

Annual Meeting
Grace Episcopal Church
January 13, 1991
Senior Warden's Report

This has been a real year of celebration for Grace Episcopal Church. We began the new year with six confirmands at our annual meeting in January, a very glorious occasion when these young people entered into adulthood in the Christian church.

July found us celebrating the life of Merrill Hunter, a special Christian man whom we all loved and respected. Because we are a family church, we have felt very deeply the void his leaving us has created. We are, however, so grateful to have had him with us for so many years. Merrill made a difference in all our lives and in the life of this church. His influence lives on in all of us, and what greater thing can be said of any man.

And, of course, we capped off the year with a splendid Centennial Celebration. All of us who were there will treasure this special day and hold it up as a birthday party worthy of 100 years in our beautiful church.

So it has been a wonderful year, and while 1991 may not be as noteworthy, we plan to work very diligently on a subject close to all of our hearts--the church restoration project. The Bishop's Committee will again review our options, make some recommendations and then invite parish participation.

We are very grateful to have Father Allen Lewis as our sacramentalist. Although he has many other obligations in his busy life, he is very faithful to Grace and works hard to give us his best when we are fortunate enough to have him. He has been extremely generous of his time, talents and resources and deserves a much greater financial remuneration than he is receiving from us.

We all worked together to put on a couple of fundraising events in June. The State ECW challenged Grace to raise \$170 for TEC, and we used a good share of our proceeds to meet that challenge. We also joined forces with St. Mary's in Flandreau to put on a joint taco sale at Art in the Park. For various and sundry reasons, that turned into a fiasco of sorts. We have not, however, been deterred from getting it right. A booth has already been reserved for this year. Suggestions are most welcome.

A perfect Saturday in September found a loyal band of Grace parishioners sprucing up the exterior of the church. Windows and doors were scraped and painted, brass polished and red outdoor carpeting gave the church a much-needed facelift.

We continue to support Mother Karen in seminary with a small monthly stipend. Just knowing that we have helped in some small way to develop a future leader in the diocese of S. Dak. is very gratifying for all of us. We shall watch her next career move with great interest.

There are many wonderful people in the parish who give so much of their time, talents and resources for the good of the body. I thank you for all you do to keep Grace Episcopal Church alive and well.

The following slate has been proposed for the 1991 Bishop's Committee:

Sr. Warden: Kitty Kringen
Co.-Jr. Wardens: Millie Rummill and Fred Stewart
Clerk: Beverly Hunter *Jan. Johnson*
Treasurer: Ruby Stewart

Members: George Delay
Patti Ericsson
Janice Johnson
Lois Moose
Rex Page

Anyone who is interested in attending the Diocesan Convention in the fall, please let someone on the Bishop's Committee know. Grace has two voting delegates, and we can help out with expenses as our current financial situation allows.

Respectfully submitted,

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