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God willing,
The Rt. Rev. Craig W. Anderson
Bishop of the Diocese of South Dakota
will ordain
The Rev. Karen Elizabeth Hall
to the Sacred Order of Priests
on the
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 1986
7 o'clock in the evening
at
St. John's Lutheran Church
122 North Grant
Madison, South Dakota

Your prayers and presence are requested

Clergy
White stoles

Reception following
the service.



Echo's from the Past

GROWTH OF GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1920-1929

<u>Year</u>	<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>Confirmations</u>	<u>Marriages</u>	
1920	1	0	3	Bishop Louis Guyman Priest Blakestee
1921	0	4 Warner Boyd was on this list	1	Bishop J. Remington Priest Blakestee
1922	0	2	0	Bishop Remington Priest Blakestee
1923	1	0	0	Priest Phillip Watson
1924	1	0	0	Priest Val Junker
1925	11	5	1	Priest Val Junker Bishop Blair Roberts
1926	31	14 on March 14 26 on March 28 Mildred Larrington Rumrill Hazel Larrington Moose were on March 28	1	Priest Val Junker Bishop Burleson Bishop Roberts
1927	1	21 on March 3 10	1	Priest Val Junker Arthur Melborne Bishop Burleson Priest A J Haines
1928	0	5	0	Priest A J Haines Bishop Roberts
1929	3	8	3	Priest A J Haines Bishop Roberts

The three people mentioned are still members of Grace Church at this time.

During the late 20's Bishop Hugh Burleson & Bishop Blair Roberts both came to Grace Church for services. There were 120 Communicants in 1920 and 106 through 1928. No record of the families and children's numbers. The 20's years were growth years for sure.

Bishop's Committee
Wed., May 27, 1986

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

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

ABSENT: Page

Motion by Wrobel and second by Johnson to approve the April 16 minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report carried a balance of \$607.77 as of April 30, 1986, plus a clergy balance of \$450.00, set aside for a quarterly pension balance. Motion by DeLay and second by Wrobel to accept the report. Motion carried.

Moose and DeLay reported on their meeting with Bishop Anderson on May 20.

Moose reported that the Bishop stated that in financing a priest, the parsonage fund would not be further invaded. The UTO grant will be used, and if that does not go through, then T.I.M.E. funds will be used.

The bulk of Karen's ministry will be in Madison, while those of DeSmet and Flancreau will be secondary.

DeLay's report stated that Fr. Bob Utlaut of Watertown and Fr. Pat Generaux of Milbank also attended the meeting and would be working with Karen.

It is the intent of the Bishop to reimburse the parsonage fund, but he did not state where the reimbursement would come from. DeLay feels we should follow up on this.

The Bishop emphasized that he did not like the church owning property. The reason he used the parsonage fund was that it was certain; he was unsure of the T.I.M.E. fund at that time.

The Bishop was emphatic that if Karen were spread too thin, nothing would succeed. Flancreau and DeSmet are important but she cannot do it all.

The Bishop asked Grace: What is our mission? How intent are we in achieving that mission? Along with financing, are we dedicated to the cause?

Motion by DeLay and second by Moose that we respond to the March 4 letter from the Bishop to the Bishop's Committee recommending that we accept the letter. We should add information such as funding for the 1987-88 year as reimbursement of the parsonage fund and that Grace is Karen's primary responsibility. Motion carried.

Some discussion on hiring the man who does tuck pointing in rock for \$50 instead of a major overhaul. It was decided to table this discussion until Karen talks to the architectural engineer from the Diocese.

Deacon's Report:

- 1) Card to Fr. Richards at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.
- 2) Fr. Bob Utlaut and Fr. Pat Generaux, Chairman of the Commission on Ministry, are the supervisors of Karen's deaconate. She will meet with them on an occasional basis, perhaps monthly. Fr. Bob Wagner has agreed to a mentor -- not a priest supervisor but a friend -- and provide her with a reading list and discussion on management training and leadership skills.
- 3) Scheduling -- Meet with Flandreau sometime soon to determine schedule for WAM fellowship.
- 4) New schedule -- Note insert.
- 5) One of the concerns with meeting of the Bishop was the ministry at DSC. Has been meeting with Ministerial Association. UMHE has provided \$300.00 for this ministry at DSC. Karen plans to be present at DSC's registration.
- 6) Niobrara Summer Seminary -- obligated by Bishop to attend as deacon -- at St. Mary's in Springfield -- June 9-13 and June 16-19.
- 7) Will be on vacation from July 25-Aug. 9. Karen has 30 days vacation as a Diocesan employee.
- 8) Agenda for the June 24 meeting will be the program for church growth which we worked on under Fr. Wagner. Please study your copy and be prepared to answer these questions:
 - 1) Is this what you want to do? Does this still express our desires?
 - 2) What do you want to do? What investment are willing to make? Do you want to do something else instead?We should take the summer to answer these questions, and by fall we should have a sense of forward progress.

The next meeting will be Tues., June 24 with layreaders at 7:00 p.m. and bishop's committee at 7:30 p.m.

Other concerns of Karen's:

- 1) The possibility of deacon's distribution of communion every Sun. that Karen is here.
- 2) Diocese is operating in deficit of \$25,000 at the moment --consider matter of stewardship--begin to look at our own pledges, understanding that tithing is our own personal pledge to the church.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Brewer

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Clerk

Bishop's Committee
Thurs., Sept. 4, 1986

A brief meeting of the Bishop's Committee was held at Michael's at 5:00 p.m. on Thurs., Sept. 4.

PRESENT: Brewer, Hall, Hunter, Johnson, Rethorn, Wrobel

ABSENT: Boyd, Moose, Page, Stewart

Karen needed signatures from members of the Bishop's Committee to endorse her for ordination to the priesthood. Members were asked to sign a formal paper if they felt that Karen was qualified to be ordained to the priesthood. All members present attested their signatures to the document.

Motion by Wrobel and second by Rethorn to get the church phone off the present party line. The answering service machine in Karen's office cannot be used with the party line. Motion carried. Rethorn will call the phone company about the change.

Discussion of J.H. Hanson's proposal for repair of the exterior of church, particularly roofing. Hunter will contact the roofing contractor.

There will be a church potluck on Sept. 14, following the beginning of the church's fall schedule at 11:00 a.m. A brief parish meeting will follow the potluck.

Karen expressed her desire to attend a Clinical Pastoral Education Program at McKennan Hospital. It is a group learning and group dynamics class emphasizing pastoral skills. She can use it toward her requirements for an MA degree. She stated that this class would require some time in Sioux Falls. The Bishop endorses the class for her but she needed the permission and approval of the Bishop's Committee. She would learn skills in pastoral ministry -- 12 week program -- beginning in mid-Oct. -- 8 week followup -- Motion by Brewer and second by Johnson to grant Karen permission to take advantage of this opportunity. Motion carried.

Karen stated that Flandreau is upset at time change for fall.

The UTO grant for Grace's ministry was approved for 18 months, beginning Jan. 1, 1987.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine T. Brewer

Tues., June 24, 1986

Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the meeting to order at the church at 7:00 p.m. At 7:30 we moved to the Hunter's back yard.

PRESENT: DeLay, Hall, Hunter, Moose, Rethorn, Stewart

ABSENT: Brewer, Boyd, Johnson, Wrobel

Treasurer's report showed a bank balance of \$425.75.

Hunter thanked DeLay for the new mail slot.

Hunter reported on the findings on the structure of the church by J.D. Hansen. We are expecting a report of consultation with J.D. Hansen.

There was discussion on trying to de-water the basement. Hunter and Rethorn are going to get sump pump. Also they will ask Janice Johnson to get rid of the old carpet sweepers and junk in the basement. Hunter will get an estimate from Cecil Bulick to fix posts in the basement to level the church floor. He will also ask about insulating the floor.

Moose says the church office should be completed within the next few weeks. The intercom system will not be installed until Sept.

Karen announced that she will not be here the 5th Sun. in June or the 5th Sun. in Aug. She is also going on vacation from July 25 to Aug. 9.

There will be a joint fellowship meeting and service in Flandreau at 11:00 a.m. on Sun., July 19 followed by a potluck. Bring a salad or dessert. John Davis and Pat Generaux will also be there. Karen hopes to have a gathering of four churches plus guests. Karen will still hold 9:00 a.m. service at Grace.

There will be a Lay Ministers' Conference in Watertown on Aug. 8, 9 and 10.

On July 13, Karen will be doing a service at Prairie Village at 8:00 a.m. Merrill Hunter will be layreader, and she will ask Marcia Wenk to play the organ.

Karen passed out objectives for the church which we worked on three years ago with Fr. Wagner. There was discussion about adding or deleting exercise two.

Tues. June 24, 1986

Moose stated that membership needs to increase if the church is to be successful. Need to look toward recruiting. Need to develop activities on monthly basis. Need younger people. Use our facilities for activities to get people in the door.

There was discussion about exercise four, the mission statement. Karen suggested taking the statement and really thinking about it. Some things have been done. Determine what you would add or delete.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Brewer

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Clerk

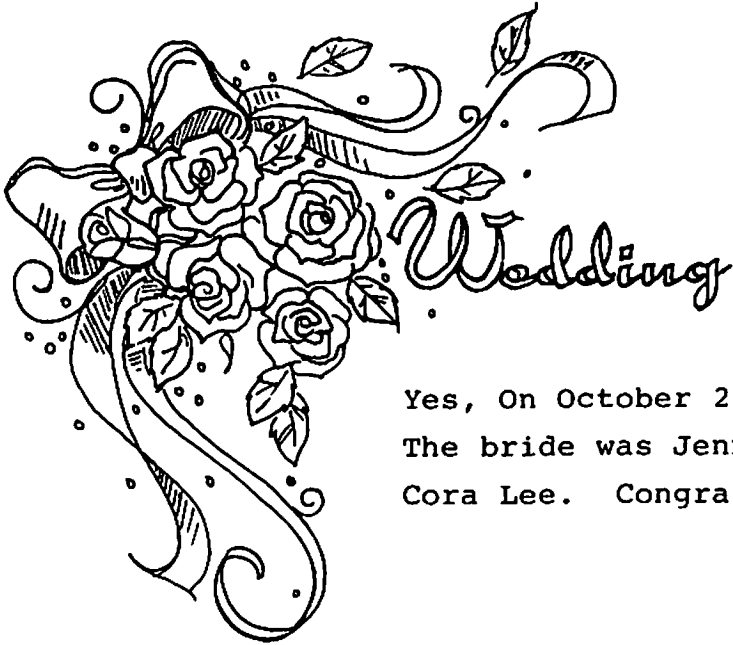
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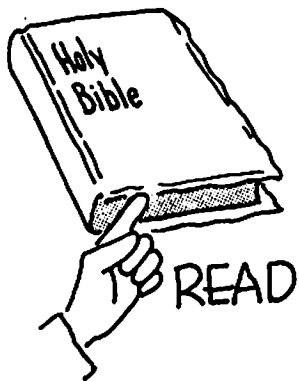
THANKSGIVING
SUNDAY



... a time for
TOGETHERNESS



Yes, On October 25 we had a wedding at Grace Church!
The bride was Jennifer Kirstein, daughter of Butch &
Cora Lee. Congratulations Jennifer and George!



November 23 - 30

National Bible Week: a week dedicated to encouraging all
Americans to read and study the Bible.

National Family Week: a week dedicated to Families.



Schedule for November

Calendar of Happenings

November 2: All Saint's Day

Lay Reader: Merrill Hunter
Acolyte: Mary Johnson
Bell Ringer: George Johnson

Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-14
Psalm 149
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17
Matthew 5:1-12

November 9: Proper 27

Lay Reader: George DeLay
Acolyte: Ben Johnson
Bell Ringer: Chad Johnson

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17
II Thessalonians 2:13--3:5
Luke 20:27-38

November 16: No Service because of ordination

November 23: Feast of Christ the King

Lay Reader: Rex Page
Acolyte: Jennifer Rethorn
Bell Ringer: Annie Brewer

Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:35-43

November 27: Thanksgiving Day

TBA

November 30: First Sunday of Advent

Lay Reader: Kitty Brewer
Acolyte: Annie Brewer
Bell Ringer: Mary Johnson

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:8-14
Psalm 122
Matthew 24:37-44

Additional Items for Calendar

Adult Education Classes: 7pm on October 26, November 4,11,25
Ordination of Karen to Priesthood: November 16 at 7pm at
St. John's Lutheran



Karen's admittance into the Priesthood will occur this month. It therefore is appropriate that she receive a gift to mark this important milestone in her life. The gift that has been chosen is a Home Communion Kit.

Members of the Church are invited to contribute any amount that they choose towards the purchase of this fine, special gift.

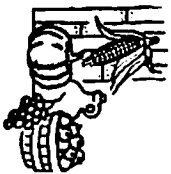
Please forward all contributions for this gift to

Mrs. Lois Moose
424 Egan Avenue South
Madison, South Dakota 57042

Cash contributions are welcome, but it is suggested that these should not be mailed, but given to Lois.

Please make all checks payable to Grace Church.

THANK YOU



NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 All Saints Day Sunday 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Coffee	3	4 Election Day Adult Education Class 7:00 pm	5	6	7	1 All Saint's Day 8
9 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Coffee	10	11 Veterans Day Adult Education Class 7:00 pm	12	13 Anniversary Fred & Ruby Stewart	14	15
16 No Service Karen's Ordination 7:00 pm	17	18 Birthday - Warner Boyd	19	20	21	22
23 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Coffee	24	25 Adult Education Class 7:00 pm	26	27 Thanksgiving Day Service to be announced	28	29
30 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Coffee First Sunday of Advent						

