

# Saint Paul's Messenger

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### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

2	<i>Jason &amp; Theresa Kratochvil</i>
5	Al Davis
10	McKenzie Kline
13	Fr. Larry Ort
14	Kenric Malmberg
15	<i>Arnie &amp; Cynthia Appelt</i> <i>Howard Bonnemann &amp; Diana Christiansen</i>
16	Jennifer (Appelt) Hart
19	<i>George &amp; Sue Hoffman</i>
20	Lucas Hovelson <i>Bob &amp; Jean Lacher</i>
23	Gabriella Florence Clever
30	William Hovelson
31	Bill Gibbons

### FROM OUR RECTOR – FR LARRY ORT

There is not much news to report this month! It is good to take a bit of a respite from all the activity surrounding the centennial celebration. Judy and I had a good visit with our family in Michigan and Indiana, but unfortunately, we shared a cold and had a rather miserable drive back. It is good to be back at work! Thanks to Robert Klein for conducting morning prayer in my absence. I heard good reviews!

August 26, 2018! Save the date! **Mass in the Grass** will be conducted at Oakwood Lakes State Park. Let's worship in the natural cathedral, enjoy

food and fellowship, games, hiking, bird-watching, boating, and fishing. Please let me know if you would like to help plan the day's activities.

Would you like to know more about Episcopal beliefs and practices? Do you have any friends who have indicated an interest in knowing more about the Episcopal Church? This fall, in concert with our soup suppers, we will **Walk in Love**. Two Episcopal priests, Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Schobe have written a book entitled *Walk in love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*. Their book takes us on a journey through the *Book of Common Prayer*, the liturgical year, the sacraments of the church, habits of daily prayer, and the teachings of Anglican/Episcopal Christianity. We will examine *Walk in Love* in concert with a course entitled *Practicing our Faith*. Each week we will examine a section of the *Book of Common Prayer*, explore various liturgies, investigate the background of many of our common prayers and consider how they relate to the way we live our faith. The class will follow soup supper and run from 7:00 – 8:00 P. M. Please invite a neighbor or friend to join us – someone who would like to know more about those Episcopalians!

Donations for the Food Pantry have dropped off significantly. Please remember to bring something as part of your offering and place it in the basket under the pulpit.

In closing, I share this invitation to the table which comes from Iona Abbey. I think this is a beautiful invitation. I used this to close last Sunday's sermon.

*The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company of Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here (An Invitation, Iona Abbey [1] <https://www.ionabooks.com/iona-abbey-worship-book.html> ).*

The abbey is located on the Isle of Iona off the west coast of Scotland.

Blessings,  
Fr. Larry

## SENIOR MOMENTS

By Lynn Hublou, Senior Warden



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

Some of you know that one of my brothers lost his son last spring to a massive heart attack. My brother's and our family's adjustment to this loss is ongoing, and we know the adjustment to life without Walter will take much time. Today, I bid a bittersweet farewell to Mollie, who moved to Buffalo, MN, to serve as a high school counselor in the Dassel-Cokato school district. Al and I are thrilled for her as she embarks on this journey in her life. Yet, she's lived in Brookings all her life, so the hole she leaves behind is a big one. In addition, I lost a good friend this summer to cancer. I feel lost that I can't call Jeannie up to cry on her shoulder about Mollie's move. These kinds of changes are very challenging, as many of you already know through your own experiences. The melancholy can be pretty hard to shake.

The challenge lies in overcoming the sadness that can overtake us, whether the loss is through a move, a death, a change in occupation, a change of season (yes, a change of season), or myriad other experiences. We never really get over all of those kinds of losses, but as someone told me once, "It's not that the pain of loss gets less, it just gets different." How true. It's finding that "different" that presents the challenge, and it sure can crop up in unexpected ways.

Today I received a phone message from our own Connie Nelson, reminding me of Midweek Service. Connie's phone call exuded love, urging me to attend and expressing her love for me. She had no idea what I had been experiencing, but her call was just what I needed at the moment. Her phone call reminded me of our loving church family and the role it plays for each of us. Connie, you were the change for me today, a way to recognize how to reach the "different" level of loss, the level where the pain subsides. No, the path isn't easy. But the path is there. Thank you, Connie, for your big heart and your Christ-like manner. I'm just awfully sorry I missed the message and that I forgot about Midweek service. But you got through to me anyway.

## JULY VESTRY MINUTES

Andy Trump reported that the restrooms had some small puddles and the closet wall under the stairs was damp after the rain storm last Thursday. There was some discussion about fans.

Rector's Report (Fr. Larry Ort):

- a. The Vacation Bible School is underway, with approximately 40-45 children participating.
- b. *Walk in Love* is a program that features a walk through the Liturgical Year and includes a downloadable course. Fr. Larry would like to consider running it as a course after Soup Supper. He will write an advertisement for the paper inviting the community to participate. It would run approximately 8 weeks.
- c. Fr. Larry will lead 3 sessions on the book Oman Reborn, sponsored by the South Dakota World Affairs Council. It will be held at St. Paul's on 7/31, 8/14 and 8/28.
- d. Mass in the Grass will be held at Oakwood State Park on Aug. 26. Fr. Larry will request free passes for those without stickers.

Sr. Warden: No report

Jr. Warden:

- a. The Vestry approved a motion that Bob Klein be allowed to put replacement doors for the Rectory on his Lowe's credit card and that he be reimbursed by the Vestry. This will be for 2 storm doors and 2 exterior doors and will qualify for a 10% discount by using the card. Jean suggests that Steve Nelson install the doors.
- b. After receiving an estimate of around \$300 to fix the chimney base, Fr. Larry will check at Lowe's for the materials so that he can do the work himself.
- c. Lynn will once again contact Preferred Mechanical and suggest that they come

out at their earliest convenience to address the furnace problems at the rectory.

- d. Motion was made and carried that Brookings Roofing come out and check the gutters and provide an estimate for fixing the drain spouts by the Columbarium. The motion carried.
- e. Discretionary Expenditures totaled \$453.40, leaving a balance of \$401.92.

Treasurer's Report (Bob Klein):

Bob pointed out the bills paid in June. Motion was made and carried Lynn Hublou moved to accept the report with gratitude.

Old Business:

We received the paperwork from the SDDOT for the easement on 6<sup>th</sup> Street (approximately 3 feet south of our sidewalk). We will receive a check for \$2510 for this access.

New Business:

- a. We received a letter from the Mayor indicating that St. Paul's has been awarded the Mayor's Award for Historic Preservation in the category of Stewardship. Included was an invitation to the Mayor's Reception on Aug. 30 from 5-7 at the McCrory Education and Visitors' Center.
- b. We will purchase a Wonder, Love, and Praise Organ Book as well as a new hymnal organ book from Cokesbury. The money will come from memorial funds.

The next meeting will be August 27, 2018, at 5:30 pm.

## NEW VISUAL ARTS MINISTRY EXHIBIT

By Chuck Berry

Art Ministry wall in  
Thorburn Hall and  
close up of St Paul.

The theme of the 7th Visual Arts Ministry show is Women in the Time of Christ. A gift from the Gilkerson family, the six depictions of



women of the Bible appeared in the December 27, 1955 issue of *Look Magazine*.

This was a time when there was increasing emphasis by Christian leaders on the role of women in the life of the church. The Editors of *Look* asked Swiss Artist Hans Erni to paint women of the New Testament whose lives were illuminated by association with Christ.

Also displayed is a limited-edition lithograph of St Paul. This depiction of St Paul displayed with images of the women in the life of Jesus presents an interesting contrast. Whereas the *Look Magazine*



intended to acknowledge the 1950s shift to inclusivity by Christian leaders on the role of women in church life, Paul's writings give ecclesiastical directives about the role of women in the church (Timothy 2:1) that are used by many churches to deny women's involvement in church affairs.

Take time to look carefully at the lithograph of St Paul for some hidden details. Two copies of the 1955

*Look Magazine* will be on the tables in Thorburn Hall for more details on each painting.

## CREATION CARE AND THE GENERAL CONVENTION

By Natural Cathedral Committee

St Paul's Natural Cathedral Committee has been following the Creation Care actions at the General Convention in Texas. We are happy to report that there was much interest in Creation Care as 19 resolutions about Care of Creation were passed. Read the details at the following site:w.

<https://episcopalclimatenews.com/2018/07/20/general-convention-passes-19-resolutions-for-the-care-of-gods-creation/>

One thing that I thought was neat "out-of-the-box" thinking was the suggestion of a trial use of creation care language in the baptismal covenant – something like a vow to cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation.

Some of the approved resolutions are

- Giving grants for local environmental ministry projects,
- Supporting the church's UN climate-change conference delegations,
- Supporting marginalized communities impacted by environmental racism,
- Supporting communities (coal) impacted by the transition away from fossil fuels,
- Recognizing that water is a human right,
- Supporting use of local food at church events,
- Church endowment - lays out next steps on fossil-fuel divestment,
- Supporting carbon-tax and dividend policies

## CONGRATULATIONS TO TUCKER HEYDUK

U.S. Air Force Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Tucker L. Heyduk graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Tucker is the son of Tiffany Heyduk and grandson of Barb Murra.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Rev S. Hall

#### 1981 -1987

Rev Stephen Hall was the priest-in-charge of St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 1981-1987. He brought to the position some diverse work and educational experiences. He graduated from Lawrence University, Appleton, WI with a degree in English. After a stint in the National Guard, he worked as sales representative for U.S. Steel before moving to Colorado to become managing editor of two weekly newspapers in the Denver area. In 1972 Stephen Hall joined the Colorado Highway Patrol and spent four years on road before becoming assistant to the chief in Denver. In was at this juncture he decided that he had wanted to be an Episcopal priest. In 1978, he left the highway patrol to attend seminary. During his stay at Nashotah House Seminar (Milwaukee, WI), he took his parochial training at St. Paul's Church in Darien, CT, and his clinical pastoral educational work at the Whithall Park Lutheran Church in Milwaukee.

Stephen Hall arrived in Brookings in July 1981 to be deacon in charge. On November 1, 1981, The Feast of All Saints, he was ordained a priest and installed as rector of the St. Paul's. Among his first tasks was the dedication of the new side chapel (altar and ambry) in the church, constructed by Bob Lacher and Charlie Clever. It

was during Stephen and Karen Hall's occupancy that top of floor the rectory was finished in order to provide extra space for the Halls, who had four children, Kirsten, Jennifer, Andy, and Kathy.

Next issue of the St Paul's Messenger will feature the ordination of Karen Hall.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mass in the Grass** – August 26, 2018 – Oakwood Lakes State Park

