

Saint Paul's Messenger

May 2021

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our mission in Christ is to foster
community through spiritual growth, witness, and service in the Episcopal tradition*

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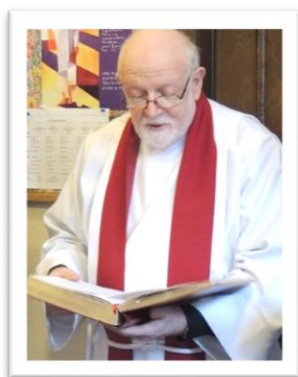


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Messenger Editor, Chuck Berry

Rector's Report from Fr Larry Ort

It is great to have spring weather once again! Judy and I enjoy sitting out on the front porch at the rectory. Should you drive by and see us, please do not hesitate to stop by. We will share a beverage! Yes, Lee, I have a special one for you! Stella would like to meet you.



The diocese has a new policy for clergy who choose to continue beyond the mandatory retirement age of 72 – it came so fast! In addition to applying to continue as rector on an annual basis, the policy stipulates that clergy submit:

- “a statement regarding what you believe your ministry purpose as the rector of St. Paul's is for this year, and a second statement regarding how you will be helping the parish recognize their collective and collaborative vision.”
- It further requires “the Vestry of St. Paul's, in collaboration with you and

anyone else whom you or they deem necessary, communicate ... two or three concrete S.M.A.R.T (specific, measurable, assigned, realistic, and time-bound) goals that everyone will be working to accomplish during the remainder of 2021.”

As you may be aware from the past couple of Messengers, we have already begun to work on a renewed vision and goals. With that in mind, I invite your input. What would you like to see us focus on over the next couple of years? Please submit your suggestions to Lynn Hublou, Sr. Warden, or to me.

One thing we have already discussed which would in part fulfill this requirement is the resumption of our Burgers and Brats evening on the patio commencing June 9th. Mark your calendar. But we ask that you do more. Invite a friend or a family to whom you would like to introduce to St. Paul's fellowship. We have a great community. The love we share through Christ needs to be shared with others. We need to reach out beyond our walls. Looking beyond the summer and early fall, we may wish to consider extending the burgers and brats format with a common meal combined with a brief worship

experience. Many churches are experimenting with a dinner-service format.



St Paul's Patio

Judy and I plan to leave Tuesday, May 18th for two weeks of vacation. We will visit my family in southern Michigan and northern Indiana. We may not recognize our grandchildren as it has been almost two year since we have seen them. As usual, I will have my computer and cellphone with me in the event you need to contact me.



Fr Larry trimming bushes on clean-up day.

Many thanks to those who attended the May 12th workday! We focused on the landscaping on the east and north sides of the church. Their appearance is greatly improved. It was a

weeding experience during which many fell to their knees!

Stay well, enjoy the weather, and continue to grow in Love and grace! Fr. Larry



Tulipolusa – part of St Paul's landscaping.



May-June Anniversaries

Aaron and Kayla Hovelson, Al and Jull Davis, George and Mavis Gehant, Paul and Sue Gillespie, Jay Vanduch and Ginger Thompson, Bruce and Barbee Hovelson, Chuck and Mary Lou Berry

May Birthdays

Ben Leigh, Chuck Berry, John Berry, Howard Bonnemann, Rosemary Seaboy, Lynette Tylor, Miles Livermont, Jordan Crawford, Diana Christiansen, Emily Malmberg, Peggy Miller, Shawn Kratochvil, Phil Baker.

June Birthdays

Rebekah Bonnemann, Addison Kratochvil, Sue Gillespie, Tiffany Heyduk, Keenan Muscik, Eleanor Pallares, Ellen Hublou Feiner, Tate Seaboy, John Taylor, Janet Gritzner, Angeline Wiese Hovelson, Harrison Kratochvil, Ginger Thompson, Bess Pallares

St Paul's during Quarantine-time

Church services in person: OPEN with seating separation, modifications in service, and other safety aspects (no coffee after)

Church services on line; Fr Larry sends a Zoom link and readings for the service

Pledges: - use mail or in person, the offering plate is being passed on Sundays now.

Compline: Wednesdays, 7:30; zoom

Wednesday Afternoon Eucharist in Thorburn Hall



Vestry Meeting, May 17, 2021. Clockwise from Fr Ort – Janet Gritzner, Marsha Klein (Clerk), Lynette Taylor, Carolann Klug, Lynn Hublou, Bob Klein (Treasurer). Absent is Lee Kratochvil, Jr Warden.

Confirmation class will meet 12-14 times from 4:15-5:15 throughout the summer.

Midweek services have reconvened on Wednesdays in Thorburn Hall.

Fr. Larry continues to assist Michael Mornard of Huron and Mike Reade of Belle Fourche in their discernment.

The Brookings Fire Department gave us notification of an upcoming inspection in order to make recommendations, not levy fines.

The Discretionary Expenses balance of \$1917.73 remains unchanged this month.

Vestry Minutes May 17, 2021

The minutes from the April 19th meeting were approved; motion Hublou (2nd, Janet Gritzner).

Rector's Report (Fr. Larry Ort):

Fr. Larry and Judy will be on vacation from May 18th to June 4th.

Howard Bonnemann will lead Morning Prayer on those two Sundays.



Howard leading Morning prayer on Pentecost Sunday

The work on the records is complete except for the historical documents, which include a lot of photos.

Howard B. will look through them to possibly identify some of the people pictured. Some records will go to the Diocesan Office. Janet G. has some items that could go to the archives at Augustana.

Senior Warden's Report (Lynn Hublou): Lynn thanked Fr. Larry for going through all those files. She encourages parishioners to talk up our Burgers and Brats potlucks, which will resume on Wednesday, June 9th. Bring a friend! The Hospitality Committee will send out an announcement with the particulars prior to the



Altar guild used lilacs for the Altar on Pentecost.

event. The Committee will provide the burgers, brats, chips, and dessert, with families asked to bring a side dish to pass; might continue into the fall. We will start looking at ways to make Charlie's Porch more hospitable.

Vestry viewed the mock-up; favored picket pattern on right of panel; 30-in-high fence conforms to City code



Junior Warden's Report (Lee Krachtovil): Lee was absent, but Fr. Larry noted that the bulb is burned out on our outdoor sign. Chuck Berry joined us outside to look at the mock-up he had made of the proposed pillar-and-fence design that will border our lawn on 6th Street. The city engineer has mandated a structure no taller than 30" to accommodate the "sight triangle" on the corner. Chuck has the go-ahead to get a closer estimate of the cost. Additionally, Chuck has a rain barrel that would be an eco-friendly waterer next to the columbarium. The Vestry extended thanks to Chuck for his efforts.

Treasurer's Report (Bob Klein): The treasurer's report was accepted in a motion made by Lynnette Taylor (2nd, Carol Ann Klug).

Old Business: Fr. Larry said that Jay Vanduch is willing to check out a viable audio-video system.

New Business: Regarding COVID restrictions, Bishop Jonathan says it is up to local congregations to decide. Father Larry will draft a letter to the congregation regarding coffee hour, spacing in the pews, music, and mask-wearing if not yet vaccinated.

Carol Ann K. moved (2nd, Lynnette T.) that the Vestry respond to the Bless Annual Appeal (supports ministries of the National Episcopal Church) with our customary \$1,000 contribution. The motion carried.

Fr. Larry discussed his response to the Bishop's letter re retirement/vision and goals.

Next Meeting: The next meeting on June 21st at 5:30 pm. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Klein, Clerk of the Vestry



The red banners and red altar linens are used on only one Sunday. Red is for Pentecost.

Pentecost was the moment in history after Christ had ascended. And he had promised during the gospel narratives, during his earthly ministry, that he would leave, but that he would send the comforter, he would send the holy spirit. And it was at that moment in Pentecost where the spirit came, and he empowered the early believers, specifically the apostles that were left, and Peter, who is almost a comedic personality in the gospel narratives.

He is the one who constantly puts his foot in his mouth, constantly is having to be corrected by Jesus, but is in the inner circle. And because of grace and mercy, he is chosen to be the one who stands up in front of this throng, probably thousands, maybe tens of thousands of people to proclaim the gospel, there in the midst of a Hebrew celebration that was intended to remind the Hebrews of how God had always protected them.

And here Peter stands up and says, "And let me tell you about the Messiah, who is the eternal protection for all of humanity. Let me tell you who he is." And so, Pentecost becomes this marker in history to really what many people would say, "And that's the moment that church is born."

That is when thousands come into the faith. And it goes from this little sect of believers who followed a Jewish rabbi from Nazareth who died and rose again, and suddenly the church breaks forth into the culture. Suddenly it is that unstoppable force that no one can really deny any longer.

Pentecost has taken on a new significance for us. It is the living reality of the moment that the spirit of God seemingly burst forth.

Church School Project

At the end-of-year church school gathering on May 5th, the kids decorated pots to remind them to "grow in Christ." Afterward, kids and parents enjoyed an indoor picnic.



Jonathan works on his flower pot at the end-of-year church school project



Patty Kratochvil and the Church School teachers helped the students make decorated flower pots.



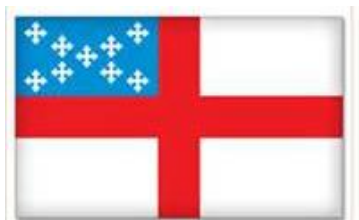
Janet, Andy and Bob help our 6th Street gardens on clean-up day

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