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June 19, 1986

Rev. Karen Hall  
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Listed below is a brief description of the miscellaneous repairs which should be done to preserve Grace Church in Madison, South Dakota. I have made a blueprint of different areas which need attention. Also, we have photos to help direct you to the exact area and help explain.

1. Outside - on the blueprint there is shown the approximate areas in which I feel would be the best area for down spouts. This would help keep the footing more stable and dry out the basement crawl space. On the blueprint, we have shown concrete splash blocks to be installed. This is very important so that the water can run away from the building. This would also help the one spot where the stone footing has moved approximately 4" from frost which is marked on the blueprint.
2. On the south elevation, I have new gutters and down spouts also shown. The down spouts can be moved any where you would like them. I just show them in that particular area, but this area is not really as important. It does have some slope to allow the water to run off so you can put down spouts where you desire.
3. On the east elevation where I show frost damage on the stone, I feel that most of the damage has been caused from a leak at the roof area marked "A". Through the years this area has leaked off and on which causes moisture to move between the wall on the inside edge and freeze in the space between the outside and inside walls. This frost damage occurs mostly in the spring due to the melting and the moisture creeping in all winter long and freezing. Then on the warm spring days it thaws and freezes and thaws and freezes and pushes the huge stone wall out and this wall cannot move itself back. The mortar pushes out and causes the stone to collapse and creep downward. Moisture can also work its way in around the windows if they are not caulked or kept tight and create the same problems. These areas are marked on the blueprint.
4. The church area marked "D" where frost damage has occurred, I feel this has occurred by moisture which leaked in up at the bell tower roof and also by the window sill.



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5. The church in miscellaneous areas needs to be tuck-pointed where mortar has worked out. This should be done with neatness and not allow the mortar to be spread out on the stone. This takes away from the good looks of the church.
6. As to the floor slanting to the outside walls, this can be straightened by cutting off posts in the basement with not too much trouble.

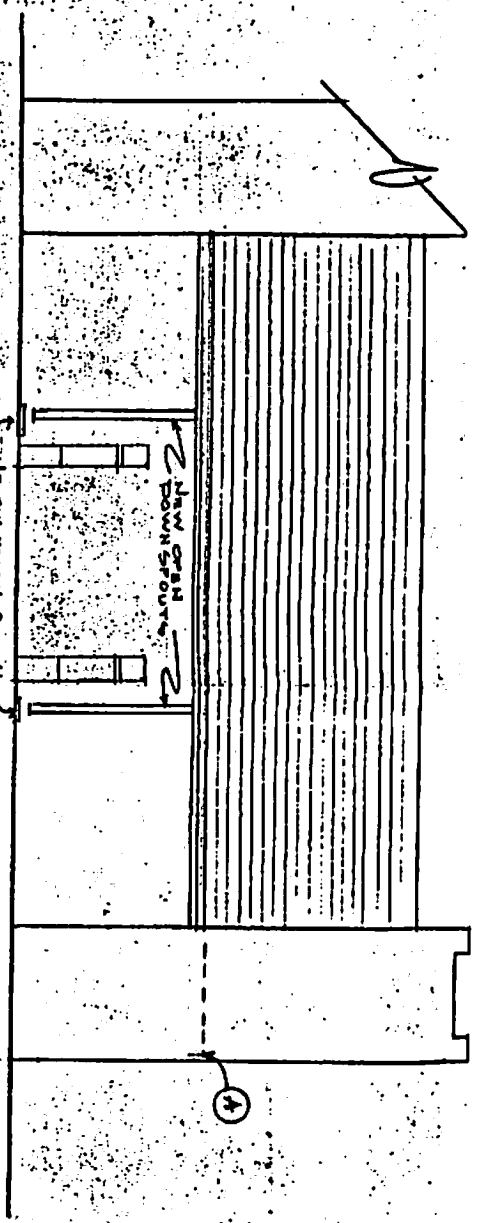
This is a brief summary of the work that can be done to help preserve the church. I hope that this will be of help to you in directing the work on the church. I feel that the stone walls will stay fairly stable and not move any large amount if the moisture is kept out of the walls and the areas that need to be tuck-pointed up tight. The walls should stand for quite a few years without further repair. If I can be of any more help, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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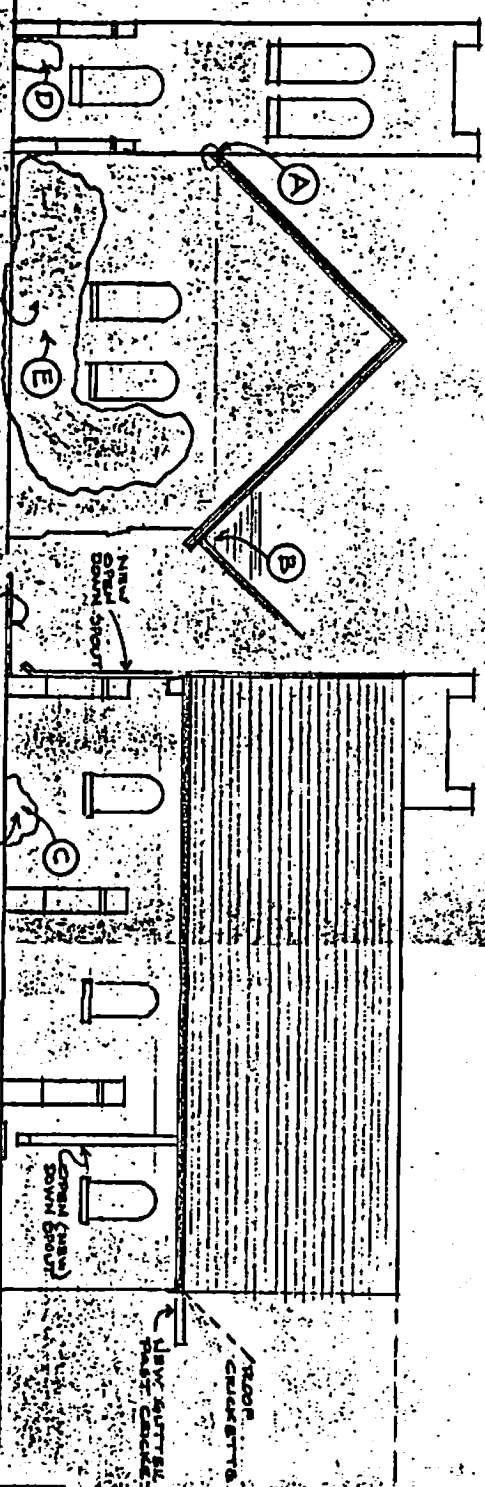
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SOUTH ELEVATION

See Photo A thru D



NORTH ELEVATION

EAST ELEVATION

See Photo E thru H

MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL FOR	
REV. LAKEN HALL	
DATE: 6-11-80	REV: 5
GRACE CHURCH, MADISON, SOUTH DAKOTA	

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CASH RECEIPTS

April, 1986

Pledges	468.00
Plate	13.51
	<u>481.51</u>

Bank Balance 3/31/86	<u>685.39</u>
	1166.90

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CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Heat	145.05
Electric	38.09
Telephone	11.99
Clergy	250.00
Organist	40.00
Seminary (J. Pearson)	30.00
Cleaning	32.00
Safety Deposit Box	12.00
	<u>559.13</u>

Bank Balance 4/30/86	<u>607.77</u>
	1166.90

Cash from Diocese	975.00
Cash from DeSmet	100.00
Cash from Flandreau	100.00
Cash from Grace Church	250.00
	<u>1425.00</u>
Check to Karen	<u>1200.00</u>
	225.00
Bank Bal. from March	<u>225.00</u>
Bank Balance	<del>4</del> 50.00

## VISIONS OF A VICAR

In 1983 the Bishop's Committee under the leadership of the Rev. Robert Wagner set forth in draft form a parish self-evaluation along with a mission strategy for the future. Much of what was proposed was never realized because of the departure of Fr. Wagner from the parish.

Recently I had a wide ranging conversation with Fr. Wagner concerning the mission and ministry of Grace Church and he shared the fruit of those strategy meetings with me. I have since reintroduced these documents to the current Bishop's Committee for their review and reflection. Our intent is to evaluate the assessment of Grace Church in 1983 and rethink the mission and ministry of our mission church in light of the current situation. I anticipate that this procedure will take some time, at least if we are to be thoughtful about it, but all of us feel that it is time for this congregation to begin to plan for the future, both in terms of church growth and ministry within, but also in terms of the contributions we can make to the Diocese, our community, and to the church and world at large.

I would like to share with all of you some details of our deliberations so that you too can reflect on how you see Grace Church as a viable community of faith today, but also so that you too can begin to consider what you would have Grace Church be and do in the future. The Bishop Committee would welcome any and all comments, either verbally or in written form.

As you consider these reflections, please keep the following questions in mind:

1. Do you agree with these statements?
2. If not, what would you add or delete from these statements?
3. If so, what are you willing to commit yourself to in the future?

### A. How would you characterize Grace Church?

Congregation is composed of hardcore, but small group of dedicated members.  
Friendly, but maybe "God's frozen chosen"; traditional, yet flexible.  
Tolerant, inspiring, very independent, though also struggling.  
Made up of diverse families and individuals.  
Outgoing, although not always perceived as such.  
Less resentful toward the Diocese than in the past.  
Comprehensive, in that we attract both Roman Catholics and Protestants.  
Evangelistic, warm; members care for each other, but mostly in verbal ways.  
Not active in community religious life, though the vicar is involved in the Ministerial Association; underperceived by Madison community.  
Nice services and liturgy  
A few people doing a lot; room for others to join and become involved.  
Energies devoted to maintaining self-existence as a parish  
Need for full-time clergy.  
Potential to blossom and bloom.

### B. What are the strengths of Grace Church?

"Ourselves," we are a force, a strength  
The fact that we have concentrated on our religious mission, and not so much on social or political issues.

A Sunday School that is operative and ongoing.  
Our liturgy  
We are self-supporting; we have leadership.  
We can offer members and newcomers a chance to be part of a church;  
involvement and participation.  
We have a tradition; this gives us meaning and continuity.  
Diocesan renewal is occurring, and we can share in that renewal; our  
relationship with the diocese is improving, though needs some work.  
We have an adequate physical plant; improvements have been made.

C. What are the weaknesses of Grace Church?

We have a poor outreach/evangelism program locally; we are not adequately  
addressing social and political issues in our community and in our  
state.

Our giving and stewardship could be better.

We are not growing.

We are reticent to try new ventures; we fail to follow-up with newcomers  
so that they remain with or become part of our Christian fellowship.

We hide our light! We need better public relations.

Our activities are few: we have no choir, no youth group, no men's  
group, no adult education or Bible studies. Our organizational  
structure has improved, but needs guidance and direction.

We need to be taught.

We lack a full-time priest.

We do not have replacements to keep the church going when we depart  
or die. We lack young adults.

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The Bishop's Committee drafted this mission statement, a statement of  
purpose for Grace Church, and suggested several ways in which we as a  
congregation could live out that purpose. Again, is this reflective of  
what you think we should be doing?

MISSION STATEMENT: It is our mission to praise God, make his name known,  
and minister to people in our community and the wider world.

WE WILL DO THIS:

Through Worship

Daily prayer by the clergy and congregation  
Regular Sunday celebrations  
Lenten observances  
Regular Lay-Reader Training and acolyte training  
Participation in the totality of the Prayer Book, which assumes that we  
know how to use the BCP  
Music and sung services.  
Instructed Eucharist

Through Education

Regular Sunday School for both children and adults  
Teacher Training sessions

Through Fellowship

Sunday Coffee hours  
Parish Family dinner/programs and ECW



### Through Evangelism

Regular parish calling by clergy  
Regular parish calling by lay people  
Community assessment and survey [This has been done by the Ministerial Assn.]

### Through Stewardship

Stewardship training  
Every-Member Canvass  
Building Maintenance  
Support of the Diocese and World Mission

### Through Participation

Local Ministerial Association  
Diocesan Convention and Niobrara Convocation  
Eastern Deanery Meetings

### Through Ministry

Pastoral Care to those in need

### Through Self-Evaluation and Renewal

Complete congregation self-evaluation [This would involve both the Bishop's Committee and the congregation, perhaps using the National Church program SWEEPS as a tool for such an evaluation]

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As you consider all of the above, I would also like you to reflect upon a couple of other items that have been on my mind:

1. Adult Education: I am available for an adult education series anytime you would like. Let me offer a few suggestions:
  - a. A thorough discussion of the Book of Common Prayer: why it was changed, a theology of liturgy, a theology of the sacraments, how can it be used at Grace Church so as to reflect local tradition and custom?
  - b. A History of the Church: what are our roots, what does it mean for us to be Episcopalians as well as part of the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church of America, and the Diocese of South Dakota?
  - c. Bible Studies, beginning with the New Testament: The Gospels, the theology of St. Paul, etc.
2. Evangelism and Stewardship:
  - a. Stewardship training: what does it mean for us to tithe; what does it mean for us to be stewards, not only of our money, but also of our time and talents?
  - b. Lay Ministry Workshop: How can we offer our talents and gifts to the ministry of the church and how can we use these talents and gifts to the glory of God?
  - c. Workshop in parish calling and ministry to the hospital, nursing homes, newcomers, lapsed members.

3. Parish Evaluation: I would like to set aside a Saturday in the next two or three months for all of us to conduct a parish self-evaluation using SWEEPS (Stewardship, Worship, Education, Evangelism, Pastoral Care, Service). It takes about 8 hours and requires as full a participation from the entire congregation as we can encourage. Those congregations that have used this program have found it educational as well as giving some concrete ways for growth and renewal.
4. In order for any program to work, it requires commitment and participation from all members. All of what has been stated above is good and provocative. None of it makes sense if we are not ready to roll up our shirt sleeves and get to work. This requires ministry of the whole Body of Christ, both lay and clergy. Together we can bring about, with the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, renewal in this place. If the church is to be relevant for those of us who are members as well as those outside who need to hear the good news that we are called to proclaim in the name of Jesus Christ, then that same good news must transform each of us so that each of us can be instruments of transformation in our world. This means listening, sharing, learning and praying together, holding always before us the fact that God loves and cares for us, and calls us to be his people through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. I invite all of you to prayerfully consider who we are and what we are called to be for each other and for our world.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.

Lay Ministry Conference: Watertown at Harmony Hill; August 8-10. If you are interested in further information, please see Karen. Registration fee is \$50.00 and needs to be sent in as soon as possible.



# Echo's from the Past

The first organized Sunday School had 3 teachers (2 males & 1 female) Mrs. Cleveland was a Sunday School teacher. There were 5 boys and 30 girls for a total of 35. The average attendance in Sunday School was 20.

Church attendance for Sunday Service was an average total of 48.

The Sunday School library had 1 volume and the Parish library had 1 volume.

Such was the beginning of Grace Church with Rev. Wm Cleveland as Priest.

#### Baptisms for Episcopal Records indicate:

1 baptism July 1, 1888

2 baptisms February 24, 1889

5 baptisms March 31, 1889

1 baptism April 7, 1889

1 baptism April 28, 1889

1 baptism December 3, 1889

Total: 10

1 baptism May 25, 1890

2 baptism May 25, 1890

4 baptism October 19, 1890

Total: 7

#### Episcopal Confirmation

July 26, 1885 11 confirmed

April 7, 1889 13 confirmed

March 16, 1890 5 confirmed

July 17, 1890 3 confirmed

Total: 32

From register Episcopal History #1:

89 people (men, women, and child n) were entered in from April 21, 1888 in the Church register.

April 1889 21 more names were added through October 1889.

March 1890 - October 1890 26 more were added.

There was a total of 136 members of Grace Church when it was built in August 1890.

Additional members:

29 people joined in 1891.

44 people joined in 1892.

2 people joined in 1893.

14 people joined in 1894.

26 people joined in 1895.

4 people joined in 1896.

2 people joined in 1897.

This was the end of Rev. Cleveland's stay in Madison.

Not all were members every year - some moved, etc.

During the years 1891 through May 16, 1896 Rev. Cleveland baptized 65 persons that were members of Grace Church.

All the above information took place while Rev. Cleveland was the Priest at Grace Church.

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The answer to the picture in last month's newsletter is:

Warner and Catherine Boyd

Catherine is Warner's sister and was baptised in Grace Church.

Warner is the oldest member of the congregation of Grace Church. His dog Pat is very faithful about coming to Church every Sunday that Warner attends. Warner still lives on the farm where he was born and raised.

Bishop's Committee  
Wed., April 16

Senior Warden Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. An opening prayer was given by Karen Hall.

PRESENT: Boyd, Brewer, Hall, Hunter, Johnson, Moose, Page, Wrobel

ABSENT: DeLay, Stewart

Motion by Moose and second by Wrobel to approve the March 20 minutes. Motion carried.

The bank balance as of March 31 was \$685.39. Stewart was unable to attend the meeting, so a detailed accounting of the finances was not given.

Hunter reported on Karen's ordination to the diaconate in Brookings the previous evening, stating that 8-10 people from Grace were able to attend the beautiful service and reception.

In her Rector's Report, Karen stated that \$679.00 had been collected from the offering at her ordination service. She has opened a Discretionary Fund account with this cash to use for crisis help for the poor and indigent. The accounting of this money would be a regular part of the treasurer's report. She suggested that the loose plate offering of the 4th Sunday of the month be put in this discretionary fund to help anyone in the WAM district who may have immediate and critical needs.

Hunter commented that we had previously done this.

Motion by Wrobel and second by Moose that we designate the loose plate offering on the 4th Sunday to the WAM Discretionary Fund for crisis intervention and direct assistance to the poor in the three churches represented in Karen's jurisdiction. Motion carried.

Karen also informed us that Flandreau wishes to have its Sunday services at 11:00 a.m. In order for her to have Sunday services at both parishes, she asked us to consider changing our services permanently to 9:00 a.m. all year around. There was much discussion about the feasibility of this as a permanent move. Motion by Moose and second by Wrobel to inform the congregation about the problem and have a vote of the church. Motion carried.

Moose and DeLay are to go to Sioux Falls to meet with Bishop Anderson before the next Bishop's Committee meeting. They will discuss with him some of the immediate concerns of the Bishop's Committee, financial and otherwise.

Karen explained that she would like to do the Deacon's Distribution of Communion once a month at Grace. She pointed out that this was not a substitution for a full Eucharist service. All agreed that it was an educational process to enable the congregation to be comfortable with this service. Karen pointed out that she had no problem with any decision that the Bishop's Committee would make concerning this matter.

Motion by Johnson and second by Brewer to have the Deacon's Distribution of Communion once a month, and if a clergy person was unavailable for a Eucharist service that month, then the Distribution would occur twice. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Brewer  
Clerk

# Announcements



## ECW

It is the time again for us to register our membership with the Episcopal Church Women of Grace Church. Here is a list of the members we have at the present time, if there are any corrections or additions please contact Violet Witt. Also, donations for the ECW membership are \$3.00 and you can give this to Violet Witt. Thank you.

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|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Doris Payne              | Violet Witt      | Katherine Brewer   |
| Ruby Stewart             | Evelyn Delay     | Mrs. Dean Stillson |
| Myrtle Newcomb           | Marilyn Page     | Cori Wrobel        |
| Bernice Rethorn          | Janice Johnson   | Lois Moose         |
| Viola Cole               | Mildred Rumrill  | Katherine Clites   |
| Mrs. Frances Pfothenauer | Hazel Moose      | Judy Payne         |
| Elizabeth Campbell       | Rose Schirmacher |                    |

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We wish to THANK Mildred Rumrill for providing the beautiful flowers for the Altar this spring. We so enjoyed seeing them and appreciating their beauty.

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CONGRATULATIONS! To Jim Horn and Lois Moose have been included on the President's Academic Honors List. Great job, we are proud of you.

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### Coffee Schedule

- July 6 Mildred Rumrill
- July 13 Ruby Stewart
- July 20 Lois Moose No. Coffee
- July 27

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SCHEDULE: JULY

GRACE CHURCH

July 6 Deacon's Distribution of Communion 9am

Deacon: Karen Hall  
Lay Reader: Kitty Brewer

July 13 Deacon's Distribution of Communion 9am

Deacon: Karen Hall  
Lay Reader: Rex Page

8:00am: Morning Prayer at Prairie Village Chapel

Officiant: Karen Hall  
Lay Reader: Merrill Hunter

July 20 Morning Prayer 9am

Officiant: Karen Hall  
Lay Reader: Bev Hunter



**POT LUCK SUPPER**

11am: Joint Gathering of Wider Area Ministries Churches in Flandreau

11am: Holy Communion

12noon Potluck: We are to bring salads and desserts

1pm: Fellowship and Business Meeting

Representatives from Grace Church, St. Stephen's, DeSmet, St. Mary's-Our Blessed Redeemer, Flandreau, and St. Paul's, Brookings will be in attendance. John Davis from the Diocesan Office and The Rev. Canon Patrick Genereux, Chairman of the Commission on Ministry will address the group. This is an opportune time for all of us in the Wider Area Ministries to get to know each other better, to coordinate schedules, share resources, discern ministry in our own churches, with each other, and for the Diocese. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. Please note that there will be a morning prayer service at 9am for those who will be unable to go to Flandreau.

July 22 Lay Readers Meeting at 7pm  
Bishop's Committee Meeting at 7:30pm

July 24-August 9: Karen on Vacation

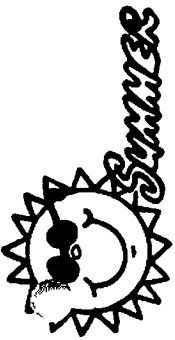
July 27: Morning Prayer 9am

Officiant: George DeLay



**PLANNING**





# JULY



PICNIC Saturday

Friday

Thursday

Wednesday

Tuesday

Monday

Sunday

			2	3 Birthday - Kirstin Hall	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5
6 9:00 Deacon's Communion 10:00 Coffee	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:00 Deacon's Communion 10:00 Coffee Birthday - John Johnson, Jr	14	15	16	17 Birthday - Lois Moose	18	19
20 9:00 Morning Prayer Check Schedule Joint Gathering Potluck	21	22 Layreaders Meeting 7:00 pm Bishop's Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	23	24	25	26 Karen on Vacation
27 9:00 Morning Prayer 10:00 Coffee Karen on Vacation	28 Birthday - Mary Johnson Karen on Vacation	29	30	31 Karen on Vacation		