

Saint Paul's Messenger

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As faithful stewards of God's Grace, our mission in Christ is to foster community through spiritual growth, witness, and service in the Episcopal tradition

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

1	Coral Bonnemann
2	Jason Kratochvil Ryan Braun
5	Abby Clever
7	Derek Clever
12	Jennie Hublou Mayer
13	Ian Greer
21	Ryan Woodard
27	<i>Doug & Connie Nelson</i>

FROM OUR RECTOR - FR LARRY ORT

Our annual meeting is over, and we welcome some new members to the vestry. Lynn Hublou was elected Senior Warden, Ben Leigh was elected Junior Warden with the assurance that Lee Kratochvil is standing in the wings to function as Jr. Jr. Warden (What will I now do? First demotion I've had in a long time!), and Carolann Klug was elected to the vestry for a three-year term. They have a tough act to follow! Chuck Berry did an outstanding job as Senior Warden, Lee Kratochvil has accomplished so much as Junior Warden, and Peg Whalen served so well as a vestry member. Thanks to Chuck, Lee, and Peg for their outstanding service. Convention Delegates elected include Bob Klein, Jean Lacher, and Judy Ort; Marsha Klein was elected alternate.

At the annual meeting we thanked many people for their hard work and contributions. We

always run the risk of unintentionally overlooking someone! One of our members brought it to my attention that this was undoubtedly the case with John Taylor, who faithfully leads our Sunday morning adult study group, and Al Hublou and his crew, who prepare our first-Sunday-of-the-month pancake breakfasts. Both contribute a lot to our community! Thanks for what you do! In January we celebrated Jack Woodard's first communion. It was a joy to serve Jack his first communion.

A few months ago, we had some young people who were clamoring over each other to serve as acolytes, and now they seem to have largely disappeared. This is something we need to reactivate and maintain as a regular feature of our worship service. Hence, I am asking parents of age-appropriate youth to assist us in this program. We will add the acolytes to the monthly calendar, and as with all the other positions, if they cannot serve, please see that a replacement is scheduled. February 18th is the first Sunday of Lent.

The *Lenten Meditations* provided through Episcopal Relief and Development will once again be used. "Join the Journey" Lenten Posters have been shipped and will be made available for families who desire to use them. We will have children's sermons during Lent, so please have the children remain upstairs for the opening of the service. Lenten plans also call for a compline service following our Wednesday evening soup suppers (yes, we have returned to the soup supper

format, so please respond to Patty Kratochvil's appeals for help).

for the Book of Common Prayer, 1805.
(Anglican Digest, Summer 2016, p. 57).

Partner with Episcopal Migration

Ministries is another Lenten program available to us: "Join Allison Duvall and Kendall Martin of Episcopal Migration Ministries, the refugee resettlement ministry of the Episcopal Church, for *HomeTown*, a podcast featuring voices from across the US, the Episcopal Church, and the New American community. The podcast is Episcopal Migration Ministries' contribution to the [Good Book Club](#), a project of [Forward Movement](#) that invites all Episcopalians to join in reading the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts during Lent-Easter 2018. Podcast episodes will feature a reflection on the week's reading, facts and figures about refugee resettlement, and an interview with a new American. Listen to a promo for Hometown: <https://soundcloud.com/emmrefugees/sets/hometown>. Episodes will release weekly starting February 11 through May 20."

And here is a plug for Episcopal Migration Ministries: **Give a Gift to Support Refugees.** Be a voice of welcome and beacon of hope for newly arrived refugees through a virtual gift for friends or family. Show your support by purchasing a gift through our online catalogue, ensuring refugee families have a warm welcome to their new home, community orientation, access to English classes, childcare, or support for basic needs. www.episcopalmigrationministries.org/gifts-for-welcome

Here is a nice tidbit gleaned from the Anglican Digest:

So, What is the Collect?

"In the Collects, the priest 'collects or comprises all the wants of the people and presents them to God. The same reason will apply to the Collect for the day, which has always reference to some sentiments that may be *collected* from the Epistle and Gospel.'" -- John Henry Hobart, 1775-1830; Third Bishop of New York (1816-1830), one of the founders of General Theological Seminary, in [A Companion](#)

And last, I leave you with a wonderful quotation from C. S. Lewis: "Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point." **May we live lives of love and courage!**

Blessings,
Fr. Larry

New Senior Warden, Lynn Hublou



We look forward to your Senior Warden comments in the future (Editor, J Gritzner)

JANUARY VESTRY MEETING

Rector's Report: Fr. Larry said the Compline Service may not happen as planned, but Fr. Larry wondered about conducting the service during Lent before or after the Wednesday meal. Fr. Larry passed out a number of documents for review, documents related to the Columbarium project. This will be an item of discussion for the next vestry meeting.

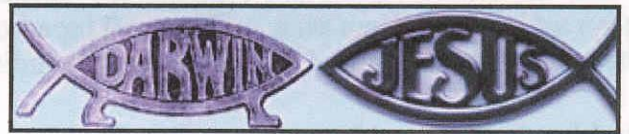
Junior Warden's Report: Lee said he had located an exhaust fan for the kitchen.

the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986.

A date for the next vestry meeting was not established.

EVOLUTION WEEKEND IN FEBRUARY

(by Chuck Berry)



Evolution Weekend (Darwin's birthday, Feb 9-11) is not really about Darwin or evolution. It is about the relation between religion and science.

Congregations and clergy who participate in Evolution Weekend discuss the idea that religion and science are not adversaries. Some 13,000 clergy nationwide, including Fr Ort, have joined the Clergy Letter Project. This means that they have signed an open, simple, one-page letter stating...

“Religious truth is of a different order from scientific truth. Its purpose is not to convey scientific information but to transform hearts. We the undersigned, Christian clergy from many different traditions, believe that the timeless truths of the Bible and the discoveries of modern science may comfortably coexist.”

http://theclergyletterproject.org/rel_evolution_weekend_2018.html.

This is the 13-year that Evolution Sunday has been observed. St Paul's is the only church listed in South Dakota on the Clergy Letter Project home page stating that we will observe Evolution Weekend this year (see list on the web site above). I usually justify interest in this subject because of the roles of both religion and science in Creation Care. Religion tells us why we should tend God's Garden; science tells us how.

Treasurer's Report: Bob presented what he believed to be the final version of the budget versus actual for 2017, though he acknowledged that some numbers are incomplete. Bob also noted that the balance in the Wealth Management account has increased substantially during 2017, however the final numbers are not yet available.

Old Business: Bob said that pledges as of this date amounted to \$60,662 in the General Fund and \$5,270 for CIF, accounting for 21 pledges. The vestry continued by discussing that because one vestry person is going off the vestry (Peg Whalen), we will need to elect a new vestry person and two wardens at the Annual Meeting later this month.

New Business: The vestry pursued the idea of incurring fewer out-of-budget expenses and building those items into the budget. Some of these items include TEC, St. James, funds for the Brookings Ministerial Association, and so on. The vestry continued by going through a 2018 budget line by line; this budget will be presented to the congregation for adoption at the Annual Meeting. Jean moved and Peg seconded the motion to present the proposed budget at the Annual Meeting.

The parsonage allowance, as revised for 2018, reads as follows:

The vestry on the 15th day of January, 2018, after discussing the amount to be paid to the Rev. Larry Ort as a parsonage allowance, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Rev. Larry V. Ort is employed as a minister of the Gospel of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brookings, SD, which although providing a residence for him does not provide the full cost of maintaining and furnishing such a residence, the vestry resolves that of the total compensation to be paid to the Rev. Larry Ort during 2018, that \$6,000 be designated as parsonage allowance within

However, this year, congregations have been invited to embrace another theme, **Our Shared Humanity**. Religion and science, each working through their specific lens, have come to the same conclusion: racial divisions are neither meaningful nor productive.

Religion teaches us that we are of one family and that we need to care for each other while science (evolutionary biology and genetics) teaches us that race is a human rather than a natural construct. As members of a single species, we can move past the superficial differences that have divided us and create a healthier, more equitable environment for all.

Episcopalians can find guidance on this subject in the *Catechism of Creation*. It has three parts: 1) Theology of Creation, 2) Creation and Science, and 3) Caring for Creation. The second section of the Catechism agrees with the sentiments in the Clergy letter - "science tells us how the world is; the Bible tells us how the world ought to be."

Download your copy of this 36 page Episcopal document at

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/CreationCatechism.pdf>.

Comment from editor. A nice version of this article appeared in the Thursday, Feb 8, 2018 *Brookings Register*.

MY CHURCH/ MY PLEDGE RESULTS

A Mad Lib for the Parishioners of St. Paul's

*The items in **bold** are the responses people submitted.*

When I tell people that I attend Saint Paul's Episcopal Church they always seem a little (*feeling: **unresponsive, confused, interested, confused***) at first. "That (*adjective: **unseen, small, pretty church with the lovely summer flowers, brick***) church on the corner of 6th Street and 8th Ave?" they ask.

What's that place like?" I (*adverb: **gladly, patiently, always, quietly***) tell them that St. Paul's is a really (*adverb: **active, hospitable, active, welcoming, wonderful***) church and that the people are (*adjective: **human, friendly, outgoing, friendly, wonderful***) too. Even the priest and vestry are (*adjective: **human, approachable, friendly, cordial, wonderful***).

When I explain what I like best about St. Paul's, I mention the (*noun: **hobo coffee, informality, priest, people, people***) and the (*noun: **landscaping, relaxed atmosphere, parishioners, attitude of welcome, fellowship***). That's what makes it such (*adjective: **far out, welcoming, great, warm, an important***) place for me and (*noun: **my family, my family***). It sounds like a (*adjective: **real, ideal, involved, great, great***) church," they exclaim.

"What does it take to make it all happen?" "Well we need (*adjective: **well-dressed, more, more, dedicated, helpful***) people and a (*adjective: **minimum, steady, larger, annual, modest***) budget of \$90,000," I answer. And I realize that without my (*noun: **part, support, help, contributions***) the church couldn't possibly (*verb: **ripple, achieve, have, provide***) such (*adjective: **Episcopal, a variety of, active, meaningful***) ministries.

THUNDERHEAD CAMP REGISTRATION

May 15th is the deadline to sign up for a ride to Thunderhead Camp through the diocese. Online and paper registration forms both have an option to check for transportation to camp. If you are unsure if you'll need a ride, go ahead and register, and then cancel later if you can't come. (Just be sure to cancel!) There is no deadline to register for camp itself, just for getting a ride.

2018 Camp Dates are

June 10-16: 9th & 10th graders

June 17-20: 5th & 6th graders

July 8-14: 7th & 8th graders

July 15-21: 11th & 12th graders

June 1-3: Work Camp

<https://episcopalchurchsd.org/thunderhead-episcopal-center/#online-camper-registration>

FROM THE ARCHIVES

War Years at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Wayne Johnson 1946-1947

By Gertrude Young, 1947 and
Douglas R. Dunn, 1978

From July of 1943 to January of 1946 a long period without a priest in charge of the mission. However, effective and faithful work was done by lay readers and visiting clergy. Of devoted and successful service were the two lay readers, Eric Green and Duane Evenson. During these years the soldiers stationed in training at the College and other guests of the church, and members enjoyed the pleasant informality and hospitality of the after-service morning coffee hour provided by the women of St. Paul's Guild. Frequent tributes were given by Bishops Roberts to the lay readers and to the congregation of St. Paul's for their success in continuing the activities of the parish through the war period.

In February of 1946, Mr. Wayne Johnson became priest in charge. He came from training at Trinity and at Seabury and from one year of service in Dakota-Hot Springs. In his one year here he has served the mission with devout consecration.(Young, 1947))

1947 saw the continued work of the Rev. Wayne L. Johnson as vicar of St. Paul's Father Johnson was a native of South Dakota, and no stranger to the ministry. His father had been the

priest at Webster and Milbank. He came to Brookings from Hot Springs in February of 1946, a young man, and very "high church." He started the work with Men's Club, and kept up with Canterbury Club. At this time, the Bonell family was living in the Rectory, and Father Johnson married Grace Bonell's step daughter, Marie. Shortly afterwards they moved to Illinois. (Dunn, 1978))

PROFILES AT ST PAUL'S

Ben Leigh, Junior Warden

Man of Many Stories



Fig. 1. Ben Leigh poses.

It became apparent when I started talking to Ben, that as they say "stranger, you are not from these here parts." Ben has a wonderful Virginia accent, similar but just a little different than Mary Lou's pleasant accent. Natives of Washington D.C. including myself share accents more like New Jersey, not nice at all.

Ben Leigh was born in Norfolk, VA and actually lived there until relatively recently. He moved to Sioux Falls in 2013 and then to Brookings in 2017. Ben's family has been in Virginia for a very long time. If a family has been there long enough, they are referred to as a First Family of Virginia or FFV. In Virginia, this is

pretty hot stuff. Virginians are a lot more focused on history (European settlement history anyway) than we are as they have a lot more of it.

If you have talked to Ben at all, he has told you about his historic church in Norfolk, which we will refer to it as the other St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Whereas our St. Paul's will celebrate our one hundredth in June, his will soon unless it has already happened celebrate their three hundredth. This St. Paul's claims the record of the church with the 2nd oldest site of continuous religious services in the US behind a Catholic Church in St. Augustine, FL. Initially I had problems with this statement, as my beloved St. Helena Episcopal Church in Beaufort, SC was established in 1712 with the existing church built in 1724. I conceded the point, because I knew that during the Civil War, St. Helena's was a hospital, and not holding services. That is an interesting story, but I digress. We did a lot of that in this interview, because Ben is a man of many stories.

Now at this point we launched into a story about Ben's father and the University of Virginia (UVA). It is a story of the entitled, Ben's father attended UVA during the "roaring twenties," living on "the lawn," the much sought after historic student quarters. He lived in the most prestigious of quarters, the room that was once occupied by Edgar A. Poe. This room at the time had no electricity and was heated by a fireplace, brrr!, so Ben's grandfather paid another student's tuition to take care of the housekeeping chores. Now that is privilege!

Ben himself attended William and Mary College, his brother went Virginia Tech and his mother and two sisters to Sweet Briar, and another other to Mary Washington, all fine Virginia schools. William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA was the college I really wanted to attend. I by the way got voted down by my father, who paid the bills.

Presumably Ben studied business accounting as he spent his working life as a CPA. By the way he told me about a neat tax break that would benefit our church as well. Ask him about it. Although he

is now retired, he still has some clients back in Norfolk. Ben has a great month-long trip planned at the end of February. He will first visit his sister in Dallas, TX, then a nephew in Austin, TX (probably to defrost) and then on to Norfolk, VA

Now for the big question, why move from the east coast to South Dakota. For most of us at St Paul's, it was the university in Brookings. Ben has a different story. He studied the housing market in Sioux Falls during the recent depression and discovered a degree of sanity. He then moved there, where he attended church at the Cathedral and at Good Shepard's. He met our very own pied piper, Fr Larry Ort. When Ben decided to move he considered Mitchell, which he judged warmer than Brookings, and Brookings. Brookings had two draws, St Paul's Episcopal Church (remember he was raised in the other St. Paul's) and our beloved Larry Ort. We are glad you are here, Ben, besides we needed a Junior Warden: Lee was tiring of the job. Oh, I heard some of Ben's stories, so be prepared to be entertained.

PHOTOS, PHOTOS, PHOTOS

Annual Meeting 2018



Fig 2. Al Hublou chills out at the Annual Meeting



Fig 3. Annual meeting debates (Photo by C. Berry)

Welcome to St. Paul's



Fig. 4. Richard and AnneMarie Wells enjoying pancakes (Photo by C. Berry)



Fig 5. Chuck and Ben Leigh



Fig. 6. Jean, Sharon and Ken Tjaden (Photo by C. Berry)