



Youth in the Church

St. Andrew's *Good Word* (St. Andrew's, Rapid City) is one of several excellent parish newsletters in this diocese. Their February issue contained reflections by three people on and around the topic of children and young people in church. Some of it is excerpted here.

The Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes' Reflections

Why are you an Episcopalian? I asked this question of our youth group and our confirmands the other night, and it's a good question to think about for all of us.

I am an Episcopalian because

- when I walked into the Episcopal church very many years ago, I felt like I had come home.
- the gifts God has given me as a leader and as a minister are valued.
- something happens that is not of me when I participate in Holy Communion, and in the prayers.
- many people seem to "get" that this is not about how any one of us feels, but it's about who we are together and how God effects healing in the world.
- everyone is welcome, everyone is welcome, everyone is welcome.
- we strive for justice and peace among all

people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

- where two or three are gathered, there is God, and disagreement.

I am at St. Andrew's because

- all people are welcomed and valued, including and especially children.
- we take seriously transformational faith formation.
- this is a little church that makes a HUGE impact on the community through its outreach.

The View from a Pew – Shelli Vallis

Most of you know that the particular "pew" from which I view is actually a chair in the choir section – the best seat in the house. What I have enjoyed most about my view is watching the very young children who are at the altar assisting Kathy and the deacon during Holy Communion.

As the service proceeds, they are learning the Liturgy— some already know all of the words. They hold the basket containing the bread, the Body of Christ— and the cup of wine, the Blood of Christ. They are the first to receive. I won't pretend to know what they think of all of this, but here's what I hope they *feel*:

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All congregations are asked to contribute \$100 to the Hospitality Funds for Niobrara Convocation and for Diocesan Convention.

Send *Convocation* funds to Wilma Patterson, PO Box 590, Ft. Yates, ND 58538-0590.

Send *Convention* funds to 500 S. Main Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814

THANK YOU to the generous congregations who did a part last year to help defray the costs of these two major gathering events in the life of the diocese.

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Grace and Peace to you . . .

Bishop George Young, the newly ordained bishop for the Diocese of East Tennessee, invited me to attend their Diocesan Convention in mid-February. Pat was able to join me as we continued to strengthen relationships with our companion diocese. There was a wonderful spirit at their convention and a lot of enthusiasm around continuing our diocesan companion relationship.

Representatives from many of the congregations in East Tennessee spoke to me about their desire to strengthen relationships with their sister congregations in South Dakota. I heard this over and over again. We are in the process of redoing the “sister congregation” list. If you have a relationship with a congregation from East Tennessee, please, let us know so we can include that in our updated list.

Our youth program on Standing Rock Mission continues to grow. We now have an average attendance of between 50 to 60 teenagers combined at the McLaughlin and Wakpala sites. Through the committed leadership of **Deacon Brandon Maui, Fr. Rob and Jeanne Schwarz**, and other lay support helpers we are seeing the project begin to impact the lives of those who are participating. *(We need only \$15,000 more to complete the matching \$100,000 grant.)*

We are hoping to receive a grant to expand the program to include a tutoring component. We have applied for a grant to enable us to offer a homework and tutoring program on a separate night of the week. We will use the older teenagers and local college students to help children from the school in Wakpala with home-



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

work and to offer tutoring where needed. We believe this will add a strong relational aspect to the program using the traditional value of older young people helping the children. This program will also emphasize the importance of education through action rather than words.

We continue to move forward with our development of the intentional Christian adult community at the Bishop Hare complex in Mission. We are hoping to launch the community in September using the summer months to carefully develop the program. We have also applied for a grant to help support this effort.

Our ministry continues to grow deeper as we embrace the challenges of a changing church and changing world. We are, indeed, faced with many challenges, but we are working diligently to turn each challenge into an opportunity. It is an exciting time to be part of the Diocese of South Dakota.

Please, keep our Diocese and me in your prayers as I keep you in mine.

God’s peace be with you,

+John

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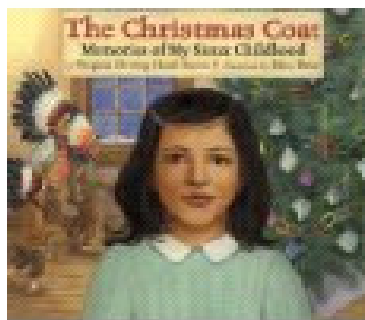
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Sneve book wins award

This year's American Indian Youth Literature Awards, announced during the American Library Association's (ALA) January 20-24 meeting, honored, among other titles, *The Christmas Coat: Memories of My Sioux Childhood* (Holiday House, 2011) by **Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve**, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, illustrated by Ellen Beier, in the picture book category.

Based on Sneve's experiences growing up, it tells the story of a chilly little girl wishing for a new winter coat on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota.



The children's book award was created as a way to identify and honor the very best writing and illustrations by and about American Indians. Nominated titles in each category represent the best in American Indian books for children and youth. Books selected to receive the award will present American Indians in the fullness of their humanity in the present and past contexts.

The First American Indian Library Association American Indian Youth Literature Awards were selected and presented during the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color at Dallas Texas in 2006. Winners were chosen in three categories: picture book, middle school, and young adult.

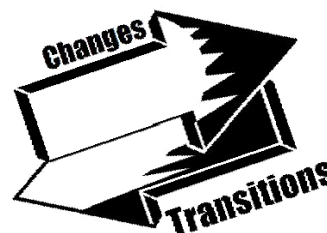
The awards were created "to identify and honor the very best writing and illustrations by and about American Indians, Alaska Natives, Canadian First Nations and Native Hawaiians. . . The winning and honorable mention titles authentically convey the past and present of the American Indian experience," the AILA said in a statement.

THINKING AHEAD . . .

Positions to be filled by election at Diocesan Convention

Standing Committee

- 1 Presbyter for 4 year term (expires 2016)
- 1 Lay for 4 year term (expires 2016)



The Reverend Margaret Watson, and her husband the Reverend S.B. Joel Watson, have arrived in Eagle Butte on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. Rev. Margaret has answered the call to be the Priest in Charge of the Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission.

Margaret was born and raised in Berkeley, California, married Joel in 1981 in New York City, and they have been "bi-coastal" – living on the east and west coasts for the past thirty years. Joel was born in Toronto, Canada, raised in Tidewater Virginia, joined the Society of Saint Francis (Episcopal). Margaret was ordained Deacon in the Diocese of Oregon and Priest in the Diocese of San Diego. Joel is canonically resident in the Diocese of Long Island.



The Rev. Margaret Watson

Margaret has most recently served as Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal in Richmond, Virginia for the past six years. During her tenure at St. Mark's in addition to her parish ministry, Margaret developed a Spanish language service, served on the Board of

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Transitions . . .

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Feild's Home for Girls helping at risk teen girls in Virginia, and as a volunteer Chaplain at Richmond City Jail. Previous to her service at St. Mark's, Margaret served as Assistant Rector and School Chaplain at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Palm Desert, California.

Margaret and Joel are both grateful to have been called to South Dakota and to the Cheyenne River Reservation. They have been delighted at the welcome they have received and are settling in comfortably, looking forward to learning more about their new home and the Lakota culture, and meeting the persons and families of the many communities of Cheyenne River.



The Rev. Christina O'Hara began as part-time curate at Calvary Cathedral on Feb 1. Mother Christina was ordained a priest in December, and her assignment at the Cathedral, besides being a period of formation for her, "will spread her ministry over the entire congregation and provide her with a full range of experience as a worship leader at Calvary," said Dean Simpson.

She will continue her duties as High School Youth Group Leader for the joint Sioux Falls area Episcopal Youth Group. She will also have a role in pastoral care and the emergency on-call rotation for the Cathedral. For two Sundays a month, she will focus on the noon service with Tio-spaye Wakan; the third Sunday she will lead worship at the 8:00 and 10:00 services. This schedule will allow her to experience the distinct liturgical styles of each service, and also allow her some freedom to do some supply work.



Christina also continues as parent and to serve at Good Shepherd, SF, and as a spiritual counselor.



Holy Name reopens

Christmas services were held at Holy Name Episcopal Church on the Lower Brule Reservation this past December for the first time in 30 years.

This little church is located 22 miles south east of Ft. Pierre, SD, on Highway 1806. Though closed several decades ago, the building has been maintained by the tribe. When a critical mass expressed interest in holding services again in the church, the building and Fr. Kim Fonder were both ready. Fr. Kim currently holds services at Holy Name about once a month.

There are 33 congregants in the picture above, and three families had already left for home when the picture was taken.

- article & photo thanks to Fr. Kim Fonder

Pierre purls & prays

Knitters and crocheters from across the USA have come together to support the 2012 Special Olympics USA Scarf Project, sponsored by Red Heart Yarn. Handmade scarves, all in the official colors of Navy and Cherry Red, will be symbols of unity, support, compassion and empowerment as the Special Olympics athletes, coaches, families, volunteers and supporters wear them with pride.

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The idea for a scarf project resulted from an opportunity to provide a gift of welcome for the athletes of the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games held in Boise, Idaho. A call for 5,000 blue and white scarves went out: by Games time nearly 60,000 had arrived from every US state and twelve countries around the world!



In 2011, the Scarf Project spread its wings and went national. If all forty participating states meet their individual goals for 2012, there will be over 41,000 members of the Special Olympics family wrapped in love and encouragement symbolized by these scarves.

Trinity Pierre's Prayer Shawl Ministry is participating in the project for the first time this year, and has contributed 19 to South Dakota's requested 900 scarves. These will be worn at South Dakota's 2012 Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament (Team, Unified, and Skills) to be held in Yankton on March 9 and 10. Trinity's group hopes to participate every year; the 2013 scarf colors will be announced in April, allowing plenty of time to knit and crochet.

Bishop visits congregations

Part of the duties of a bishop is to visit each congregation in the diocese at least once in three years.

Bishop Tarrant manages to visit most congregations each year, all in 18 months. He is on the road in the diocese 3-4 Sundays a month. On the "off" Sundays he may be at the House of Bishops, the College of Bishops, General Convention, at our companion diocese or a national meeting, or on vacation.



On December 18, 2011, Bishop Tarrant visited Grace Church, Huron where he confirmed 6 young acolytes and 3 adults. Confirmed were Donika BJORKE, Patrick Burns, Jessica Hotchkiss, Henry Rubish, Matthew Voss, and Nikolas Voss. Jonathan Erdman, Evelyn Reints, and Lynette Steen were received.



Bishop Tarrant blesses the congregation at St. James, Belle Fourche at the end of the service on January 29. His visits often include a potluck lunch, like the one pictured below in Belle Fourche.



**2011 PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE
As of January 31, 2012**

	Pledge	Paid To Date	Balance	ChurchNews	Paid To Date	Balance
PARISHES:						
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	30.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,363.00	3,363.00	0.00	110.00	110.00	0.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	230.00	235.00	(5.00)
Deadwood - St. John's	5,950.00	5,950.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	0.00
Huron - Grace	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	225.00	225.00	0.00
Lead - Christ Church	6,332.00	6,332.00	0.00	170.00	170.00	0.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	1,625.00	1,625.00	0.00	110.00	110.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00	65.00	65.00	0.00
Pierre - Trinity	15,893.00	8,600.00	7,293.00	55.00	55.00	0.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	45,096.00	45,096.00	0.00	290.00	290.00	0.00
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	28,991.00	28,991.04	(0.04)	330.00	330.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Calvary	61,192.00	61,192.00	0.00	1,005.00	1,005.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00
Spearfish - All Angels	26,896.00	26,896.00	0.00	290.00	290.00	0.00
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	5,137.00	5,137.00	0.00	95.00	95.00	0.00
Watertown - Trinity	8,605.00	7,887.88	717.12	210.00	224.62	(14.62)
Winner - Trinity	4,244.00	4,244.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Yankton - Christ Church	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00	445.00	445.00	0.00
TOTAL PARISHES	282,024.00	274,013.92	8,010.08	3,875.00	3,764.62	110.38
Bonesteel - St. Andrew's	600.00	600.00	0.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
Chamberlain - Christ Church	2,299.00	2,299.00	0.00	110.00	112.38	(2.38)
Cheyenne River Mission	675.00	675.00	0.00	420.00	305.00	115.00
Crow Creek Mission	1,866.00	1,866.00	0.00	175.00	175.00	0.00
DeSmet - St. Stephen's	30.00	30.00	0.00	5.00	10.00	(5.00)
Flandreau - St. Mary's	1,320.00	1,320.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	0.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	2,904.00	2,904.00	0.00	70.00	70.00	0.00
Gettysburg - Christ Church	400.00	400.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00
Gregory - Incarnation	653.00	653.00	0.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
Herrick - All Saints	399.00	399.00	0.00	20.00	20.00	0.00
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	3,239.00	3,239.00	0.00	195.00	195.00	0.00
Lake Andes - St. Peter's	159.00	0.00	159.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
Lower Brule Mission	2,188.00	0.00	2,188.00	40.00	0.00	40.00
Madison - Grace	1,918.00	1,918.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
Martin - St. Katharine's	3,725.00	3,725.00	0.00	205.00	205.80	(0.80)
Milbank - Christ Church	2,689.00	2,689.00	0.00	65.00	65.00	0.00
Pine Ridge Mission	893.00	987.20	(94.20)	265.00	251.25	13.75
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	2,600.00	2,600.00	0.00	115.00	115.00	0.00
Rosebud Mission	7,283.00	6,442.00	841.00	310.00	310.00	0.00
Santee Mission	2,268.00	2,268.00	0.00	95.00	95.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	5,745.00	5,745.00	0.00	85.00	85.00	0.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	800.00	800.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00
Sisseton Mission	2,400.00	1,600.00	800.00	35.00	35.00	0.00
Standing Rock Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.00	123.71	6.29
Vermillion - St. Paul's	9,240.00	9,240.00	0.00	180.00	180.00	0.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00
Yankton Mission	892.00	892.00	0.00	130.00	130.00	0.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	58,385.00	54,491.20	3,893.80	3,015.00	2,763.14	251.86
TOTAL PARISH AND MISSIONS	340,409.00	328,505.12	11,903.88	6,890.00	6,527.76	362.24

Women's Retreat dates set

The annual Women's Retreat at Thunderhead Episcopal Center (TEC) is set for July 27-29.

The Rev. Karen Anderson and the **Rev. Deacon Marty Garwood** will lead the retreat this year.

Karen has participated for the past several years and is a priest in Gering/Scottsbluff, NE. Marty is a deacon at St. Andrew's in Rapid City and active in the state ECW and the Black Hills chapter of the Daughters of the King.

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend. Further information about registration will be coming out soon.

PROVINCE 6 ECW MEETING IN OMAHA APRIL 25 AND 26, 2012

The Episcopal Church Women of Province 6 will begin their 2012 meeting with dinner at 6 pm Wednesday, April 25, in Omaha, Nebraska. The annual ECW board meeting will be called to order by President Sandra Squires of Nebraska on Thursday morning, April 26.

This year the churches of the Province will convene on Thursday afternoon at 1 pm. Those interested are invited to attend all meetings. Elizabeth Campbell is Secretary for the ECW Provincial Board and will be attending. Anyone interested in going may contact Bonnie Walker at 605-787-5701 or Elizabeth Campbell at 432-247-1061.

Episcopal Church Women Scholarship Application 2012

Instructions

1. Submit an application form containing the following information:
 - Your name
 - Home address
 - Telephone numbers and email address

- College, University or Technical School (with address) that you plan to attend
 - Proposed plan of study or major
 - Church membership (name and address of home congregation)
 - Church activities
2. Write a letter describing your educational goals and how the scholarship will help you achieve them. Mail it with the application form to the chair of the scholarship committee at the address below. You may e-mail this also.
 3. Ask your priest, deacon, senior warden, or a long-standing member of your parish or mission to write a letter of recommendation for you and send it to the chairperson at the address below.
 4. Ask one other person not related to you – a member of your parish or mission, or a high school counselor or teacher, or an employer – to write a letter of recommendation for you and have him or her send it to the chairperson at the address below.
 5. Be sure the letters of recommendation include the person's full name, address, relationship to you, and their telephone and email contact information.
 6. **Deadline for submission of materials is June 1, 2012.** Scholarships will be announced in July and will be published in the following issue of *South Dakota ChurchNews*. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the college or university that you will be attending, to the office that you select. For questions or additional information, please contact:

Sandra Magnavito, M.Ed.
Scholarship Chair, EWC
1305 Kings Road
Rapid City, SD 57702

605-348-1678
(leave a message if there is no answer)

Or e-mail: ahedlupus@aol.com

Niobrara School for Ministry Registration

Mail this information to:
Pat Woolley, NSM Registrar
590 W. 9th
Winner, SD 57580-2406

Or—Call her @ 605-842-2033

Or—Email her: dsdnsm@me.com

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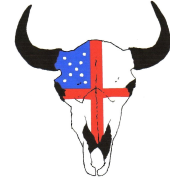
Questions?

Contact Archdeacon Paul Sneve
@ 605-381-2018
or paul1@rushmore.com

Schedule Niobrara School for Ministry 2011-2012

*Contact Pat Woolley to register
(dsdnsm@me.com).
(605-842-2033).

NIORBARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY



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March 16-17, Rapid City

Dakota Experience

Exploration of Lakota history,
language, culture, theology, and challenges.

6 pm Friday—3:30 pm Saturday
(2 days = \$30)

June 3-8, Thunderhead Camp

*(Different fee schedule applies to Summer
Seminary. See form on page 9)*

Summer Seminary will be a real treat this year
with the Very Reverend Ward Simpson, Cal-
vary Cathedral, teaching a class on the **"Use of
the Hymnal in the Church."**

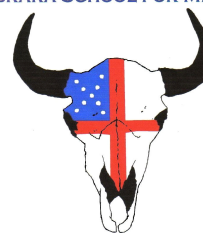
Dean Ward along with Diane Van Den Oever,
the Organist from Calvary Cathedral, will teach
us how to use all the resources of the Hymnals
(English and Lakota.) A special guest instructor
will help with the Lakota Hymnal.

Time will be taken to learn how to lead congre-
gational singing with or without an organist
and how to select hymns for any occasion.

■ The family of **The Most Rev. Walter Jones** has estab-
■ lished a trust in the Diocese of South Dakota to provide
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■ Barnhardt in the Diocesan Office if you have questions
■ regarding the provisions of this fund or if you wish to
■ apply for support.
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Application for Niobrara Summer Seminary 2012

NIORARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY



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(A separate form should be filled out for each student.)

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(Please write "General Delivery" if that is how you receive mail.)
3. City, State, Postal Code _____
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5. Alternate phone numbers (indicate cell/work/fax)

6. E-mail address _____
7. Tribal Affiliation _____
8. a) Home congregation _____
b) City & State _____
9. Expenses (check all that apply & enclose a check for the total amount):
 - Tuition: \$50** (required for ALL students)
 - Room and Board: SuperTent, double occupancy: \$200
 - Room and Board: SuperTent, single occupancy: \$250
 - Room and Board: Cabin, double occupancy: \$175
 - Meals Only: \$100

\$ _____ Total
10. Date of application _____
11. Signature _____
(Please have guardian sign if applicant is under 18.)

Registrations should be mailed to:

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Winner, SD 57580-2406
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Questions:?

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CAMPUS MINISTRY TRIP

This May, over Memorial Day Weekend, the Taizé Community in France begins a series of regional American meetings. The object is to strengthen the faith of young people across all kinds of boundaries.

One of the elements of the Taizé experience that is so powerful is the experience of not being alone; you can go from being one of two or three young adults in your home church to a church filled with hundreds, if not thousands of young people from diverse cultural and theological backgrounds. The gathering in Chicago will make this unity felt—young people will gather from all over the country, from many different churches, and spend 3 days together in prayer, conversation, and fellowship.

As a diocesan ministry to young adults, we will be chartering a bus from Sioux Falls to Chicago to make the weekend a possibility for young people across denominations, from all over our state.

St. Paul's, Vermillion recently donated \$2000 toward the bus. Thank you for this great example of commitment to Young Adult/Campus Ministry! Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!

We will have students from USD in Vermillion, SDSU in Brookings, Augustana in Sioux Falls, Black Hills State in Spearfish, School of Mines in Rapid City, and Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates. Please contact Rita Powell if YOU are interested in going or if you know of someone who might want to go!



More information can be found at http://www.taize.fr/en_article12737.html

YOUTH CONVENTION

Living Generously: 2012 Diocesan Youth Convention

This year, thanks to some inspiration from a workshop at Diocesan Convention, we are going to try something new for a state-wide youth convention. We will all* meet the same weekend, April 21-22 from noon to noon but at six locations around the Diocese!

*the Black Hills location at St. Andrew's in Rapid City and the Central location at St. Peter's, Ft. Pierre will hold their portion of the convention on the previous weekend (April 14-15).

The theme for the event is "Living Generously." Making use of an intersection between Lakota and Biblical values, we will see six different takes on this central theme of faithful living. Each site's event is imagined and organized by a leadership team from the area, tailored to the needs and gifts of that area.

We will be unified by sharing the time that we gather, by our posters and invitations, and by T-shirts for the event. Using technology, we will have a late-night internet rendezvous where all the sites can "virtually" be together. And we will get to see the different ways we can imagine Living Generously.

The six locations are:

- Trinity, Watertown (April 21-22)
- Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls (April 21-22)
- Christ Church, Red Shirt Table (April 21-22)
- St. Peters, McLaughlin (April 21-22)

- St. Peter's, Ft. Pierre—held April 14-15
- St. Andrews, Rapid City—held April 14-15

Stay tuned as details develop - ask your local priest or youth leader for more info, and look for event details on Facebook!

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

TEC 2012: Youth Camp Schedule

June 18-23: Middle School Confirmation Camp
 June 24-30: High School Camp
 July 5-8: 5th / 6th and Family Camp

All three camps will feature a program emphasis on music. We have special guest Michael Smith, a celebrated organist / choirmaster and music teacher for middle and high school youth with us next summer. Our head counselor will be TEC veteran and our own seminarian Portia Hurney. Michael Two Bulls of Red Shirt, Pine Ridge hopes to be at camp, and plans to share his gifts as an accomplished artist. This is all part of the wonderful lineup of prayer, fun, faith, and the natural beauty of camp. Mark your calendars!

Registration materials will be out soon.

ALLELUIA!

During each Easter Season, the people of this diocese have an opportunity to celebrate our life together and our common mission and ministry by donating to THE ALLELUIA FUND.

THE ALLELUIA FUND aims to develop Thunderhead Episcopal Camp (TEC) as a part of the diocesan vision and focus on ministry to youth of this diocese.

THE ALLELUIA FUND will put TEC on a solid foundation—to equip our young people for the work of ministry, to establish TEC as a self-sustaining ministry, to diversify and expand TEC’s resources for ministry, and to enhance TEC’s facilities. Funds donated will help build the TEC Endowment Fund.

Consider a pledge of \$1.00 a day for the 50 days of Easter—or more per day—or an amount for the whole year!

Give through your church’s offering or send it directly to the Diocesan Office. Mark offerings for THE ALLELUIA FUND.

DO YOU SUPPORT TEC??

Not too many years ago when there were serious conversations about the future of an unused portion of the TEC property, an outcry in support of the camp was loud and sustained. Bishop Tarrant promised that none of the TEC property would be sold while he was bishop. Part of that decision was based on land preservation and a desire to protect the sacredness of the Black Hills, but he also heard from many of you how important TEC was to the life of our Diocese. Now the time has come for you to demonstrate the importance of TEC.

GET YOUR KIDS TO CAMP!

Maintaining TEC and preparing for camp sessions takes a LOT of resources—time, money and staff investment. We do not want to allocate resources to TEC if it is not touching the lives of our children and youth. For the ministry of TEC to be effective we need campers!

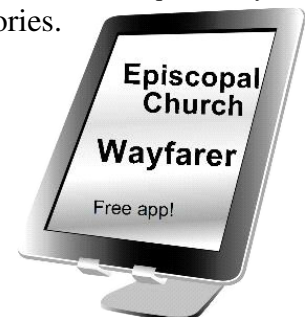
So please, if you value the ministry of TEC, then take responsibility for getting kids in your area to camp!

There’s an app!

The Episcopal Church Office of Communication has launched its first iPad app, Wayfarer.

Available as a free, quarterly iPad app downloadable at iTunes (<http://publicaffairs.createsend1.com/t/r/1/drlhqd/xllkrmyd/h/>), all the content can also be viewed in an Internet browser (<http://publicaffairs.createsend1.com/t/r/1/drlhqd/xllkrmyd/k/>) or <http://WayfarerStories.com>.

Wayfarer features compelling stories told through video, photographs and words.



Young people in church . . .

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- that they are important members of this community, not just tolerated; we're not just waiting for them to "grow up" into their roles as full members of the Body of Christ.
- that they have abilities beyond even their own expectations.
- that they are trusted with *things and moments* of great value.
- that "church" is a place where they are a vital part of every moment of prayer, praise, joy and sorrow.
- that we miss them when they are not with us every Sunday.
- that this is a place where they are safe and loved.

Here's the best part: We are all God's children—no matter what our stature or chronological age. We are all perfectly able to be fully functioning members at any time. We are safe, loved, welcomed and missed. We will all have moments of caring for others and moments when we need care. We will be the light for someone walking in great darkness and we will walk beside someone who can carry the light for us. We will stand shoulder to shoulder at the table with a whole bunch of imperfect, but perfectly loved, people of all ages—and we will leave renewed, strengthened and forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Deacon Marty Garwood:

I often hear folks comment about how different the world is today than it was when they were children. As a child of the 1950's, I have to agree. I am also a child of the Episcopal Church. And yes, the church is also a very different place now than it was when I was growing up. As children, we were excused during the middle of most services to go downstairs for Sunday school. Needless to say, not being able to participate in that adult activity of Holy Communion was enough to convince this child that something very special was taking place.

I am sure that there were rules and guidelines about being an acolyte. But whatever those were, they didn't apply to me. I was only a girl after all, so there was no room for me to serve in the church. I was well advanced into my adult years before I was in-

vited to serve as an acolyte at an Ash Wednesday service here at St. Andrew's. I don't know if Father Hibbert was aware of how moved I was by that invitation and experience.

I want to thank all of you at St. Andrew's for allowing our children to live into a ministry of serving at the altar. Yes, we may all cringe on occasion when they don't stand still or a head is laid down on the altar cloth for a moment. Sometimes it may even seem a little chaotic when we have a number of small bodies to work around. But one thing is for sure, the children don't feel excluded from participating. And they learn with practice, and the rough edges are smoothed.

Children often are not as self-conscious as we adults. There have been times that I have envied the freedom of the children who minister at the altar with us. What a gift to feel the joy of being within the Sacred and to be able to express that joy with a quick whirling dance!

And what a gift it is to be a deacon among all of you who encourage and support the ministries of one another – no matter where they might fall on the age spectrum. And by the way, there is no upper age limit to be an acolyte. Jan Laitos was in his 80's the first time he served as an acolyte. Just like the children, you are invited to join us at the altar.



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Use 1 cabin or more for a minimum donation of \$30 per night per cabin.

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The Bishop's Cabin at Camp Remington

Bring your own: bedding or sleeping bags, blankets, towels, food and beverages, and lighting - fluorescent lanterns, propane lamps, Coleman lanterns with fuel, etc.

Episcopal services at the quaint Chapel of the Transfiguration on Sundays in July through Labor Day at 10:30 a.m.

FOR RESERVATIONS - Call Randy Barnhardt at 605-338-9751

Check the diocesan website for available dates.

FOR INFORMATION - Call Tony Gonsor at 605-673-2205

(<http://www.diocesesd.org/Camp%20Remington.htm>)

GRACE HAPPENS

Building St. Luke's, Iron Lightning

It probably wasn't who you might pick to build a church in six weeks – twelve college age kids, a brand new deacon, and a couple of priests, most of them with no building skills or experience. However, that's who God sent to Iron Lightning community on the Cheyenne River Reservation in the summer of 1958.

Kris Olson from Seattle was one of those volunteers. Kris and I were in touch with each other that summer through the U. S. Mail, and two years later we were married.

Most of the group arrived just in time to attend Niobrara Convocation at Lower Brule. From there they moved into the vicarage in Dupree with Fr. James Rice, the vicar of St. Philip's. They cooked and ate in the church basement but there was no running water so the dishes were washed in the vicarage. One young woman from Iron Lightning was a member of the work camp and lived with the rest in Dupree. The group leader was Bill Crews, a brand new graduate of seminary in Berkeley, California and also a newly ordained deacon from the diocese of Oklahoma.

Fr. Rice and Fr. Jim Marrs, priest in charge of St. Luke's, both worked on the building also.

Each day the campers drove out to Iron Lightning in a VW bus and a car. People from the community came to watch and then to help, especially some of the young people. People in both Dupree and Iron Lightning brought them food and prepared whole meals for them.

On their third day at the site the Holy Eucharist was celebrated with an altar made of a pile of cement blocks and a board. Slowly at first, the 40 by 20 foot building began to rise up – first the cement block foundation, then the frame for the floor, then the sub-flooring, and then the walls. Siding and windows were next and then the roof and the sheet rock on the inside of the walls.

People from the Dupree and the surrounding area dropped by the vicarage to meet these young people who, instead of getting paid, had themselves paid for the privilege of coming to build a church on the Cheyenne River Reservation.

The campers saw how people, whether local residents or those just passing through, came to the church for help of one kind or another. The six weeks flew by.

Toward the end of their time, when it was clear that they would get the church pretty much finished and usable by the time they left, they took a weekend off to tour the Black Hills, and several young people from Iron Lightning went with them.

Finally they reached their last Sunday and the church was ready for worship. The people gathered outside in a circle around the front door. Prayers were said and they all processed in, filling the church as they sang a hymn. Fr. Marrs celebrated Holy Communion with Bill the deacon preaching. It was a wonderful culmination of the summer's work and all the relationships that had been built.



In a letter to me Kris described what happened at the end of the service. "Afterwards, all the Indian people went out first & stood in a line & then we did the same. They came and shook hands with all of us, kids and all. I'm telling you, this really shook us up, & many of them had tears in their eyes. Quite a few of us, including myself were sobbing before we got thru. It was so emotional; it was hard to separate the tears from laughter. It's the hardest to say goodbye to the Clowns & Dupris because we've been closest to them. It makes me feel so humble to see how much the love of God is among these Indian people. What a small thing it is to give a summer's work to see the love of Christ in the Christian family. I wish I could do more here. Maybe there will be an opportunity, God only knows."

In the over eight years that Kris and I lived and worked on the Rosebud Reservation Kris was able to do more in various ways. The best came in 1970 when she began a Christian Children's Fund program on the Rosebud Reservation that enrolled 800 children. Through this program they received vouchers three times a year to purchase new clothes and supplies for school.

It is truly amazing what a volunteered summer can do.

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Diocesan Calendar

MARCH

Mar 1 Parochial Reports Due
Mar 4 All Angels, Spearfish
Mar 15-21 House of Bishops, Camp Allen
Mar 23-24 Mega Meeting
Mar 25 Trinity, Pierre; Sts Philip & James, White River

APRIL

Apr 1 Trinity, Winner/Holy Spirit, Ideal
Apr 10 *ChurchNews* Deadline
Apr 11-14 Bishop at meeting in Cincinnati
Apr 14-15 Youth Convention (RC & Ft. Pierre)
Apr 15 Calvary Cathedral
Apr 20-22 Standing Rock Mission
Apr 21-22 Youth Conventions in 4 locations
Apr 23-26 Clergy Retreat, Blue Cloud Abbey
Apr 26-28 Prov 6 meeting, Omaha
Apr 27-28 COM meeting, Pierre
Apr 29 Christ Church, Milbank

MAY

May 6 St. Mary's, Mitchell
May 7-19 Bishop in Israel
May 20-25 Bishop's meeting in North Carolina

JUNE

Jun 1-3 TEC Work Weekend
Jun 3 St. John's, Deadwood
Jun 3-8 Summer Seminary, TEC
Jun 10 Christ Church, Lead
Jun 14-17 Niobrara Convocation, Ft. Yates
Jun 18-23 Middle School Camp
Jun 24 Christ Church, Yankton
Jun 24-30 High School Camp

JULY

Jul 5-8 Grade 5/6 & Family Camp
Jul 5-12 General Convention, Indianapolis
Jul 22 Bishop visits Red Shirt Table
July 26-Aug 5 Bishop's vacation
July 27-29 Women's Retreat, TEC

Sep 7-8 COM Meeting, Pierre
Sep 21-22 Diocesan Convention, Pierre
Oct 12-13 Planning for Tomorrow Conference



Applications now accepted for scholarships from the Episcopal Church

[February 14, 2012] Applications are now being accepted for the 2012-2013 awarding of more than 60 scholarships from the Episcopal Church.

Scholarships are available for ethnic communities, children of missionaries, bishops and clergy, and other particular wide-ranging eligibility for education and training.

The list of trust funds and scholarships is here or <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/scholarships> Applicants are strongly encouraged to read each trust and identify in the application those trust funds that best fit their own profile.

All materials including the application form and the instructions for filing are available online here or <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/scholarships>

Process

Applications are reviewed by scholarship subcommittees comprised of representatives from throughout the Church. Their recommendations are then reviewed and announced by the Scholarship Committee of the Episcopal Church.

Funding for the scholarships is derived from numerous trust funds. The amounts of the scholarships vary according to the availability of payouts from

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the funds. Annual payouts from the funds are determined by the Executive Council upon recommendation of its Investment Committee. Principal amounts of each fund are always maintained.

Deadline for applications is April 16. Only complete applications will be considered.

Requirements

Requirements for applying for the scholarships include: the applicant must be an Episcopalian, must be a member of the Episcopal Church, and must have the endorsement of his/her bishop.

For information contact Terry Foster, Mission Office Associate, tfoster@episcopalchurch.org .

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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.