



## New Guild Hall in McLaughlin

**S**t. Peter's Church in McLaughlin has a nice worship space and a small kitchen, but they needed more room . . . for youth gatherings, for Sunday School, for wakes and meals, for gathering of the women who quilt and build community, for storage. The church aisles just couldn't hold it all.

In 2012 they applied for and received a UTO grant in the amount of \$65,000.00 for a Guild Hall.

For almost a year they searched for a contractor in the McLaughlin area and also explored various options, including purchasing a "governor's house" and moving it to McLaughlin.

Then John Red Bear, Senior Catechist (McLaughlin and Firesteel), saw Brian Thunderhawk of Thunderstaff Construction working in the Ft. Yates area. He stopped to visit with him and asked if he was interested in constructing a guild hall next to St. Peter's Church. Mr. Thunderhawk had just recently launched his own construction business and was eager to take on the job.



On October 30, 2013, the members of the mission and congregation recommended that Mr. Thunderhawk be awarded the contract to construct the building. Making a few small changes in the original proposal, it was agreed that Thunderstaff Construction

would construct a 35' X 40' hall, connected to the church by an enclosed walkway.

The total cost of the contract would be \$71,000, paid for as follows:

UTO grant	65,000.00
St. Peter's	3,000.00
Diocese of SD	3,000.00

The work began in November, 2013 with prep work for the foundation.

Some delays were experienced because of storms, cold weather, and the availability and delivery of materials, but they were very close to the target completion date of Easter Sunday when this issue went to print.



The bishop and staff also collected monetary donations, and on Wednesday, April 16, Barney delivered 6 folding tables and 24 chairs to the new

St. Peter's Guild Hall.



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**T**his past Easter Day many of us heard read the resurrection story from the Gospel according to Matthew. In that story we were told that Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, after an angel let them know that Jesus had been raised, *“left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy.”* And this is before Jesus actually appeared to them. They were filled with *“fear and great joy.”* All of the accounts of the risen Jesus have one thing in common; those who experienced him had mixed emotions.

It is no surprise that the two Marys are filled with great joy; they had encountered the one who loved them because of who they were and despite who they were. Jesus offers unconditional love. Now this does not mean that he does not expect anything from us or that we are not held accountable to some degree for our actions. Love invites expectation and accountability, as well as forgiveness and acceptance. We are filled with joy in the presence of Jesus because we know that his love transcends everything. As St. Paul would say to the faith community in Rome, *“nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Why were they filled with fear as well as joy? Well, confusion and uncertainty can certainly cause fear, but maybe there is something else going on, too. If Jesus can conquer death; if a relationship with Jesus gives us the power to overcome death, at least eternal death, then how much of life that drags us down, that stands in the way of hope and wholeness, could be overcome by a relationship with Jesus?

If *“God’s power, working in us, can (actually) do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,”* (Eph. 3:20) then we had better stop making excuses as to why we are not living God’s will on earth as it is in heaven. If Jesus can say from the cross, *“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do,”* then



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

God’s working in us ought to be able to empower us to forgive those who have offended us or let us down. If God’s power working through the disciples, who denied and abandoned Jesus when he needed them most, can inspire them to overcome their failures and fears to lead a movement that would change the world, then God certainly can enable us to move past our disappointments and inadequacies to live as a people of vision and hope. God’s power, working in us, can actually change us, (now, that can be scary!) it can free us, and it can make us whole.

What about the world in which we live? Well, if the power of God working through Jesus can enable the disciples to feed 5,000 plus with five loaves and two fish, then God’s power should be able to help us figure out how to feed the hungry within our country and around the world with the over 130 billion, yes billion, pounds of food that is wasted each year in United States alone. If the power of God working through Jesus can move him to heal the foreigner (Canaanite woman’s daughter, (Mt 15:21ff), then God’s power working in us should motivate us to seek ways to provide accessible health care to all the citizens of our own country. And if God working through Jesus can cause him to reject violence as he declares to his disciples,

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## Niobrara Convocation updates

Dates: June 26-29, 2014

Place: Our Most Merciful Savior  
Santee, Nebraska

Guests: Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev.  
Katharine Jefforts Schori  
President of the House of Deputies, the  
Rev. Gay Jennings

Hospitality Donations (\$100/church) to:  
2014 Niobrara Convocation  
Hospitality Treasurer  
Janet Johnson  
PO Box 686  
Wagner, SD 57380

The Santee Annual Pow Wow is being held the same weekend. Because of this, Niobrara Council has asked that there be NO vendors at Convocation.

During Convocation—

1. The names will be read of Episcopalians baptized and buried since last Convocation. Please send your church's list to
  - Diocese of South Dakota  
500 S Main Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
  - office.diocese@midconetwork.com
2. New or renewed Ministry Licenses will be distributed. The renewal forms will be sent to congregations shortly.

## Diocesan Convention Preview

1. **Positions Open**, to be elected:  
Standing Committee  
1 Clergy (priest or deacon), term exp 2018  
1 Lay, term exp 2018
2. **Pre-Convention Deanery Meetings (PCDM)**  
These meetings are a chance for delegates and any other interested persons to review and

discuss the 2015 Diocesan budget and any resolutions submitted by then. They are also an opportunity for Deaneries to gather separately for any deanery business.

### PCDM Schedule

#### **WEST**

Sat, Sept 6, 2:00 pm, St. Luke's, Hot Springs  
1915 Washington

#### **CENTRAL**

Sat, Sept 13, 2:00 pm, Trinity, Pierre  
408 N Jefferson

#### **EAST**

Sun, Sept 14, 4:00 pm, St. Paul's, Brookings  
(3:00—separate meetings of East and North-east Deaneries)  
726 Sixth Street

### **3. Picnic**

Again this year, an It's Great To Be An Episcopalian Picnic will kick off convention. From 11:30 am—1:00 pm in Steamboat Park (on the river across from the Ramkota), brats and burgers will be served. Please join us and bring a side dish to share. Everyone is invited!

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Delegates can then relax, check in, register, and grab a little supper at the opening reception. As before, there will be TWO buffet lines with DIFFERENT menus, so feel free to check out both. There should be something for everyone.

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**REMEMBER:** In January 2011 the Diocesan Council asked each congregation in the diocese to give \$100 per year toward the Convention Hospitality fund to help cover the cost of the Friday supper. Checks can be sent to the Diocesan Office

*The reception had long been a host expense, made more expensive and logistically challenging when the convention settled in a central location. Your church's donation helps provide a meal instead of hors d'oeuvres.*



## Brotherhood of Christian Unity

**A** reorganizational meeting was held in Pierre, SD on October 26, 2013. The purpose of the meeting was to bring members and other interested parties together to decide if the reestablishment of the BCU organization was feasible. With the people in attendance it was decided to go forward to reorganize. A follow-up meeting was held on November 23, 2013 and officers were elected.

Election results are as follows:

President: Joseph Ashley  
Vice-President: Terry Quilt  
Treasurer: Roger Campbell  
Secretary: Corrie Ann Campbell  
Director: Webster Two Hawk  
Director: Pat LeBeau  
Director: Don Eagle

The priority of the B.C.U. is regaining our nonprofit status with the State of South Dakota. We will be filing the necessary paperwork for incorporation. We also want to file with the I.R.S. to regain our 501(c)3 status that lapsed. We are setting up a business account at a Pierre bank to handle our funds.

The Constitution and By-Laws were revised to broaden our membership qualifications. We are a nondenominational organization that is open to both men and women of any race. The one qualifier is that members must believe in "the Almighty, Everlasting God; Father, Son and the Holy Ghost."

We decided that the yearly dues for this first year will be \$10.00 to help defray the costs of reorganization. We welcome any donations to help our cause and are grateful for the generous donations to date.

## What is the B.C.U all about ?

The purpose of the BCU is to oppose what is evil and to help what is good, "*Till we all come in the unity of the faith*" (Ephesians 4:13). It is the only organization, at the time, ever started by Native Americans with a starting date going back to 1873 when 3 Dakota Yanktons, David Tatiyopa, 21; Felix Bronut, 20; and Phillip DeLoria, 19, first formed the group. The BCU has evolved over the years to become non-denominational and recently to allow women as members, and people of any race can join.

We are dedicated to helping people of all races as the Lord leads us. We all believe that this organization can still follow its original intent, but broadening the scope of its members fits into "unity of the faith" so well. More to come.

*Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38*

## Where We Are Going

We are currently meeting every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, except for December, at 11:00 AM at the St. Michael's building which was formerly a church but now has been remodeled into living quarters and a meeting space. Our meetings include a meal that is home cooked by our members with fabulous cooking skills.

We consider ourselves the General Branch of the B.C.U. and hope to see local branches develop on every reservation as it once was and also in many cities across this state and beyond. We have talked about various projects that we are considering participating in and will continue to plan for future projects after we get our structure set up. It is our hope to bring in new members from across this state to help spread the love that God has shown us and assists in areas where He leads us to better help our fellow man and in the process bring his believers together in fellowship.

Since this is a grass roots organization, we hope to have a website constructed soon to put us on the world wide web. In the meantime, we will be putting

up a group site on Facebook for members to join and be able to communicate with announcements, encouragements, and other postings to help our organization.

*“I have shown you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35*

We welcome donations and will be fundraising to operate as we tackle the projects that will come to us. If you have more questions then please feel free to contact us through the email address listed . Thank you and God bless you and your families.



Brotherhood of Christian Unity  
P.O. Box 7019  
Pierre, SD 57501

We meet monthly at the St. Michael’s Building in Pierre, SD located by PILC.  
Mobile: 605-295-4319  
E-mail: hightower762@msn.com

*From the Dec 2013 B.C.U. BULLETIN*

*We are a non-profit corporation and a grass roots organization dedicated to helping better mankind as the Lord leads us to serve Him. We believe the call for unity of faith is very important so that God is glorified.*

## Episcopal Church Women offer Scholarships

The Diocese of South Dakota ECW is offering three (3) scholarships of \$500 each for the 2014-2015 academic year. This scholarship money may be used for the purchase of books or partial payment of tuition and fees at any South Dakota University or College or Technical Institute. The money will be sent directly to the college Finance office.

The applicant should indicate whether she is a full-time or part-time student. She must be an active member of any Episcopal Church or Mission within the South Dakota Diocese. Non-traditional students are encouraged to apply.

Application forms are available at the Diocesan website under Episcopal Church Women's Link. <https://www.diocesesd.org/ministries/episcopal-church-women/>

The packet includes:

- ECW Scholarship Guidelines
- Instruction sheet
- ECW Scholarship Application

- Proposed plan of study  
NOTE: "Proposed Plan of Study" should be a composition typed on a separate sheet of paper. This should also explain your need for this financial assistance.
- Two cover letters to be filled out by the persons writing their letter of recommendation. Each one should be sent to the Chair of the scholarship committee.

You can submit your application and essay by e-mail. The clergy are allowed to email their letters of recommendations. However, the other recommendation should be mailed via US post office.

**DEADLINE IS JULY 30, 2014!  
ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Sandy Magnavito, M.Ed., Chair  
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Rapid City, SD 57702  
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E-mail address: ahedlupus@aol.com


A very special thank you to all who have supported TEC and our young people in recent months.


Because of your generosity, the Adopt-a-Cabin campaign and TEC Sunday both received a wonderful response. Between pledges and actual donations, we are now able to repair the cabins, making them more efficient, as well as to provide extra scholarships for campers.


But it's never too late to give:

We are still accepting donations for scholarships so that everyone can come to camp!

I will support TEC and our youth by:

 Sponsoring a camper for \$150.00

 Contributing \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the TEC endowment

 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Send payment to:  
Thunderhead Episcopal Camp  
Diocese of South Dakota  
500 S. Main Ave.  
Sioux Falls SD 57104-6814

### Work Weekend coming soon!

Official Work Weekend is May 30<sup>th</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup>.

We need your help to get TEC ready for the summer season.

Bring your tools and your friends for a weekend of work, prayer, fun, and fellowship.

Let us know if you plan on coming!

[youth.diocese@midconetwork.com](mailto:youth.diocese@midconetwork.com)



### Come to Camp!

We promise fun, faith, friends, and fellowship!

Come and experience more of God's amazing love in the Sacred Black Hills.



Campers will be guided by an all-star staff including:  
Chris Soukup

- Cassie Boettcher    Miranda Marks
- Joe Skinner        Kennen Block
- Taylor Andrade    Mikalya Dunfee
- Kyle Hawk Bear    Tom Emanuel

You don't want to miss it!



Thunderhead Camp  
605-584-2233 (June—Aug)  
[camp.diocese@midconetwork.com](mailto:camp.diocese@midconetwork.com)

## Diocese of South Dakota 2014 Summer Youth Camps

**B**e a part of the excitement of camp at Thunderhead Episcopal Center this summer! We will sing and laugh and explore and pray in the rich beauty of this remote area of the Black Hills. Without a doubt, you'll make unforgettable memories and lifelong friends.



Thunderhead Episcopal Center Youth Camps are open to all young people throughout South Dakota. No matter where you come from or where your faith is, *you are welcome*. Please fill out and return this form so we can prepare to welcome you this summer!

Send this form & payment to: **TEC Registration,  
500 South Main Ave.,  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104**

Questions: Contact the Rev. Portia Corbin at  
[youth.diocese@midconetwork.com](mailto:youth.diocese@midconetwork.com) or 605-280-4927.

*Calvary Cathedral will provide transportation to/from all three camps from Sioux Falls and at pre-arranged stops along I-90. Please check the "Transportation" box on the registration form if you will need a ride. **Sign up by May 1st to ensure your spot!** Call the Cathedral with transportation questions: (605) 336-3486.*

### Camp Schedule

#### High School Camp • Sunday, June 15–Saturday, June 21

Make unforgettable memories and lifelong friends as you explore God's work in the world, in this beautiful, peaceful setting. Hikes in the woods, artistic opportunities, and music around a campfire is guaranteed. Open to all entering grades 9-12, and those who have just graduated high school.

**Cost: \$150 per person**

#### 5th & 6th Grade and Family Camp • Sunday, June 22-Wednesday, June 25

**For those entering 5th & 6th grade:** Build memories around hiking into the woods for an outdoor Eucharist, plunging into the cold waters of Spearfish Creek, and telling stories around a campfire—all while building your faith.

**Family Camp:** Start a tradition of camp with your family. You'll have your own space, all meals are provided, and the cost is unbeatable. Open to all families and kids of any age, especially elementary-aged kids. A great way to introduce your kids to camp!

**Cost: \$100 per person or \$250 per family.**

#### Middle School/Confirmation Camp • Sunday, June 8-Saturday, June 14

Open to all who are entering grades 7-8. This session will have all the camp fun you could want AND it will give you what you need to know about being confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Come explore our Baptismal Covenant and learn about God's amazing work!

**Cost: \$150 per person**

## Registration Form

All about YOU, the Camper; your Parents; & your Health

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

I am  Male  Female

My birth date is: \_\_\_\_\_

My address is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

My e-mail is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Parent or Guardian is: \_\_\_\_\_

Their phone is: \_\_\_\_\_

Their e-mail is: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are they who we should call in an emergency?** If not, please list someone else:

**Please tell us about your health:**

Do you have any dietary restrictions, allergies, or restrictions on activities?

**• If you take medication of any kind:** Please attach a list of medications with instructions as to the time and dosage for administering them. Medications need to be in their original containers and will be turned over to camp staff upon arrival.

**• Please attach a copy of Camper's insurance card, Medicaid card, or IHS number!!!**

**PARENT/ GUARDIAN RELEASE**

The health history for this child is correct to the best of my knowledge. This child has permission to attend camp and engage in all activities, except as noted above. If I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Camp Director or Nurse to hospitalize, secure treatment, and to order injections, anesthesia, or surgery for my child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/ Guardian Signature and Date

**\*\*\*Once you send us your registration form, check your mail for confirmation and for transportation and other camp info!**

### Cost of camp

**T**he Diocese of South Dakota feels strongly that its youth should have the opportunity to experience the sacredness of the Black Hills within the community of their peers in the church. We want you to come to camp! **No one should feel they can not go to camp because they don't have the money.** The Diocese subsidizes the operations and staffing of its youth camps to keep the camper fees down.

**Check which camp you'll attend:**

- Family Camp: \$100 per camper, \$250 per family
- Middle School: \$150
- High School Camp: \$150

*Camper fees include room and board, all activities.*

**Check one:**

- I will need a full scholarship to come to camp.
- I will need a partial scholarship for camp. I can contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_
- I do not need a scholarship to come to camp.

### Transportation

- I would like a ride to camp.

### What you need for camp

**Please circle which one describes you!**

- I need/ I have a sleeping bag and pillow.
- I need/ I have towel and toiletries.
- I need/ I have clothes for outdoor activities.
- I need/ I have shoes for outdoor activities.

**Behavior Expectations:**

When you come to camp, you will be asked to sign a behavior contract that applies to all Diocesan Youth Events. No drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or anything that can be considered a weapon are to be brought to camp. Camp is a place of spiritual community and renewal. Because of this, we will ask you to turn in all cell phones and ipods, mp3 players, electronics so you can be present during your camp time. We will also insist that you refrain from inappropriate sexual or violent behavior while you are here. And, of course, to be respectful of everything here.

You should also know that completion of registration grants permission to use photos of you, taken at camp, for publicity purposes. Smile! 😊



## Niobrara School for Ministry Registration

Mail this information to:

Diocese of South Dakota  
NSM Registrar  
500 S. Main Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814

Or—Call @ 605-338-9751

Or—Email: office.diocese@midconetwork.com

Or—www.diocesesd.org to register and/or to make payment with a credit card.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering for:

\_\_\_ Dakota Experience (Rapid City) (\$30)

\_\_\_ Church Polity and Administration (Pierre) (\$15)

FEES: \$15 per day toward meals & materials

Payment method: \_\_\_\_\_

### Schedule Niobrara School for Ministry 2014

NIORRARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF  
SOUTH DAKOTA

June 20-21, Rapid City

#### **Dakota Experience**

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

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

May 17, Pierre

#### **Church Polity and Administration**

(\$15)

June 1-6, Thunderhead Camp

#### **Summer Seminary – Ethics & Moral Theology**

*(Different fee schedule and registration applies  
to Summer Seminary. The form is available on  
page 10.)*

Questions?

Contact Archdeacon Paul Sneve

@ 605-381-2018

or paul.diocese@midconetwork.com

\*class dates and times are subject to change due to weather or other issues. We'll try to keep you advised if we can contact you, but if you are in doubt, check with Archdeacon Paul or the diocesan office.

Niobrara school for Ministry is offering the following classes this spring. Further information as well as fees and registration forms can be found in this issue of the Church News or online at: [www.diocesesd.org/ministries/](http://www.diocesesd.org/ministries/)

## Niobrara School for Ministry

### Church Polity and Administration

Pierre, May 17 from 9:00—3:00

This class is part of the Niobrara Curriculum and meets the Church Polity canonical requirements for ordination, though all are invited to attend. Fr. David Hussey will lead this class drawing from his experience as a Parish Priest and Canon to the Ordinary. Besides discussing basic canonical guidelines for congregations, Fr. David will provide participants with a greater understanding of roles of the Laity and Clergy in Church Administration.

### Niobrara Summer School

June 1-6 at Thunderhead Camp

Dean Ward Simpson will return to Summer Seminary with an introduction to Ethics and Moral Theology. This course is part of the Niobrara Curriculum and seeks to provide participants with useful tools to engage ethical dilemmas so as to understand all influencing and contributing factors especially with what God offers us in Scripture, Tradition and Reason.

**\*\* Please read ahead of time: *The Christian Moral Life: Practices of Piety*" by Timothy Sedgwick (either 1999 or 2008 edition) \*\***

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**These courses are designed to help fulfill or supplement the academic requirements for ordination, but they are not limited to those persons in the ordination process. Anyone interested is welcome! Many courses are also good for continuing education.**

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## SUMMER SEMINARY REGISTRATION

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Or—[www.diocesesd.org](http://www.diocesesd.org) to register and/or to make payment with a credit card.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s \_\_\_\_\_

Registering for: Course Name SUMMER SEMINARY

Expenses - Check all that apply and send check for total amount (or pay online) before class

Tuition: \$50 (Required of ALL students)

Room & Board:

SuperTent, single occupancy: \$250

SuperTent, double occupancy: \$200

Cabin, double or multiple occupancy: \$175

Meals Only: \$100

Payment method: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hi! My name is **Willie Lutes**, many of you may know me very well, and others of you may have never met me or heard of me, but someone you know knows me. I want to let you know about the **Young Adult Service Corps (YASC)**, let you know a little about me, and ask for your assistance in sending me to my Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) placement in Cape Town, South Africa!



A little about me and my mission—I have grown up in the Episcopal Church and followed my mom, the Reverend Kathy Monson Lutes, along with our dad, Rick, and my brother Tom, from church to church and to and from seminary. I am a member at St. Andrew's in Rapid City; however, I am also currently living in Minneapolis during this odd transition period post college. Last spring I graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN with a BA in Biology.

When I was approached with the application for YASC, I knew it was what I wanted to do, I have never felt so right and confident about an application, ever. Just watching the promo videos, I had goosebumps. It was a feeling that this is what I need to be doing this year. I invite you all to watch those videos as well at <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/young-adult-service-corps>.

Part of the reason I feel so connected already is the mission of YASC. I love how Grace Flint put it in the video, "the concept that you go to be with people... just to be." It is a 12 month period in which I have the opportunity to give my talents and devote myself to a piece of the global mission of the Episcopal Church. I realize this experience will not be a magic cure for me to know exactly what I will be doing for the rest of my life, but I am definitely looking forward to the opportunity to center myself, and become closer to what it means to be me, and

better know what my role is in the chaos of the world. I am no stranger to global travel as well; I am looking forward to all the new experiences, friends, and connections I will make along the way. This will be one of the most challenging years of my life to date, but I am confident the skills I bring and growth I hope for can guide my experience.

My specific placement is working with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, which incorporates the countries of South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia, Angola, and Mozambique, while supporting the Anglican Communion Environmental Network (ACEN). The Anglican Church of Southern Africa is one of the biggest supporters of YASC,

and has become a perennial receiving province for YASCers. ACEN is a great fit for me, as it will utilize my passion and knowledge of conservation and sustainability, and I bring an ex-pat and servant viewpoint to work with a culture different than our own.



According to the website, the mission of ACEN is "to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the earth." I also was attracted to a statement released to Anglicans worldwide and friends of creation, expressing support for "a world which promotes justice and harmony for all and hope for future generations." I urge you to take a look at the ACEN website as well, <http://acen.anglicancommunion.org/>.



So where do you fit into this? I hope everyone feels like there is a place for them in my placement. I am looking to fundraise a minimum of \$10,000, a figure given to me by the Mission Personnel Office of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, an administrative branch Episcopal Church. When I meet our goal, the Church Office gives \$10,000 as well, from their donors and previous fundraising efforts done by other volunteers.

Where does that donation go? I will be given airfare to and from my placement, health, dental and life insurance while I am overseas, a \$500 stipend monthly for living expenses, and \$1,000 on my re-

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turn to get back onto my feet once I return to the United States. I hope that you will choose to support me for a certain period of time, one day will take about \$28, one week about \$192, for one month with a donation of \$833, or another figure which you feel fitting.

It is my vision, that along with a donation, you can feel like it is an investment into the mission I will serve. Whether or not you feel you can donate money at this time, I ask for your prayers for me and for the mission of the Young Adult Service Corps. I would like the community of the Episcopal Church, and wider, to come together to support sustainability on a global level and to feel connected to my experience. If you are not Episcopalian or Anglican, I pray that you may see the wider good and impact I hope to have, outside of the church as well as in the larger community. In order for me to be better connected to you, I will keep a blog during my period of mission. If you wish, please follow my experiences through this medium. I have set up a blog with the address [willieyasc.blogspot.com](http://willieyasc.blogspot.com).

If you wish to donate to, please go the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota website, <https://www.diocesd.org/donations/> and in the comment area write Willie Lutes.

The donated funds will be forwarded to YASC toward my placement, and your gift will be tax-deductible.

If you wish to send a check, please send it to The Diocese of South Dakota, 500 S. Main Avenue, Sioux Falls SD 57104, and in the memo line write Willie Lutes.

Thank you.

If you have any questions or complications please reach out to me ([willie.lutes@gmail.com](mailto:willie.lutes@gmail.com)) or St. Andrew's ([soosan910@yahoo.com](mailto:soosan910@yahoo.com) or 605-343-4210)



### June 5 – World Environment Day

World Environment Day is presented on June 5 every year by the United Nations Environment Program. It is a widely observed global day for positive environmental action.

#### Opportunity:

Awareness is growing that caring for the earth is an essential part of the human vocation. We are called in our Marks of Mission to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of our earth. There are many examples of how changing our habits, purchases, and actions can have a far-reaching impact on environments all over the world. Consider talking about ways your congregation has changed in order to sustain God's earth, programs you might work on that positively impact the environment around you, and urge others to remember that God made the earth and we must protect and care for all the creatures that walk among us.



**2014 PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE**  
**March 31, 2014**

PARISHES:	Pledge	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance	Churchnews	Payable To Date	Paid To Date	Balance
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	12,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	10,000.00	60.00	15.00	0.00	60.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,938.00	984.50	986.00	2,952.00	100.00	25.00	100.00	0.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	12,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	9,000.00	195.00	48.75	0.00	195.00
Deadwood - St. John's	3,911.00	977.75	977.76	2,933.24	100.00	25.00	24.99	75.01
Huron - Grace	15,000.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	11,250.00	195.00	48.75	48.75	146.25
Lead - Christ Church	5,748.00	1,437.00	1,437.00	4,311.00	100.00	25.00	100.00	0.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	2,000.00	500.00	500.01	1,499.99	70.00	17.50	70.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	1,927.00	481.75	0.00	1,927.00	30.00	7.50	0.00	30.00
Pierre - Trinity	9,000.00	2,250.00	1,625.00	7,375.00	115.00	28.75	0.00	115.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	44,466.00	11,116.50	11,116.50	33,349.50	340.00	85.00	0.00	340.00
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	32,344.00	8,086.00	8,195.53	24,148.47	180.00	45.00	180.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Calvary	60,738.00	15,184.50	15,184.50	45,553.50	1,005.00	251.25	265.11	739.89
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	14,000.00	3,500.00	3,501.00	10,499.00	35.00	8.75	0.00	35.00
Spearfish - All Angels	27,223.00	6,805.75	27,223.00	0.00	300.00	75.00	300.00	0.00
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	4,668.00	1,167.00	0.00	4,668.00	105.00	26.25	0.00	105.00
Watertown - Trinity	100.00	25.00	0.00	100.00	80.00	20.00	0.00	80.00
Winner - Trinity	4,290.00	1,072.50	1,072.50	3,217.50	90.00	22.50	90.00	0.00
Yankton - Christ Church	21,500.00	5,375.00	3,583.34	17,916.66	320.00	80.00	52.84	267.16
<b>TOTAL PARISHES</b>	<b>274,853.00</b>	<b>68,713.25</b>	<b>84,152.14</b>	<b>190,700.86</b>	<b>3,420.00</b>	<b>855.00</b>	<b>1,231.69</b>	<b>2,188.31</b>
Chamberlain - Christ Church	3,200.00	800.00	799.98	2,400.02	125.00	31.25	31.26	93.74
Cheyenne River Mission	1,336.00	334.00	700.00	636.00	365.00	91.25	90.00	275.00
Crow Creek Mission	2,080.00	520.00	100.00	1,980.00	210.00	52.50	0.00	210.00
Flandreau - St. Mary's	1,200.00	300.00	0.00	1,200.00	60.00	15.00	0.00	60.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	1,800.00	450.00	1,800.00	0.00	60.00	15.00	60.00	0.00
Gregory - Incarnation	500.00	125.00	500.00	0.00	50.00	12.50	50.00	0.00
Herrick - All Saints	252.00	63.00	84.00	168.00	70.00	17.50	30.00	40.00
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	7,050.00	1,762.50	1,175.00	5,875.00	155.00	38.75	0.00	155.00
Lower Brule Mission	2,201.00	550.25	0.00	2,201.00	40.00	10.00	0.00	40.00
Madison - Grace	2,161.00	540.25	750.00	1,411.00	35.00	8.75	35.00	0.00
Martin - St. Katharine's	4,200.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	3,150.00	200.00	50.00	50.01	149.99
Milbank - Christ Church	3,000.00	750.00	727.50	2,272.50	90.00	22.50	0.00	90.00
Pine Ridge Mission	2,185.00	546.25	662.95	1,522.05	315.00	78.75	69.00	246.00
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	2,300.00	575.00	576.00	1,724.00	120.00	30.00	30.00	90.00
Rosebud Mission	4,628.00	1,157.00	760.75	3,867.25	350.00	87.50	0.00	350.00
Santee Mission	1,818.00	454.50	0.00	1,818.00	140.00	35.00	140.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	85.00	21.25	0.00	85.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	500.00	125.00	0.00	500.00	60.00	15.00	0.00	60.00
Sisseton Mission	2,620.00	655.00	0.00	2,620.00	60.00	15.00	0.00	60.00
Standing Rock Mission	920.00	230.00	342.00	578.00	160.00	40.00	70.00	90.00
Vermillion - St. Paul's	4,000.00	1,000.00	1,002.00	2,998.00	150.00	37.50	150.00	0.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,453.00	363.25	0.00	1,453.00	45.00	11.25	35.00	10.00
Yankton Mission	861.00	215.25	350.00	511.00	175.00	43.75	100.00	75.00
<b>TOTAL MISSIONS</b>	<b>50,265.00</b>	<b>12,566.25</b>	<b>11,380.18</b>	<b>38,884.82</b>	<b>3,120.00</b>	<b>780.00</b>	<b>940.27</b>	<b>2,179.73</b>
<b>TOTAL PARISH AND MISSIONS</b>	<b>325,118.00</b>	<b>81,279.50</b>	<b>95,532.32</b>	<b>229,585.68</b>	<b>6,540.00</b>	<b>1,635.00</b>	<b>2,171.96</b>	<b>4,368.04</b>

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“all who take the sword will perish by the sword,” (Mt 26:52) even when his own life is in danger, then why are we largely silent over the 15,000 murders that take place each year in this country, and silent in the face of State-sponsored violence through the instrument of capital punishment? All of these are complex issues worthy of addressing in the light from our relationship with Jesus.

If the Resurrection is real, if Jesus did indeed raise from the dead, (I believe it is and he did) then what is holding us back from being the “people of God”? Jesus told his disciples, “very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will do the works that I do and, in

fact, will do greater works than these....” (Jn 14:12) Jesus came to “bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favor.” (Lk. 4:18b) Maybe it is time that instead of singing “How Great Thou Art” we should show the world how great God in Christ is by the way we live and move and have our being. The Kingdom of God has drawn near and it is not revealed through political posturing or political parties, but through following Jesus.

Alleluia, Christ has risen!! I say this with fear and great joy....

+John

*PRAYERS FOR BLESSING OF HEALING HANDS*

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries, the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The hands are then anointed with oil with the following prayer:*

Bless, O Lord these **hands** that they may bring healing to all they touch. May God, who formed these hands, guide them to bring the healing touch of life to all to whom they minister.

**Final Prayer**

Bless these persons with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience and grant wisdom for the many tasks that these hands will do. Guide those blessed to a greater realization of their own sense of calling as caregivers in this place. In Christ's name we pray. **AMEN.**

*Adapted from the US Navy  
Provided by the Diocesan Commission on Liturgy & Music*

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**The Cedar Breaks**      A poem by Archdeacon Paul Sneve

The prairie rolls towards the horizon but then  
the Cedar Breaks  
slices the land into patches of strength and comfort concealing

the bones of elders gone back into the soil within  
the Cedar Breaks  
marking blue green streaks across the snow reminding us

of the continued life of the land running in the gullies of  
the Cedar Breaks  
hiding deer and hungry coyote.

One gazes across the miles to the sun setting over  
the Cedar Breaks  
casting shadows gently stretching to the dark violet sky

as we shrink relative in size to  
the Cedar Breaks  
seeming large and small depending on where we stand.

My warm home calls me away from the crisp cold beauty of the ending day but  
the Cedar Breaks  
always calls me back and gives voice to the ancestors whose blood still flows in my veins.

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# Diocesan Calendar

## MAY

May 2-3 Niobrara Exec Council, Santee  
May 3 ECW Spring Meeting, Al's Oasis  
**May 4 Bishop visits Spearfish**  
**May 10-11 Bishop visits Rosebud Mission (W)**  
**May 12-16 Bishop away at Conference**  
May 17 Church Polity & Admin Class, Pierre  
**May 18 Bishop visits Mitchell**  
**May 24-25 Bishop on Standing Rock Mission**  
May 26 Diocesan Office closed  
May 30-1 TEC Work Weekend  
**May 31 Ordination in Rapid City (tentative)**

## JUNE

**Jun 1 Bishop installs Rector, Emmanuel, RC**  
Jun 1-6 Summer Seminary, TEC  
**Jun 6-8 Bishop visits Navajoland Convocation**  
Jun 8-14 MS/Confirmation Camp, TEC  
Jun 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Jul/Aug issue)  
**Jun 15 Bishop visits Lead**  
Jun 15-21 High School Camp, TEC  
Jun 17-21 Province VI Conference in Sioux Falls  
Jun 20-21 Dakota Experience, Rapid City  
**Jun 22 Bishop visits Deadwood**  
Jun 22-25 Grade 5-6/Family Camp, TEC  
**Jun 26-29 Niobrara Convocation, Santee**

## JULY

Jul 4 Diocesan Office closed  
Jul 12 Diocesan Council  
**Jul 13 Mni Sose Cluster (tentative)**

## AUGUST

**Aug 3 Bishop visits Red Shirt Table**  
Aug 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Sep/Oct issue)  
**Aug 24 Bishop visits Winner & Ideal**

## SEPTEMBER

Sep 1 Diocesan Office closed  
Sep 5-6 Commission on Ministry  
**Sep 7 Bishop visits Hot Springs**  
Sep 6, 13, 14 Pre-Convention Deanery Meetings  
**Sep 14 Bishop visits Rosebud Mission (East)**  
Sep 26 Picnic! In Pierre  
Sep 26 -27 Diocesan Annual Convention

## OCTOBER

**Oct 12 Bishop visits Emmanuel, Rapid City**  
Oct 13 Diocesan Office closed  
**Oct 19 Bishop visits Pine Ridge Mission**  
Oct 25 Diocesan Council  
**Oct 26 Bishop visits Sturgis**



### What is an Ember Day?

**E**mber Days, from the Latin "Times" are four times throughout the year that are set apart for prayer and fasting.

Ember days are observed during each of the four seasons of the church year. The first falls between the third and fourth Sundays of Advent. The Second between the first and second Sundays of Lent. The Third between Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, and the Fourth follows Holy Cross Day.

JUNE 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Historically, clergy were often ordained on Ember Days. Presently, Ember Days are set aside as a special time of prayer and reflection for those in the ordination process. While all people may fast and pray on Ember Days, those in the ordination process are particularly urged to set some time aside for prayer during these days.

Similarly, the Canons of the Church state that those in the ordination process should write to the Bishop during Ember Days, reporting on personal and spiritual development.

If you are in the ordination process, don't forget to write to the Bishop on Ember Days!

Upcoming Ember Days in 2014 are:

- June 11-14
- September 17-20

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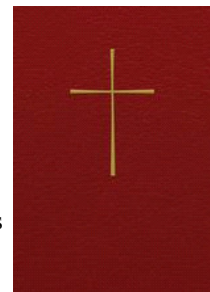
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