

Fr. Allen

Agenda
Annual Meeting
January 13, 1991

Reports to be distributed:

1. 1990 Annual Meeting Minutes
2. Senior Warden's Report
3. Vicar's Report
4. ECW Treasurer's Report
5. December Financial Statement
6. Proposed Budget 1991

Reports not submitted:

1. ECW President's Report
2. Sunday School Report

Discussion items:

1. New vestments for the altar and for acolytes
2. Stewardship

The Rector's Annual Report
January 1, 1991

What's a church? Really! This is not the start of some long boring sermon, but rather a question that should be asked around every annual meeting time. I have two answers for that question and I'd like to share them with you. First, the church is you; and secondly, the church is a hospital for sinners, not a retirement home for saintly people.

When I say that you are the church, I mean that literally. If outwardly, the church is friendly, its appearance pleasing and inviting, its spiritual atmosphere is reverent and worshipful without being cold, it is because you have made it so. The church reflects each of us as if it were a mirror. It has no life or spirit apart from its members. Make of the church what you will.

I get people who worry because either they are not good enough to attend church or take communion or the people they see there are not good enough (whatever that means?). I receive comments about how many people are hurting in our congregation and how someone doesn't want to have to worry about everyone else's problems, especially when they have enough of their own. God didn't send Jesus to round up all us perfect ones for heaven, God sent him to all who "travail and are heavy laden" and it is those that God would "refresh" (Matt. 11:28). The body of Christ is full of those who need healing--physical, mental, relational, spiritual. It's a hospital full of doctors, nurses and patients.....and you are both!

So what is the annual report of Grace Church and of St. Mary's? In a nut shell, the first is full of patients and the second full of doctors, or youngsters who would be doctors. At Grace church we need to spend a lot of time loving ourselves with God's graceful help into health; while at St. Mary's we need to actively reach out and bring more people into our community of faith. Both churches have much to offer to many people. The Spirit of our Lord is alive in both places and both need to plug into it a little more so that each can be a place of refreshment for the bodies, minds, and souls of its members and community.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

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Grace Episcopal Church
January 13, 1991
Senior Warden's Report

This has been a real year of celebration for Grace Episcopal Church. We began the new year with six confirmands at our annual meeting in January, a very glorious occasion when these young people entered into adulthood in the Christian church.

July found us celebrating the life of Merrill Hunter, a special Christian man whom we all loved and respected. Because we are a family church, we have felt very deeply the void his leaving us has created. We are, however, so grateful to have had him with us for so many years. Merrill made a difference in all our lives and in the life of this church. His influence lives on in all of us, and what greater thing can be said of any man.

And, of course, we capped off the year with a splendid Centennial Celebration. All of us who were there will treasure this special day and hold it up as a birthday party worthy of 100 years in our beautiful church.

So it has been a wonderful year, and while 1991 may not be as noteworthy, we plan to work very diligently on a subject close to all of our hearts--the church restoration project. The Bishop's Committee will again review our options, make some recommendations and then invite parish participation.

We are very grateful to have Father Allen Lewis as our sacramentalist. Although he has many other obligations in his busy life, he is very faithful to Grace and works hard to give us his best when we are fortunate enough to have him. He has been extremely generous of his time, talents and resources and deserves a much greater financial remuneration than he is receiving from us.

We all worked together to put on a couple of fundraising events in June. The State ECW challenged Grace to raise \$170 for TEC, and we used a good share of our proceeds to meet that challenge. We also joined forces with St. Mary's in Flandreau to put on a joint taco sale at Art in the Park. For various and sundry reasons, that turned into a fiasco of sorts. We have not, however, been deterred from getting it right. A booth has already been reserved for this year. Suggestions are most welcome.

A perfect Saturday in September found a loyal band of Grace parishioners sprucing up the exterior of the church. Windows and doors were scraped and painted, brass polished and red outdoor carpeting gave the church a much-needed facelift.

We continue to support Mother Karen in seminary with a small monthly stipend. Just knowing that we have helped in some small way to develop a future leader in the diocese of S. Dak. is very gratifying for all of us. We shall watch her next career move with great interest.

There are many wonderful people in the parish who give so much of their time, talents and resources for the good of the body. I thank you for all you do to keep Grace Episcopal Church alive and well.

The following slate has been proposed for the 1991 Bishop's Committee:

Sr. Warden: Kitty Kringen
Co.-Jr. Wardens: Millie Rumrill and Fred Stewart
Clerk: Beverly Hunter
Treasurer: Ruby Stewart

Members: George Delay
Patti Ericsson
Janice Johnson
Lois Moose
Rex Page

Anyone who is interested in attending the Diocesan Convention in the fall, please let someone on the Bishop's Committee know. Grace has two voting delegates, and we can help out with expenses as our current financial situation allows.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Kringen

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Senior Warden

JANUARY, 1992 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<u>CASH RECEIPTS</u>	<u>January, 1992</u>	<u>January, 1991</u>
Pledges	610.00	589.00
Plate	11.01	16.00
Donation	42.00	
Bishops Purse	21.00	
Church News		2.00
TOTALS	<u>684.01</u>	<u>607.00</u>
Bank Bal. 1/1/92	<u>1921.77</u>	<u>2004.08</u>
	<u>2605.78</u>	<u>2611.08</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Heat	240.26	279.21
Electricity	40.80	32.33
Telephone	14.20	14.15
Organist	40.00	40.00
Clergy	275.00	275.00
Snow Removal	30.00	
Repairs	-	87.00
Supplies	5.24	
Cash for Sweeper	42.37	
Bishops Purse	21.00	
Seminars	-	30.00
TOTALS	<u>708.87</u>	<u>757.69</u>
Bank Bal. 1/31/92	<u>1896.91</u>	<u>1853.39</u>
	<u>2605.78</u>	<u>2611.08</u>

 SAVINGS ACCT. 8124.13
 CREDIT UNION 12,227.17
 RECTORY ACCT. 12,500.00
32,851.30

PROPOSED BUDGET for 1992

Projected Income

Pledges	7500.00
Plate	500.00
Interest/Credit Union	900.00
Interest/Savings Acct.	250.00
Church News	30.00
Fund Raising	200.00

TOTAL 9380.00

Anticipated Expenses

Heat	1400.00
Electricity	350.00
Telephone	200.00
Clergy	3300.00
Organist	500.00
Diocesan Pledge	1100.00
Insurance & Bond	850.00
Alter Supplies	150.00
Printing & Supplies	100.00
Church News	40.00
Repairs - General	300.00
Audit	35.00
Convention Expense	100.00
Lawn Mowing & Snow Removal	200.00

TOTAL 8625.00

Budget Imbalance +755.00