

Saint Paul's Messenger

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ST. PAUL'S 100TH

CELEBRATION

JUNE BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Rebekah Bonnemann
- 6 Sue Gillespie
- 7 *Al & Jill Davis*
- 10 *Sue & Paul Gillespie*
George & Mavis Gehant
- 13 Ellen Hublou
Tate Seaboy
- 15 Lorraine Anderson
- 16 John Taylor
- 17 Janet Gritzner
- 19 Angeline Wiese-Hovelson
- 23 Ginger Thomson
Jay Vanduch & Ginger Thomson
Bruce & Barbee Hovelson
Chuck & MaryLou Berry
- 29 Clarke Christiansen

FROM OUR RECTOR - FR LARRY ORT

May went by rather quickly! Part of that may be due to being on vacation for two weeks. Judy and I had a lovely trip to Fresno, California, where we spent some time with Barb Murra. What a good time we had – wonderful conversations and sharing! On the way out to Barb's we visited

Judy's sons Pat and Andrew in Denver, then made our way through Utah where we visited Canyonlands, Arches, Capital Reef, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Parks, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and Anasazi Indian Village State Park. But we weren't done yet. We then moved on to California where we visited Death Valley, Sequoia, and Yosemite National Parks. On our return, we came back through Monument Valley, Utah. We were taken aback by the beauty of God's creation. We have wanted to make this trip for some time – Barb's invitation to visit her in Fresno sealed it. We owe her! It was good to get away for a while, but we still missed our St. Paul's family!

I earlier sent an e-mail about St. Paul's new website which was designed and constructed by Ginger Thomson. If you have not checked it out yet, I encourage you to do so: saintpaulsbrookings.com. I like the crisp, clean look and the ease of finding things. Ginger has done a wonderful job and has gifted this to our congregation! We are blessed to have her skill set in our midst. I like the way we use our gifts to promote the kingdom of God at St. Paul's, our community, and the world.

Our Centennial is just around the corner and there is still considerable work to be done. Janet Gritzner and Lynette Taylor have been working

hard on the gardens, and Chuck Berry has cleaned and spruced up the tulip beds. A lot of work remains to be done over the next two weeks; please try to schedule some time to help out with dusting, polishing, gardening, etc. Work days are scheduled for the Fridays and Saturdays for the next two weeks. If that will not fit your schedule, and you have other times available, we should be able to find something for you to do!

A Mass-In-The-Grass is in the planning stages for some time later this summer. Many of our youth are currently away from Brookings, so we will be coordinating a date when more will be around. I would like to make this a day at Oakwood State Park and will work toward that end.

Believe it or not, fall is not that far away. When we begin our fall activities, I would like to see us begin a new Bible Study. If you are interested, and a particular book, say Deuteronomy, captures your attention, please let me know! I want to begin gathering some ideas.

As we move forward, let us remember St. Paul's exhortation in Colossians 3:23-24 (NRSV): "Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ." Thanks for your love for, and commitment to, our St. Paul's family.

Blessings,

Fr. Larry

SENIOR MOMENTS

By Lynn Hublou, Senior Warden



Fig. 1. Lynn Hublou in her "senior moment."

Many people have been working feverishly, preparing for the centennial celebration to be held June 17. A core group in particular has put in countless hours in preparation, looking at and compiling photos, documents, and memorabilia. Planning for food and attendant decorating has occupied hours. Both indoors and out, St. Paulites have tended to numerous details to make the church grounds look beautiful to celebrate this moment in time.

It is awesome to think of celebrating one hundred years of the church building, not to mention additional years of worship in Brookings in other locations. Think of the hundreds of people who have been a part of St. Paul's in those one hundred-plus years. We remember many of these people and their roles at St. Paul's, people within our memories, no matter how long we have been worshipping at St. Paul's. My memories at St. Paul's date back to 1985, and I can conjure many names of people who were in our lives over those years, names of those who are no longer with us due to death or to moving away. Our church family changes over time, yet much remains the same, just as families do. Yet here we are, doing many of the same things those first members of St. Paul's did: praying, celebrating, grieving, communing. Those things remain constants and withstand the test of time. This is quite a celebration to be a part of, and the dedication of those preparing for it are a testament to the devotion people feel for our church home. That is surely something to celebrate.

MAY VESTRY MINUTES

Rector's Report (Fr. Larry Ort):

We received a belated thank-you for a donation to TEC. The children of St. Paul's have been invited to participate in Vacation Bible School sponsored by Ascension Lutheran and UCC. The bible school will run in the evening from July 29th to August 2nd. Discretionary Expenditures amounted to \$200, leaving a balance of \$35.32.

Senior Warden's Report (Lynn Hublou): Lynn's items were addressed in Janet Gritzner's 100th anniversary celebration report (see below). Please let Ben Leigh know if there are any building/grounds concerns that need to be addressed before the June 17th celebration. The back stairs will be one of those concerns.

Junior Warden's Report (Ben Leigh):

The sacristy remodeling has been completed. Father Larry will email the congregation to let them know that the two filing cabinets removed from the sacristy will be available for a donation. The dehumidifier in the rectory has been replaced and is connected to the sump pump.

Treasurer's Report (Bob Klein):

Bob presented the financial report for the period of January through April, which was accepted in a motion by Jean Lacher (second, Tiffany Heyduck). There was some discussion of listing expenditures by project (i.e., sacristy, kitchen remodel) for the year-end report. Bob asked for authorization to pay a bill for \$112.65 for pizza for the children's end of year party. Motion was made and carried to pay for the pizza out of Line Item 7322 (Food and Hospitality).

Old Business:

Janet Gritzner reported on the 100th Anniversary Celebration. She will put a news release in the Register and is inviting city and county entities. On the to-do list prior to the celebration: mulch gardens, spruce up cornerstone

area, mop and dust church, and shampoo the carpets. Father Larry will set up some work days. Father Larry requested that the rectory carpets be cleaned as well, and Jean Lacher suggested contacting Nu-Tech for a package deal. Jean also would like to order two replacement candles for the candelabra which will be used for services on the 17th. Jean also suggest replacing some windows in the church, but that will be taken up after the celebration.

In additional old business, the Vestry decided to go with design numbers N26-N27 for the columbarium engraving. Motion made and carried go with design numbers N26-N27 for the columbarium engraving.. The cost will be \$430 for the engraving, plus \$100 for installation, and sales tax.

A decision on a display case to display historical objects will be postponed until after the celebration. Chuck and Mary Lou Berry compiled a list of items for consideration. These items will be displayed on a table during the celebration.

New Business:

Ginger Thomson gave the Vestry a preview of the new St. Paul's website. Her expertise and time in creating this very professional social media representation of St. Paul's is Ginger's donation to the church. The Vestry praised the finished product, which will be launched soon.

St. Paul's will be advertising for a new organist. In a related discussion, there is interest in utilizing the green Wonder, Love, and Praise hymnals more often in the service, but the number of those hymnals has decreased. Jean Lacher suggested we purchase additional hymnals; no official action was taken on this suggestion, but Jean will count the existing hymnals to determine how many we might need to purchase.

St Paul's One Hundredth Anniversary

Well the day is approaching. Sunday June 17th, 2018 St Paul's Episcopal Church will celebrate its 100th year of its church buildings. We have invited a number of individuals and extended a general invitation to the community of Brookings. We need all of you there to celebrate our 100 years and to greet the visitors.

The schedule for day is as follows:

10:00 am Holy Eucharist and re-consecration of buildings with Bishop John Tarrant

11:15 am Luncheon

12:45 pm Tours of historic churches: St. Paul's Episcopal, First United Methodist, and First Presbyterian

2:00 pm Reception – Brookings' Community is invited

3:00 pm Program

Historical highlights and Personal memories

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Rev J. Hauan – 1969-1976

By Douglas R. Dunn, 1978

Following those years of devoted service to St. Paul's Father Thorburn retired in April of 1969, and the next September, the Rev. James W. Hauan was instituted as the third rector of the church. Father Hauan was an ex-Methodist, an attribute that doubtless influenced one of his main goals: “. . . to make St. Paul's more democratic; strengthening and improving the annual meetings, committees and hearings. The people of the parish had a ministry, and they needed to be encouraged to exercise their own particular ministry.”

It was a difficult time to be a minister, with the presence of the Viet Nam War, the peace movement, the Indian movement and drugs. One of his philosophies was this: “The Episcopal Church will die if we don't get beyond these walls.” In addition, “the 1969 Special Convention (of the Episcopal Church) was sort of a sign of a number of years of very profound controversies within the church on a national level, and international as well . . . It caused great trouble on the local level.” The new liturgies and prayer book revision in general “came almost as a sleeper.” The church's attitude toward the role of women in the church, especially their ordination, was one of the hallmarks of the problems of the times. Father Hauan saw himself as the “lightening rod of change, as these problems arrive, “like waves coming, pounding in upon the shore.” One church member recalls that Father Hauan “had to carry the onus of the provisional prayer book and the ordination of women, as well as his social gospel and various innovations.” Another said more simply, “Hauan caught all the flack.”

In spite of these “outside” troubles, life in the parish went on. Father Hauan's idea of democracy caught on to some extent, and the laity became more of a powerful force within and without the walls of St. Paul's. Through his committees, hearings and annual meeting, the parish house was remodeled, the interior and exterior of the church was repainted, a new organ bought, shelves were added to the church basement, and the kitchen was redone. One Christmas vacation, the Youth Group painted the undercroft.

At this time, there was a surplus of Episcopal clergymen in Brookings. In addition to Father Hauan and the retired Father Thorburn, the Rev. Dr. Robert Wagner had moved to Brookings as a member of SDSU's Department of Rural Sociology. Father Tom Campbell had also moved to town and was directing the Human Services Integration project, a three-year, federally-subsidized program. Father Wagner began

holding services the Congregational Church in Clear Lake. Father Campbell took pastoral duties at the Presbyterian Church in Flandreau; both men did this in their spare time. Father Hauan was asked to “cover” the Methodist Church in Aurora for nine months during a re-alignment period in that church. “This led us to develop the notion of a wider area of ministry . . . not only Episcopal, but ecumenically.” In 1971-72, the wider area ministry concept was explored more deeply, but there seemed to be little interest in supporting such a project at the Diocesan level. “The ministry of the Diocese in those months was one of survival.” Father Hauan and William Alexander traveled to Lake Benton, Minnesota, to check out the possibility of their cooperation in the effort. They found that “the very fact that the Diocesan lines separate use became quite a barrier. It’s really strange how just going across a line prevents people from being able to look at their needs in common.” The three Minnesota churches (Episcopal) in Lake Benton, Pipestone and Flandreau were all without priest at this time. And the only tangible support given Father Hauan was tacit approval from the Diocese, even though “it’s been a long-standing tradition that wherever a man is, he’ll go out to any place within reach to the limits of his strength.” The Wider Area Ministry (WAM) was another example of Father Hauan’s democratic ideas and “an opportunity for the laity to exercise their talents.”

Father Hauan was a champion of the “spirit of ‘via media’ (the middle way or path)”. His sermons are remembered as “masterpieces.” “Time and gain you’d walk away from there thinking that you’d never heard a better sermon.” But the controversial times in the nation and in the church had taken their toll, and in January of 1976, Father Hauan moved to North Dakota.

GRADUATES 2018



Fig.2. St. Paul’s 2018 Graduates Celebrate



Fig. 3. Carson Vanduch, SDSU Bachelors



Fig.3. Mollie Hublou, SDSU Masters



Fig.5. Jay Vanduch, SDSU Masters

OTHER PHOTOS



Fig. 4. Bekah Bonnemann, BHS High School Grad



Fig.5. St. Paul's getting ready for the 100th