



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



Weekly ePistle

May 29, 2019

New and Notable...

Some Final Thoughts from Lori

There are so many things I want to thank you for: first, for these wonderful seven years as your priest; for sharing your lives with me and allowing Bill and I to share ours with you; and for your faithful desire to serve the people of God. And specifically for the going-away party and for the purse presented to me. For those of you who couldn't be present for the party, I have donated the purse to a fund for an ordination gift for Deb Lang. (More on that will be announced soon.)

Leave-taking, of course, is a natural time for looking back and reflection. Together, we have baptized 13 children and one adult into the Body of Christ. We have buried 21 people, commending them to God. Bill and I have blessed the marriages of two couples, though at other venues. But my greatest joy has been our weekly celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. Thank you for that privilege.

Saying goodbye is never easy. It helps, however, to know that goodbye is short for "God be with you." And that is my prayer for you. Remember always that God is with you and that you *are* the Body of Christ. And every time you receive the bread that is Christ's body, *be what you see, receive what you are.*

Faithfully,
Lori+

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 26, 2019

The Rev. Lori M. Lowe
St. Paul Episcopal Church
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Dear Lori and Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As you gather today to worship and to celebrate this season of ministry that you have shared, please know that you are all in my prayers.

I thank you, Lori, for your ministry and service to the people of St. Paul's for the past seven years. I am so grateful for your loving and strong leadership and for all you have contributed to the life and mission of the congregation. May God bless you richly as you begin your new ministry at Grace Church in Sterling.

And to the people of St. Paul's, may God grant you wisdom, patience and courage as you plan for a new season of ministry. This transition time may bring anxiety and be assured that members of my staff are ready to assist and support you every step of the way. I pray that in this time of transition you will draw upon your strengths and live into a new sense of mission and ministry.

Yours in-Christ,



Jeffrey D. Lee
Bishop of Chicago

Words from the Wardens

Thank you to everyone who attended Lori and Bill's Farewell Party on Sunday, and a special thank you to everyone who helped to make the party a success! As always, the food was plentiful and delicious. A collection was taken for a farewell gift for Lori and Bill of which a portion was used to engrave bricks to be installed at the entrance to St. Paul's. The balance was given to Lori, who in turn, donated the money to be put toward an ordination gift for Deb Lang. Thank you, Lori!

Please be sure to join us this Sunday, June 2nd as we welcome the Rev. Clarence Langdon to celebrate with us at the 10:00 service. We had previously scheduled a Parish Meeting after the service, but this meeting has been moved to the following week. We will have our regular coffee hour on the 2nd.

Sunday the 9th is Pentecost. Be sure to wear red!

The Rev. Andrea Mysen, Director of Ministries and part of Bishop Lee's senior staff, will be celebrating with us. Following the service, Andrea will join us for a Parish Meeting. This will be an opportunity for everyone to meet Andrea and have an informal discussion about the future path of St. Paul's. One of Andrea's roles as the Director of Ministries is to help guide parishes through the period of transition after a Rector leaves. She will be working with the Wardens and Vestry in the weeks ahead, and in order to do this, it is very important that we all have input as to our future. Please be sure to join us for this very important conversation.

Jeffrey Zabor, Senior Warden
Beth Lukas, Junior Warden

St. Paul's is Alive & Well!!

Farewell party for Lori and Bill ~ May 26th



*Lori and Bill with their engraved bricks
for the entrance of St. Paul's*



*Grillmasters!
Bill Lang, Ray Bishop, Rick Carlstedt,
Jim Lukas, and Jeff Zabor*

In case you missed it...



"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. There will be a rotating schedule.

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.

Mark your calendar!

Pentecost - June 9 ~ **Wear red!**

Annual Parish Picnic - Sunday, August 18, 4:00 pm

Flea Market / Craft Show - Saturday, August 24

The usual fare...

Lessons and Hymns for June 2, 2019

(The Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year C)

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Acts 16:16-34.

The Psalm: Psalm 97.

Second Lesson: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21.

The Gospel: John 17:20-26.

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 460. "Alleluia, sing to Jesus."

Sequence: "Celtic Alleluia."

Presentation: No. 215. "See the Conqueror mounts in triumph."

Communion: No. 178. "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord."

Recessional: No. 450. "All hail the power of Jesus' Name."

Servants for June 2nd

Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*

Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*

Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*

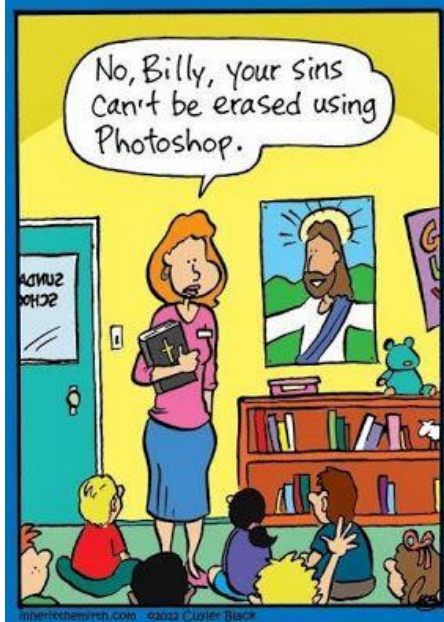
Jeff Zabor - *Eucharistic Minister*

Rick Carlstedt - *Vestry Person of the Day*

Doris Gaic - *Altar Guild*

Pam Dietmeyer - *Flower Guild*

Bella Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*



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