

Saint Paul's Messenger

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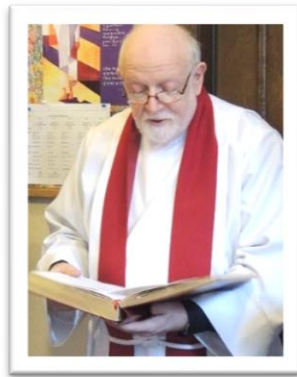
Established 1893

Messenger Editor, Chuck Berry

**FYI: The Messenger staff was on hiatus
in June and July.**

Rector's Report from Fr Larry Ort

It is a very dry summer! I cannot remember the lawns at St. Paul's looking this poorly. There are a few green spots around the trees. We have faithfully been watering our new trees along Sixth Street which were provided by First Bank and Trust and the two small oak trees. They are looking good, but some of the larger trees are beginning to look a bit distressed. Although we have had a couple of showers, each only delivered approximately ½ inch of rain. I am hoping we soon get more rain to help the farmer's crops.



brought guests. Thanks so much for having done so. This is a wonderful way to introduce new people to St. Paul's. I encourage you to continue to bring friends.

The past week has been one of sorrow and joy. We take sorrow in the death of Dr. Doug Nelson following a long fight with Parkinson's disease. Doug and Connie (photo below) have done so much for St. Paul's over the years. As many of you remember, they were very committed to the work of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) and led a few of our Christmastime appeals. Please keep Connie and



Our time under Covid-19 measures also seemed like a long dry spell! Everyone greatly missed our coffee hours and other opportunities for fellowship. It is good to have restored the burgers and brats evenings! Some of you have

the family in your prayers.

Speaking of joy, we celebrated the baptism of Elizabeth Nora Johnson. It was great to welcome her to our family and to share the day with many members of her family.



As you are aware, I have been sharing information concerning the Church's involvement in Native American Boarding Schools. The reports of hundreds of deaths and burials coming from Canada have been devastating. I am certain more reports will be forthcoming. Frs. Chan and Zephier recently attended a meeting in Sisseton

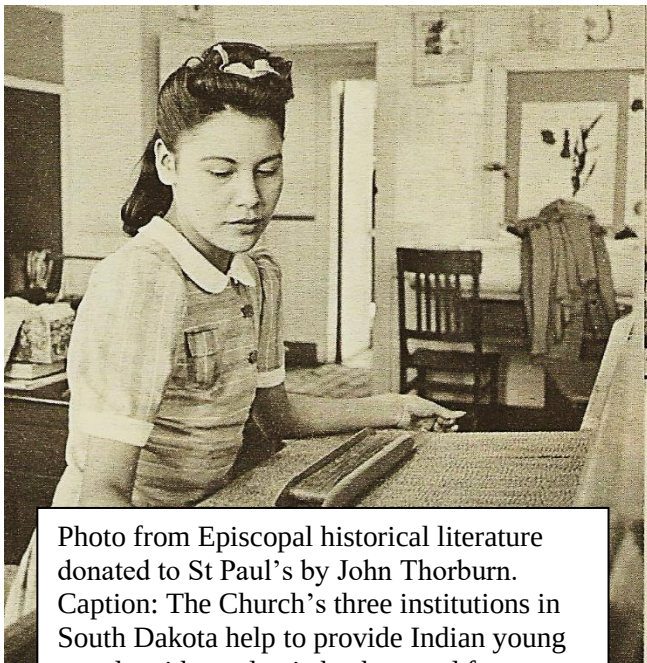


Photo from Episcopal historical literature donated to St Paul's by John Thorburn.
Caption: The Church's three institutions in South Dakota help to provide Indian young people with academic background for college or with resources for earning a living after high school.

where several Native Americans told their stories of their boarding school experience. As they were in clerical garb, they were immediately identified as priests and were told they were not welcome. I

fear this is only the beginning of the backlash some of our priests will experience. We need to listen to these stories, lament, and share the pain so many of our Native American brothers and sisters have felt.

Tasi Barondeau, now heads up the Oak Lake Writers' Society whose members are Native Americans. As many of you are aware, Dr. Charles Woodard led the society for several years. The Society now has nearly 200 publications and a



significant list of accomplishments. Tasi and I have discussed the possibility of beginning a reader's group for St. Paul's and the public to read and discuss some of these works. Please see the accomplishments of the Society on page 6.

On August 7th at 6:00 St. Paul's will host the Community Read for the Oak Lake Writers' Society. We will begin with a potluck; if attending, please bring a passing dish. I know some of you have been to this event at Oak Lake. As it will be both virtual and live, we were asked if we would like to host the event. If you have not participated in this event, I encourage you to do so. Judy and I have always enjoyed it though we will not be able to attend this year as we are attending the Satyagraha Institute in the Black Hills. That will likely be one of the topics covered in the next newsletter.

If any of you would like to support the work of the Oak Lake Writers' Society, you may give online at <https://connect.clickandpledge.com/Organization/ndncollective/campaign/OLWS> or send a check (made out to the Oak Lake Writers' Society) to Oak Lake Writers' Society, c/o Charles Woodard, 319 Ohio Drive, Brookings, SD 57006.

Blessings and take time to enjoy the summer weather!

Fr. Larry



August-September Anniversaries

Jason and Theresa Kratochvil, Ken and Sharon Tjaden, Arnie and Cynthia Appelt, Howard Bonnemann and Diana Christiansen, George and Sue Hoffman, Bob and Jean Lacher, Clarke and Shirley Christiansen, Derek and Abigail Clever

August Birthdays

Al Davis, Fr Larry Ort, Kenric Malmberg, Jennifer Appelt Hart, Lucas Hovelson, Gabriella Clever, William Hovelson, Bill Gibbons

September Birthdays

Doug Carruthers, Nicholas Laidlaw, Judy Ort, Archer DuBray, Stephanie Lacher, Rick Bogue, Caedman DuBray, Susan Laidlaw, Michael Starace, Phyllis Peterson

St Paul's Services

Sunday services in person at 10 AM: OPEN without seating separation or masks. Singing yes, and communion (without the common cup), coffee talk in Thorburn Hall or on the patio.

Wednesday Eucharist 1:30 Thorburn Hall

Wednesday Evening Youth Services: on summer vacation

St. Paul's Vestry Minutes July

Lectio Divina: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of May 17th were approved in a motion made by Carol Ann Klug (2nd, Lynn Hublou).

Rector's Report (Fr. Larry Ort):

- Fr. Larry will be attending the Satyagraha Conference August 4-8 in the Black Hills. Carl Kline is one of the founders of the conference.
- Fr. Larry and Judy will be vacationing Aug. 9-17 in Denver. He will ask Carl Kline to do the sermon on Aug. 15th; Bob Klein will do Morning Prayer.

- The Discretionary Expenses opening balance was \$1817.73. Disbursements included 101.18 for towing and a \$30 contribution to the Anglican Digest, bringing the current balance to \$1686.55.
- Fr. Larry would like to have us get back to scheduling people for reading and coffee hour beginning in August.

Senior Warden's Report (Lynn Hublou): Lynn suggested that the books that are currently available to take in Charlie's Porch be moved downstairs to eliminate congestion. Peggy Miller is supplying a bookcase to house them. Lynn also brought up the Wild Game Feed; a possible date of Oct. 3rd was suggested. She will call a Hospitality Committee meeting to further discuss the topic.

Junior Warden's Report (Lee Kratochvil):

Lee visited with Turf Gard; will wait until spring to initiate a contract. Fr. Larry and Lee will be interviewing a professional custodial service; they have someone in mind who already cleans other churches in town. Lee will check the shingles and fascia board on the west side of the garage for damage.

Treasurer's Report (Bob Klein):

Bob presented the financial report from Jan-June; the church is presently in good condition financially. The report was accepted.

Bob explained the change Hy-Vee has made to its receipt program: we would have to itemize each receipt on a spreadsheet, and go over each to eliminate pharmacy, gas, etc. The Vestry decided that it wasn't worth the trouble. The Ministerial Association might wish to take this change up with Hy-Vee.

Old Business: Jay and Larry checked, but could not find the source of the whining noise in the church. The next step is to call Preferred Mechanical to check it out.

New Business: None

Next Meeting: August 23 at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Klein, Clerk of the Vestry

Lacher Historical Papers: More Revelations

Recall that Bob Lacher presented St Pauls with dozens of storage containers full of Episcopal literature that Jean had collected through the years. We have found many wonderful artifacts in that collection.

In the April *Messenger*, it was reported that we found the first Annual (1955) Report. In it, Fr Thorburn wrote: "This is our first venture in preparing written reports in this form for the Parish Meeting. It is a plan that has merit in that we will have a record of the year more permanent than in verbal reports."

Recently, *The Messenger* Editorial staff discovered new historical facts about our monthly newsletter. Recall that our records were "curated" in 2018 for the 100th Anniversary of our church buildings. We thought that Fr Steven Hall wrote the first *Messenger* in 1981. However, the Lacher collection revealed that there were earlier newsletters – and what reminiscences, especially for our older members!



Fr Thorburn was a busy guy. He started annual reports and newsletters, attended all guild meetings, and hosted college students as the Canterbury Club at the Rectory every Sunday (Fr Thorburn front row, second from right).

Fr Frank Thorburn started a newsletter in 1968 on the Golden Anniversary of the church building. The epistle was 1-page, and titled *Parish News Letter* Volume I. Following are

some excerpts from the three newsletters we have from 1968...

March Vol I, No. 2. Fr Thorburn welcomed back that Jorgensen family – Lee was SDSU Extension writer. Ushers were Wes Hays, Joe Bonnemann, Don Progulske and Dick Anderson. Lay Readers were Duane Evenson and Al Musson. Acolytes were Kratochvils and others; Altar Flowers by Alexanders, Thorburns, Kratochvils and others. Bank balance: \$46.42. Bishop Gesner visit on March 24.

June Vol I, No 4. New city sidewalk on 8th Avenue so Parish paid \$79 for a connecting sidewalk to the parish house; Summer church at 7:30 and 10:30 with coffee after the 10:30 service. Pat Kidweiller will take care of church lawns, Troop 258 Girl Scouts (Coral Bonnemann Leader) met in undercroft, Ushers for July were A. Trump and W. Alexander.

July Vol I No 5. Bank balance \$259.97. St Anne's Guild listed things needed for fall sale ("...excellent excuse for cleaning out the attic.")

There is a great gap in our newsletter collection from these first records until one issued in 1980 by Fr Ken Fieber, and then another gap until Fr Hall wrote a newsletter that he "christened" *The Messenger* in 1981.

Since then, *The Messenger* has been regularly published. Copies are curated in binders shelved in the Sacristy. *The Messenger* editorial office has written a 1-page news summary for each year.

1998 Messenger Cover Adds to Creation Care Record

The Messenger (June 1998) cover was titled "Wonders of Wildlife: Celebrating Soil and Water Stewardship." This was perhaps a Mo. Marsha "thing" since she was interested in Creation Care as a ministry.

Six years earlier (1992, Feb 14-16), St Paul's hosted 195 youth from across the diocese at the annual Diocesan Youth Convention. The theme was **Protect God's Earth**; Rev Martin Brokenleg instructed youth on American Indian

spirituality in care of the Earth. In 2004, St Paul's created **Natural Cathedral Committee** that has since supplied Creation Care information and education to St Paul's and to the Diocese.

Newcomer Welcome Party 1998

Among the Lacher Collection of old Messengers was a booklet titled St Paul's Newcomers Welcome Party, May 29, 1998. What a distinguished list of newcomers to be welcomed by the newcomer Rector herself, Mo. Marsha Hunter!



Mo. Marsha Hunter, Jay and Madison Vanduch

Among the new folks was April Brooks. Her brief bio" began as follows: "April and her son, Sean, live in a vintage, but updated home at 723 Sixth Avenue."

Dr. April Brooks (Tulane University, SDSU Geography Dept.) and Sean were "cradle Episcopalians." April served St Pauls and the Diocese (Diocesan Historian) in many ways before she passed away in 2015 (in April!). She was a master gardener and left funds to help St Paul's with our landscaping.

Also listed as newcomers were Howard, Diana, and Elias Clark Bonnemenn, Shirley Clark, Peggy Gordon Elliott, Ray Janet Gritzner, Frances Lingrel family, Carol Moorman, Fred and Ruth Morris (Fred was later Sr Warden), Tim Wells and Lisa Williams, Richard and Lola Wiebe family, Barry Dunn family, and the Gibson family. All of

these newcomers in 1998 contributed greatly to St Paul's – some still!

Hello from Maryland

Mary Lou and Chuck Berry traveled to Chesapeake Bay Country to visit with family during June. One Sunday, they found their way to Ascension Episcopal Church in the historic college-town of Westminster Maryland.

Like St Paul's, the Neo-Gothic style church is in the historic district (but their building was about 80 years older than ours). On the property beside the church were newer, large brick buildings that housed the fellowship hall, rectory, meeting rooms, and a "high-end" thrift shop. Behind the old church was a small cemetery with very, very old tombstones (1814ish), and a new columbarium.

About 40 people attended the service, which was held in the fellowship hall. Coffee time was held on the front lawn/court yard. We asked for a tour of the old stone church and the Deacon obliged. The sanctuary was similar to ours. They had a large pipe organ in a loft.

It seemed that the congregation was struggling and a bit depressed because of Covid-



The Berrys and 1843 stone Episcopal church in Westminster MD. The Parish lost 22 people during Covid times.

times, declining membership, and loss of their Rector. A long-time Parishioner looked wistfully at some families playing on the lawn during coffee time and said “Oh, how we cherish our young families.”

The church was having a fund raiser, and first prize is “classic Maryland.” They were selling raffle tickets for a bushel of crabs from the Chesapeake Bay. In Bay Country, the newspapers report on the status of the crab population, just as frequently as they do the weather. The blue crab supports a huge industry from the storied watermen who harvest the crabs to the many restaurants called “crab shacks” that serve them steamed or as crab cakes, or as soft crabs that are eaten whole – shell and all (its cultural). The crab population is down this year, so my bushel of crabs (about 8 dozen crabs that might yield 5 lbs of meat) is valued at \$200-\$500. The drawing is in August.



Oak Lake Writer's Group Accomplishments

- Curated #NativeReads, a reading campaign to increase knowledge and appreciation of the Oceti Sakowin literary tradition.
- 12-page booklet for broader understanding of Dakota, Lakota and Nakota cultures, histories, literatures, and politics. The booklet included a literary timeline, discussion guide, and author interviews.
 - Distributed 20,000 brochures
 - Readers downloaded electronic brochures more than 12,000 times
- Launched the #NativeReads podcast series streamed online more than **60,000 times!**
- Published an electronic Oceti Sakowin bibliography with more than 200 books
- Designed 12 discussion guides for Native and non-Native students/readers.

- Hosted a virtual book club during Native American Heritage Month to read and discuss Nick Estes' *Our History is the Future*.
- Presented five conferences and symposia
- Host monthly virtual coffee hours
- Books from OLWS Members
 - Lydia Whirlwind Soldier's *Survival Songs*
 - Edward Valandra's *Colorizing Restorative Justice*
 - Diane Wilson's *The Seed Keeper*
 - Nick Estes's *The Red Deal*
 - Diane Wilson's *Ella Cara Deloria: Dakota Language Protector*
 - Nick Estes's *Red Nation Rising*

#NativeReads Podcast Episodes

“Reflections on #NativeReads: A Conversation with Nick Estes and Sarah Hernandez.” *The Red Nation/#NativeReads Podcast*: Episode 12, April 5, 2021

<https://directory.libslyn.com/episode/index/show/therednation/id/18595580>.

“Our History is the Future: A Conversation with Sarah Hernandez and Nick Estes.” *The Red Nation/#NativeReads Podcast*: Episode 11, March 21, 2021

<https://m.soundcloud.com/therednationpod/nativereads-ep-11-our-history>.

“Whereas: A Conversation with Joel Waters and Layli Long Soldier.” *The Red Nation/#NativeReads Podcast*: Episode 10, October 17, 2020

<https://directory.libslyn.com/episode/index/show/therednation/id/16436807>.

“Memory Songs: A Conversation with Lydia Whirlwind Soldier.” *The Red Nation/#NativeReads Podcast*: Episode 9, November 23, 2020

<https://soundcloud.com/therednationpod/nativereads-ep-10-memory-songs>.

“Anti-Indianism in Modern America: A Conversation Elizabeth Cook-Lynn and Marnie Cook.” *The Red Nation/#NativeReads Podcast*: Episode 8, September 16, 2020

<https://directory.libsyn.com/episode/index/show/therednation/id/16436807>.

“*Custer Died For Your Sins: A Conversation with Nick Estes and Philip Deloria.*” *The Red Nation/#NativeReads Podcast*: Episode 7, August 10, 2020 (co-Produced with Nick Estes), <https://soundcloud.com/therednationpod/nativereads-ep-7-custer-died>.

“*Not Without Our Consent: A Conversation with Tasi Clairmont Barondeau and Ed Valandra.*” *The Red Nation/#NativeReads Podcast*: Episode 6, July 30, 2020 (co-produced with Nick Estes), <https://soundcloud.com/therednationpod/nativereads-ep-6-not-without>.

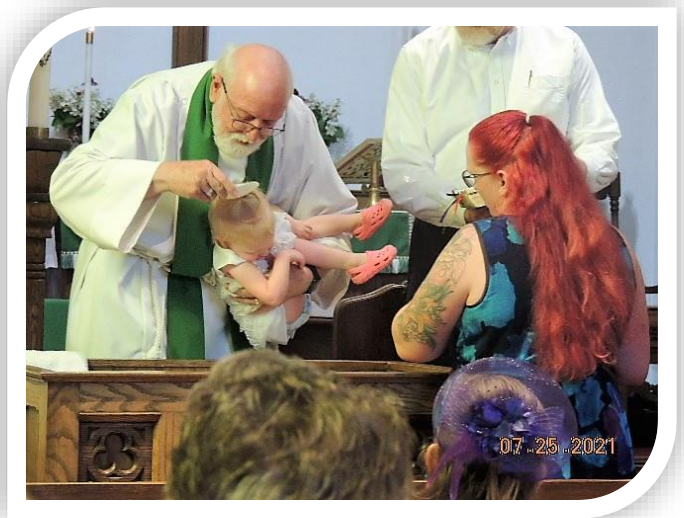
“*Witness: A Conversation with Lanniko Lee and Monica Baine.*” *The Red Nation/#NativeReads Podcast*: Episode 5, July 22, 2020 (co-produced with Nick Estes), <https://soundcloud.com/therednationpod/nativereads-ep-5-witness-w>.

“*The Soul of an Indian: A Conversation with Gabrielle Tateyuskaskan and Kate Beane.*” *The Red Nation/#NativeReads Podcast*: Episode 4 July 6, 2020 (co-produced with Nick Estes), <https://soundcloud.com/therednationpod/nativereads-ep-4-the-soul-of>.

“*Waterlily: A Conversation with Lanniko Lee and Faith Spotted Tail.*” *The Red Nation/#NativeReads Podcast*: Episode 3. May 25, 2020 (co-produced with Nick Estes), <https://soundcloud.com/therednationpod/nativereads-ep-3-waterlily-w>.

“*The Lakota Way: A Conversation with Patty Bordeaux Nelson and Joseph Marshall III.*” *The Red Nation/#NativeReads Podcast*: Episode 2. May 10, 2020 (co-produced with Nick Estes), <https://soundcloud.com/therednationpod/nativereads-ep-2-the-lakota-way-w-joseph-marshall-iii>.

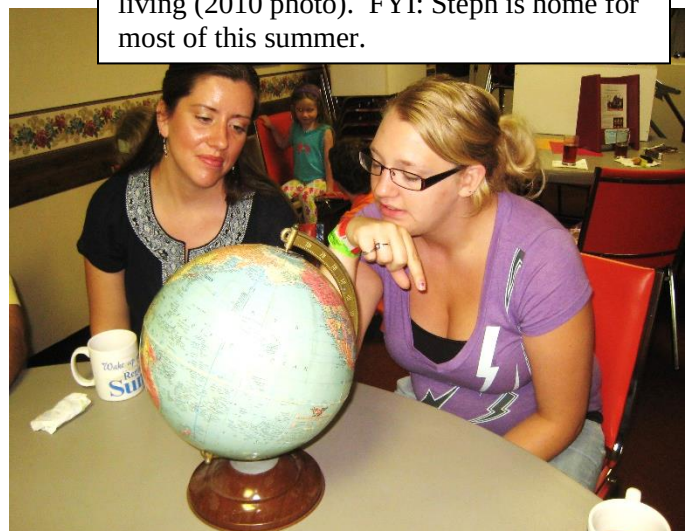
“An Introduction to #NativeReads: A Conversation with the Oak Lake Writers Society.” *The Red Nation/#NativeReads Podcast*: Episode 1, April 25, 2020 (co-produced with Nick Estes), <https://soundcloud.com/therednationpod/sets/nativereads>.



Baptism of Elizabeth; Dr. Kimberly Johnson is Mom, a professor in the SDSU School of Performing Arts, has been attending St Paul's recently.



Doug and Connie brought Grandkids Ian and Ali to church most Sundays. Above: Ian on pancake Sunday in 2008. Below: Ali (r) and Steph Lacher trying to find where Steph is living (2010 photo). FYI: Steph is home for most of this summer.



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