

# Saint Paul's Messenger

## November 2018

*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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### November Birthdays/Anniversaries

3	Alicia Norgaard
7	Emily Braun
11	<i>Phil &amp; Winnie Baker</i>
13	Jack Woodard
15	<i>Chuck &amp; Sarah Woodard</i>
18	Carolann Klug
19	Jessica Laidlaw
24	Aricia Hovelson
27	Madison Vanduch
28	Andrew Trump

### From our Rector - Fr Larry Ort

Most of the leaves are down, and the mornings have taken on a noticeable chill. The boat is currently being winterized. It was a good fishing season, but not the best. The fish may be confused by the changing climate! We see the flocks of geese heading south. I am sure there will be days ahead when we wish we would have joined them; nonetheless, I am always grateful for the change of seasons. I am reminded of Wendell Berry's poem,

"What We Need Is Here."

Geese appear high over us,  
pass, and the sky closes. Abandon,  
as in love or sleep, holds  
them to their way, clear

in the ancient faith: what we need is here. And we pray, not for new earth or heaven, but to be quiet in heart, and in eye, clear. What we need is here.

As I write this, it is All Saint's Day, the day on which we celebrate the heroes of the faith – Saint Paul, Saint Mary, Saint John, etc. For a more complete rundown, see pages 19-30 of the Book of Common Prayer. On November 2, All Soul's Day, we remember all the faithful who have gone before us, especially friends and family, including our church family. Let us call to mind Helen Town and Deacon Judith Petersen. I encourage you to reflect on Psalm 116.15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones." Take a few moments to thank God for those faithful servants who have preceded us in death – especially those who have contributed to your own spiritual development and journey.

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul's was packed! We welcomed the "Take Back the Night" march; our sanctuary was used for some speeches. Every pew was filled, people were standing at the back of the church, on the steps and in Charlie's Porch, and even outside the door. I estimate the march had at least 160 people – primarily students. I had the opportunity to say a few words of welcome and to mention that we are an open and affirming

congregation. Know that our hospitality and warmth was appreciated!

October also saw the completion of considerable work on the rectory! The gas-fired heating system has been installed, and the doors on the north and west sides of the rectory have been replaced. Steve Nelson, Lowe's installer, did an excellent job. Feel free to knock on our door, to have some coffee, and fellowship, and to take a look. In total, this work cost approximately \$13,500 – a good investment as it will lower our energy use and associated costs. If you would like to contribute to defray the cost, please make a check out to St. Paul's and designate it "Capital Improvements Fund." Please accept Judy's and my thanks for addressing these concerns. Looking ahead, November 25<sup>th</sup> is the last Sunday after Pentecost, "Christ the King" Sunday. Then we begin Advent on December 2<sup>nd</sup>! It is hard to believe that Advent is nearly upon us. Twenty "Devotions for Advent" booklets have been ordered. They appear to have an excellent selection of readings! We also look forward to our annual Episcopal Relief and Development drive and our gift tree for St. James.

Our Fall Stewardship Campaign is about to begin. Although necessary to operate St. Paul's, stewardship includes so much more than time, talent, and treasure. It includes our very lives, our families, our friendships, our community, our country, and this island home. Some members of vestry will make a brief presentation on November 4<sup>th</sup> (Tiffany Heyduk), 11<sup>th</sup> (Lynn Hublou), and 18<sup>th</sup> (Robert Klein). Stewardship letters will be mailed on November 19<sup>th</sup>. We request their return no later than December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Here is looking forward to a visit from two of my sisters, a wonderful Thanksgiving, and the beginning of Advent. Thanks again for the privilege of serving as St. Paul's rector.

Blessings,

Fr. Larry

## Senior Moments

By Lynn Hublou, Senior Warden



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

"Father we thank thee for the night and for the pleasant morning light. For rest and food and loving care, and all that makes the world so fair. Amen."

This is the prayer I said every night during my childhood. Each night one of my parents tucked me in, and I recited this prayer sitting up in bed, my hands folded in prayer. Listening as I prayed, my mom or dad sat on the bed, also with hands folded. After praying and snuggling down under the covers ready for my goodnight kiss, I was frequently but gently admonished not to sleep with my head under the covers, for that was my childlike attempt to keep at bay the monsters that my active and vivid imagination conjured.

It is now November, and Thanksgiving is around the corner, a time for reflection on those things in our lives we can be grateful for. I am eternally grateful for the innocent childhood I enjoyed, and I give thanks every day for my wonderful parents who loved me unconditionally. Truly, many of us have much to be grateful for—family, friends, mostly good health, our church family, the comfort of a home, and more. For instance, just this past Sunday evening, I enjoyed a fun potluck for the Church School children, parents, guardians, and teachers. Not only did we enjoy a delicious late fall picnicky-type meal, but

we also heard positive reports from each of the three Church School teachers: Tasi Barondeau, Patty Kratochvil, and Charlotte Wheeler. Each described her approach to teaching the children and asked for input from those present. The energy of the kids and the energy and work that the teachers are putting into the Christian education program make me very grateful for their time and talent. Hats off to all of you for your devotion to this important ministry. Thank you. This type of ministry, among others, is something that we can trust in, knowing our children are in good hands.

These days, though, outside of these sorts of safe havens, “monsters” do exist. The fears we have are quite real, and no amount of hiding our heads under the covers will make them go away. The world is topsy-turvy. Anxiety levels and worries are high for many. That is why those good things that I see happening bring me such pleasure, where people are doing “good” in so many ways. Witnessing the Church School leaders at work is one such example. These kinds of things keep us grounded, make us grateful, and keep us in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. “Father we thank thee for the night and for the pleasant morning light. For rest and food and loving care, and all that makes the world so fair. Amen.”

## October Vestry Meeting

. Rector’s Report (Father Larry Ort):

- The Hobo Day food stand went well, though the proceeds were down perhaps \$20. It’s a good opportunity to connect with the community.
- The Brookings Human Rights Commission’s “Take Back the Night Walk” (Oct. 24) will stop at St. Paul’s around 7:30 for a speaker break.
- Church School meeting with parents and children on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. Teachers will be Tasi Barondeau, Charlie Wheeler, and Patty Krachtovil.

- Chuck and Mary Lou Berry have volunteered to coordinate the ERD Christmas Campaign this year.
- We received an invitation to St. James’ Centennial Celebration in Moberge on Saturday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3 PM. The Clerk of the Vestry will send a note of congratulations as well as a check for \$50 in a motion made by Lynn Hublou (2<sup>nd</sup>, Jean Lacher).
- Barry Dunn, President of SDSU, spoke to the Ministerial Association in a presentation on the Wokini Initiative. He wants to raise scholarship funds for some significant development of support for Native Americans. Fr. Larry wants to invite Barry to present to the congregation some Sunday.
- The Church Insurance Agency Corporation notified us that we do have cyber liability protection.
- Discretionary expenditures amounted to \$115.01, leaving a balance of \$425.75.

Senior Warden’s Report (Lynn Hublou):

- The slate for Vestry nominations needs to be ready by November. Jean Lacher is in charge of getting candidates.
- Lynn wants the Hospitality Committee to meet monthly after the Pancake Breakfast, starting in November, so they can plan ahead for the various events in the parish.
- Lynn has received positive feedback on having the announcements prior to the service.
- Lynn would like to schedule regular LEM visits to parish shut-ins. She will consult with the congregation to gauge interest, and will address this topic in her November Stewardship talk.

Junior Warden’s Report:

- The Rectory doors and furnace have been installed. Judy Ort visited to thank the Vestry and to invite them over to see the work and feel the heat! Fr. Larry is

completing the necessary repairs in the basement.

#### Treasurer's Report (Bob Klein):

- There are still some outstanding bills for the Wild Game Feed. Please turn those in to Bob.
- A motion to accept the report was made and was carried.

#### Old Business:

- Fr. Larry distributed a draft of his stewardship letter and pledge form; both passed muster.
- Stewardship Presentations: Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, Lynn; Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, Tiffany; Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, Bob.
- Security quotes are pending.

#### New Business:

- The white board in Charlie's Porch will be relocated to the conference room for the benefit of the Church School.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be on Nov. 26 at 5:30 PM.

### **A Call for Hospitality!** (by Lynn Hublou)

Are you serving or have you served on the Hospitality Committee? Have you never served on the committee but would like to participate? Then read on! Anyone serving on the committee or who would like to, let's convene for a brief meeting after church on Sunday, November 11. On the agenda is discussion about upcoming events and planning for those events well in advance of their occurring. See you on the 11<sup>th</sup>!

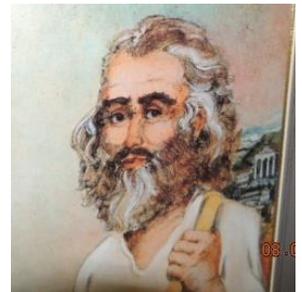
### **Visual Arts Ministry** (by Chuck Berry)

The Visual Arts Ministry Committee will be looking for art for a new show to hang in Thorburn Hall early next year. For now, we want to remind you to enjoy and study the current show.

The theme of the current show is Women in the Time of Christ. The paintings were done especially for a 1950s edition of *Look Magazine* by Swiss artist Hans Erni. Two copies of the magazine are displayed also.

The 1950s were a time when there was increasing emphasis on the role of women in the life of the church. The Editor's of *Look* marked the Christmas season by selecting women of the New Testament whose lives were illuminated by association with Christ, and to convey a new 20th-century concept of how women of the New Testament contributed to our understanding of His teaching.

At the center of our art display is Bob Holloway's depiction of St Paul. Holloway attends the Brookings Arts Festival every year.



Read the flyer in the display rack to learn surprising details about the image of Saul.

### **Historical Portfolio Discovered**

Our 100th Anniversary Celebration Committee thought that the only Cram and Ferguson architectural drawings we had were a group of rolled up and tattered blue prints.



However, we discovered a 20 x 24-inch portfolio assembled in 2004. It contained historical architect's drawings on blue paper; 8 drawings of the rectory, 7 for the church, and one for the sign board that was actually built 75 years later. The portfolio and the rolled-up, tattered copies will be archived at the Center of Western Studies. Photo shows Chuck Berry opening the portfolio.

## More on St Paul's History: a 1901 Handkerchief Bazaar

(by Chuck Berry)

Perhaps the oldest artifact uncovered during our Anniversary was a 1901 card signed by Mrs. N. E. Hansen (donated by family of David Gilkerson).

It seems that the women of St Paul's had a fund-raiser called a Handkerchief Bazaar. Each woman at St Paul's sent a letter to a friend requesting a handkerchief. Read the following poem that Mrs. Hansen sent to a friend and you'll get the idea.

*To all our friends, though far and near,  
We crave your kind attention;  
So please to lend us now your ear  
While we a subject mention.*

*The ladies of this Church will hold  
On a day not distant far,  
If we have been correctly told,  
A "Handkerchief Bazaar."*

*So this, then is our plan, in brief,  
To aid our enterprise,  
You each shall send a Handkerchief  
Of any kind or size.*



*To be without a Handkerchief,  
You know is quite distressing  
FROM EVERY STATE LET ONE BE  
SENT 'T WILL SURELY BE A BLESSING!*

The card is stored with other artifacts in the black shelf box with our history scrapbooks on the new shelving in the Sacristy.

FYI: Niels Ebbesen Hansen was the first head of the horticulture department at SDSU. The Hansens were members of St Paul's. Their daughter was Eva Hansen Gilkerson; Eva's son was David Gilkerson, member of St Paul's so Niels E. Hansen was David's Grandfather.

## Native American Heritage Month – November

(by Chuck Berry)

Our star quilt is the first thing we see when we enter St Paul's. The star is Venus, the morning star which stands between darkness (ignorance) and light (knowledge). The Lakota Sioux believed that the morning star leads to understanding. It heralds a new beginning, a new day dawning.



When missionaries came in the mid to late 1800's and introduced fabric and sewing to Native American women, the "Morning Star Quilt" was born. It replaced the traditional red buffalo robe

and was displayed at their funerals as a means to honor and protect loved ones on their final journey through the stars. The planet Venus was their guiding star. It represented the direction from which spirits travel to Earth, symbolizing immortality.

November is Native American Heritage Month, which is a time when we acknowledge that American Indian images, names, and stories infuse American history and contemporary life with the deep (at times demeaning) connection between Americans and American Indians. Learn more about Native American Heritage Month at <https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/>.

The Episcopal Church, especially in South Dakota, is the subject of a major chapter in the Native American heritage story. The national church website has a 13- minute video describing this history. The video centers on the Doctrine of Discovery and the modern-day Church's resolution to repudiate it (the first church to do so). You will see many South Dakota references and scenes.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/episcopal-church-exposes-doctrine-discovery>

## Hobo Day and St Paul's Coffee Shoppe

Hobo Day dawned chilly but clear and calm as we set up the canopy and assembled tables for our St Paul's Coffee Shoppe. Thanks to volunteers who made hot chocolate, coffee, cider, cinnamon buns and muffins for sale. We made about \$150, but more importantly our Shoppe fostered outreach and fellowship.



## Hobo Day 2018 Photos



Fig. 2. Parade route 2018



Fig. 3. Beckah, our very own member of The Pride and loyal friends.