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## 2011—A NEW START!

From *In Memoriam*

Alfred, Lord Tennyson [1809-1892]

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.



Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes  
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

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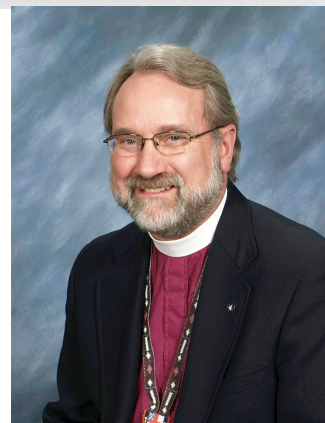
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From the Bishop . . .

Grace and Peace to you . . .

This time of year always causes me to pause and reflect on the year that has passed and anticipate the opportunities that await us during the year that is unfolding. Bernice Jones died this past November. She is an icon for lay ministry in this Diocese. She symbolizes the countless years of service given to the church and the world by lay members of the Episcopal Church in its 150



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

years in the Dakotas. There are too many saints of the lay order of our church that have died or move away or stepped down from their church activities to mention, but I am well aware that their service to our Lord through the church is the very heart of our ministry. I am thankful for their willingness to serve.

In 2010 we said goodbye to several of our clergy as they retired or move to positions beyond our Diocese. Mo. Marion Rectenwald left Cheyenne River Mission, moving to Tennessee; Fr. Jeffery Barnes fully retired from his service at Holy Apostles in Sioux Falls, and in late summer he and Shirley moved to Oregon; Fr. John Wedgwood-Greenhow accepted a position in Texas leaving St. Thomas, Sturgis; Fr. George Parmeter retired from Grace Church, Huron in June, but continues to serve the Diocese in many other ways; Fr. Charles King and his family have moved back to Connecticut; most recently Fr. John and Mo. Judy Spruhan retired from Rosebud Mission and moved to Virginia. The Diocese also suffered a loss in the death of the Rev. Philip Allen in March. Even though he was retired Fr. Allen was a support and inspiration to many of us, and he is greatly missed.

2010 also saw additions to our clericus family. Mo. Annie Henninger became the priest-in-charge of the Rosebud East Mission; Pat White Horse-Carda and John Keyes were ordained to the diaconate in early December and Fr. Kim Fonder was ordained a priest on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The Rev. Joan Conroy and the Rev. Mark Swanson, both ELCA pastors, have begun to do supply work on Rosebud Mission. During last year Mo. Kay Jennings and Mo. Mercy Hobbs accepted new pastoral calls within the Diocese, and the Diocesan staff were all given expanded responsibilities. Mo. Rita Powell was named priest-in-charge of St. Paul's, Vermillion along with her duties as Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator. Fr. Paul Sneve was appointed Archdeacon along with his duties as vicar of St. Matthew's, Rapid City. So we have had an active year among our clergy.

We are hoping in the early part of 2011 to welcome a Deacon-in-charge to Cheyenne River Mission and a rector to Trinity Church, Watertown. Rosebud Mission; Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls; and Grace Church, Huron remain open.

Early in 2011 we will have available a DVD for congregations and missions to use to promote conversation and ideas for expanding our ministry in three

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## Winner church keeps hospital connections

In 1913 The Reverend John W. Walker, the priest in charge of **Trinity Episcopal Church** in Winner, raised the money to start a hospital to serve the community. The church ran the hospital with the assistance of two orders of Episcopal nuns, Sisters of St. Margaret and Sisters of St. Anne, until 1933. The hospital has changed hands many times and now operates as Winner Regional Health Center under Sanford Health Systems.

For the last ten years the Winner Regional Foundation has held a dinner dance and auction to raise money for a particular project. This year they are working toward a digital mammography machine.

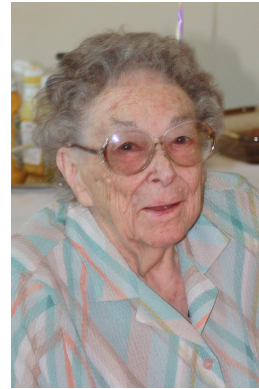
To assist in this effort and to continue the support of a community hospital for Winner, Trinity Church donated three items for the auction. A Christmas colors Star Quilt made by parishioner **Alma Small** and a quilt rack made by parishioner **Patty Novak** were a big hit in the live auction. A Lord's Prayer plaque made by parishioner **Patrick Rigney** at Hartford Cabinet Company and a goody basket including a gallon of real maple syrup from New York State courtesy of **Father Woolley** were in the silent auction. Combined, the 3 items brought \$705 to the hospital fund. Trinity Church is beginning its Centennial Year in 2011 and found it fitting to support the hospital which it founded as Winner Regional Hospital continues to



be a valuable asset to the Winner community and surrounding area.

## Bernice remembered

On Sunday, November 28, 2010 **Bernice Holland Jones** passed on to the Spirit World and into the arms of our heavenly Father, whose child she was.



I feel honored to know this wonderful woman and call her a friend. The South Dakota Episcopal Church has lost a truly missionary person who devoted her entire life to church work. Who can imagine the many, many lives she has touched and changed? In August, Bernice celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

At age 76 I feel blessed have attended St. Mary's school. It was 1946 when some of us cousins went off to boarding school. Luella and Wesley Allen, Philip Allen, and my brother Wayne went to St. Elizabeth's school in Wakpala, SD while Doris Allen and I went to St. Mary's at Springfield, SD. Charlotte Maxen was in charge at St. Mary's as Bishop sent **Miss Holland** to St. Elizabeth's. Bernice nearly lost her life in an explosion at the school. It was a miracle for a burned person to survive what she went through. Later **Miss Holland** again returned to St. Mary's as head mistress.

I only attended St. Mary's the one year when I was in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Though I did not realize it at the time, that one year made a lasting impression on my spiritual belief. And to again connect with **Bernice Jones** later in my church life enforced my feelings of love, respect, and admiration for the special person she was. Bernice taught us all whose child we are.

- Lois Howe, Rapid City

"I hope this piece can be an invitation for other St. Mary's "girls" to share some of their stories of Bernice Holland Jones."

## Deacons ordained at Calvary Cathedral

**O**n Saturday, December 4, 2010, Bishop Tarrant ordained **John Keyes** (Christ Church, Yankton) a vocational deacon and **Pat White Horse-Carda** (Yankton Mission, Wagner) a transitional deacon in a festive service at Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls.



Many family members and friends of both ordinands were able to attend to support them. Carol Houtkooper and the Rev. Jim Pearson were the official presenters for Deacon John, and Dorothy Patterson and the Rev. Stan Woolley presented Deacon Pat.

Deacon John has a strong ministry at Christ Church and at the prison in Yankton, as well as working full time.

Deacon Pat is the administrator (now Deacon-in-charge) of the Yankton Mission and Santee Mission churches. In six months she will be considered for ordination to the priesthood.

The service was followed by a reception, prepared and served by the Parish Life Committee of Calvary Cathedral, chaired by Marshall "Marty" Henderson.

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## Herrick church gets new steeple

**D**ear Congregation and Friends of All Saints, We finally have our new steeple up, so thank you so much to everyone who donated and bought raffle

tickets on the quilt. We couldn't have done it without your help.

Below are before and after pictures. The little church looks pretty sad without its steeple and very grand once it was completed.



We were very happy to have the Bishop with us this past Sunday to bless the new steeple and twice blessed for such a nice day for November.

Once again, thank you!

All Saints Members  
Twila Emme

## "All Saints" celebrates All Saints

**T**he Episcopalian residents of **Waterford at All Saints**, a retirement/assisted living center on the site of the former All Saints School in Sioux Falls, hosted an All Saints Day Tea on November 1, 2010. The Bishop and the Cathedral Dean and their wives were invited guests.

The Rev. Ellen Lang gave information on the Chapel, and Charlotte Carver led the tour of the All

Saints Museum, housed in what was the office for the school from 1884 to 1986. Carol and Pat Stout opened their apartment, in which earlier house-  
parents for the School lived, and Deacon Judy Graves showed off the Bell Tower where Bishop Hare once lived. Social hour with tea and scones ended the gathering.



### SD Episcopal Church honored by Habitat For Humanity

**T**he Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota and the Rosebud Episcopal Mission were recently named as 2010 Supporters Of The Year by Habitat for Humanity of South Dakota. The presentation of awards was conducted during Habitat's 2010 Annual Recognition and Fundraising Banquet on Nov. 13, 2010 at the Holiday Inn City Centre in Sioux Falls, SD.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to **Bishop John Tarrant** and to **Rev. John Spruhan**, retiring priest in charge of the Rosebud Mission. Making the presentation was Noah "Sandy" Tucker, executive director of Sicangu Tikaga Okiciyapi/Habitat for Humanity on the Rosebud Reservation, office located in Mission, SD.

Rev. Spruhan has been a member of Habitat's board of directors for eight years, said Tucker, and the Episcopal priest has served many of those years as board treasurer. The Episcopal Diocese has been a major supporter of the Habitat program, Tucker continued, in that it leases Fr. Barbour Hall to the local Habitat affiliate for its offices as well as adjacent Bishop Hare Home property on which Habitat builds houses for qualified families.



Both Bishop Tarrant and Rev. Spruhan expressed their appreciation and thanks to Habitat for Humanity for the work it does for area families who need housing and for acknowledging the Episcopal Church's contributions.

- Margaret Figert

*The Rev. John Spruhan*

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areas of the Diocese. We will be looking at Thunderhead Episcopal Camp and the Bishop Hare center in Mission to see how we might expand the ministry at both facilities for both youth and adults. We will also look at possible funding sources for improvements to both facilities. Your thoughts and ideas are vital to this discernment effort.

The third area we will be inviting conversation around is the development of a team of youth ministers to serve on our missions with the hope of expanding their scope to support youth ministry throughout the Diocese. We have a two year pilot program ready to go and hope, with outside funding, to launch it within the next several months.

Although the hard economic times have affected many of our people and congregations, I still see signs of hope as I travel around our Diocese. As I have touched the lives of many of you this past year, I have become quite aware that the Kingdom of God has indeed come near.

Thank you for the privilege to serve with you.

May the peace of God be always with you,  
*+John*

Habitat's local service area includes Todd and Mellette Counties.

In addition, a number of Episcopal Churches, both local and from out of state, have donated money to the local Habitat affiliate to purchase needed materials for house building projects.

**2010 PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE  
As of November 30, 2010**

	Pledge	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance	Churchnews	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance
<b>PARISHES:</b>								
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	13,200.00	12,100.00	11,885.75	1,314.25	30.00	27.50	30.00	0.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,300.00	3,025.00	3,025.00	275.00	105.00	96.25	105.00	0.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	10,800.00	9,900.00	9,900.00	900.00	240.00	220.00	240.00	0.00
Deadwood - St. John's	6,293.00	5,768.58	5,768.62	524.38	90.00	82.50	82.50	7.50
Huron - Grace	16,000.00	14,666.67	14,663.00	1,337.00	330.00	302.50	330.00	0.00
Lead - Christ Church	6,133.00	5,621.92	4,444.34	1,688.66	170.00	155.83	170.00	0.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	1,625.00	1,489.58	1,625.00	0.00	110.00	100.83	110.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	1,700.00	1,558.33	1,700.00	0.00	65.00	59.58	65.00	0.00
Pierre - Trinity	16,523.00	15,146.08	15,146.12	1,376.88	55.00	50.42	55.00	0.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	44,863.00	41,124.42	41,124.39	3,738.61	290.00	265.83	554.61	(264.61)
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	26,014.00	23,846.17	23,846.24	2,167.76	330.00	302.50	302.50	27.50
Sioux Falls - Calvary	59,448.00	54,494.00	54,494.00	4,954.00	820.00	751.67	820.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	8,000.00	7,333.33	7,333.00	663.00	40.00	36.67	0.00	40.00
Spearfish - All Angels	18,407.00	16,873.08	18,406.30	0.70	290.00	265.83	290.00	0.00
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	4,902.00	4,493.50	4,085.00	817.00	115.00	105.42	115.00	0.00
Watertown - Trinity	8,605.00	7,887.92	7,170.81	1,434.19	245.00	224.58	204.20	40.80
Winner - Trinity	4,196.00	3,846.33	3,696.25	499.75	115.00	105.42	115.00	0.00
Yankton - Christ Church	22,000.00	20,166.67	18,333.30	3,666.70	445.00	407.92	259.56	185.44
<b>TOTAL PARISHES</b>	<b>272,009.00</b>	<b>249,341.58</b>	<b>246,651.12</b>	<b>25,357.88</b>	<b>3,885.00</b>	<b>3,561.25</b>	<b>3,848.37</b>	<b>36.63</b>
Bonesteel - St. Andrew's	497.00	455.58	497.00	0.00	30.00	27.50	30.00	0.00
Chamberlain - Christ Church	3,474.00	3,184.50	2,901.39	572.61	110.00	100.83	110.00	0.00
Cheyenne River Mission	675.00	618.75	675.00	0.00	435.00	398.75	270.00	165.00
Crow Creek Mission	1,005.00	921.25	918.00	87.00	175.00	160.42	175.00	0.00
DeSmet - St. Stephen's	30.00	27.50	30.00	0.00	5.00	4.58	5.00	0.00
Flandreau - St. Mary's	1,200.00	1,100.00	1,200.00	0.00	90.00	82.50	90.00	0.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	2,904.00	2,662.00	2,904.00	0.00	85.00	77.92	85.00	0.00
Gettysburg - Christ Church	300.00	275.00	262.50	37.50	25.00	22.92	25.00	0.00
Gregory - Incarnation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	55.00	60.00	0.00
Herrick - All Saints	250.00	229.17	249.66	0.34	20.00	18.33	20.00	0.00
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	2,352.00	2,156.00	2,156.00	196.00	215.00	197.08	197.09	17.91
Lake Andes - St. Peter's	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	22.92	0.00	25.00
Lower Brule Mission	2,038.00	1,868.17	2,038.00	0.00	40.00	36.67	40.00	0.00
Madison - Grace	2,092.00	1,917.67	2,092.00	0.00	50.00	45.83	50.00	0.00
Martin - St. Katharine's	3,511.00	3,218.42	3,218.38	292.62	205.00	187.92	187.88	17.12
Milbank - Christ Church	2,824.00	2,588.67	2,824.00	0.00	65.00	59.58	65.00	0.00
Pine Ridge Mission	1,452.00	1,331.00	604.66	847.34	325.00	297.92	311.08	13.92
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	3,600.00	3,300.00	3,000.00	600.00	115.00	105.42	100.00	15.00
Rosebud Mission	7,283.00	6,676.08	6,402.00	881.00	310.00	284.17	310.00	0.00
Santee Mission	2,019.00	1,850.75	1,019.00	1,000.00	95.00	87.08	95.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	7,529.00	6,901.58	6,901.62	627.38	85.00	77.92	85.00	0.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	800.00	733.33	600.00	200.00	60.00	55.00	0.00	60.00
Sisseton Mission	2,400.00	2,200.00	400.00	2,000.00	35.00	32.08	0.00	35.00
Standing Rock Mission	100.00	91.67	100.00	0.00	130.00	119.17	40.00	90.00
Vermillion - St. Paul's	12,228.00	11,209.00	8,940.00	3,288.00	180.00	165.00	180.00	0.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,200.00	1,100.00	1,200.00	0.00	25.00	22.92	25.00	0.00
Yankton Mission	800.00	733.33	610.00	190.00	130.00	119.17	60.00	70.00
<b>TOTAL MISSIONS</b>	<b>62,563.00</b>	<b>57,349.42</b>	<b>51,743.21</b>	<b>10,819.79</b>	<b>3,125.00</b>	<b>2,864.58</b>	<b>2,616.05</b>	<b>508.95</b>
<b>TOTAL PARISH AND MISSIONS</b>	<b>334,572.00</b>	<b>306,691.00</b>	<b>298,394.33</b>	<b>36,177.67</b>	<b>7,010.00</b>	<b>6,425.83</b>	<b>6,464.42</b>	<b>545.58</b>

SUMMER 2011!!!

- The Rev. Rita Powell

We would like to welcome **Family/5th/6<sup>th</sup> grade camp** to TEC beginning on Sunday night, **June 12, departing Thursday, June 16** (or perhaps staying for Niobrara Convocation!)



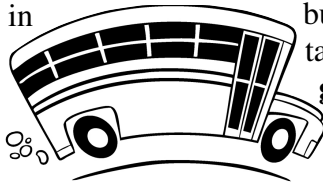
We will head to Sioux Falls for a night at the Cathedral, and leave on Wednesday, June 22 for the Episcopal Youth Experience in St. Paul, Minnesota. On June 26 we will worship and work with Father Bob Two Bulls Jr. at All Saints Indian Mission, and return to Sioux Falls on Monday, June 27.

**Middle School / Confirmation Camp** is invited to camp Tuesday **July 5 through Sunday July 10.**

All of this promises to be a glorious and rich experience for our young people – what an offering!

Now, **High School Camp.** This summer we are pleased to offer our young people a pilgrimage experience, starting from within our own Diocese at Thunderhead for Niobrara Convocation and High School Camp, and journeying to Episcopal Youth Experience, or EYE, in St. Paul, MN, where we will be one of over 50 Dioceses represented. **Dates are June 17-27.**

But there are a few logistical notes that you need to be aware of:



1. We will be getting a bus to drive us to EYE. The diocesan youth convention budget will be applied toward facilitating this trip. **This summer pilgrimage is the big Diocesan event of 2011.** Please consider making it a priority!
2. The bus to EYE doesn't get us off the hook for transportation and carpooling though. We will still need lots of help getting kids to camp on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, and picking kids up **IN SIOUX FALLS ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup>.** Any kids **NOT** going to EYE will need to be picked up promptly on Tuesday morning, June 21. Those kids who are rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to the camp part of the experience, but are **NOT** old enough for EYE. (That's their requirement, not mine.)
3. I have only 30 slots for youth to go to EYE. (That's their limit, not mine.)

Campers should plan to arrive the evening of Friday, June 17. This year we have the amazing opportunity for our youth to participate in the Niobrara Convocation which is being held at TEC this year. This historic gathering of the Lakota Episcopal church is a treasure of our Diocese and will provide a rare opportunity for rich cross cultural conversation. As Convocation departs on Sunday, our HS kids will settle into a few days of retreat-like camp experience-packed with laughter, prayer, and the beauty of camp. Bible study will be led by Brother John of Taizé, who will be the guest of the Diocese this summer. Then on Tuesday, June 21, HS camp hits the road as a group.

**EYE 2011**  
**COME TOGETHER: INTIMATELY LINKED IN THIS HARVEST WORK**

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So... if you have kids who want to go, you **MUST** sign them up ASAP to hold their spots. Even if you have youth who choose not to go to Thunderhead, you need to register them for EYE through me (Rita). The cost for EYE alone is \$350 per person.

4. I have only 10 slots for adults, and I will need to use those slots for the camp counselors who will be chaperoning the trip. EYE is a great leadership development opportunity for those counselors. But it does mean that we will fill the slots. I apologize for any inconvenience this gives! There will be experienced adult leadership on the trip as well – myself and at least one other veteran youth minister will accompany the pilgrimage, and we will be met by Fr. Two Bulls, Sarah Eagle Heart, and others when we get to St. Paul.
5. If you have kids who can do the full pilgrimage (Camp and EYE) they will get a discount – we can offer the whole package for \$500. If you have kids who need scholarship, please let me know, as I promise we can find what we need to get kids to this amazing experience.



## 2011 TEC Schedule

May 20-22 **Mini-Work Weekend**

Reservations needed

– thunderhead@dakotablue.net

May 26-31 reserved

June 3-5 **Main Work Weekend**

Reservations needed

– thunderhead@dakotablue.net



June 5-10 **Summer Seminary**

—check it out at the diocesan website: [www.diocesesd.org](http://www.diocesesd.org) or the next issue of *ChurchNews* – the courses are always good

June 12-16 **Family/5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp**

Contact the Rev. Rita Powell to register at [youth.diocese@midconetwork.com](mailto:youth.diocese@midconetwork.com)

June 16-19 **Niobrara Convocation at Camp**

June 17-21 **High School Camp at TEC**

- 9<sup>th</sup> graders go home on 21<sup>st</sup>

June 21-27 **High School Camp at EYE**

(10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) (in St. Paul, MN, via Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls; bus does not return to camp from Sioux Falls)

July 1-4 reserved

July 5-10 **Middle School (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade) Camp**

July 15-17 **Women's Retreat**

Aug 8-14 available for those attending the Motorcycle Rally; we do have a group that returns every year, so reserve early.

Contact [thunderhead@dakotablue.net](mailto:thunderhead@dakotablue.net) for rates.

Aug 19-21 *tentative* **Men's Retreat**

Sept. 2-5 *tentative* **Alumni Retreat**



## Thunderhead Episcopal Center 2011 Wish List

### For the kitchen:

- Flour-sack type towels
- Commercial upright freezer (\$4500)
- Conveyor-type toaster/cooker (about \$2000)

### For the chapel:

- Two new banners – talk to Holly
- Hymnals (if you are replacing yours)
- Updated songbooks (\$250)
- New carpet/flooring

### For SuperTent:

- Industrial vacuum (\$250)
- Power dryer (\$150)
- Underwrite the Internet connection (\$500/year)
- Mattress pads for queen, full, and twin beds

### Other:

- Replace a deck (\$500)
- Paint/stain for decks and picnic tables
- Scholarships
- Build up the endowment
- Cook for a camp session or retreat
- Maintenance volunteers

### Thank You! for

- Roaster - thank you, two donated!
- Dishcloths – thank you
- New shower mats - thanks to St. Matthew's, RC, for newly decorated Shower House



## ***Congregation Challenge*** ***—Adopt a Project—***

**St. Matthew's, Rapid City** has already cleaned and painted the shower house. This included replacing the shower curtains and mats. ***Thank you!***

**St. Paul's, Brookings** has signed on to make curtains for the cabins and a new sign by the highway.

What project will your congregation choose? The idea is to bring a crew out to experience the beauty and gracious hospitality of Thunderhead Episcopal Center, while doing something that will enhance the experience for all our visitors.

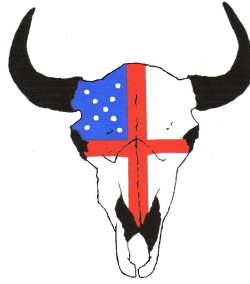
Some project ideas are listed in the Wish List (to the left), some are listed below, and we are open to suggestions. Talk to Holly Huisken, Camp Manager at 351-1328 or email [thunderhead@dakotablue.net](mailto:thunderhead@dakotablue.net)

- Fix up the chapel – ceiling needs repair, flooring needs to be replaced (carpet is worn out), and banners need updating
- Paint SuperTent walls
- Insulate and re-side cabins (or a cabin)
- Add bathrooms to cabins and chapel
- Fence around septic tanks and wellhead
- Create a second labyrinth
- Set up a disc (Frisbee) golf course
- Clean the grounds – rake, clear dead wood, etc.
- Prep camp for the season
- Close down camp for the season

***Projects can be scheduled May-October!***



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**T**he Niobrara School for Ministry (NSM) provides quality theological education for locally trained candidates for deacon and priest, and also for all licensed and specialized lay ministries and ministry teams. In addition, NSM offers possibilities for continuing education for clergy and lay leadership.

NSM is slowly becoming the Diocesan School for Ministry which may eventually include curriculum resources, training, and education for local congregations, and theological education materials for deanery and diocesan events.

Here is the schedule for the first part of 2011. Keep watching for details (texts, instructors, etc) and additions. The Saturday classes will meet in Pierre; Summer Seminary meets at TEC.

January 8, 2011	Basic Preaching
February 12, 2011	Anglican Ethos—What it means to be a part of the Anglican Communion
March 12, 2011	Episcopal Identity—What makes the Episcopal Church unique?
June 5-10, 2011 (Summer Seminary)	Introduction to Theology with Preaching Workshops in the evening

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I am registering for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Basic Preaching, January 8 at Trinity, Pierre

\_\_\_\_\_ Anglican Ethos, February 12 at Trinity, Pierre

\_\_\_\_\_ Episcopal Identity, March 12 at Trinity, Pierre

\_\_\_\_\_ Dakota Experience (West), March 18-19, 2011 in Rapid City

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***www.buildfaith.org: Church Publishing's Ecumenical Online Community for Christian Educators Takes Off!***

(New York, NY) - Church Publishing Incorporated (CPI) has launched **www.buildfaith.org**, an ecumenical online community expressly designed for Christian Educators and faith formation leaders from across the denominational spectrum.

“This is not just another pretty website, though it IS particularly striking from both visual and content standpoints,” said moderator Sharon Ely Pearson, CPI Christian Formation Specialist. “**www.buildfaith.org** is intended to be an engaging, interactive, and motivating community for sharing knowledge and best practices among clergy, lay professionals, and church volunteers from all denominational perspectives.”

The new website “also features a forum for sharing knowledge and best practices, offering practical tools, links, and encouragement,” she continued. “The content is both original and collected from other respected blogs and websites. The site is being updated daily and consistently maintained, ensuring that content is fresh, relevant, objective, and accurate. Our intention is to become nothing less than the premier online community for those involved in faith formation on the local and judicatory level.”

Not only the content, but subscriptions, too, are free on **www.buildfaith.org** which is critical to most educators who often today find themselves being assigned more to do, but with less budget to work with. Visitors can sample any part of the site they wish at anytime; however, only subscribers will be able to actively contribute opinions and ideas via the new website's forum.

Daily postings on **www.buildfaith.org** feature original contributions from a number of educators, academics, professionals, and lay leaders from across the church, including:

- Sharon Ely Pearson—moderator, author of *The Prayer Book Guide to Christian Education*, and a recognized expert in holistic lifelong formation.

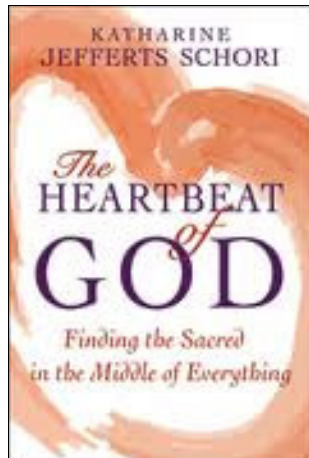
- Paula Hartzell—Resource Center Director for the Interfaith Resource Center located in Wilmington, DE, a member of NOERC, PARC, and LARC as well as active at Grace United Methodist Church in Wilmington.
- Mary Ann Stewart—former President of the Massachusetts PTA and DRE at Episcopal Parish of the Good Shepherd in Waban, MA.
- John Roberto is the president and founder of LifelongFaith Associates, an organization dedicated to nurturing faith growth for all ages and generations in the parish and at home.
- Liz Perraud—Regional Advisor for The LOGOS Ministry and Christian educator at a Presbyterian church in Columbia, Maryland.
- Carolyn Chilton—CREDO faculty member, past president of NAECED and Director of Evangelism & Stewardship at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Richmond, VA.

Complementing the **www.buildfaith.org** are related links for people to follow via Facebook, Twitter and RSS feeds, plus a variety of other links to professional faith-formation resources and organizations.

“Church Publishing is already recognized for its considerable and growing number of online resources for faith formation professionals such as *riteformation*, *Faith and Nature*, *Weaving God's Promises* and *Confirm not Conform*,” said Pearson. “Our venture into this exciting new online community is the next logical step.”

*Founded in 1918 and headquartered in New York City, CPI is the publisher of official worship materials, books, and music for the Episcopal Church, plus a multi-faceted publisher and supplier to the broader ecumenical marketplace. Publishing imprints include Church Publishing, Morehouse Publishing, and Seabury Books. Additional CPI divisions include Morehouse Church Supplies, a provider of church supplies, ecclesiastical furnishings, and vestments, located in Harrisburg, PA; and Morehouse Education Resources, which produces lectionary-based curriculum, faith formation programs, plus e-publishing resources and services, in Denver, CO.*

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### A ROUSING CALL TO ACTION FROM ONE OF THE NATION'S FOREMOST RELIGIOUS LEADERS

**I**mmigration, environmental concerns and lack of proper medical care are just three major issues faced by people around the world each day. Whose job is it to fix these problems? Can communities of faith sit idly by and wait for governments to address the crises threatening society, or is it up to individuals to provide solutions? What responsibilities do people of faith have to help heal this fractured world?

“As Christians—indeed as people of faith of any tradition—we are called to tend to the needs of the least among us,” writes Katharine Jefferts Schori, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, in **THE HEARTBEAT OF GOD: Finding the Sacred in the Middle of Everything** (SkyLight Paths / January 2010 / Hardcover / \$21.99). “Our response to them must be the response of faith. God gives us a new heart to do this work, and every time we gather to do it, God offers a pacemaker jolt to tweak our heart’s rhythm. The challenge is this: will our hearts respond with a strengthened beat, in tune with God’s own heartbeat, sending more life out into the world?”

Explore the connections—as human beings with each other, as one nation with all other nations, as the human species with the whole of the environment—through the lens of faith. Bishop Jefferts Schori examines these connections as she looks at the intersections of faith with the major issues of our day:

- How does faith speak to poverty, climate change, the economy, health care, and what is the faith response?
- How can believers from many faith traditions find common ground while honoring the Divine, serving one another, and creating deeper community?
- How do we best use the resources of faith to connect us to the hearts of our neighbors and to the heart of God?

This is an up-close look at the major secular issues of our day that have profoundly religious roots, and our responsibility to take action as individuals and communities of faith. Jefferts Schori, an inspiring leader in world religion, confronts the most pressing moral and ethical challenges we face today and shows us how our decisions can be—should be—informed by our faith.



**The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori** is the Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church. She is the first female Primate in the Anglican Communion. Prior to her 2006 election as Presiding Bishop, she was the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. Previous to her ordination to the priesthood in 1994, she was an oceanographer with the National Marine Fisheries Service in Seattle. She was also a visiting assistant professor in Oregon State University’s Department of Religious Studies and a visiting scientist at Oregon State’s College of Oceanography. She is the author of *A Wing and a Prayer: A Message of Faith and Hope* and *The Gospel in the Global Village: Seeking God’s Dream of Shalom*.

**Joan Chittister, OSB**, writes the forward to the book. She is an international lecturer and award-winning author of more than thirty-five books, including *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully*. She is founder and executive director of Benetvision, a resource and research center for contemporary spirituality located in Erie, Pennsylvania. She serves as co-chair of the Global Peace Initiative of Women and the Network of Spiritual Progressives.

## Church Divinity School (CDSP) offers more alternatives for ministry training

**C**hurch Divinity School of the Pacific has launched two new alternatives to traditional preparation for ordained ministry. Each program is designed to educate and form people for ministry. Each program takes advantage of technologies that make distance learning effective. Each respects the realities of life for those who are called to ministry, but unable to uproot their lives in order to pursue a 3-year Master of Divinity degree. Each is built upon a summer immersion experience, central to which is learning in a faith community that attends to intentional spiritual formation and maturation.

**HyCAS** (Hybrid Certificate of Anglican Studies) is designed for those who will be ministering primarily in congregational settings. HyCAS students are able to study online and work relatively independently, while enjoying the community formation of the summer intensives. This program begins each summer beginning July, 2011. The two year program of 24 credits (6 credits each unit/2 units each year) costs \$680/credit.

**TEEM** (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) is specifically for those who will minister in under-served communities in rural and urban settings. The program involves local study with a mentor, supervised ministry in the student's own community, and short residential classes in Berkeley each semester as well as the intense learning community of the summer immersion. Applicants to this program must be approved by their bishop, and arrangements for mentors and site supervisors will be made in conjunction with the applicant's diocesan office. Tuition for each year is \$4000.

For more information, contact the diocesan office.

*In the previous issue of ChurchNews was an article on CALL – Center for Anglican Learning & Leadership – offered by CDSP.*

## Diocese ordains priest for cluster ministry

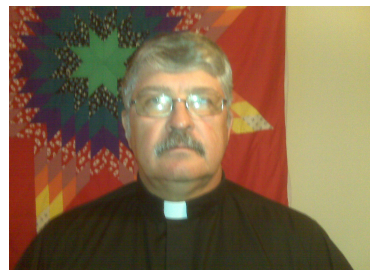
**O**n Saturday, December 18, 2010, Bishop Tarrant ordained **Kim Fonder** of Lower Brule to the order of priest at Holy Comforter/Messiah Church in Lower Brule.

Bishop Tarrant was celebrant and preacher. The two newest deacons, John Keyes and Pat White Horse-Carda, served as Deacon of the Table and Deacon of the Word. The principal presenters of the new priest were The Rev. Liz Powers and Maxine Grassrope.

Fr. Kim was ordained a deacon on June 19, 2010 at Niobrara Convocation, and as a priest will minister and serve in a non-stipendiary role on the Mni Sose Cluster under the supervision of The Rev. Liz Powers. Other churches in the cluster include Christ Church, Ft. Thompson; St. John the Baptist, Crow Creek/Pukwana; and Christ Church, Chamberlain.

Kim was raised up by the cluster community, and he has faithfully and diligently pursued the discernment, education, and training required prior to ordination. He will continue his studies through the Niobrara School for Ministry and other avenues.

Fr. Kim also serves on Niobrara Council, the Commission on Liturgy, and is a Deputy to the 2012 General Convention.



The Reverend Kim M. Fonder

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# Diocesan Calendar

## JANUARY, 2011

Jan 8 NSM, Basic Preaching  
**Jan 9 Mni Sose Cluster**  
Jan 12 UTO grant apps due in dioc office  
Jan 15-18 WinterTalk, Albuquerque  
**Jan 23 Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls**  
Jan 29 Diocesan Council, if necessary  
**Jan 30 Grace, Huron**

## FEBRUARY

Feb 10 *ChurchNews* deadline, Mar/Apr issue  
Feb 12 NSM, Anglican Ethos  
**Feb 13 St. Andrew's, Rapid City**  
**Feb 20 Trinity, Watertown**  
Feb 21 Diocesan Office closed  
Feb 24-27 Bishop at ECCIM meeting  
Feb 25-26 Niobrara Council, Ft. Pierre

## MARCH

MARCH 1 PAROCHIAL REPORTS DUE  
**Mar 6 St. Paul's, Brookings**  
Mar 12 NSM, Episcopal Identity  
**Mar 13 All Angels, Spearfish**

Mar 18-19 Dakota Experience West  
Mar 22-30 House of Bishops

## APRIL

Apr 1-2 Commission on Ministry, Pierre  
**Apr 3 Standing Rock Mission**  
Apr 8-9 Mega Meeting, Pierre  
**Apr 10 Trinity, Pierre**  
Apr 10 *Church News* deadline, May/Jun issue  
Apr 12 Blessing of Oils service  
**Apr 17 Trinity, Winner**  
**Apr 24 Easter at Cheyenne River**  
Apr 30 ECW Spring mtg, Al's Oasis

## MAY

**May 1 Calvary Cathedral**  
May 3-6 Clergy Retreat, Blue Cloud Abbey  
May 6-7 Niobrara Council, Ft. Pierre  
**May 8 St. Matthew, Rapid City**  
**May 15 Emmanuel, Rapid City**  
**May 22 St. Mary's, Mitchell**  
May 23-27 Bishop away



# LOOKING AHEAD

## Bishop Tarrant's Visitation Schedule

January, 2011

9— Mni Sose Cluster

23 — Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls

30— Grace, Huron

February, 2011

13—St. Andrew's, Rapid City

20—Trinity, Watertown

March, 2011

6—St. Paul's, Brookings

13—All Angels, Spearfish

April, 2011

3—Standing Rock Mission

10—Trinity, Pierre

17—Trinity, Winner

24—Cheyenne River Mission

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ECW Triennial Meeting (2012) theme:  
MANY PATHS, ONE JOURNEY



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Jesus in prayer, loving and serving God and our neighbor in Jesus' name.*

The Mission of the Diocese of South Dakota is to restore all people to unity  
with God and each other in Christ through the ministry of all.