

JUNE NEWSLETTER 1966
Grace Episcopal Church, Madison

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CHANGE OF SERVICES

Beginning Sunday, June 26, Morning Prayer will be held at 9:30. Coffee hours after services will continue.

Father Russell's last service here before moving to Belle Fourche will be at 11:00, June 19. We have greatly appreciated the time he has spent with our congregation and wish him the best in his new parish.

Our busy lay readers ask us to pray for a priest!

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE

Each of our Bishop's Committee members was given an area of responsibility within the church during this period without a priest.

Bill Newcomb--Senior warden

Ed Burlett--Use of truck

Dean Hackett--Treasurer

Francis Sly--Services

Jim Caughron--Repairs

Carolyn Bowes--Church school

PARISH OR PERISH?

Bishop Gesner has suggested that he might have difficulty getting a priest for Grace Church until we reach parish status.

Your Bishop's Committee has met with the Flandreau and Howard committees, who are interested in talking further about a merger of the three congregations as a parish.

Bill Newcomb, our senior warden is contacting Canon Jones of the Bishop's office, asking him for assistance and guidance in this proposed merger. Your Bishop's Committee is anxiously awaiting decisions from the Howard and Flandreau churches.

By attaining parish status, we may be able to call a priest in the fall. Please comment on the proposed merger to members of the Bishop's Committee if you have questions or suggestions.

ATTENDANCE

The congregation is indeed grateful to our lay readers, Homer, Harry, and Ted, for their faithful service the past months. Our attendance has been good.

It is especially important during this time without a priest that each family make an added effort to support our church with regular attendance and to encourage others to come.

LEWIS FAMILY TO CALIFORNIA

We regret that we have lost one of our fine church families. We will miss Cliff, Dyllis, Dee, and Barry Lewis.

CONVOCATION

Marian Hackett, Shirley Sly, Jesse Runchey, and Carolyn Bowes attended Convocation at Brookings last month.

FAMILY WORK DAY

Saturday morning, July 9 at 9:00--Coffee at mid-morning.
Here are some of the things that might be done.

- Trimming trees
- Cleaning brush from around church
- Digging around trees
- Painting church school rooms
- Staining and varnishing woodwork upstairs
- General cleaning of church proper
- Repair hinges on kneeling benches

MEMORIAL GIFT

Jesse and Harry Runchey report that twelve hymnals for the choir and a juvenile table for the church school children have been given in memory of Susan Anna Boyd by Harmon and Ervin Boyd, relatives and friends.

These gifts will be dedicated by Father Russell on June 19.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING

The tenth annual Dakota Laboratory School of Christian Education will be held in Madison, July 16 to 22. The Presbyterian, Methodist, and Episcopal churches are working together in the planning of this state-wide session which is made available to all churches in the State which wish to give their teachers some additional training.

Housing will be needed for those coming from out of town. If you have a room you could spare that week, please contact Carolyn Bowes. Children from each of the three churches will make up the classes for the Laboratory School.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school is dismissed for the summer. Our hearty thanks to our capable teachers; Myrna Harris, Luanna Doran, Judy Caughron, Carolyn Bowes, and Bill Newcomb.

We do need a teacher for one of our classes next year. Please let Carolyn Bowes know if you feel you could serve the church in this way.

GUILD ACTIVITIES

The Women's Guild reorganized this winter and has had successful meetings. The business and social meetings were in the morning of each second Wednesday, while the afternoon study meeting were held on the fourth Wednesdays. The history of the Episcopal Church was studied. Marian Hackett is president; Shirley Sly, secretary-treasurer.

Guild will be inactive until fall.

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check the bulletin board in the Guild Hall for general information. A list of things needed in the church will also be posted.