St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL

Weekly ePistle November 20, 2019

New and Notable

Words from Wardens

As we get ready for Thanksgiving next week, our thoughts naturally go to feelings of gratitude for all of the blessings in our lives. For many of us, those blessings include our families, and for me, that includes my St. Paul's family. This fall we kicked off our Stewardship campaign, the Gift of Generosity. Last Sunday at coffee hour, our St. Paul's family came together to celebrate our successful Stewardship campaign. Your Gift of Generosity has become the Gift of Gratitude for your commitment to St. Paul's. Thank you to Barb Moriarty for leading our efforts, and thank you to our beloved St. Paul's family for meeting the challenge.

St. Paul's is Alive & Well!!

I am also grateful during this busy holiday season that we have not lost sight of the good works that St. Paul's has always done. Our Advent Baskets and Food Cart are starting to fill up. I would encourage everyone to continue the spirit of the Gift of Generosity with a goal of overflowing our baskets and food cart!

Last, but not least, please put December 7th on your calendar to join us for our Holiday Party. We have so much to celebrate this holiday season - I can't think of a better way to celebrate than with my St. Paul's family!

With Gratitude,
Beth Lukas, Jr Warden

Parish Celebrations

The week of November 24 - November 30

Birthdays - Carol Toft

In case you missed it

Preparing for the season of Advent!

Members of the altar guild will gather on **Saturday, November 30** to set up the altar and prepare the sanctuary for Advent. Time will be 9:30 am to 11:00.

Living Well through Advent Booklets

The Living Compass Advent devotionals are now available on the table in the narthex. The guides include daily readings and personal reflections.

Advent Baby Baskets

As is our Advent tradition, St. Paul's will support young mothers through donations to 1st Way in Johnsburg. We have decided to start a little early this year to allow ample time to grow our donations. Below is a list of the most needed items. Girl's clothing is particularly needed. This beautiful ministry is part of our ongoing and growing ministry to the children of our community. Thank you for your generous support.

For GIRLS and BOYS

Bibs, Socks, Outfits, Onesies, Sleepers, Sweaters
Sheets (Only boy prints please), Hooded Towels, Laundry Baskets

Our Grocery Cart is going in a different direction!

For years we have faithfully supported our community veterans through your generous donations of food to our grocery cart. A new ministry has come to our attention called Food for Thought. The mission of Food for Thought is to provide hope and dignity to high school children by discreetly supplying food to students in need. There are food pantries located at both East and West Campus. To further our ongoing and growing ministry to children, we are asking for your support in donating food to our grocery cart to supply these pantries. The items requested are:

Canned tuna, chicken or salmon, Canned vegetables, Canned fruit
Canned soup, Peanut butter, Hot and cold cereal
Healthy granola bars, Pasta and rice

Thank you for your generous help in making St Paul's Church the church that cares about children.

Deacon Deb

The usual fare

On the Calendar

November 24 Celebrant – Rev. Dr. Jane Clark
Altar Guild prep for Advent - Saturday, November 30, 9:30 am
Men's Breakfast - Saturday, December 7, 8:00 am
Parish Christmas Party - Saturday, December 7
Vestry - December 16
Christmas Eve Service - 8:30pm with Rev. Dr. Jane Clark

Lessons and Hymns for November 24, 2019

(Last Sunday after Pentecost, Year C)
Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Jane Clark

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6
The Gradual: Psalm 46
The Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20
The Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 544. "Jesus shall reign"
Sequence Hymn: No. 518. "Christ is made the sure foundation"
Presentation Hymn: No. 288. "Praise to God"
Communion Hymn: "O Lord, hear my prayer"
Recessional Hymn: No. 397. "Now thank we all our God"

Servants for November 24th

Jim and Beth Lukas- *Ushers*
Jim Lukas - *Lector*
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*
Barb Moriarty - *Eucharistic Minister*
Rick Carlstedt - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Marilyn Bell, Marilyn Reihansperger - *Altar Guild*
Marilyn Bell, Kathy Biggerstaff - *Flower Guild*

Questions or concerns?
Please contact our Wardens - Jeff Zabor (Senior Warden)
or Beth Lukas (Junior Warden).

In need of pastoral care?
Please contact Deborah Lang, our Deacon.

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