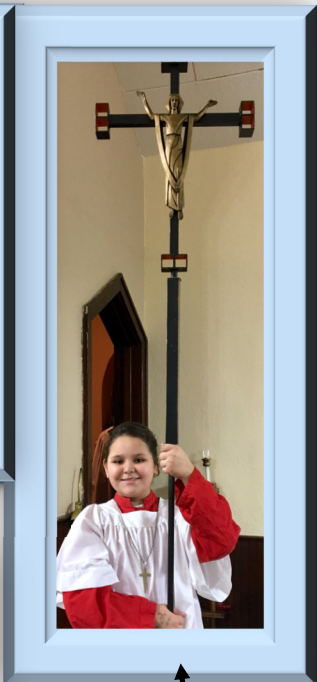




## Christmas 2017 around the Diocese



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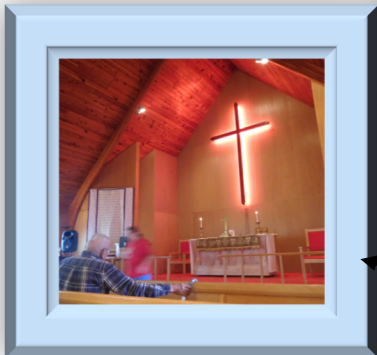
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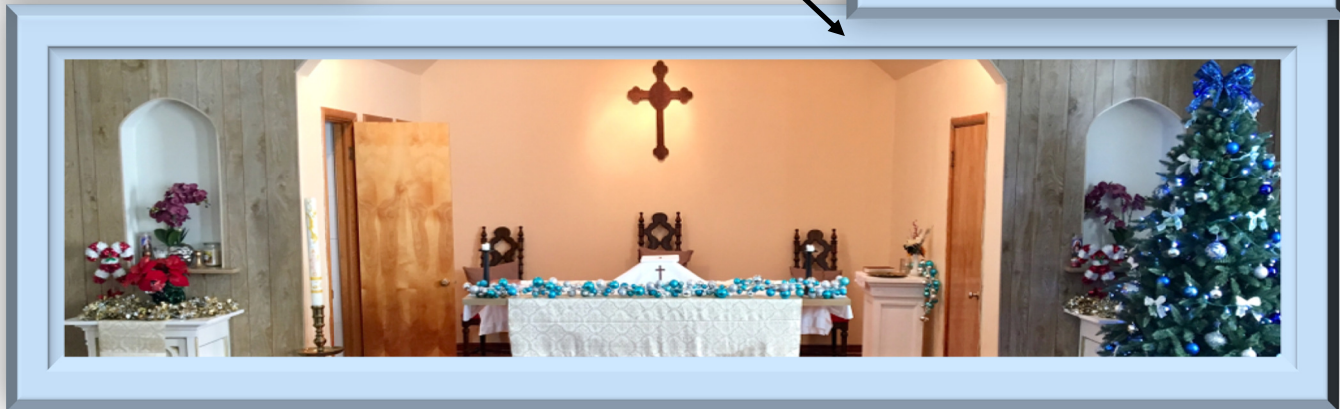


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St. Michaels, Batesland

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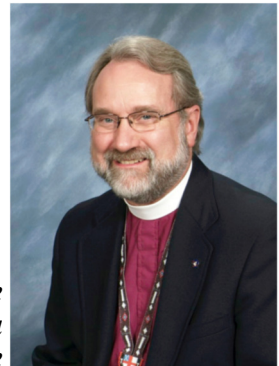
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The Right Reverend John T. Tarrant

Sermon preached January 7, 2018 on the  
Feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus  
Christ

*Based on: Genesis 1:1-5, Acts 19:1-7,  
Mark 1:4-11*

***“In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.”***



The Hebrew word translated as “wind” is ***‘ruah’*** the same word used for spirit. So the Spirit of God moved over the earth even at creation.

It was that same Spirit of God that descended on Jesus and proclaimed him as God’s beloved. In fact John the Baptist claims that Jesus will be the conduit for the Holy Spirit. John says, ***“I have baptized you with water; but he (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”***

In the early church the Holy Spirit played a prominent role. From the conception of Jesus, his baptism and the empowerment of his disciples the **Spirit** was part of the believers experience with God. And so, when we get to our reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Paul is amazed when he comes across the disciples in the region of Ephesus that have ***not even heard of the Holy Spirit.***

Baptism was seen as an outward sign of acknowledging one’s sins. John the Baptist and apparently Apollos also, brought people to the conviction that their lives needed to be changed. After repenting of the wrongs they had done they would be baptized as a mark of the new direction their life would be taking. Baptism as a sign of repentance is still part of our tradition.

Jesus commissioned his disciples to go into the entire world baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Baptism would, also, be used as an outward sign of a commitment to Jesus. Baptism as a sign of initiation into the Jesus movement is still part of our tradition.

Forgiveness and initiation both are part of what we understand in baptism. Baptism is full initiation into the Christ’s Body, the Church. There are no partial members of the church. Baptism is the rite of incorporation.

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**Saturday, October 14, 2017, St. Andrew's Rapid City Celebrated 60 years of Mission and Ministry** with a sung Eucharist, celebrated by Bishop John Tarrant, The Rev. Marty Garwood, Deacon and Fr. Hal J. Weidman, Rector. The service was followed by a delicious catered meal in the parish hall which included a special slideshow presentation and a booklet of memories.



**Mrs. Sally (Gerald) Paulson**, current member of St. Andrew's, was present for the evening celebration and was especially honored for being part of the original group of founding families in 1957.

The evening was truly a time of celebration for a fledgling Sunday school (47 children and 23 adults) on the west side of Rapid City, which soon grew to be a worshipping community of young families during the "baby boom" generation which sparked unprecedented growth in many denominations.

Bishop Gesner, presiding Bishop of SD at the time, said St. Andrew's would be an appropriate name, as he is described as the apostle who went forth seeking others for the Christian movement.

As a special tribute to the founding families, the hymn and tune from the 1940 Hymnal "*Jesus Calls Us*" was sung during Holy Communion---containing the verse dear to many "San Andreans":

*"As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for His dear sake."*



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You may not be an active member or a practicing member, but you are still a member.

*“The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble.”* BCP

The waters of baptism are rich in symbolism. Our prayer book tells us *“Over it [the waters] the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it God led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ.*

*Through the waters of Baptism we are buried with Christ in his death. Through these same waters we share in his resurrection. We, too, are reborn by the Holy Spirit. We are cleansed from sin and born anew.* These are all words from our baptismal liturgy. As a sign of this in the early church you would strip away your old clothes before you were baptized and then put on a new white robe after baptism.

But because we are so civilized about our baptisms, we usually simply pour or sprinkle a little water over the recipient's head. This “neatness” can sometimes cause us to miss the power of Baptism; which is the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. Baptism is mystical, not magical.

In today's busy world, we often don't do much preparation of the candidates, their families or sponsors for this new *way of life* into which they are being born. Sometimes this is for pastoral reason, but whatever the reason, we often we get in return that which we have expected, nothing. Baptism becomes getting a child “done” instead of getting a child “begun” on a life with Christ.

Baptism is the sign that we embrace the Christian life. We publicly proclaim ourselves to be Jesus followers, kingdom bearers. It is not fire insurance, or hedging our bets, just in case this God thing is for real. Baptism is the mark of new birth. It is the opening of ourself or our child to receive the Holy Spirit; to receive the power to witness to, and live a new life; a God centered life, a hope filled life, an empowered life.



The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness by word and deed to God's intent for humanity and all of creation. When we receive the Holy Spirit we are **empowered** to forgive even when we would rather hold a grudge. We are **empowered** to seek the forgiveness of God and those we hurt when faced with our own brokenness.



We are **empowered** to seek help when afflicted by that which keeps us from being whole; like addiction, depression, obsession, anger, illness, or whatever it is that keeps us from being fully who God calls us to be.

We aren't always cured, but we are given the strength *to accept those things that we cannot change and change those things we can.* We are **empowered** to reach out to the poor, the powerless, and the vulnerable even when we are among the poor, the powerless, and the vulnerable.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are given new eyes to see the difference between what the world values and what God values. We are given ears to hear the cries of those who suffer. We are given hands to reach out in love to others. We are given the ability to follow the way of our Lord Jesus; the way that leads to life, the way that leads to wholeness. We are given a community of faith, the church to support us in the journey.

The Holy Spirit given to us in baptism enables us to live as children of God. We should not take it lightly, we should expect no less than to be transformed and changed and enlivened. This is why St. Paul was surprised by those believers who had never heard of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit in Baptism is God's great gift to those who believe.

+John

### Candy, Nuts and Fruit good sacks.

Thanks again and God bless all the members of Trinity Presbyterian Church from Rochester, MN for donating enough candy, nuts and fruit to fill 500 bags. The goody sacks were distributed to Churches in the Ft. Thompson and Crow Creek communities.

This group from Rochester, MN travels to Ft. Thompson to mow and maintain some of our cemeteries and have been doing this for approximately 9 years. Our sincere thanks and prayers are with the Rochester group of which most are employed at the Mayo Clinic.

The people pictured below are those that helped sack the 500 bags.

Include from left to right:

Rick Voice, Jerry Lytle, Brenda Lytle, Dea Dion, Elliot Powers, Joe Holbus (Rochester), Terry Quilt (Sr. Catechist), Mike Powers, George Grey Cloud, Roland St. John and Red Olson.

Not pictured is Dr. Wes Peterson, Mayo Clinic, coordinator of the program.





The northwest deanery hosts a spiritual retreat.

This past November 4th, at the suggestion and conversation with our bishop, the northeast deanery hosted a spiritual retreat at The Abbey of the Hills.

The clergy met several times, and wanted to put together a retreat that would reflect on our life in the church and society, and would be a time to learn what we can do to help and participate in the church and develop a pattern of personal spiritual growth.

With the bishop's help, we invited the Rev. Canon Robert Two Bulls, from the Diocese of Minnesota, to lead us in our meditations.

Fr. Two Bulls spoke on "Holy Virtues"; The Principals of Christian Living, and "Holy Habits"; The Practice of Christian Living.

Both Mediations brought about good discussion and shared experiences.

The deanery clergy discussed the importance and success of the retreat, and with speaking with many of the clergy and lay who attended, it was decided that we do the retreat again as an annual event in the diocese.



Hello ladies,

As we begin our new year, I hope this finds you with good health and happiness.

I would like to remind you of our Annual Project which is the Diocese of Puerto Rico. Please send your contributions to Cora Koss, Treasurer as soon as you have had your fundraiser. The monies will be sent to Bishop Tarrant who will then send them directly on to their Bishop. Our prayers are with them as they are rebuilding.

The annual dues contributions for each Episcopal Woman in your congregation has been increased from \$3.00 to \$4.00. Annual dues should be sent to Cora Koss. Any donations for support of the work the women of ECW are greatly appreciated.

We are still making plans to attend our Triennial Convention held during (General Convention) in Austin, Texas this July. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

I will be writing a letter to the women of SD soon. I have collected many names and addresses from the faithful ECW women in SD. If you do not receive a letter and want to be put on the list, please contact me. I also ask that you share your letter with everyone at your parish.

Our Spring meeting will be May 5, 2018 in Pierre at Trinity Church at 11a.m. (CST). Please make plans so that you will be able attend. I was so thankful for the 32 women who were at our Fall meeting.

May your days ahead be filled with love and peace.

SD ECW President,  
Diana Regan

## Honored Woman

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of South Dakota are asking for nominations to consider in the selection of the **Honored Woman of the Year in 2018. Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2018.**

There were not any nominations in 2017 so we **encourage you to nominate** someone from your congregation this year, 2018.

Doris Hicks, St. Katherine's, Martin was named ECW Honored Woman 2015 and Elizabeth Campbell, Spearfish All Angels, was named ECW Honored Woman 2016.

Elizabeth Campbell will represent South Dakota at the Triennial Convention (held during General Convention) in Austin, Texas, July 2018.

We are asking you to nominate someone in your congregation who lives faithful lives ministering to family, church and community. If you know of someone you would like to nominate please send a recommendation and brief resume to:  
Vicki Sweet (State ECW Vice-President)  
2910 Stockade Dr.  
Rapid City, SD 57702

Any questions regarding the application process please contact Vicki Sweet at the address mentioned or by calling 605-390-8558.

# Registration Form

All information on this form is required. Please provide complete information for every area.

**Camper's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian Name and Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If there is someone else to contact in the case of an emergency, please list him/her here:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tell us about the camper's health:**

Dose the camper have any dietary restrictions, allergies, or restrictions on activities?

**If the camper takes medications of any kind:**

Please attach a list of medications with instructions as to the method of administration and dosage. Medications will be turned in to camp staff upon arrival.

**Camper's Health Insurance Provider:**

(UnitedHealthcare, Medicaid, IHS, etc.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Policy 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:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost of camp**

We want you to come to camp! **No one should feel he or she cannot go to camp because he or she doesn't have the money.** The Diocese subsidizes the operations and staffing of its camps to minimize camper fees for everyone and also has additional financial assistance available.

**Check which camp the camper will attend:**

- 9th & 10th Grade Camp: \$150
- 5th & 6th Grade Camp: \$100
- 7th & 8th Grade Camp: \$150
- 11th & 12th Grade Camp: \$150

**Check one:**

- Camper will need a full scholarship.
- Camper will need a partial scholarship.
- Camper can contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Camper does not need a scholarship.

**Transportation options:**

- I will arrange transportation myself for the camper.
- Camper needs a ride provided by the diocese.

**(Campers MUST register before May 15th to receive this ride)**

**Behavior Expectations:**

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 electronics, including cell phones, e-readers, etc. in order to be fully present at camp. Campers must also refrain from sexual or violent behavior while at camp. We also insist that campers be respectful of everything and everyone at camp.

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

Send this form and payment to: TEC Registration c/o Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota  
 408 N. Jefferson Ave.  
 Pierre, SD 57501-2626



# Diocese of South Dakota

## 2018 Summer Youth Camps



**All camps begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 10:00 a.m.**

*Please do not arrive before 3:00 p.m.*

### **TEC Work Weekend June 1-3, 2018**

*If you or a group plan on attending the work weekend please contact the Rev. Portia Corbin. A head count helps with preparation of sleeping space and food for the workers.*

#### **9th & 10th Grade Camp • Sunday, June 10-Saturday, June 16**

Open to all entering 9th & 10th grade

**Cost: \$150 per person**

#### **5th & 6th Grade Camp • Sunday, June 17-Wednesday, June 20**

Open to all entering 5th & 6th grade.

**Cost: \$100 per person**

#### **7th & 8th Grade Camp • Sunday, July 8-Saturday, July 14**

Open to all entering 7th & 8th grade.

**Cost: \$150 per person**

#### **11th & 12th Grade Camp • Sunday, July 15-Saturday, July 21**

Open to all entering 11th & 12th grade, and those who graduated high school in 2018

**Cost: \$150 per person**

The Diocese can provide transportation for all campers who need a ride; however,

**You must register before May 15<sup>th</sup> if you need a ride to camp.**

Camps at Thunderhead Episcopal Center are open to all young people both in and outside of South Dakota. No matter where you come from or where your faith is, you are welcome. Please fill out this form so we can prepare to welcome you this summer! **You may also register online at [www.episcopalchurchsd.org/thunderhead-episcopal-center/](http://www.episcopalchurchsd.org/thunderhead-episcopal-center/)**

With the announcement of Bishop Tarrant's retirement in 2019, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Dakota began the process to find the next bishop, a process that will take more than approximately 18 months to complete.

The Standing Committee began its work by prayerfully considering who should serve on the Search/Nominating Committee, the group of people representing the Diocese who will do the bulk of the work in the coming months.

The job of the Search/Nominating Committee consists of:

- Working with Bishop Tarrant, the Diocesan Council, and Randy Barnhardt to establish the financial needs of the committee for the search process, as well as setting the parameters for the salary package for the new bishop;
- Working with the Standing Committee and a consultant who specializes in episcopal searches to create the entire process that will be followed by the Search/Nominating Committee;
- Creating and distributing a survey for the entire Diocese about who we think we are, who we want to be, and what kind of bishop we seek;
- Compiling the results of that survey, and then writing and publishing the Diocesan Profile, again working with the Standing Committee;
- Creating and implementing the system by which interested priests can submit their own names or be nominated as possible candidates for Bishop
- Receiving the names and information of interested clergy, and following a process by which the Search/Nominating Committee will choose those priests they wish to interview;
- Interviewing the candidates in which the Committee is interested, a multi-step process;
- Presenting to the Standing Committee a final slate of candidates for approval;
- And presenting to the Diocese that slate, and

arranging for the walk-about interviews that will take place prior to the anticipated election in May 2019.

The members of Search/Nominating Committee chosen by the Standing Committee are:

- **The Rev. Chris Roussell**, Rector, Emmanuel Church, Rapid City, Clergy Chair
- **Ms. Robin Bowen**, St. James, Enemy Swim, Lay Chair
- **The Rev. Tony Buquor**, retired, Sioux Falls
- **Ms. Carol Cloud Eagle**, St. Matthew's, Rapid City
- **The Rev. Deacon Marty Garwood**, St. Andrew's, Rapid City
- **The Rev. Bunker Hill**, St. Thomas, Sturgis
- **The Rev. Mercy Hobbs**, Rectory, Trinity, Pierre
- **Mr. Sam Kitto**, Our Most Merciful Savior, Santee
- **Mr. Mike LaFontaine**, St. Mary's, Old Agency
- **Mr. John Red Bear**, St. Peter's, McLaughlin
- **Ms. Carol Smith**, Christ Church, Yankton
- **The Rev. Deacon Twila Two Bulls**, Christ Church, Red Shirt Table

The Standing Committee is still waiting to receive the name of the consultant with whom the Diocese will be working for the next 18 months. Once that name is received from the Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, Bishop for Pastoral Development in the Office of the Presiding Bishop, both the Standing Committee and the Search/Nominating Committee will be able to begin the work of finding the next bishop of the Diocese of South Dakota.

Throughout this period, the Standing Committee is encouraging each congregation to include the following prayer for the Diocese in this time of transition.

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds and hearts of those who shall choose the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of South Dakota, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for our people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

If you have any questions, please contact the Rev. Dr. Lauren R. Stanley, President of the Standing Committee, at 605-828-3892, or [Mere-](#)



**Women's Retreat at TEC  
September 7-9**

Come and spend a weekend of fellowship, friendship, and reflection at Thunderhead Episcopal Center!

Open to all adult women throughout the diocese. The retreat will begin with dinner on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, and end with worship in various local congregations on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information including registration.

The Rev. Portia Corbin  
Missioner for Camping and Retreats  
Diocese of South Dakota  
Rector of Christ Church, Lead

**Upcoming events:**

Niobrara Convocation

June 21, 22, 23 & 24, 2018  
Rosebud Mission

Hospitality Funds may be mailed to  
Alverna Wright  
PO Box 810  
Mission, SD 57555

Please note the memo on the check with  
"2018 Convocation Fund"

**June will be here before you know it.**

- 1) **Don't forget to bring your water bottles that were handed out the past two Convocations.**
- 2) **Don't forget your plates and silverware.**
- 3) **Don't forget to mark you calendar to attend.**
- 4) **Don't forget your Niobrara Hymnal and your Prayer Book.**

***Diocesan Family News***

**Retirements:**

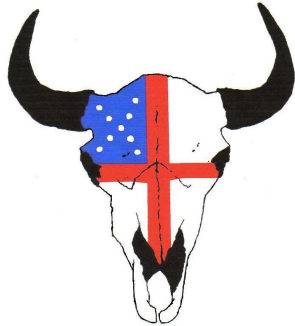
Fr. Jim Pearson retired 12/31/17. Fr. Jim and Gloria continue to reside in Yankton.

**Church Openings:** Christ Church, Yankton

**Clergy: Additions or changes:** Fr. Les Campbell (Sisseton Mission) St. James, Enemy Swim passed away December 19, 2017 after having been a priest for 30+ years. Please keep his wife Mary and the family in your prayers.

<b>2017 PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE</b>						
<b>January 10, 2018</b>						
	Pledge	Paid To Date	Balance	Churchnews	Paid To Date	Balance
<b>PARISHES:</b>						
Aberdeen - St. Mark's	13,500.00	13,500.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
Belle Fourche - St. James'	3,662.00	3,662.00	0.00	120.00	120.00	0.00
Brookings - St. Paul's	12,815.00	12,816.00	(1.00)	240.00	240.00	0.00
Deadwood - St. John's	2,533.00	2,533.00	0.00	95.00	95.00	0.00
Huron - Grace	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00	185.00	185.00	0.00
Lead - Christ Church	6,459.00	6,459.00	0.00	105.00	105.00	0.00
Mitchell - St. Mary's	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	75.00	75.00	0.00
Mobridge - St. James'	2,000.00	412.00	1,588.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
Pierre - Trinity	10,000.00	8,333.29	1,666.71	120.00	120.00	0.00
Rapid City - Emmanuel	56,572.00	56,572.00	0.00	325.00	325.00	0.00
Rapid City - St. Andrew's	18,900.00	19,419.00	(519.00)	180.00	180.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Calvary	63,865.00	63,865.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Good Shepherd	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00	40.00	40.00	0.00
Spearfish - All Angels	22,239.00	22,239.00	0.00	310.00	310.00	0.00
Sturgis - St. Thomas'	4,237.00	4,237.00	0.00	105.00	105.00	0.00
Watertown - Trinity	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	0.00
Winner - Trinity	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00	95.00	95.00	0.00
Yankton - Christ Church	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	320.00	320.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL PARISHES</b>	<b>264,482.00</b>	<b>261,747.29</b>	<b>2,734.71</b>	<b>3,585.00</b>	<b>3,585.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Chamberlain - Christ Church	3,937.00	3,937.00	0.00	105.00	105.00	0.00
Cheyenne River Mission	2,264.00	1,664.00	600.00	315.00	165.00	150.00
Crow Creek Mission	2,289.00	2,289.00	0.00	210.00	210.00	0.00
Flandreau - St. Mary's	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
Ft. Pierre - St. Peter's	2,270.00	2,270.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
Gregory - Incarnation	300.00	300.00	0.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
Herrick - All Saints	340.00	340.00	0.00	55.00	55.00	0.00
Hot Springs - St. Luke's	3,280.00	3,280.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
Lower Brule Mission	2,951.00	2,425.00	526.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
Madison - Grace	2,489.00	2,489.00	0.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
Martin - St. Katharine's	3,389.00	3,389.00	0.00	205.00	205.00	0.00
Milbank - Christ Church	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	105.00	105.00	0.00
Pine Ridge Mission	2,386.00	2,386.00	0.00	320.00	320.00	0.00
Rapid City - St. Matthew's	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00	120.00	120.00	0.00
Rosebud Mission	4,497.00	4,147.06	349.94	120.00	120.00	0.00
Santee Mission	2,004.00	2,004.00	0.00	140.00	140.00	0.00
Sioux Falls - Holy Apostles	400.00	400.00	0.00	120.00	120.00	0.00
Sisseton - Gethsemane	550.00	550.00	0.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
Sisseton Mission	2,950.00	2,450.00	500.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
Standing Rock Mission	2,386.00	1,721.00	665.00	170.00	130.00	40.00
Vermillion - St. Paul's	8,381.00	8,381.00	0.00	140.00	140.00	0.00
Webster - St. Mary's	1,759.00	1,759.00	0.00	40.00	40.00	0.00
Yankton Mission	1,062.00	1,062.00	0.00	200.00	205.00	(5.00)
<b>TOTAL MISSIONS</b>	<b>55,384.00</b>	<b>52,743.06</b>	<b>2,640.94</b>	<b>2,895.00</b>	<b>2,710.00</b>	<b>185.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PARISH AND MISSIONS</b>	<b>319,866.00</b>	<b>314,490.35</b>	<b>5,375.65</b>	<b>6,480.00</b>	<b>6,295.00</b>	<b>185.00</b>

NIORRARA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DAKOTA EXPERIENCE

Though technically not a part of the Niobrara School for Ministry, Dakota Experience is an educational course open to anyone interested in the culture, history, spirituality, and theology of the Dakota/Lakota people.

It is required for people in the ordination process and for clergy new to the diocese.

Cost is \$30 which covers 2 meals. The session begins at 5:30 pm on Friday with supper, and ends about 2:00 pm on Saturday, after lunch.

2018 Dates

- **Spring (West):** March 16 & 17, 2018  
Emmanuel Church, Rapid City

Registration is also available online at [www.episcopalchurchsd.org](http://www.episcopalchurchsd.org) via the Niobrara School page.

You can also contact the Diocesan Office at 494-2020 or by email at [office@episcopalchurchsd.org](mailto:office@episcopalchurchsd.org)

Questions? Contact Archdeacon Paul Sneve  
605-381-2018  
[paul@episcopalchurchsd.org](mailto:paul@episcopalchurchsd.org)



Top 2 pictures are from Trinity, Mission

St. James, Mobridge



Emmanuel, White Horse



## Niobrara School for Ministry

**Niobrara School for Ministry** offers courses that supplement the local ordination curriculum, provide continuing education, and give valuable training and experience for licensed lay ministers. And anyone interested is welcome to attend.

- 1) These courses are open to any person interested in enhancing their ministry.
- 2) Anyone in the Diocese may attend any Niobrara School event, and some weekends are well suited for licensed lay ministers in the church or for clergy as continuing education.
- 3) Classes are \$15 per day, except Summer Seminary.
- 4) If you are in Niobrara School for the ordination process, you are *required* to attend every weekend that fulfills a requirement you have not yet fulfilled. If you have already fulfilled a particular requirement, you may still re-attend that weekend.
- 5) Summer Seminary and the enrichment weekend are required for everyone in the ordination process.

To register please go to the Niobrara School website at [www.episcopalchurchsd.org/niobrara-school-for-ministry](http://www.episcopalchurchsd.org/niobrara-school-for-ministry) to register for ministry weekends or contact Marlys at 494-2020

For more information email Chris Corbin at [chris@episcopalchurchsd.org](mailto:chris@episcopalchurchsd.org)

NSM schedule for **2018**

### January 26-27, 2018

#### Constitution and Canons/Title IV

begins 5:30 PM Friday and ends 3:00 PM Saturday  
**LOCATION:** Trinity Episcopal Church, Pierre, SD

### March 2-3, 2018

#### The Episcopal Church in South Dakota

begins 5:30 PM Friday and ends 3:00 PM Saturday  
**LOCATION:** TBA

**March 16-17, 2018, Dakota Experience West**  
 begins 5:30 (MST) PM Friday and ends 3:00 (MST) PM Saturday

**LOCATION:** Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Rapid City, SD

### Spring Retreat

**(\$60 fee covers both lodging and food)**

**April 6-7, 2018, LOCATION:** TBD (specific locations determined by number of participants)

*We strongly encourage local communities to contribute as much as possible toward this cost as a sign of support since local community investment (including financial investment) is necessary for potential candidates for formal ministry.*

### May 18-19, 2018 Finding Your Worship Voice

(Congregational Speech and Song)

begins 5:30 (MST) Friday and ends 3:00 (MST) PM Saturday

**LOCATION:** TBA in Rapid City, SD

### SUMMER SEMINARY: LAY LICENSE AND CATECHIST TRAINING *required for all*

**August 12-15, 2018, Sunday through Thursday,** specific times TBA.

**LOCATION:** Thunderhead Episcopal Center, Lead,

**NOTE:** *This Summer Seminary is also required for everyone beginning the Lay Catechist training program*

### October 12-13, 2018 Enrichment Weekend

(topic TBA) *required for all. Begins Friday evening through Saturday afternoon*

**LOCATION:** TBA

Date TBA, 2018 **Anti-Racism Training**

**LOCATION:** TBA

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**Bishop's visitation & travel dates are in bold letters.**

**Please remember the Bishop's schedule is subject to last minute changes.**

## Diocesan Calendar

### FEBRUARY

- Feb 4    **St. Matthews, Rapid City**
- Feb 5-8 **Clergy Retreat Terra Sancta**
- Feb 11   **St. Andrews, Rapid City**
- Feb 17   **Diocesan Council**
- Feb 18   **St. Marys, Mitchell**
- Feb 19   Presidents Day Diocesan Office closed

### DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Begins: March 12  
Spring Ahead

### MARCH

- Mar 2-3    NSM wk'd History of the Episcopal Church
- Mar 4    **Travel to the HOB**
- Mar 9-14   **House of Bishop's Kanuga, NC**
- Mar 17    Niobrara Council, Rosebud
- Mar 18    **Rosebud Mission West**
- Mar 25    **Palm Sunday**

### APRIL

- Apr 1    **Easter**
- Apr 6-8   **Discernment Weekend**
- Apr 15   **Mni Sose Cluster**
- Apr 22   **Yankton/Santee Mission**
- Apr 29   **Pine Ridge Mission**

### MAY

- May 6    **Calvary Cathedral**
- May 13   **Standing Rock Mission (Mother Day)**
- May 20   **Emmanuel, Rapid City**
- May 27   **Memorial Day Weekend**
- May 28   **Diocesan Office closed for Memorial Day**

### JUNE

- June 3    **St. Johns, Deadwood**
- June 10   **Christ Church, Lead**
- June 10-16 9th & 10th grade camp
- June 17   **St. Pauls, Brookings 100th Anniversary**
- June 17-20 5th & 6th grade camp
- June 21-24 **Niobrara Convocation, Bishop Hare Center, Mission SD hosted by Rosebud Mission**

### JULY

- July 1    **Trinity, Pierre**
- July 5-13 **79th General Convention Austin, Texas**
- July 8-14 7th & 8th grade camp
- July 15   **Sisseton Mission**
- July 15-21 11th & 12th grade camp
- July 22   **St. Johns, Oglala & Christ Church, Red Shirt Table**

