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THE VISIONS OF A VICAR

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God and the Word was God.

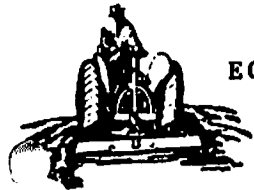
St. John knew about beginnings. He was one of the first to understand that Jesus had brought to the world a message that bore witness to God's steadfast commitment to his creation, and that in this Jesus, the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. St. John saw the inauguration of a new order, the beginning of the end.

We begin again this New Year. Many of us attempt New Year's resolutions and some of us are successful at keeping them. There is a sense, however, that in spite of aborted resolutions, the New Year gives us another chance to do it right--new beginnings, if you will--and even with the great unrest in the world, new beginnings have their place. Psychologists and even theologians maintain that to be truly human is to assess where we have been and where we are at the present moment, and then make conscious decisions about the future. For the theologian, that ability to resolve to try again is a gift from the Holy Spirit.

God tried again to reconcile his broken creation in the person of Jesus Christ and succeeded, though evidence might indicate differently. He fostered new beginnings in the lives of the early patriarchal fathers, in the prophets, in the exodus of his people from bondage. When none of that worked, he sought to "send the very best" by sending his Son, a new beginning for the world. God hasn't given up on us. He continues to give himself through the action of the Holy Spirit, through his involvement in the life of the church, and his presence in our fellowship as Christian brothers and sisters. The new beginning in that lonely stable is continually given to us, so that we might try again to hear the message of peace on earth, good will to all people.

New beginnings, new vision, a new year. Perhaps this time, this year, the promise given in vulnerability and innocence will be made manifest in us.

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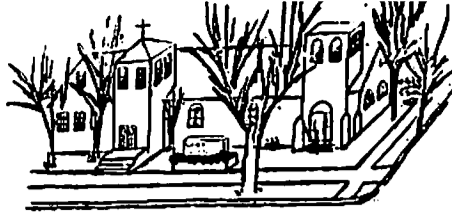


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 Echos From The Past
 is from the history of GRACE CHURCH MADISON
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We are now into the war years. It would appear that those years were not growth years for Grace Church.

Year ++++	Baptisms +++++	Confirmations +++++	Marriages +++++
1940	1	0	0
1941	2	0	0
1942	1	4	0
1943	0	0	0
1944	6	1	0
1945	2	9	0
1946	0	4	0
1947	0	0	0
1948	2	0	0
1949	1	10	0

Priests PD Gough, Arthur Cash, Dale Doren, Alex McBeth, Bishop Atwell of North Dakota in 1945, and Bishop Blair Roberts. 173 people in the Church record compiled by Rev. McBeth at the end of 1949. Some were in the Armed Forces. Rev. Alex McBeth's record indicates that Mr. Merrill Hunter was a Vestryman of Grace Church in 1949, perhaps before the record was entered. Mr. Hunter is the Senior Warden, still serving Grace Church. A big THANK YOU from the congregation to Mr. Hunter.

Bishop's Committee
Tues., Oct. 14, 1986

Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the meeting to order at the church at 7:00 p.m. An opening prayer was given by Karen.

PRESENT: Boyd, Brewer, Delay, Hall, Hunter, Johnson, Moose, Rethorne, Urobel

ABSENT: Page, Stewart

Karen began the meeting with the announcement that the Standing Committee had approved her ordination to the priesthood. The earliest date for the ordination would be Sunday, Nov. 16. The service would take place at St. John Lutheran Church, and the choir would be a combination of St. Paul's in Brookings, St. John and Grace Episcopal.

Approximate time would be 7:00 p.m. Karen will prepare a list of what is to be done. She will ask Grace to host a family guest rehearsal dinner at Grace before the ordination -- about 40 people. There will be a modest reception at St. John Lutheran. We can expect some help from Flandreau and DeSmet.

Karen announced that she will be gone on a retreat to Nashotah House in Wisconsin the week of Oct. 20-25.

On Sun., Nov. 16, there will be a combined WAM service in Flandreau and all three congregations will be invited to participate. More details to follow.

The minutes were approved as corrected. Delay's name was added to the list of those absent from the Sept. 4 meeting.

The treasurer's report, as attached, was approved.

Hunter will contact J. D. Hansen about the bid for gutter and spot work on the building.

There was some discussion about moving the altar out from the wall or building a portable altar. Karen will call Fr. Pat Generaux in Milbank to find out details about their altar. Johnson will contact Randy Bowman about the cost of building a portable altar.

Then followed discussion about our organ problem. There are some major problems with its functioning, and some of the parts evidently do not exist anymore. Brewer will contact the Dousts in Watertown about checking over the organ. They have repaired it in the past.

The UTO grant for our ministry in Madison and DeSmet has been approved for 18 months, beginning June 1, 1987.

The parish surveys have been collected. Karen will collate them and report back on the final results. She stated that she noted an overwhelming response for adult education in them.

On Oct. 28, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., there will begin a six-week adult education class based on the SWEEPS ministry. Karen will prepare a letter for a detailed agenda for every bulletin. We will meet every Tues. except the regular Tues. set aside for Bishop's Committee meetings.

Karen will not be doing the CPE Program in Sioux Falls. Her name got on the list too late.

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Sunday is Nov. 23. Karen suggests that as a community outreach program we sponsor an Alcohol and Drug Awareness evening. She has two people already lined up for the program. We could offer our church as a meeting place -- do something worthwhile for the community. Motion by Urobel and second by Rethorne. Motion carried. The date will be determined.

Johnson suggested that we exterminate the entire church for bugs. A professional job would be very expensive. Hunter will take care of it.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Brewer
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM OCT. 1 TO NOVEMBER 24, 1986

CASH RECEIPTS

	October	to Nov. 24, 1986	
Pledges	520.00	271.00	
Plate	51.00	30.50	
Discretionary Fund	1.00	14.06	
Reimbursed for telephone calls	8.86		
Reimbursed for printing	33.30		
Special Gift		194.00	
Total	<u>619.16</u>	<u>509.56</u>	
Bank Balance Oct. 1	912.80	11/1 675.56	
	<u>1531.96</u>	<u>1185.12</u>	

DISBURSEMENTS

Heat	27.36	42.63	
Electric	14.57	26.33	
Telephone	19.71	26.22	
" (reimbursed)	8.86		
Pearson Seminary	30.00	30.00	
Cleaning	20.00	20.00	
Mowing (3 months)		95.00	
Maintenance supplies	5.33	43.53	
Dry cleaning, supplies	10.00	32.74 (envelopes)	
Printing	19.51	87.97	
Organist	10.00	10.00	
Church Pledge	200.00	300.00	(paid in full for 1986)
Insurance	237.00		(237.00 still owing)
Clergy	250.00		(250.00 due)
Ordination Expense	-	35.00	
Special Gift	-	194.00	
Discretionary Fund	1.00	14.06	
Totals	<u>856.40</u>	<u>957.43</u>	
Bank Balances	675.56	227.64	
	<u>1531.96</u>	<u>1185.12</u>	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1986

CASH RECEIPTS

	October	November	Year to Date
Pledges	520.00	339.55	5070.80
Plate	51.00	31.50	319.06
Discretionary Fund	1.00	14.06	63.06
	<u>572.00</u>	<u>385.11</u>	<u>5452.92</u>
Refunds	47.16	-	182.16
Special Gifts	-	194.00	1294.00
Interest	-	-	614.92
From Diocese	-	-	1018.19
Miscellaneous	-	-	45.52
TOTAL	<u>619.16</u>	<u>579.11</u>	<u>8607.71</u>
Bank Balance 10/1	912.80	11/1 675.56	11/1 666.42
	<u>1531.96</u>	<u>1254.67</u>	<u>9274.13</u>

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Heat	27.36	42.63	1145.35
Electric	14.57	26.33	339.46
Telephone	19.71	26.22	150.02
Maintenance & Maint. Supplies	38.39	158.53	495.60
Supplies	8.86	32.74	159.50
Bulletins & Printing	19.51	87.97	166.54
Discretionary Fund	1.00	14.06	66.06
Organist	10.00	20.00	2
Clergy	250.00	250.00	25
Seminary (Pearson)	30.00	30.00	3
Diocese Pledge	200.00	300.00	12
Insurance	237.00	-	762.00
Ordination Expense	-	35.00	35.00
Repairs	-	-	58.05
Church News	-	-	72.00
Safety Deposit Box	-	-	12.00
J. D. Hanson (Plan)	-	-	174.37
Special Gifts	-	194.00	1294.00
TOTALS	<u>856.40</u>	<u>1217.48</u>	<u>9236.94</u>
Bank Balances 10/31	675.56	11/30 37.19	37.19
	<u>1531.96</u>	<u>1254.67</u>	<u>9274.13</u>

CLERGY ACCOUNT

CASH RECEIPTS

Diocese	9775.00
Grace Church	2250.00
DeSmet	900.00
Flandreau	800.00
	<u>12,725.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Karen Hall	10.800
Pension Fund	1195.20
	<u>11,995.20</u>
Bank Bal. 11/30	729.80
	<u>12,725.00</u>

Schedule for January

January 4: 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day

Lay Reader: Beverly Hunter
Acolyte: Jennifer Rethorn
Bell Ringer: George Johnson

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a
Luke 2:41-52
Psalm 84



January 6: Feast of the Epiphany: Service at 7pm, followed by Epiphany party in Guild Hall. Bring cookies, cheese and crackers, or any other treat.

Lay Reader: Rex Page
Acolyte: Ben Johnson

Isaiah 60:1-6,9
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 11: The Baptism of our Lord

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



Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17
Psalm 89:1-29

January 13: Adult Class at 7pm

January 15: Lay Readers at 7pm
Bishop's Committee at 7:30pm

January 18: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

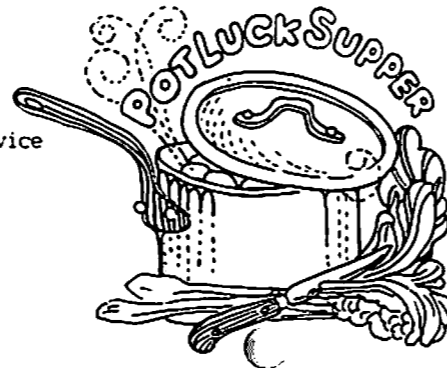
Lay Reader: Merrill Hunter
Acolyte: Chad Johnson
Bell Ringer: Ben Johnson



Isaiah 49:1-7
I Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-41
Psalm 40

Annual Meeting and Potluck following service

January 20: Adult Class at 7pm

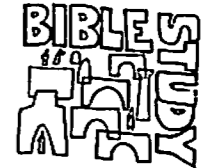


January 25: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Guest Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Tim Vann

Lay Reader: Rex Page
Acolyte: Jennifer Rethorn
Bell Ringer: Chad Johnson

Amos 3:1-8
I Corinthians 1:10-17
Matthew 4:12-23
Psalm 139:1-17

January 27: Adult Class at 7pm



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning January 9 at 10:00 am there will be a Bible Study discussing the Gospel of Matthew.

Please sign up for your turn serving coffee. The list is located on the bulletin board next to the serving window. Take time to choose a day which would be convient for you.

February 1 is the day chosen when Bishop Craig Anderson will visit our Church.

January 6th is the Feast of Epiphany which commemorates the visit of the Three Wise Men, the baptism of Jesus, and the Miracle of Cana.

January 18-25 is World Week of Prayer. This year's theme is "Reconciled to God in Christ," based on II Corinthians 5:17-64.

Taken from Guidepost



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship	5	6 Feast of the Epiphany Service 7:00 pm	7	8 New Year's Day	9 10:00 Bible Study "Gospel of Matthew"	10
11 The Baptism of Our Lord 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship	12	13 Adult Ed Class 7:00 pm	14	15 7:00pm Lay Readers Meeting 7:30pm Bishops Committee	16 10:00 am Bible Study	17
18 World Week of Prayer 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Annual Meeting Potluck	19	20 Adult Ed Class 7:00 pm	21	22	23 10:00 am Bible Study	24
25 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Anniversary - Rethorns	26	27 Adult Ed Class 7:00 pm Birthday - Heather Graham	28	29 Birthday - Ruby Stewart	30 10:00 am Bible Study	31

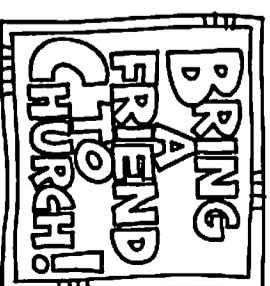
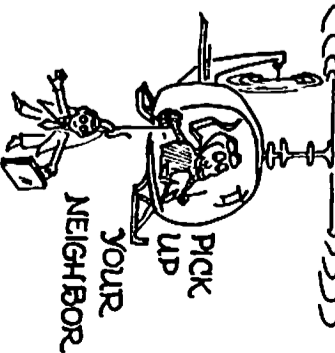
Jan. 6 Feast of the Epiphany Service at 7:00 pm

Jan. 18 Annual Meeting and Potluck

Jan. 25 Guest Speaker Rev. Tim Vann

Feb. 1 Bishop's Visitation

Winter Drinking Tips



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