

Saint Paul's Messenger

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FROM OUR RECTOR – FR LARRY ORT

The months roll by so quickly! At present, Judy and I are in Denver enjoying a few days with two of her sons – Andrew and Patrick, and Pat's wife, Yan. This Saturday and Sunday we visited Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park for worship in the "natural cathedral setting." Know that I was present with you in thought and spirit as I found myself thinking about the morning service at St. Paul's. Special thanks to Bob Lacher for

preaching and Howard Bonnemann for leading morning prayer.

Five people attended Lay Eucharistic Minister training – Tasi Livermont and Andrew Trump joined the team, so you will soon see them in action.

Our next training session will be Sunday, June 25th, at 11:45 AM, and will focus on lay reading. Those presently serving as lay readers, and those desiring to do so, should attend this event. It should be a rather short session – 30 to 45 minutes at the most.

Thanks to all who made TEC Sunday (May 21st) a success. Eight of our youth have registered and all will receive a scholarship from St. Paul's. Our special offering raised \$1085, and the Vestry had approved a \$700 match. This means a total of \$1785 will be sent to the Diocese for TEC, \$1200 of which will be for scholarships.

John Wesley, an Anglican Priest, whose approach to worship ultimately led to the formation of the Methodist Church once said:

"Although a big difference in opinions or modes of worship may prevent an external union; yet need it prevent our union in affection? Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all

the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences. These remaining as they are, they may forward one another in love and in good works.”

I suspect John Wesley would be pleased with the May 17th press release concerning the status of talks between Episcopalians and Methodists exploring full communion between the Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church. Full communion is defined as “a relation between distinct churches in which each recognizes the other as a catholic and apostolic church holding the essentials of the Christian faith.” A few years ago, the Episcopal Church entered full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

A three-year process of meetings, discussions, and approval of the agreement, should such approval be forthcoming, lies ahead. I encourage you to check out the following URL for further information:
<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2017/05/17/episcopalians-methodists-propose-full-communion-agreement/>. The comments following this report make for some interesting reading.

Let us continue to heartily engage in the work to which Christ calls us – and on that note, it is not too early to begin thinking about activities for this fall – a revitalized church school for youth and more youth activities, Bible study, fellowship and educational opportunities, etc. In closing, I leave you with a quotation from Boris Pasternak, the Russian novelist and author of *Dr. Zhivago*: "He comes as a guest to the feast of existence, and knows that what matters is not how much he inherits but how he behaves at the feast, and what people remember and love him for." These are words worth pondering and sharing.

Blessings upon you and our ministry,

Fr Larry

MAY VESTRY MINUTES

Rector’s Report: Fr. Larry reported that he has been asked and he has agreed to serve on the PFLAG Board (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

He also reported that he and Dave Schold recently checked into motel rates on behalf of the Brookings Ministerial Association (BMA). The Quality Inn in Brookings has offered a rate of \$35 per night; the Quality Inn also offered a rate of \$60 per night for out-of-town guests. The Super 8 offered six free coupons for overnight stays. The Quality Inn rate is a far better rate than has been provided in the past at another motel (\$69 per night).

Fr. Larry has also been asked to serve on the Inclusivity Committee; the Inclusivity Network is something the Brookings City Council has been working on. Fr. Larry noted that the project the Committee is focusing heavily on right now is introducing all second graders in the Brookings School District to the “Teaching Tolerance” program, a program which will require training for teachers and will likely bring in an expert in this field for that training.

Sunday, May 21, was TEC Sunday at St. Paul’s. In a special offering for this, St. Paul’s parishioners contributed \$1,085. The vestry had previously voted to match up to \$700, so Bob will send a check for \$1,785 to the diocese (St. Paul’s has eight campers going to TEC, so that amount will sponsor those campers and then some; camp cost is \$150 per camper). The amount sent to the diocese could change pending the Treasurer’s accounting from Sunday’s offering.

In a final point, Fr. Larry reported on the recent Lay Eucharistic Minister training (LEM). Five people attended that training. Fr. Larry has written up specific instructions for LEMs. The Diocesan Office needs a report of who is qualified for what for licensing purposes, so Fr. Larry related the list of people from St. Paul’s who are either lay readers, LEMs, and/or preachers.

Senior Warden's Report: Chuck had nothing yet to report on the situation with the microphone, but Fr. Larry observed that the switch up above the console is the switch that keeps getting turned off, resulting in the microphone not working. The switch on the console itself is the switch that needs turning on and off.

Chuck brought a copy of *Momentum*, the publication St. Paul's bought a page in. Chuck showed a copy of St. Paul's page, with a nice picture and text of St. Paul's story. Chuck further discussed the brochures St. Paul's recently had produced and wondered if we should look into having more produced. He has distributed numerous brochures to realtors, motels, the libraries, and the Chamber office. The vestry agreed that the more the word gets out about St. Paul's the better, so Chuck will find out costs of producing more brochures.

Junior Warden's Report: In a discussion of the sacristy remodel, Lee said he thinks that Mark Kelsey would be available to do some work in late summer and early fall. At that time, Mark would also be able to move the wall for the water softener. Lee is going to chisel the lip on the handicap ramp by the street and then paint ten feet on either side on the curb in order to provide easy access for drop-off and pick-up. Among other things, Lee said the brick needs filling in outside from the east around to the north. He said the grass seed isn't coming well, and he'll need to re-seed. Last year Lee and Janet purchased and put in some plantings that had been included in Lynnette's design of the garden, yet much still needs planting. The Happy-Hoers should, at any time, plant the remaining areas as they would like.

The columbarium project is coming along. A number of people helped dig for the footings, with great difficulty, as they were digging in clay. Quite a bit of preliminary work still needs to be done, but it's just too wet. The rectory chimney repairs are on hold.

Treasurer's Report: Bob reported that there have been no transfers from any memorial accounts in 2017. Lynn brought up that at the

LEM training, those in attendance had discussed the possibility of using memorial money for cottas for the acolytes, since the cottas are all too big for the kids.

Old Business: Renewal Works is on hold. Jay Van Duch took a picture of St. Paul's for the 2018 Kalendar, and Ginger Thomson compiled photos and has put them on St. Paul's Facebook page. The text for the Kalendar still needs to be submitted by June 1.

New Business: Fr. Larry addressed the idea that the Rector's Discretionary Fund is subject to periodic audit. He would like the vestry to discuss a suitable process regarding how many from the vestry should be involved, how often, and to what extent. The vestry can then make a more formal recommendation regarding this process.

The next regular vestry meeting is tentatively set for Monday, June 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Interfaith Council at St Paul's (by Chuck Berry)

St Paul's hosted the Brookings Interfaith Council last month. About two dozen people enjoyed their traditional pot luck, and listened to a talk by Dr Mark Cochrane on climate change.



The mission of the Brookings Interfaith Council is to foster genuine understanding, respect and appreciation of diversity among people of faith (including non-theists) in our community. The Council cultivates peace and justice by engaging in dialogue to bridge religious and cultural differences and to bring the wisdom and values of our traditions to bear on the challenges facing our society.

The Council has been in existence for 5 years, meets monthly and has quite a good web site describing their meetings and activities. <http://www.brookingsinterfaith.org/>.

Fr Larry and Judy attend most meetings and Fr Larry has invited the members of St Paul's to attend. I have been to a couple of meetings. I was happy to see that our audio-visual system was used at the May meeting.

I was shocked and distressed when I heard from a person at my table say that her husband did not attend because "climate change was not a faith issue." The green religion folks have been broadcasting the message that climate change IS A FAITH ISSUE (sorry for shouting).

One of Dr Cochrane's screens showed statements from many religions that climate change is a religious issue. So I asked Dr Cochrane "Why should faith groups care about climate change?"

His simple answer was "I suppose because they care about people." His talk was mostly about how diseases were being assisted by climate change. South Dakota is the center of the West Nile Virus because the West Nile mosquito likes grass and the WNVirus travels on birds; South Dakota has a lot of birds and grass. Also, Lyme disease is on our doorstep. We don't have Zika but Zika-mosquitos cover our southern states. He talked of other diseases that were increasing in other countries.

"...because they care about people." Cochrane's disease examples show how the most disadvantaged people in the world live in situations where climate changes will have the greatest impacts. In the case of diseases, the poor have less access to information about disease, less access to health care, less money for screen doors, cans of insect spray, bigger air conditioners and higher dikes around their communities (for example).

The classic example is the poor people living in floodplains; those people will have to migrate inland; that migration will be impactful on society (think of the current refugee migration situation as an example).

Disease, migration, cost of living - these are some impacts on humans. What about God's Garden? The skeptic says, "The plants and animals will adapt." Fact Check! Predictions are that one in six species face a greater extinction risk if the climate continues to change (<http://science.sciencemag.org/content/348/6234/571.full>).



Dr Mark Cochrane using TV in Thorburn Hall.

The point is that there have been five great extinction events in the history of the earth, all caused by volcanoes, meteoroids or cataclysms. We are in the sixth extinction event now, and this one is being caused by a species – man, who happens to have been given the ability/choice to conserve and protect God's Garden. We pray for the "...wisdom and will to preserve it."



Fig 2. Dr. Mark Cochrane speaks on climate change.

Okay, my message is getting long and lecture-like. I started with the simple point that we are using our TV to enhance education and entertainment in Thorburn Hall (see figure). A more important point is that St Paul's is involved in the Interfaith Council; I wish more in our St Paul's congregation could have attended. I hope the lady at my table explained to her husband why climate change is a faith issue.

PS: *The Green Bible* says read Matthew 25:37-41, or Isaiah 57:6, 7, 10; or Romans 8:18; or Psalm 104:24 (Psalm 104 is the "ecology Psalm").

PS: Pope Francis in *Laudato Si* says "Both everyday experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest." (Chapter One, p 34). This is the book that Pope Francis gave to President Trump; I really hope Mr. Trump reads it just in case he also wonders "what does climate change have to do with religion?"

ST. PAUL'S ONE HUNDREDTH

Well folks things are beginning to happen. The day of our one hundredth celebration has been selected. June 17th 2018 is the date. The Bishop already has it on his calendar. We chose the 17th as a day very close to the date of the original consecration of the church building, expected good weather, but not the weekend of the Niobrara Convocation. Some of you will undoubtedly check your calendar and see it is Father's Day, Just think of it as a great afternoon event for Dad.

Yes, our building will be 100 years old, but if you have been following **From the Archives** accounts you know we as a congregation are much older. We will be some 125 years in existence by our celebration in 2018.

By the way there will be lots of do in the coming year. We will need your help as well as your presence at the June events. This column will keep you informed of plans through the coming

year. Put June 17, 2018 on your calendar or kalendar.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Clergy at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

By Gertrude Young, 1947

. Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Simpson – 1894-1897

The Rev. J.M. McBride was given charge of the Brookings mission from its foundation until his departure from the state in the fall of 1893. In July of 1894 the Rev. Edmund Simpson became the first regular and resident priest for this mission. In 1896, by the way he is named serving also Carthage, Huron, DeSmet.

The Bishop, writing in the Church News reports that he was in Brookings October 11, 1894

And that "A certain breeziness bears witness to the fact that the youthful enterprise here under the Rev. Mr. Simpson feels the young life in its veins. God bless everyone who in these frictions which are too often marks of ardor and somewhat rapid growth 'follows after things which make for peace and the things where we may edify one another.' The editor of this account wishes she might have had personal acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. Simpson. They had been married after he assumed work here. Mrs. Simpson had been a teacher at All Saint's School. In the records so perfectly kept by Mr. Simpson one may read his pride of the careful placing of his family on the register. – July 15, 1894, Edward Trew Simpson; November 3, 1895, Dorothy Pinie Simpson, and then Edmund Pinie, and sorrow in placing in the register of burials on August 12, 1896 the name of the little Edmund who had lived only sixteen days. Those still resident here who knew Mrs. Simpson that she was a woman of great personal charm and complete devotion to the work of the mission. The Epiphany Guild was founded and began the long series on money-making

enterprises by the women of the Church. A firm foundation for the whole work of the mission had been laid before Mr. and Mrs. Simpson left in 1897.

PROFILES AT ST PAULS

Marsha Case Klein



Fig. 2. Marsha with Emerson and Quin.

Marsha Katherine Case was born in Huron, but only lived there a short time. Marsha, like Lynn Hublou, grew up in Watertown. They did not know each other then, but later, of course, their paths would cross. Marsha was the oldest of eight children. Six siblings are remaining, three of whom live in Watertown. She has a brother living in Tea and another in Lino Lakes, MN, located near the Twin Cities.

Marsha's mother sounds like a real character. When the children were young, her mother stayed at home, but about the time Marsha started college, she started working in the evenings at the

public library and eventually became the children's librarian. She was known as the story lady, and she dressed up for whatever theme she'd chosen for the summer program. Marsha remembers picking her up at the library as, say, Benjamin Franklin or a fairy princess. She delighted Marsha's children as they were growing up with tapes she sent of her stories. Now that's a cool grandma! Marsha herself is an avid reader.

Marsha's dad managed a finance company for 25 years. After he retired, he bought a commercial sanitation service in Watertown much like Cook's in Brookings. Marsha's brother David later took over the business and ran it until he retired.

When Marsha was at Watertown High School, she briefly considered a career in nursing, but after taking a chemistry course, she realized her strengths lay elsewhere. Bingo! German. In high school, she had taken four years of German, schooled by an excellent teacher, so this was a natural outlet for her talents. She took heavy credit loads throughout her time at SDSU, so she completed her studies in three and half years.

Her first teaching position was in Winner, SD, teaching German and language arts. She lived there some 13 years. It is in Winner that she met a rancher, Bob Klein. They married and soon Katherine and Erika joined Kristin and Matthew, their siblings by a previous marriage. Bob was raised Episcopalian and Marsha Catholic, but they chose to attend Trinity Episcopal Church in Winner, where they were very active.

After their sojourn West River, they moved to Brookings. Bob was working with computer systems (somewhat new at the time) and Marsha started work on a Master's degree in English. With Ruth Alexander's help, Marsha became a teaching assistant with, you guessed it, Lynn Hublou.

Marsha later took a position in the Colman-Egan school system where she taught for the next five years, commuting daily from Brookings. Here is where the interesting story of how Marsha learned Spanish comes in. The teacher, Jean

Jostad, who taught Spanish and German, planned to take early retirement, which afforded Marsha an opportunity to get into the Brookings school system, but she didn't know any Spanish at all! Marsha busied herself by enrolling in two semesters of Spanish at SDSU. While Marsha did get the position at Brookings Middle School (now Mickelson MS), it was a littler earlier than expected and she admits she taught the first semester in Spanish pretty much by the seat of her pants. Marsha taught German and Spanish at MMS until she took early retirement in 2011.

From 2011 to 2017, she was the Field Placement Director at SDSU. There she joined fellow St. Paul member Jen Lacher-Starace to offer an innovative and effective program of student teacher placement and training. Marsha retired for the second time just this past month. Congratulations!

Now about Marsha's travels. She related two stories about her travels to Germany. The first trip took place in 1987. She was traveling with a group of German teachers at the behest of an organization wanting to encourage student travel to the northern states of Germany. As largely sponsored travel, the group were, as they say, "wined and dined." Possibly the most memorable part of the trip was crossing Checkpoint Charlie into Berlin. East Germany was dismal, gray, with buildings pockmarked with bullet holes from the World War II era. The wall was, of course, omnipresent. The crossing was scary, to say the least. Lots of moments of dread, where are we going, is this safe? She said, in contrast, West Berlin was glitzy, bright, with lots of neon signs. It was a different world. Ask her about the details. It was a fantastic adventure. The second story is when she and Erika traveled to a totally different Berlin in 2010.

What are Marsha's interests? Teaching, of course; family, for sure; for personal enjoyment, reading and baking. Marsha is a superb baker. In season, Bob grows lots of vegetables, which they can, freeze, or dehydrate. The Klein's have five apple trees, which provide the makings for pies and homemade applesauce, a special favorite of

the grandchildren. Baking with Grandma is something the grandkids look forward to.

Last but not least is a report of Marsha and Bob's grandchild count. It is seven to date (six boys and one girl). George and Henry (Kristin's kids) live in Anchorage, AK; Bob and Abbey (Matt) live in Monmouth, IL; and Emerson, Quinn and Ellis (Kate) are in Sioux Falls. Marsha, now that should keep you busy in your retirement.

June Flowers

