
- *What are we willing to give up and let go of?*
- *What will it be like in a new place?*

There are doctors to find, new routines to figure out, local customs to learn.

For St. Paul's it's things like:

- *Who will celebrate for us on Sunday morning?*
- *Who do we call in an emergency?*
- *What will our future look like?*

Here is what we can all count on: God is in charge and God is steadfast and trustworthy. Bill and I will grieve as we leave here, but we will make our way. You may grieve our going, but you too will make your way. With the help of the Bishop's staff, your wardens and vestry are prepared to lead the way.

I propose a new saying: The only thing that doesn't change is God and God's love for us. Given that, we can face all things.

Faithfully,

Lori+

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## Words from the Wardens

First, if you haven't done so already, please sign up to attend Lori & Bill's Farewell Party and to bring a dish to pass. If you can help set up, decorate, or clean up, that would be greatly appreciated. Let's make this party a joyful celebration of the 7 years we have been together!

While we are preparing to give Lori and Bill a fond send off and say goodbye, we are also looking forward to the next chapter of our St. Paul's life. Jeff and I are already working with Andrea Mysen, who is our liaison with the Diocese. Andrea will be guiding the Wardens and Vestry as we all work together to discern our future. While this process will be spearheaded by the Vestry, this is by no means exclusive only to the Vestry – we need the help of the *entire* St. Paul's family to determine our next steps.

Many of you have been talking together and to the Wardens and Vestry about your questions and concerns surrounding St. Paul's future. To that end, we are planning to hold an informal parish meeting soon. We want to hear from everyone as to how you see St. Paul's moving forward. This date will be determined soon.

In the meantime, plans have already been made for the first two Sundays in June. On June 2, the Rev. Clarence Langdon will be joining us as our supply priest. He is looking forward to celebrating the Eucharist with us. On June 9, the Rev. Andrea Mysen will join us to celebrate Pentecost (don't forget to wear red!). She will join us for coffee hour and then will meet with the Vestry to begin our discernment process.

As we said in a previous column, change is never easy, but without change we cannot grow. Your Wardens and Vestry are very excited about St. Paul's future. Will it be an easy process? Most likely not, but we are confident that it will be an exciting journey with all of us working together as we proclaim:

***St. Paul's is Alive & Well!!***

Jeff Zabor, Senior Warden  
Beth Lukas, Junior Warden

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### ***"The Holy Mowers"***

A new group has formed at St. Paul's! Parishioners have graciously volunteered to take over the mowing and caretaking of the grounds. If you wish to help out, please let Jeff Zabor know at [77boater@gmail.com](mailto:77boater@gmail.com). There will be a rotating schedule.

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*In case you missed it...*

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**This Saturday, May 18th!**  
**9:00 am**

Join fellow parishioners in beautifying our church and grounds! We'll be working inside and out, and tasks will be posted so you can choose how you want to help. Many hands make light work! See you there!

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*Mark your Calendar!*

*Farewell BBQ in celebration of Lori & Bill's ministries at St. Paul's  
Sunday, May 26 @ 4pm in the Parish Hall  
Sign up sheets are available in the narthex!*

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***"Let it be Us"***

"Let it Be Us" is a nonprofit child welfare agency dedicated to the adoption and education of children in the Illinois foster care system. Their goals are to advocate on behalf of children, recruit parents for children in emergent need and to provide support for foster children. Recent events have highlighted the serious deficiencies of our child protection system. Please visit the website [www.letitbeus.org](http://www.letitbeus.org) to read more about this organization. If interested, you can donate online or go to "Our Closet" to find an Amazon wishlist link to purchase items such as baby sleepers and diapers directly. Thank you!

*Deb Lang*

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**Saturday, August 24th**  
**9:00 - 3:00 pm**

Mark your calendars for our next flea market! We'll have vendors both outside and inside, so if you'd like to reserve a space, give Lisa a call in the office. They're already starting to sign up! There will be baked goods for sale, and possibly a raffle. There are many volunteer opportunities as well. Stay tuned!

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*The usual fare...*

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***On the Calendar...***

**Vestry** - Thursday, May 23, 6:30 pm  
**Celebration for Lori and Bill** - Sunday, May 26, 4:00 pm  
**Pentecost** - June 9 ~ **Wear red!**  
**Annual Parish Picnic** - Sunday, August 18, 4:00 pm  
**Flea Market / Craft Show** - Saturday, August 24

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**Lessons and Hymns for May 19, 2019**

(The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C)  
by the Rev. William P. McLemore

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**First Lesson:** Acts 11:1-18. This passage tells about Peter describing his vision in Joppa to the circumcised followers of Jesus in Jerusalem. "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." **The Psalm:** Psalm 148. The whole earth and creation praises God. **Second Lesson:** Revelation 21:1-6. God is making all things new, death has been abolished in Christ. **The Gospel:** John 13:31-35. Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."

**THE HYMNS:**

**Processional:** No. 296. "We Know That Christ is Raised." This hymn is based on Romans 6:3-11, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." The text was written by John Brownlow Geyer in 1969 who was born in 1932 in Yorkshire, England. The tune, "Engleberg," is a melody composed by Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924) in 1904. The music meter is 10 10 10 with alleluias.

**Sequence:** "Celtic Alleluia." This was written and composed by Fintan O'Carroll, born July 31, 1922 in Wexford, England. On completion of his secondary school studies, he took up a position as a clerk in the national railway. He won first prize in a traditional music competition, aged 12, playing violin, and went on to study violin at home, taking lessons as the opportunity arose. His heart was in music, and he left his railway position in 1967 after 27 years of service, whereupon he completed his degree at Trinity to gain his Bachelor of Music degree.

**Presentation:** No. 379. "God is Love." This hymn was written by Timothy Rees, the Anglican Bishop of Llandaff, a distinguished speaker in English and Welsh and respected hymnographer. This beautiful hymn covers many aspects of God's love and is appropriate for reflecting on Chapter 13 of St. Paul's letter to Corinth. Cyril V. Taylor composed the tune, "Abbot's Leigh," in May of 1941 when he was working for the Religious Broadcasting Department of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

**Communion:** No. 178. "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord." This hymn was written by Donald Fishel born in 1950, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and a consummate musician. In a biographical sketch he writes that after college, "I then

embarked on a career in music publishing and began writing the Christian songs for which I am best known. My songs *Alleluia No. 1* and *The Light of Christ* can be found in the hymnals of the Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, and Roman Catholic Churches." The tune name is the "Alleluia No. 1" and was composed by him and arranged by Betty Carr Pulkingham (b. 1928), the wife of the Rev. William Graham Pulkingham, an Episcopal priest who lived from 1926-1993.

**Recessional:** No. 529. "In Christ There is No East or West." This hymn was written by a traveling businessman named William Arthur Dunkerley. He began writing novels and songs as a diversion with the penname, John Oxenham. This particular hymn reflects his deep theology from visiting countries all over the world embracing a God whose Son Jesus Christ brings together East and West, and North and South. The tune, "McKee," was adapted from an Afro-American spiritual by Harry T. Burleigh, a choir member of St. George's, New York City, and is named in honor of his Rector, Elmore McNeill McKee.

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### **Servants for May 19th**

Bill and Patrice Braun - *Ushers*  
Judy Robel - *Lector*  
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*  
Jeff Zabor - *Eucharistic Minister*  
Kathy Biggerstaff - *Vestry Person of the Day*  
Ashley Pecoraro - *Altar Guild*  
Ashley Pecoraro - *Flower Guild*  
Bill and Patrice Braun - *Coffee Hour*  
Gianna Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*

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**From the studio of William P. McLemore**



**"If God wanted lawns mowed, he would have made the grass perpetually short!"**

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