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THE VISIONS OF A VICAR

At this point in the church year we come to the end of special liturgical events, and I don't know about you, but it will be nice to sit back and let the routine of the Pentecost season take over. Consider what we have done: Christmas and the festival of the birth of our Lord; Epiphany and the proclamation of the coming of the light of Christ to all nations; Lent and the Journey toward the cross; the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord where we recount the foundation story for all Christians in the mighty act of God in Christ; the Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost where we acknowledge the bestowal of the Spirit into the life of the Christian community--the Church. And now Trinity Sunday, that great mystery of God as Father, Son and Spirit--God as wholly "other", transcendent, beyond the limits of our understanding and at the same time God as truly present in the lives of his people as Redeemer and Sanctifier. And when all is said and done, we face all of this as mystery and wonder how we are to respond. What could we possibly say and do in light of what God has done for us in and through the life, death, resurrection and glorification of Jesus the Christ?

The Old Testament Lesson for Trinity Sunday which comes from Isaiah perhaps can give us a clue. Isaiah encounters the living God in the temple and he has a vision of the court of the heavenly throne with all its attending throng singing praises to the Lord of hosts. Isaiah's response is appropriate when he says that he is unclean and unworthy to have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. And yet through a mighty liturgical act, the sins of Isaiah are forgiven. The Lord says "Whom shall I send and who will go for us? Isaiah says, "Here am I! Send me."

We have been the beneficiaries of the blessings of God. We have seen the glory of the Lord God Almighty in the life of Jesus. We have been touched with coals of fire through the power of the Spirit. And now we are called by that same God to go for him into the world. Simply put, that is the mission of the church--to proclaim in word and deed what God has done for us, and to be his voice in this world witnessing to the good news that God cares, God loves, God will still direct and govern his creation. But here is the rub: God will do all of that through us, his church, the believing and faithing community. It is an awesome task. Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit.

Karen

Echo's from the Past



BISHOPS WHO HAVE SERVED SOUTH DAKOTA

The Rt. Rev. William H. Hare
Fredrick F. Johnson
George Biller Jr.
J. Payntz Tylr
Hugh'L. Burleson
W.P. Remington
Blair Roberts

J. P. Johnson
Conrad Gesner
Lyman Ogilbie
Walter Jones
Harold Jones
Craig Anderson

Can you identify the people in this picture? Answer in next issue.





Beginning June 1, Church Services will be held at 9:00 AM. Remember this!

TIME FOR:

Karen will be at the Niobrara Summer Seminary at St. Mary's School, Springfield, June 9-13, 16-19.

Dear God, thank you for years so crowded with the fullness of life. Thank you for the mountains and their grandeur that make us feel our own smallness as we worship a Great God. We are grateful for our loved ones, children and grandchildren. Our hearts can hardly contain it all and on this, one of the most beautiful mornings of our lives, we worship and love and honor Thy Holy Name. Amen. (The Home Has A Heart)

CAMPFIRES

are a very special thing. If everyone could experience one, then everyone could pass it on. Like the love and cheer and happiness that works right through the heart.

When you look right into the fire you have to keep watching it to see the things that happen. From the bottom up you see red hot coals of love then you see the logs, how beautiful they are when you think that they can keep alive, next comes the smoke and sparks. Now you're looking right into the sky, then find a lone star through the haze and when you see your lone star through the haze and beautiful orange sparks of light I think you have seen the Lord.

-A poem written by a camper from TEC 1984, 7th & 8th grade camp.

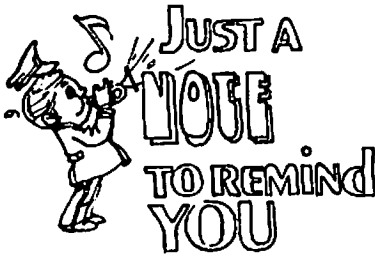
IS RELIGION IMPORTANT?

According to a Gallup Poll, the following percentages believe this:

Southern Baptists	74%
Mormons	71%
Lutherans	55%
Roman Catholics	54%
Methodists	53%
Presbyterians	46%
Episcopalians	42%
Americans as a whole	55%



ANNOUNCEMENTS



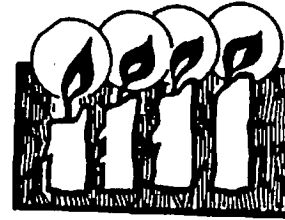
EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

This is a reminder that it is time to contribute \$3.00 to dues to the state E.C.W. Please give to or send to: Violet Witt
304 N.E. 4th
Madison, SD 57042



LAYREADER SCHEDULE

- 1 Kitty Brewer
- 8 Rex Page
- 15 Merrill Hunter
- 22 Beverly Hunter
- 29 George Delay



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Annie and Ben will be taking various dates through out the summer to participate in this activity of the Church.



The Children in the Sunday School decorated the Church one Sunday with balloons. These balloons were decorated with pictures and words that they believed were the actions and teachings of the Apostles. It was really nice seeing this type of learning displayed - we really enjoyed it! Also, Sunday School will not be meeting during the summer.

UTO

Remember to get your UTO offering to Myrtle Newcomb. June 1 is the deadline.

Golden Nugget

Open your eyes wide to wonders of God's world in the springtime. Take time to stop and behold and listen though others pass by without seeing or hearing. (The Home Has a Heart)

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PENTECOST 2 9:00 AM Deacon's Communion	2 Birthday - Karen Hall	3	4	5	6	7
8 PENTECOST 3 9:00 AM Deacon's Communion	9 Karen at Seminary	10 Karen at Seminary	11 Karen at Seminary	12 Karen at Seminary	13 Karen at Seminary	14 Flag Day
15 PENTECOST 4 9:00 AM Holy Communion Rite II Rt. Rev. Conrad Gesner Birthday - Ethyl Roberts Father's Day	16 Karen at Seminary	17 Karen at Seminary	18 Karen at Seminary	19 Karen at Seminary	20	21
22 PENTECOST 5 9:00 AM Deacon's Communion	23	24 7:30 Bishop's Committee Meeting	25	26	27	28
29 PENTECOST 6 9:00 AM Worship	30					

