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THE ORDINATION OF KAREN ELIZABETH HALL



Karen was ordained a Deacon on Tuesday, April 15, 1986 by the Right Reverend Craig B. Anderson. The service was postponed one day due to inclement weather but was very well attended.

The ordination was a very moving and impressive service. The congregation took part in the service by singing, responding to questions asked by the Bishop, and partaking of Holy Communion. Many people took part in the service: a brass quintet played the prelude, St. Paul's choir sang, members of Karen's family took part as acolytes, readers, etc. and our own Beverly Hunter as the reader of the New Testament Lesson, and many were presenters including Kitty Brewer and Merrill Hunter from Grace Church. The service ended with a Liturgical Dancer during the singing of hymn #585. Karen's brother-in-law, The Rev. Robert L. Hall, Jr. gave a very entertaining sermon but yet reminded us to take care of Karen and remind her not to neglect her family or herself.

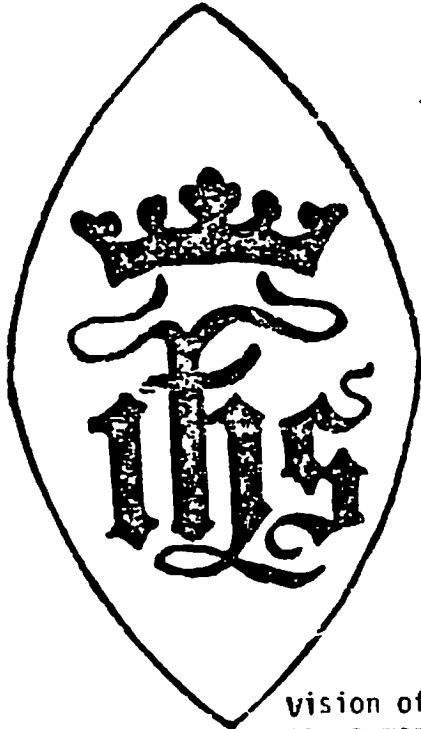
After the service was a reception where a luncheon was served. The lunch included sandwiches, cake, mints and nuts, coffee and punch. In the center of the reception hall, the history books of the four churchers were displayed - everyone had a good time looking through them. The four churches represented were Madison, Flandreau, DeSmet, and Brookings.

Members of Grace Church attending were:

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Hunter  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stewart  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moose  
Mildred Rumrill  
Janice Johnson  
Kitty Brewer

CONGRATULATIONS KAREN!

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# Somebody asked

What does IHS mean....

(Reprinted from "Emanuel Episcopal Newsletter",  
The Reverend David Anderson, Rector)

IHS comes from the first three letters of the name Jesus in Greek. In ancient Greek it was spelled IHCOYC and then later spelled IHSOYS (pronounced Ee-soos) in English transliteration. IHC is the older form, while IHS is the more common form; and there is a reason why it is more common.

History records that in 312 A.D. a young warrior named Constantine was striving to win the Crown of the Roman Empire. On the day before a decisive battle, Constantine had a dream in which he had a vision of a cross superimposed upon the sun. In the vision he saw a man, whom he believed to be Jesus, pointing to the symbol and saying, "In this sign you will conquer." The Latin words In Hoc Signe are "in this sign." Constantine awakened and perceived that the dream was prophetic. He was immediately converted to Christianity and began having his men paint the sign of the cross on their shields.

The next day he and his men went into battle. Rome had been under siege for quite some time, but for some strange reason Maxentius, the Emperor, came out of the fortified city to do battle. Constantine and his men came barreling down a long hill and met Maxentius at the Milvian Bridge literally plowing through them. The battle was swift and Constantine, hardly even losing a step to fight, took Rome and became the new emperor. The next day he was baptized and had his men baptized, and for the very first time Christianity became a legal religion in the Roman Empire.

Whether you choose to believe this story or believe the story in the second paragraph doesn't really matter. What's truly important is to see the true focus of the symbols IHC and IHS in Jesus. Constantine did not win the battle, Jesus did on the cross in the first place.

Taken From The "Weaver"

# Money Saved on Heat Bill!

Grace Episcopal Church has saved a total of \$391.61 on their heat bill since 1985. The comparison is:

<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	
\$332.94	\$381.50	January
\$405.57	\$196.97	February
\$402.38	\$230.39	March
\$204.63	\$145.05	April
<hr/> \$ 1345.52	<hr/> \$ 953.91	Total

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During May 13-16 Karen will be attending the Clergy Conference that will be held at Custer State Park.

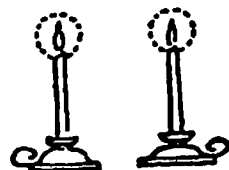
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Notice: The Bishop's Committee Meeting is on May 14th not the 21st.

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

- 4 Deacon's Distribution of Communion  
Celebrant: Rev. Karen E. Hall  
Layreader Rex Page
- 8 Deacon's Distribution of Communion
- 11 Morning Prayer, Rite II  
Layreader Kitty Brewer
- 18 Holy Communion  
Celebrant to be announced  
Layreader Merrill Hunter
- 25 Morning Prayer, Rite II  
Layreader George Delay



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- 4 Ben Johnson
- 11 Annie Brewer
- 18 Ben Johnson
- 25 Annie Brewer

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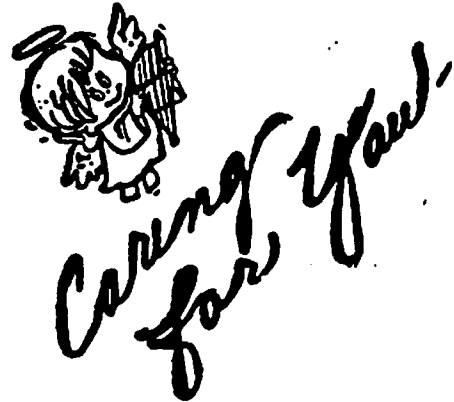
"Lord God," we thank Thee for flowers and birds' songs and spring rain and wind. I say, "My cup runneth over." I have received so much and I worship Thee, Giver of all things. Amen.

(Taken from The Home Has A Heart by Thyra Gerri Bjorn)



# The Visions of a Vicar

Last weekend I was privileged to attend the Native American Orientation Conference in Pierre. Sponsored by the Diocese in conjunction with Commission on Ministry, several Native American clergy wove a tapestry of story, legend, myth, song and dance, humor, and an articulate proclamation of the Christian faith as lived out among the Lakota people. As we met in small group discussions and listened to our brothers on the reservations share about how the Gospel is interpreted within the cultural framework of the Lakota tradition, I was struck with just how entrenched many of us have become in matters of doctrine, tradition and liturgical practices.

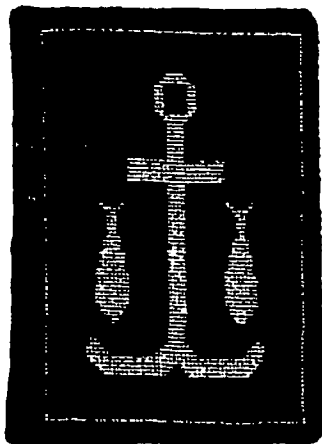


I pride myself from time to time in being a good liturgist, but also in being a liberal theologian, and am willing to take into account the many reforms that have occurred within our Church. I believe with all my heart that we, the Christian community, are being led into a much larger vision of what the Church is called to be and to do, and am grateful for this vision of mission and ministry as we begin to discern the direction and purpose of Grace Church. Through liturgical and theological renewal we have been given a rich storehouse of options in which we cull out forms of worship and guidelines for ministry that not only enable us to be Christians as lived out in the Episcopal Church at large, but also allow for the expression of the unique gifts and talents of the local community.

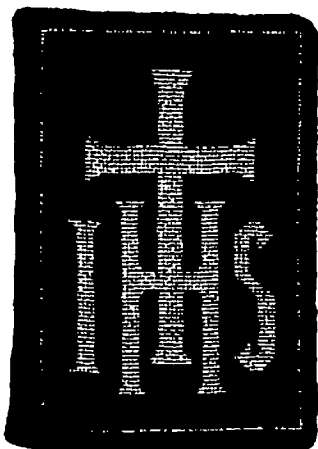
Fr. Two Bulls, Fr. Estes, Fr. Bears Heart, Sr. Margaret Hawk, and Fr. Hall laid before us in a pastoral but provocative way, a vision of ministry that did not deny the rubrics of our church, but instead restated the fundamental truth that ministry is to and for people, whether in need or grief, whether in joy or celebration. It was a reminder that Jesus, the risen Christ came to reconcile people, not institutions. Jesus came in order that people might be transformed so that the whole created order might live in harmony with God. Through us the community of faith, the Spirit of God moves over the chaos of our present time, not to resuscitate the good old days, but to make new God's people on earth.

We can learn much from the Lakota people who see God present in all things and who celebrate that fact in word, in song, in prayer and in stories about all of creation being animated by the breath of God and all creation being held together by the one Spirit who gives us life.

Karen



**ANCHOR WITH FISH.** An early disguised cross that can still be seen in the catacombs of Rome, where early Christians gathered to worship in secret. The anchor is a symbol of hope, from St. Paul's "hope . . . an anchor of the soul" (Hebrews 6:19). The trident  $\Psi$  and Egyptian ankh  $\dagger$  were other secret symbols for the cross. The fish, easily traced in the dust as a recognition sign,  $\text{Ⲙ}$ , comes from the Greek word for fish,  $\text{ΙΧΘΥΣ}$ . As an acronym, the letters stand for: I Jesus, X Christ,  $\Theta$  God's, Y Son,  $\Sigma$  Saviour.



**I H S CROSS.** Familiar in church art, the initials IHS are a Christian symbol and monogram for Jesus. These capitalized forms of the Greek letters *iota*, *eta* and *sigma* are the first three letters of the Greek name for Jesus, *Iesous*. The budded arms, or trefoil, represent the Holy Trinity. Some cross arms end in balls, or "apples," suggesting fruits of a Christian life; others have indentations symbolizing medieval fortifications for the church militant.

WIDER AREA MINISTRIES DISCRETIONARY FUND

An offering was taken at the ordination and has subsequently be placed in a discretionary account for my use at St. Stephen's, DeSmet, St. Mary's-Our Blessed Redeemer, Flandreau and at Grace Church. When I brought this to the Bishop's Committee, there was some confusion as to its legitimacy and its use. So let me explain.

According to Canon Law of the Episcopal Church (III.15.e), "the alms and contributions, not otherwise specifically designated, at the Administration of the Holy Communion on one Sunday in each calendar month, and other offerings for the poor, shall be deposited with the member of the Clergy in charge of the Parish or mission...to be applied by such clergy person...to such pious and charitable ses and shall be thought fit..."

In other words, Episcopal congregations are urged to contribute to the distribution of monies to the poor on one Sunday each month. Those monies will be disbursed at the discretion of the clergy in charge. To that end, the Bishop's Committee at their last meeting voted to designed the loose plate offering on the fourth Sunday of each month to that discretionary fund.

This fund provides direct assistance to the poor and needy of our congregation and our community, as well as to those of similiar plight in DeSmet and Flandreau. Those funds may also be used for special projects not otherwise designated by the General Operating Fund or the Memorial account. At this point there is approximately \$700 in that account. This fund should not be construed as replacing our expected Outreach to the community and to the church at large and will only provide emergency and crisis funds to those who need it. If you wish to make special contributions to this fund, please feel free to do so.

*Karen*



# Echo's from the Past

The ten year period of 1947-1957 the priests held Services at Grace Church, Trinity of Howard, St. Stephens of DeSmet, and Dell Rapids. In 1953 Services were also held in Flandreau Redeemer.

Summer 1949 no church was held. The Service Book for Madison Mission Field reads "Closed for Summer Vacation." The Rev. Alex McBeth was the priest.

Times have changed - from notes of the Guild on April 4, 1937:

Runcheys Bakery - 6 doz. Cloverleaf rolls \$1.50

Table linen laundered \$1.44

During past years there have been four Guilds in Grace Church. They were: Epiphany, St. Ann's, and St. Katherine's; and at the same time were St. Elizabeth's and St. Katherine's.

This is a menu served by the Guild on Feb. 8, 1932:

Baked Ham - Crimson Apple Sauce  
Scalloped Potatoes - Buttered Green Beans  
Gelatine Salad - Hot Buttered Rolls  
Angel Cake, whipped cream - Coffee

Charge was 60¢ a plate.

The Total cash outlay was \$20.00 and 75 people were served. They used 27#s of ham and this cost \$4.00 or 15¢ a pound. The dinner was for a faculty but it does not say who.

The Episcopal Women began to help to raise money towards the new church as there were numerous announcements as to bake sales, hand work sales, etc being held in the old 1880's newspapers.

The Guild sent a box of gifts to a mission in Grand Rapids, Mn. on Dec. 10, 1931.

1 large sweater	\$5.00	1 pair wool gloves	\$1.00
4 suits BVD's	\$4.00	1 striped shirt (15½)	\$1.95

Clothing prices have changed too it seems.



CASH RECEIPTS

	<u>Jan. 1986</u>	<u>Feb. 1986</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges	419.00	343.00	597.00	1359.00
Plate	12.50	4.00	110.55	127.05
Envelopes	5.00	1.50	-	6.50
From Robt. Wagner	-	300.00	-	300.00
From Diocese	-	-	1018.19	1018.19
TOTAL	<u>436.50</u>	<u>648.50</u>	<u>1725.74</u>	<u>2810.74</u>
Bk. Bal. 1/1/86	666.43	507.41	292.43	666.43
	1102.93	1155.91	2018.17	3477.17

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CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Heat	381.50	196.97	230.39	808.86
Electric	55.39	42.88	45.32	143.59
Telephone	12.40	10.48	10.48	33.36
Clergy	50.00	100.00	300.00 (Gesner 50.) (Hall 250.)	450.00
Organist	30.00	40.00	50.00	120.00
Maintenance	13.00	4.30	28.00	45.30
McQueens for lights	23.23	-	-	23.23
Pearson Seminary	30.00	330.00	30.00 (300. from R. Wagner)	390.00
<u>Supplies</u>				
Palms	-	3.85	-	-
Candle	-	-	37.95	-
S.S.	-	-	70.84	-
Ck. Blanks	-	-	23.00 (71.59)	75.44
Pledge to Diocese	-	-	300.00 Bal. 900.00)	300.00
Church News	-	-	72.00	72.00
Insurance	-	135.00	195.00 (135.00 to be (refunded)	330.00
TOTALS	595.52	863.48	1332.78	2791.78
Bank Balances 1/31-	507.41	2/28-292.43	3/31- 685.39	1/1/86 685.39
	<u>1102.93</u>	<u>1155.91</u>	<u>2018.17</u>	<u>3477.17</u>

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Cash from Diocese	975.00
Cash from DeSmet	100.00
Cash from Flandreau	100.00
Cash from Grace Church	<u>250.00</u>
	1425.00
Check to Karen Hall 3/31/86	1200.00
Balance in account	<u>225.00</u>

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Credit Union Certificate for \$15,500.00 at 8% matures 8/18/86

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Bishop's Committee  
Thurs., March 20, 1986

Senior Warden Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Brewer, DeLay, Hall, Hunter, Johnson, Moose, Page,  
Stewart, Wrobel

ABSENT: Boyd

GUEST: Fred Stewart

Motion by Page and second by Moose to approve the Feb. 17 minutes as mailed out. Motion carried.

Treasurer Stewart reported a March 1 balance of \$292.43 and a March 20 balance of \$183.24. Motion by DeLay and second by Page to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

DeLay reported on the reinvestment of Grace's \$15,500 CD at the Eastern S. Dak. REA Employees Federal Credit Union -- 8% interest for 6 months, with maturity date on Aug. 18, 1986.

Motion by Moose and second by Wrobel to accept the Bishop's proposal for Karen's services as outlined in his letter to Brookings, Madison, DeSmet and Flandreau. There was much discussion on this matter, particularly concerning the situation of Karen's obligations to three parishes and the division of her salary. DeLay proposed that if we are paying all but \$200.00 of her salary, we should have her full time and pay the difference. The main motion was then amended by DeLay and seconded by Page to send a delegation to Sioux Falls to visit with the Bishop about these concerns. Motion carried. Hunter appointed Moose and DeLay to visit the bishop before the next meeting.

Motion by Moose and second by Johnson to pledge \$1200 to the Diocese. Motion carried.

Moose reported that he would be donating an electric typewriter, a folding machine and a paper copier to the church by the end of the summer. Motion by Brewer and second by Wrobel to express our unanimous appreciation to Richard for his generosity to the church. Motion carried unanimously.

Moose also stated that there was a contributor willing to take care of an office for Karen in the church, and that it would be fixed up according to her specifications.

DeLay reported that he has found someone to put in a mail slot.

Moose reported that the church could get on the budget plan for the gas bill by July 1 at \$130.00 per month. Motion by Brewer and second by DeLay to get us on the plan. Motion carried.

Motion by DeLay and second by Moose to proceed with the caulking of the windows. Motion carried.

Motion by DeLay and second by Johnson to authorize Moose as head of the grounds committee and fund him to proceed as he deems necessary. Motion carried.

It was noted that Hazel Moose, Werner Boyd and Millie Rumrill are busily compiling the history of Grace Church. The first service was held on Thanksgiving Day in 1890.

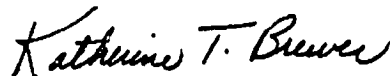
Hall suggested that we designate the second Wed. of every month at 7:30 as our regular Bishop's Committee night, and all were in agreement.

Hall noted that after her ordination to the diaconate, we would be celebrating a deacon's mass. This is a communion service that has everything except the prayer of consecration.

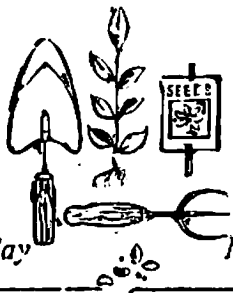
Next meeting we shall tackle the goals and objectives of the church as well as the budget.

Motion by Stewart and second by Wrobel to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine T. Brewer  
Clerk



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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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4 10:00 Sunday Sch. 11:00 Holy Communion 12:00 Fellowship Coffee UTO Sunday B- George Delay	5	6	7	8 Feast of the Ascension 7:00 pm Holy Communion	9	10
11 Mother's Day 10:00 Sunday Sch 11:00 Morning Prayer Rite II 12:00 Fellowship Coffee	12	13 Clergy Conference in Custer Karen attending	14 Karen in Custer Birthday - Ben Johnson Bishop Committee Meeting	15 Karen in Custer	16 Karen in Custer Birthday - Doris Payne	17
18 Pentecost 10:00 Sunday Sch 11:00 Holy Communion 12:00 Fellowship Coffee	19	20	21	22	23 Birthday - Stephen Hall	24
25 10:00 Sunday Sch 11:00 Morning Prayer Rite II 12:00 Fellowship Coffee	26 Memorial Day Observed	27	28	29 Tim and Cori Wroble Anniversary	30 Memorial Day	31