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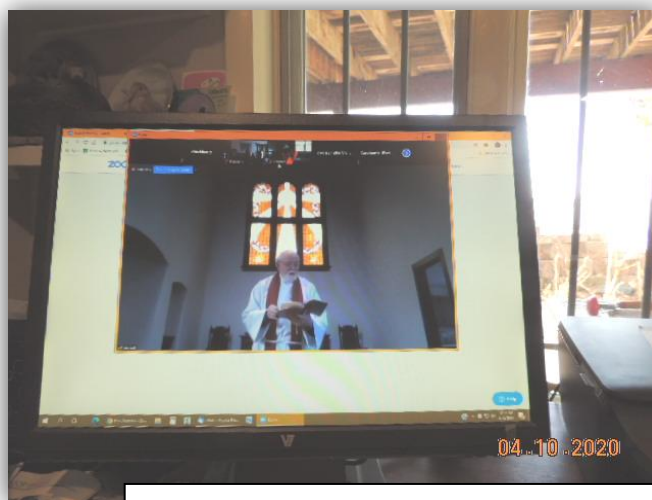
Rector's Report

Well, your rector is sitting here staring at a blank page and thinking that things are far from normal. There is usually a lot more activity around St. Paul's. As I told one of our parishioners today during a phone conversation, I greatly miss my interaction with the children. I love their joyous energy and enthusiasm.



Things are too quiet! Judy and I also miss St. Paul's fellowship – the sounds of pancake breakfasts and coffee hours! We do have a spacious front porch with some chairs – as the weather gets nicer, we may invite some of you for a cup of tea or coffee while maintaining social distancing.

As you many have noticed, the work on 6th street is moving right along. We hated to see our trees torn down. We have lost our shady seating for the July 4th and Hobo Day parades. Since we are not holding services, access is not the problem we anticipated.



Fr Larry leads a Zoom church service; parishioners are at home watching Fr Larry on their computers. Zoom Meetings is a popular cloud-based video conferencing application used in 2020 BC (before covid) by businesses to host meetings with remote or international colleagues and clients; the basic version is free of charge

The services on Zoom appear to be going quite well. We still have some problems getting everyone accustomed to muting and unmuting their microphone. I finally mastered how to share my computer screen for special music and that adds another dimension to our service. Diana and Becka recently posted a performance on Facebook which I used on May 10th – many thanks!

Unfortunately, today I discovered the screen sharing feature was not available.

With less meetings and public events, I have been able to spend more time researching and developing sermons and am catching up on some reading – especially *The Living Church*, the journal of the Episcopal Church and Anglican tradition and *The Nation*. Occasionally I work in another book of theology or a novel. I often hear people speaking of when things “return to normal.” Are we sure we want to return to normal? Many of us are increasingly realizing that normal was rather frenetic? Might we learn to slow down somewhat, to enjoy moments of rest, relaxation, and meditation? Might we better realize the value of our relationships? These may be some of the benefits we can derive from this experience of isolation.

This afternoon, I was privileged to serve communion in the courtyard to several individuals and families who came by appointment. It was good to see them and to celebrate the Eucharist with them. It was a bit chilly and windy, but we were serenaded by some wrens. St. Paul’s is a beautiful building, but we must remember the church is the community, the people who gather at St. Paul’s.

Stay well – practice precaution as a way of loving yourself and your neighbor. In closing, I leave you with these words from Pierre Teilhard de Chardin:

Above all, trust in the slow work of God
We are quite naturally impatient in everything
to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something
unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress
that it is made by passing through
some stages of instability -
and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you.
Your ideas mature gradually - let them grow,
let them shape themselves, without undue
haste.
Don't try to force them on,

as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances
acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.

Blessings, Fr. Larry



St. Paul's Vestry Minutes April 27

Lectio Divina: John 10:1-10

Approval of Minutes Approved in a motion made by Lee Krachtovil (2nd, Lynn Hublou)

Rector's Report (Fr. Larry Ort):

- * Arlo security system is functional again.
- * Fr. Larry is mentoring a student from Chicago who is attending Sioux Falls Seminary. This will last 12 months.
- * Thanks to Chuck Berry, who has designed and built a rack for the pamphlets (12 different titles) the Vestry ordered. We will wait to hang it until the Vestry has made some decisions about making Charlie's Porch more welcoming.
- * Fr. Larry asked for feedback on the virtual operations (Zoom, Fun and Fellowship,

Phone Tree). The Vestry discussed the sound system, as well as the possibility of Fr. Larry conducting the service in front of the computer instead of at the altar. Also, Lynnette brought up the possibility of adding music to the service; Fr. Larry will look into it. The phone tree has been modified to once a week (Wednesdays), but not everyone is following through on their calling, so some people at the bottom of the tree are not receiving calls.

- * Fr. Larry would like to replace the flags in the Sacristy using memorial money. More discussion later.
- * Discretionary Expenses: Opening balance of \$127.53. Disbursements: Anglican Digest (\$50); Outreach of food, home furnishings (\$314.47). New balance is \$1125.06.

Senior Warden's Report (Lynn Hublou):

- * Lucille Boyd's memorial: Lynn visited with Sue Hoffman about the possibility of purchasing a new banner(s) for the south wall of Charlie's Porch as part of the redecorating effort. Janet and Lynnette will research some possibilities and pass them on to Sue and her brothers for their consideration.

Junior Warden's Report (Lee Krachtovil):

- * Lee and Fr. Larry will rent a boom to complete the work on the three Rectory windows, the leak in the Sanctuary roof, and the caulking of the west



Jr Warden Lee Kratochvil

windows. The Sanctuary window replacements are complete and look beautiful. The storm door on the Rectory needs to be replaced. There was some discussion of possible projects that could be done while we are not using the church building, such as painting, refinishing the floor, etc.

Treasurer's Report (Bob Klein):

- * Bob reported that the investment account had dropped to its original amount (down about 30%). Additionally, Bob said that contributions are slow in coming in.
- * The Treasurer's report was accepted in a motion made by Janet Gritzner (2nd, Lynnette Taylor).

Old Business:

- * The endowment fund policy has not yet been formally approved and the Vestry decided to hold off on that.

New Business:

- * Community Outreach: Lynnette suggested that the Vestry look for ways that St. Paul's can help the community during this time. She suggested that one way would be to suggest to the congregation that individual families might tithe \$120 from their stimulus check to the Food Pantry. This would NOT go through the Treasurer, but would be sent directly to the Food Pantry, with a memo that it was in the name of St. Paul's. Meals on Wheels also needs volunteers.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2020, on Zoom

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Klein, Clerk of the Vestry

Coral Bonnemann RIP

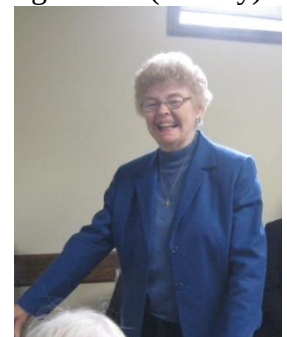
Many parishioners gathered (loosely) at Coral's internment ceremony in

Greenwood Cemetery.

She passed away peacefully on April 21.

Coral joined St Paul's in 1961. She served at all levels of leadership, sang in the choir,

served the Diocese in various capacities, and in later years coordinated the Wednesday worship service.



Dr Rick Holm: philosophy/theology

Dr Holm was a well-known character in the Brookings Community, and gained fame for his TV shows and books about health and dying. In a *Register* interview just before his death, he had some things to say. About life and dying, he said that he saw two options: spirituality and no spirituality. He said:

“As you go down the spirituality road, I think we should be able to interpret it as a place where we could open our hearts. If you go down the non-spiritual road, it’s a lonely, single road. There is no spirit; there is no soul; there is no life after death’ there is no essence of heart and love. Give love, get love. I think spirit, that whole thing, is voluptuous and green and a beautiful garden. The lonely road of no spirituality is like a desert. Find a church. It doesn’t matter which church. Find a church, embrace it; it will help you get to a level of spirituality.

Rick – RIP.

Sixth Street construction to begin Monday in Brookings

BROOKINGS – The Highway 14 (Sixth Street) construction project from Main Avenue to Medary Avenue in Brookings is scheduled to start Monday, May 4, the South Dakota Department of Transportation announced this week.

Sixth Street will be closed to traffic from Main Avenue to Medary Avenue. Through traf-

Yes, the Sixth Street construction is underway. If we were going to church, we would have to get there via 5th street. The City has put

up a sign to help us remember how to get to church.

The sidewalk has been removed right up to the boarder of our Sixth Street flower garden. The new road will have 5 lanes with upgraded utility infra-structure under the road. A 5 ft sidewalk will replace the current sidewalk. We’ll have to wait until completion in late September to see how our property is affected.

We are waiting for construction to finish so that we can redesign our Sixth Street landscaping. Recall that in 2015, the Vestry made plans to use the April Brooks Memorial funds for Sixth Street landscaping. April was a Master Gardner and the tentative plan was to beautify the entire Sixth Street side of the property, following our Gardening for Wildlife emphasis as much as



Sixth Street construction has removed the sidewalk, but spared our pollinator garden so far.

possible. As a basic idea, this means minimizing lawn (less mowing, water and chemicals), native plants for birds and pollinators, and some sort of a garden path for people to enjoy the plantings and learn about native plants and conservation.

The current Sixth Street pollinator garden receives much notice because it is a unique dash of plant diversity and color on Sixth Street. The garden is the site of the Brookings Peace Pole.



Thanks to those who have done the spring-cleaning chores on the church property.

Letter to the Messenger

The *Messenger* received a note from Alice Hauan, wife of St Paul's Rector Fr James Hauan who served here from 1969 – 1976. The Hauan's were here during turbulent times in society and in the church. Our history notes say"

"The next priest, Fr. James Hauan (1969-76) "caught all the flack." There was war, social change, hippies and protests of all kinds. In church there was unrest over a new prayer book and the ordination of women. Hauan was an ex-Methodist and a masterful sermonizer. He wanted democracy in the church, and encouraged the laity to become more of a force as he strengthened and improved annual meetings. Those changes remain with us today.

Alice writes: "I'm really thrilled each month to see it in my emails. I still have many friends from our days in Brookings along with the wonderful memories (1969-thru'75); mostly



Fr. James and Alice Hauan at a church gathering in the early 1970s. Fr Hauan was Rector of St Paul's from 1969-76/

very good and very, very funny. Our daughter was born there and I was really glad that she and her husband and their children were able to come to the 100th anniversary celebration. She especially enjoyed taking the family through the rectory! Also, since Jennifer Lacher-Starace is my god-daughter, we stay in touch. The relationship between the Lacher's and us was quite close as it was with the Kratchovils and others.

Brookings was the one place that it was the hardest to leave. Even the dog didn't want to go!! St. Paul's will always be in my prayers. Thanks again for sending on the "Messenger"! Please keep it coming....I send love and greetings to the St. Paul's family. Isn't it interesting how much closer we all feel these days when we can't get together?!! PEACE Alice Hauan

FYI: St Paul's News/Info Outreach: In past years, the *Messenger* arrived at the first of the month and included the monthly schedule. The *Messenger* and the Schedule are now electronically mailed separately; the *Messenger* to 77 email addresses and 8 snail mail addresses arriving in the middle of the month. For up-to-date information, see our facebook page.

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St Paul's Congregation "facebook group" is for fellowship and fun. The group is just for members, while the facebook page is public. The link to the private group with 37 current members is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/564227754206918/?ref=share>

And check out our website for interesting facts about St Paul's; be sure to click on the Centennial Video under the "About" tab for entertaining vintage photos.

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We before me

Church Window Progress

Last we heard: Midwest Glass of Brookings picked up the panels in Watertown and will be installing them during the third week of April --- ahead of schedule.

Update: Mission accomplished and bills paid thanks to contribution by Coral Bonnemann.



May Birthdays

Ben Leigh, Chuck Berry, John Berry, Howard Bonnemann, Rosemary Seaboy, Lynette Taylor, 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 Muscick, Elleanor Pallares, Ellen Hublou Feiner, Tate Seaboy, John Taylor, Janet Gritzner, Angeline Wiese Hovelson, Harrison Kratochvil, Ginger Thomson, Bess Pallares, Clark Christiansen.

May and June Anniversaries

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



[In the image of anniversary champagne glass, find the faces of the two people].

Tasi: a School Board Candidate

St Paul's Tasi Barondeau is one of four candidates running for a 3-year seat on the school board. The election is June 23. Read about Tasi at <https://www.tasiyagnunpaforbrookings.com/>

Tasi has lived west river and east river. She moved from Kadoka to Brookings to attend SDSU (journalism and political science), then back west river, and then back to Brookings. She married Ben in 2017 and has five children.

We recall wrapping her oldest (Miles) in a star quilt at our after-church celebration of his graduation from Brookings High. He has finished his freshman year at Dakota State majoring in computer science.

We know Tasi as an accomplished writer, and for her work with nonprofit organizations. She is a member of St Paul's Natural Cathedral Committee. She wants to support the diversity programs of the School Board, but says the Brookings schools need a stronger vision of what it means to be a "global citizen."



Tasi and boys (before Ben). Tasi became Mrs Ben Barondeau in Oct 7, 2017; Evangelina [Eva] was born on July 27, 2018.

St Paul's during the "Stay-at-home"

Remember one of the reasons that we have Mass in the Grass? It is to remind ourselves that we don't need a church building to be a church.

Church services: on line, Fr Larry will send a Zoom link

Pledges: we still need to pay our bills, so instead of putting your treasure into the plate - send it in the mail

Evening Prayer/Compline: Wednesdays, 7:30; zoom link from Fr Larry

Phone tree: stay connected, don't let your branch of the tree break!

Patio Communion: was held on Sunday May 17, every 15 minutes a different family was served

Photo below: New Patio in 2011; kids playing on sidewalk but STAY OFF Grass! "What grass?" one smarty asked.



Part of St Paul's outreach program is a column by Fr Ort on the Church Page of the *Register*. His column titled "Misplaced Hope" appeared on page 7 of the April 23 edition.

He began with humor about a student who wrote a paper about "the hope of immorality" (oh

that spellcheck!!!). In the *Register*, Fr Larry referred to Luke 24:13-35 who wrote of misplaced hope in the road to Emmaus story – remember - walkers on the road didn't recognize the risen Jesus, but said that they hoped the crucified man would have been the one to set Israel free. Then they finally recognized Him when he broke bread with them; their misplaced hope was revealed. Fr Larry referred readers to 1 Peter 1 for words about "true hope."

Viral poem gone viral

[its complicated – see below]

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.

Was this poem written 150 years ago, or yesterday? A good poem either way.

<https://womenyoushouldknow.net/fact-people-stayed-home-viral-poem-kitty-omeara-2020/>

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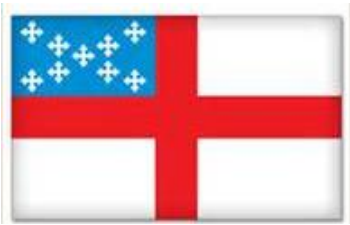
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