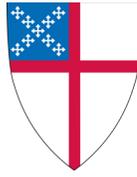


# SAINT PAUL'S MESSENGER



*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.*

**April 2019**

*Messenger Editor: Bess Pallares*

## From our Rector: Fr. Larry Ort

To begin with, the 2019 Thunderhead Episcopal Camp season is right around the corner. If any youth has not registered yet, it is time to do so: <https://episcopalchurchsd.org/thunderhead-episcopal-center#online-camper-registration>. Also remember that you need to register before May 15 in order to receive transportation from the Diocese. Scholarships are available. We have had good attendance the past few years; we are hoping that is the case this year.



A special thanks to Chuck and Mary Lou Berry for their continued efforts in behalf of the arts and for their donation of a lithograph of St. Paul which was featured in the recent Women of the Bible Show. We must now find the most appropriate spot to hang the lithograph.

The Diocese has now finished the "walkabout" phase of the bishop search process. Several people from St. Paul's attended the potluck dinner and presentation on Tuesday, April 2nd, at Calvary Cathedral. Most of the presentations were recorded and can be viewed at the links here:

- [Sioux Falls](#)

- [Pierre](#)
- [Mission](#)

Once again, please keep the process in your prayers, and pass any thought or observations on to our delegates: Marsha Klein, Robert Klein, and Judy Ort (alternate for Jean Lacher).

The Easter Season begins with Palm Sunday services on April 14th. Other services and times are as follows:

- **Maundy Thursday:** April 18, 7 p.m., All night vigil following
- **Good Friday:** April 19, 12:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m.
- **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:** April 20, 7 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist:** April 21, 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Holy Saturday are commonly referred to as the Triduum (Three Days). The way the services begin and end on these days reflects they constitute one extended service. I encourage you to participate in all three services to experience the blessing which comes from having done so. The traditional Children's Easter Egg hunt will take place following the Easter Sunday service. May you celebrate a Holy Easter!

Our Sunday morning study



group, led by John Taylor, is beginning a new book called Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor. Now is a good time to join! It's a good group – no tests!

The vestry is currently considering what can be done to revitalize our church-school program. The entry level program continues to work very well, but more needs to be done for our junior and senior youth. How do we combat lack of interest and lack of attendance? Please know that we are currently studying the program with the intention of revitalizing it this fall. If you have interest or ideas, please share them with members of the vestry.

*Blessings,  
Fr. Larry*

# St. Paul's Vestry Minutes: March 2019

Fr. Larry opened the meeting with the Lectio Divina: John 12.1-8.

The minutes of the Feb. 18th meeting were approved in a motion made by Lynn Hublou (2nd, Lee Kratochvil).

## **Rector's Report (Fr. Larry Ort):**

- Fr. Larry commented on the Walk in Love Lenten Series, noting that we have had only one outside guest so far, but that response among those attending has been positive.
- The most recent Lenten Lunch, at which Fr. Larry spoke, was well-attended.
- April 2nd is the Walkabout to meet the four candidates on the slate. About 8 or so members of St. Paul's are planning to attend in Sioux Falls.
- Discretionary expenses included expenditures for gas and food, as well as a donation to Text This Week, an online service that Fr. Larry uses extensively. Current balance is \$251.41.

## **Senior Warden's Report (Lynn Hublou):**

- Church School: Tasi Barondeau sent a letter regarding church school.
- Chris Corbin of the Niobrara

School of Ministry Program will be speaking about evangelism in the Episcopal Church at St. Paul's on May 15th. This will be open to all area Episcopalians and will include a pot luck, followed by the program (5:30-8:30).

## **Junior Warden's Report (Lee Kratochvil):**

- Tschetter Electric completed the lighting project in the back stairway area.
- The variance application that affects the St. Paul's neighborhood was voted down.
- Lee provided us with a comparison of the March heating bills at the Rectory. In 2018, the cost was \$727.42; in 2019, it was \$379.49, a savings of \$347.94!
- Lee will be treating the lawn using eco-friendly weed control and fertilizer.
- The congregation is responding positively to a request for money donations to the Food Pantry. This Sunday, we collected \$25.

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

- The financial statements for January and February were accepted in a motion made by Tiffany Heyduk (2nd, Janet Gritzner).

• TEC Sunday Update: Bob wrote a check for \$2,290 to TEC. That included St. Paul's initial contribution of \$1,000 plus matching of the congregation's contribution of \$645.

• The Good Friday offering is designated for the Church of Jerusalem.

## **Old Business:**

- Youth Sundays (every 5th Sunday) Update: Lee has not yet called a meeting.
- Mutual Ministry Review Update: Fr. Larry has contacted (with the Bishop's permission) Mother Jean Mornard of Huron. He has proposed that they conduct the mutual ministry reviews for each other.

## **New Business:**

Summer Vacation Bible School: Fr. Larry will check into the possibility of joining up once again with UCC and Ascension Lutheran.

The Least Coin Collection for Church Women United will be April 28th.

The Brookings Register is selling ads for an insert entitled Progress 2019. The Vestry decided not to participate this year, but rather focus on some projects that St.

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## **April Birthdays and Anniversaries**

1	Laurie Carruthers	17	Charlie Berry	25	<b>Ryan &amp; Emily Braun</b>
6	Tom Taylor		Carson Vanduch	26	Mya Chatman
7	Mollie Hublou	19	Claudia Hovelson		Charlie Clever
10	Jean Lacher	20	Laura Woodard Clark	27	Erika Klein
13	Chase Crawford	24	Cindy Appelt		Patty Kratochvil
	Al & Lynn Hublou		Christopher Appelt	29	Aric Hovelson
14	Jeremiah Kline		Chuck Woodard		

Paul's might wish to highlight in the future. One suggestion was a book study group that would be open to the community and would feature scholars both from St. Paul's and the community. Fr. Larry would like to kick off the event with the book *The Road to Unfreedom*, followed by different books from different fields. This suggestion will be developed—more later!

- Endowment Fund: If we start an endowment fund, we can invest through the national church. Fr. Larry will contact several members of the congregation to look at this and make some proposals to the Vestry.
- Chuck Berry sent an email to inquire about whether the Vestry would like to archive the Women of the Bible Art Show, as well as accept the lithograph of St. Paul owned by the Berry's. Fr. Larry indicated that there is space in the Vesting room for archival storage. The Vestry gratefully accepted the Women of the Bible Art Show as well as the lithograph in a motion made by Carolann Klug (2nd, Tiffany H.).
- Lynn Hublou asked to use the church hall/patio for Mollie and Taylor's wedding rehearsal on June 21st.
- Tiffany informed us that NA has discontinued meeting at St. Paul's.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be Monday, April 22nd at 5:30 pm. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Marsha Klein, Clerk of the Vestry*

# Some history of Palm Sunday

*Abridged from An Episcopal  
Dictionary of the Church*

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter at which Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and Jesus' Passion on the cross are recalled. It is also known as the Sunday of the Passion. Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week.

Red is the liturgical color for the day. The observance of Palm Sunday in Jerusalem was witnessed by the pilgrim Egeria in about 381-384. During this observance there was a procession of people down the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem. The people waved branches of palms or olive trees as they walked. They sang psalms, including Ps 118, and shouted, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

The Palm Sunday observance was generally accepted throughout the church by the twelfth century. However, the day was identified in the 1549 BCP as simply "The Sunday next before Easter." The blessing of branches and the procession were not included. The 1928 BCP added the phrase "commonly called Palm Sunday" to the title of the day. A form for blessing palms was provided by the Book of Offices (1960). The 1979 BCP presents the full title for the day, "The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday."

The liturgy of the palms is the entrance rite for the service. The congregation may gather at a place apart from the church and process to the church after the blessing of the branches of palm or other trees (BCP, p. 270). The liturgy of

the palms includes a reading of one of the gospel accounts of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. The branches may be distributed to the people before the service or after the prayer of blessing. All the people hold branches in their hands during the procession.

Appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung. The Prayer Book notes that the hymn "All glory, laud, and honor" (Hymns 154-155) and Ps 118:19-29 may be used (BCP, p. 271). The Hymnal 1982 also provides "Ride on! ride on in majesty!" (Hymn 156) and "Hosanna in the highest" (Hymn 157) for the procession at the liturgy of the palms. The Hymnal 1982 provides musical settings for the opening anthem, the blessing over the branches, and the bidding for the procession (Hymn 153). The procession may halt for a station at an appropriate place such as the church door.

When the service includes the eucharist, the liturgy of the palms is followed by the salutation and the collect of the day. The service changes focus abruptly from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the solemnity of the Passion. In the 1979 BCP, the Passion gospel is drawn from one of the three synoptic accounts of the Passion, one of which is appointed for each of the three years in the eucharistic lectionary. The Passion gospel is announced simply, "The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_." The customary responses before and after the gospel are omitted.

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## Hundreds make 'Pledge to Care for Creation' in campaign's first days

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*Editor's Note:* See more on how to make your own [Pledge to Care for Creation](#) in the March 2019 issue of the *Messenger*.

Caring for God's creation may seem like a daunting task, the Earth being so vast and the threats to the natural world so pervasive, but The Episcopal Church is encouraging Episcopalians during Lent to pledge to take even the smallest of steps, because those steps together can make a difference.

That is the idea behind the church's Pledge to Care for Creation campaign, which launched March 29 and runs through Easter, with the goal of collecting at least 1,000 pledges by April 22, Earth Day.

Discussion of these pledges figured prominently at the House of Bishops meeting in March, when a number of bishops committed to spreading the word to their dioceses. Such efforts seem to be having their intended effect: As of this week, more than 300 Episcopalians have gone online and completed the form identifying ways they will be better caretakers of creation.

"We can't see this as a hobby. We have to see it as a vocation that we actually are called to care for this Earth," said Olympia Bishop Greg Rickel, one of the bishops who participated last month in creating this



The crescent Earth rises above the lunar horizon in this photo taken from the Apollo 17 spacecraft in lunar orbit during the final lunar landing mission in the Apollo program. Photo: NASA

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brief video invitation to rest of the church.

Rickel told Episcopal News Service in a phone interview this week that he pledged to "eat lower on the chain," meaning less meat and more food produced closer to home, which reduces the carbon footprint tied to food transportation. He also is considering switch-

ing from a hybrid to an electric car, and he pledged to deepen his diocese's companion relationship with a diocese in the Philippines that involves a tree-planting ministry.

Kansas Bishop Cathleen Bascom, who serves on General Convention's Task Force on Care of Creation & Environmental Racism, pledged to build on her long-time involvement in the cause of prairie restoration, and she is reducing her carbon footprint by choosing to live within walking distance of her new office after she was consecrated as bishop on March 2.

Her consecration itself was a conduit for creation care advocacy. The Diocese of Kansas, at Bascom's direction, distributed pledge forms to the hundreds of people who at-

tended the consecration at Grace Cathedral in Topeka, even though it occurred before The Episcopal Church launched its online pledge.

Some of those attendees filled out the tear-off slip and turned it in the same day, and others have been sending them in a steady stream to the diocesan office for the past month.

“People do think about this issue, and I think our particular spirituality has so much richness,” Bascom told ENS. “The Episcopal Church is such fertile ground for this movement.”

General Convention in 2015 identified creation care as one of the church’s three top priorities, along with racial reconciliation and evangelism. In 2018, General Convention passed 19 environmental resolutions, including support for a national carbon tax, carbon offsets for church-related travel, ocean health and Episcopalians’ continued participation in the Paris Agreement.

Under Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, the church is emphasizing its role in promoting a “loving, liberating, life-giving relationship with God” through creation care as part of the Jesus Movement.

The online Pledge to Care for Creation features three parts. Participants are asked to submit one example under “Loving” for sharing the love of God’s creation, a second example under “Liberating” for standing with people being harmed by environmental injustice, and a final example under “Life-Giving” of individual actions they intend to take. Some examples include changing eating habits, increasing use of renewable energy

and sharing related information with one’s congregation.

“We hope people understand this is more than adding your signature to a petition,” the Rev. Melanie Mullen, director of reconciliation, justice and creation care, said in a press release announcing the campaign. “Pray with the pledge and the Reflection Guide during Lent. Think about what you love in God’s Creation, where your heart breaks over environmental injustice, and how you’d like to simplify your life.”

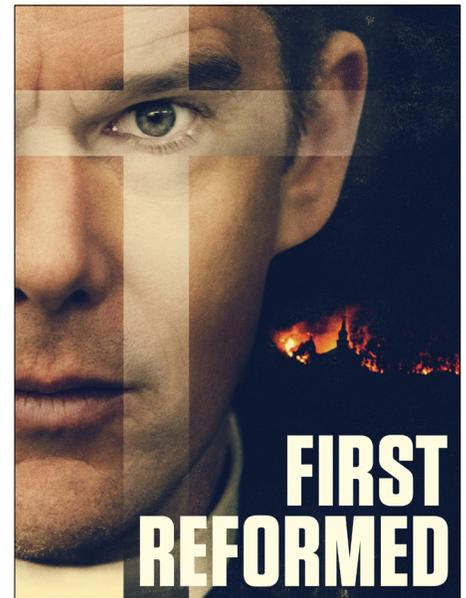
Rickel, Bascom and other bishops also are emphasizing the Carbon Tracker that the Diocese of California is launching to give people a tangible way of measuring individual and cumulative progress toward improving the environment.

California Bishop Marc Andrus, in a prior interview with ENS, described the tracker as functioning similar to how a Fitbit or other fitness watch tracks steps or calories. “This is like that, for carbon and for sustainable lifestyle choices,” Andrus said.

The pledge campaign is “a great way to rally the church,” Rickel said. The news these days on climate change and other environmental issues often highlights the doom and gloom, but with so many Episcopalians taking the Pledge to Care for Creation, Rickel still sees reason for hope.

“I just believe as Christians we have to live in hope,” he said. “To not live in hope is to deny our faith and to deny Jesus.”

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## Earth Week movie night

In honor of Earth Week we will host a movie night showing of *First Reformed* in the basement of St. Paul’s at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, following soup supper.

The film (which was discussed in the February issue of the *Messenger* in advance of the Academy Awards) explores themes of Christian stewardship of the Earth and the works of Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk whose writing focused on the importance of inner faithfulness, living with grace, and self-sacrifice.

*First Reformed* stars Ethan Hawke as a Reformed church reverend and Amanda Seyfried as a parishoner whose family is in crisis. It was filmed at Zion Episcopal Church in Queens.

The film is rated R and includes graphic images of an allusions to suicide. It would be appropriate for older teens and adults. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

– Bess Pallares