

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 *Doug & Connie Nelson*

FROM OUR RECTOR – FR LARRY ORT

The season of Epiphany is rapidly speeding by and we will soon be in Lent (Ash Wednesday is March 1st). The Lenten devotional booklets have arrived. We will again use the Lenten Meditations provided by Episcopal Relief and Development. Lent is a good time to focus on some aspect of your spiritual growth – for that matter, any time is a good time, but we usually place a bit more emphasis on this during Lent. I encourage you to be thinking about something you would like to do over Lent, e.g., spend more time reading and reflecting on the gospels, read a special book related to the Christian faith, be more consistent in using the Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families (BCP, 136-140). I recently ordered N. T. Wright's *The Day the Revolution Began: Reconsidering the Meaning of Jesus's Crucifixion*. I have long enjoyed N. T. Wright's

scholarship. If anyone else would like to read it, let me know and we can have a small discussion group.

St. Paul's Annual Meeting went well. Chuck Berry and Lee Kratochvil have agreed to continue as Sr. Warden and Jr. Warden for one more year. They didn't even have to buy any votes! Both have done a wonderful job and we look forward to another good year at St. Paul's. Jean Lacher, Judy Ort, and Peg Whalen were elected as convention delegates and Janet Gritzner was elected as alternate delegate.

Bishop John Tarrant's annual visit is scheduled for March 26th. Mark your calendar! If anyone would like to reaffirm your faith, please let me know. This is also a good time for reception of new members, and we have a few confirmations scheduled.

The triennial Episcopal Youth Event will be held July 10 – 14 at the University of Central Oklahoma. The event is for youth in grades 9 – 12 during the 2016-2017 academic year. The theme is "Path to Peace," based on Matthew 5.1-12 (the beatitudes). If you are the parent of a youth in these grades, you may wish to consider this opportunity. I suspect it would be a wonderful growth experience.

Speaking of growth opportunities, we have the 2017 schedule for Thunderhead Episcopal Camp.

Several of our St. Paul's youth attended last year, and it is not too early to begin making plans.

June 8 -10

July 9 – 15 7th and 8th Grade Camp
July 16 – 22 9th and 10th Grade Camp
TEC will have its annual Work Weekend June 2 – 4 to prepare for the new camping season. You can register for the event at

www.episcopalchurchsd.org/support-thunderhead-episcopal-center .

The women of our congregation are encouraged to check out the Episcopal Church Women's webpage at <http://episcopalchurchsd.org/ecw/> . In closing, you may have heard of the small child who had been cutting up in church. As his father was rather hurriedly removing him from the congregation, the child looked at the members of the church and in a pleading voice, said, "Pray for me. Pray for me!" I trust it ended up well.

Family Camp

June 11 – 17 11th and 12th Grade Camp
June 18 – 21 5th and 6th Grade Camp
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Blessings,

Fr. Larry

JANUARY VESTRY MINUTES

Approval of November Minutes (there was no December vestry meeting): Motion was made and carried to approve the November minutes with a spelling correction (there is one *m* in Cram—Ralph Adams Cram).

Rector's Report: First, Fr. Larry announced that Natalie Quin has resigned from vestry because she has accepted a job with 3M in St. Paul, and she will therefore be leaving Brookings. In continuing his report, Fr. Larry said he would like to form a subcommittee to determine interest in spiritual growth at St. Paul's. He has a "Spiritual Gifts Inventory" based on the Meyers-Briggs Inventory to help individuals with discerning their individual gifts. Lynn volunteered to work with Fr. Larry on this. Fr. Larry brought up the possibility of having Evening Prayer and/or Compline to accompany Wednesday Soup Supper on a regular basis. The vestry discussed this and thought that having a prayer service, perhaps youth-led, before soup supper on the first and third Wednesdays of the month would be a good idea to try. Fr. Larry commented that both Church School and Confirmation class are going well; there are five committed students in the confirmation class.

And finally, Fr. Larry reported that last semester he had a few students come for On Pilgrimage, and he is hopeful that this semester will have some new and returning students.

Senior Warden's Report: Chuck said the Centennial Celebration Committee began work early on this project, and there is no report right now. The pew cards are at the printer right now, and will be ready in a few days.

Junior Warden's Report: Lee reported that the new TV is up! The final cost is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$744, including the cost of an adjustable wall mount bracket. There is also a cost of \$77.44 for a WiFi extender. There was no report on the chimney repairs. The water softener situation is under consideration right now. Lee has gotten some costs for us.

VESTRY BUDGET MEETING

Fr. Larry began the meeting by informing the vestry that a church member would like to hold Narcotics Anonymous meetings on Monday evenings at St. Paul's. Motion was moved and carried to allow a chapter of Narcotics Anonymous to meet at St. Paul's.

Fr. Larry further introduced the idea of supporting the Islamic population in Brookings who at present may be feeling insecure in our uncertain world. Fr. Larry introduced the idea of having an interfaith potluck with the Islamic community at some point. Motion moved and carried.

Beginning work on the annual report/budget has been completed. Fr. Larry said he would check this year's draft of the annual report against last year's before the final draft is submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Bob presented the Budget vs. Actual report for the General Fund. Last year St. Paul's used a \$62,000 budget. So far this year, Bob has \$56,770 pledged for the general fund and \$3,780 in CIF. After a number of cuts and additions, a net of \$1,125 was added to the budget.

Motion and carried to adopt a utility allowance as an item in the budget. Motion was made and carried to recommend this budget to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Early Church Buildings and Sites

By Gertrude Young, 1947

The external expression of the church in buildings and ground provides us with an interesting story.

We have learned that those July 30, 1893 services conducted by Bishop Hare were held in

Treasurer's Report: Bob presented a financial report for the entire year of Actual to Budget. The first page was everything but CIF, the second page is CIF, the third page is the balance sheet, and the fourth page provides expense detail. Bob reported that he has received thirteen pledges thus far, far short of the number of pledges usually submitted.

The Rectory Allowance Statement is as follows:

St Paul's Episcopal Church

The vestry on the 9th Day of January, 2017, 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 resolved that of the total compensation to be paid to the Rev. Larry Ort during 2017, that \$5,000 be designated as parsonage allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986.

Old Business: There is no columbarium update at this time. The vestry discussed a number of options for web site design and maintenance; costs can be as high as \$1500 plus consultation and maintenance fees. Ginger Thomson has expressed a strong interest in working with St. Paul's on this, pro bono.

New Business: Fr. Larry proposes collective Christianity programming with First Lutheran Church, Ascension Lutheran Church, and United Church of Christ. This could also include United Methodist Church. Fr. Larry thinks this kind of coming together could foster a great deal of fellowship.

The vestry will meet on Monday, January 16 at 5:30 to discuss the 2017 budget. The next regular vestry meeting is tentatively set for Monday, February 20, at 5:30.

the G.A.R. hall. Use was made of this hall until the first building constructed by St. Paul's was completed. Those studying the records of St. Paul's can point with pride to the fact that the first structure was completed within a few months of the organization of the church here and that both the lot and structure costing together \$1100.00 had been paid for. The description of this first site is, according the Register of Deeds, of Brookings Count. Lot One and West Half of Lot Two, Block Three, Morehouse Addition." This brings us to the north-east corner of Sixth Street and Seventh Avenue. This first building was small and resembled somewhat a country school house in architecture.

Wrote Bishop Hare in 1894, "In December of 1894, I found the congregation in a church of their own, a neat chapel 20 x 40 feet, placed on an eligible, a feat accomplished under the Rev. Mr. McBride's leadership in the last months of his work in South Dakota." It was in February of 1894 that the deed for the church property was transferred from Bishop Hare to the Calvary Cathedral, \$350.00.

Meantime for the church there had been acquired in 1897 Lot 15, Block 7, Original Plat, Brookings City, and in the fall of 1898 the building was moved to that site. The moving "down town" was undertaken, we are told, in the hope of attracting to services some of the traveling men who made Brookings their weekend headquarters. This lot 15 is now 1947, marked by the 5th Street Evans and Arndt Sport Shop. Whether the traveling men came or not is another story, or whether, coming, they gave generously or not is another problem. Anyway, the church profited in the real estate transaction for the lot purchased for \$250.00 was later sold for \$1750. Of this original building, from 1899 to 1917 on Fifth Street, Mr. Paul Roberts writing in April, 1917 said, "Our difficulty is that all four classes of the Sunday School must work and meet at the same time in the same room, which is about thirty five by twenty five feet." In the Bishop's Diary, April 17, 1917 the Bishop comments, "-----had a service in the little church, the tiniest sanctuary, I have yet seen in South Dakota."

PROFILES AT ST PAUL'S

CAROL AARSTAD KLUG



Carol Klug is a hometown girl, born and schooled in Brookings. Hadley her husband was a Brookings boy as well. She met and married her high school sweetheart, although she noted she had an eye on him since she was thirteen. Carol actually grew up on a farm near Aurora; Hadley was the townie, being the son of a State College faculty member. I asked her about being descended from a long line of farmers and she said no, her grandfather, a Norwegian immigrant, who settled in Brookings about 1910 worked on the railroad. Her father was born in town, but took up farming. Carol is of French descent on her mother's side. Her family and the Gehant's (our George Gehant), she reports, had an particularly close relationship over the years though technically not kin to one another. They definitely enjoyed each another's company,

Back to Carol, after high school, Carol attended college in Madison, SD, where she studied Primary Education. Hadley went to South Dakota State where he studied Sociology, which was to become his teaching specialty. They were married in the First Presbyterian Church in Brookings. Their first move after Brookings was Augusta, Georgia. Hadley was posted there as

fresh 2nd lieutenant. Augusta in the Kennedy years was a real eye opener to the two South Dakotas. The ways of South were pretty shocking, though she admitted that change did seem to be forthcoming. It was a very interesting time – Augusta, itself, is charming community. Lots of really nice things to see. It was real taste of the historic deep South.

The Klugs returned to Brookings after Augusta. Hadley worked on his Masters in Sociology, while Carol taught first grade in the old school (now gone) near the Children’s Museum. She taught a total of 3 years. They then moved to Aberdeen, where their first child, Leanne was born. Leanne Klug Anderson currently lives in Wyoming, Ohio with her husband Paul and daughters Elizabeth and Christina. From there they made their major move to Whitewater, Wisconsin, where Hadley took a teaching position at University of Wisconsin, Whitewater. Their second child, Gregory, was born in Whitewater, but he should have been born in Brookings. This boy took a shine to Brookings early on – with frequent visits to his grandparents on the farm and in town and living here while Hadley returned to work on his PhD (Sociology). Gregory currently lives and works in Brookings, living not far from his mother. Gregory and his wife Sara have two children Daniel and Katherine, with whom Carol enjoys sharing her many hobbies.

Now it was in Whitewater that the Klug Halloween tradition got its start. Carol remembers that there were trick or treaters that after the treats ran out – just wanted to see their house. And so it began – if you haven’t seen Carol’s house at Halloween – you have really missed an event. It is truly amazing. Full size mobile witches and all sorts of creepy, crawlies. She did say the Wisconsin towns go nuts over Halloween, Brookings not so much. Well hardly at all. But Carol I hope will get new traditions started. Christmas must be something quite special at Carol’s house as well.

The Klug’s lived some 36 years in Whitewater before Hadley retired in 2006 as Professor

Emeritus to return to his boyhood town. On moving to Brookings they bought their first old house, built ca 1900. After some remodeling, it was ready to move in. So glad Carol moved back to Brookings and is a near neighbor of mine.

Carol has always been a busy lady. In Whitewater she took up calligraphy and began teaching classes in card making and design. You should see some of her creations. She also volunteered at the Fairhaven Senior Living Center in Whitewater to assist in running an on-site variety store. For six years, Carol did the shopping and pricing for the facility. On moving to Brookings, Carol continues her creative activities.

We are so grateful to have Carol join our St. Paul’s family. Welcome home, Carol!



UP COMING EVENTS

February 28, 2017 - Shrove Tuesday

March 1, 2017 - Ash Wednesday

March 26, 2017 - Bishop Visit and Confirmation