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SEPTEMBER 2016

MY DEAR FAMILY IN CHRIST,

“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” (Hebrews 13:1)

The month of September is a wonderful time to express “mutual love” and offer blessed hospitality as Christ Church! There has to be literally hundreds of people, young and old alike who would respond to an invitation to come and worship with us...and once they come through the door, we’ll “do our thing” and make them feel so welcomed and at home!

We will be serving “The Banquet”, Yankton’s offering of a good meal and hospitality to any and everyone. Have you signed up to help i.e. to “entertain angels without knowing it”?

Sunday school and Youth Group begin this month and please give thought to what children and young people that you may know who would enjoy belonging to our loving and welcoming Sunday school and Youth Group? And helpers are always appreciated.

Our “Kids’ Hope” mentoring program (entering its 15 year!) at Lincoln Elementary School is always needing mentors that can give one precious hour a week to a child, offering some love and encouragement. Please visit with Shann Doerr or Fr. Jim if you may be interested. (Note: the children that we mentor have been identified by their teachers as “at risk” and needing some extra loving care.)

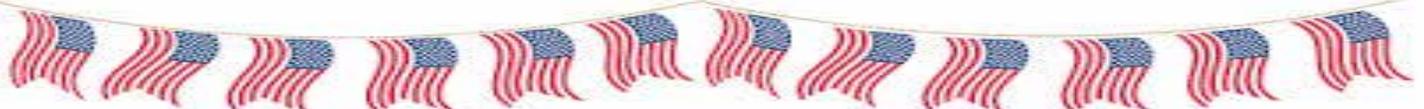
For the adults, our Monday Centering Prayer gathering and Wednesday Meditation gathering offer the hospitality of presence, peace, stress reduction and mindfulness. Now who doesn’t need some of that?...I’m thinking everybody!

Another “adult thing” is Fermenting Faith (the conversion of carbohydrates and conversation into faith and friendship. Again, anyone and everyone is most welcome to this “communion” at Ben’s, (Tuesdays at 5 p.m., or when you get there) where there is no agenda and no such thing as heresy!

Of course there’s even more mutual love and hospitality going on at Christ Church and what more can we imagine!?

In Christ’s abiding mutual love and hospitality,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim" with a small cross symbol above the end of the name.



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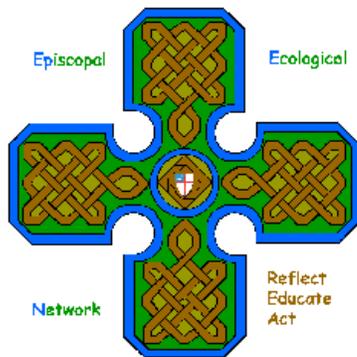
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CHRISTIANS PRAY AND CARE FOR CREATION, TOGETHER

Article from <http://seasonofcreation.org/>

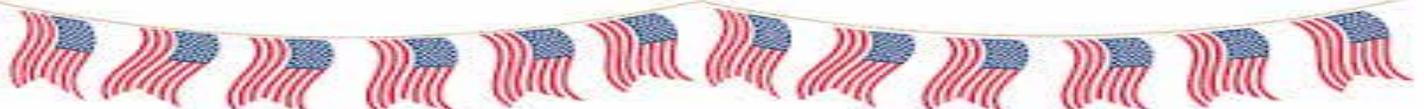


Did you know that September 1 was proclaimed as a day of prayer for creation (World Day of Prayer for Creation, or Creation Day) by Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I for the Orthodox in 1989, and was embraced by the other major Christian European churches in 2001 and by Pope Francis for the Roman Catholic Church in 2015? It was then extended to be a month-long Season of Creation, running yearly between September 1 and ending on October 4 (Feast of St. Francis). The Season of Creation, is that time of the year when 2.2 billion Christians are invited to pray and care for creation. It is meant to give flexibility to celebrate prayer services for

creation in alternative dates throughout the month, while engaging in different actions to care for creation throughout the season.

Although September 1 has passed, the following prayer is included to use throughout the Season of Creation:

Almighty God, who created all things with wisdom and who watches over and guides them by Your all powerful hand, grant wellbeing that all creation may prosper and remain unharmed by hostile elements; for you, Master, commanded that the works of your hands should remain unshaken until the ends of the age; for you spoke and they came into being and they receive from you mercy for the turning away of all harm, and for the salvation of the human race which glorifies your name which is praised above all. Amen.



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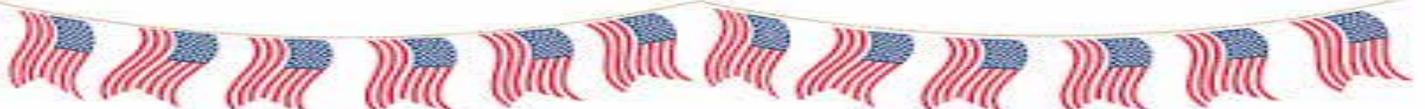


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CREATION CARE WORKSHOP AT THE DIOCESE CONVENTION THIS YEAR

Carol Smith will be assisting with the third Creation Care workshop offered at the Diocese Convention this year on October 1. Chuck Berry of St. Paul's in Brookings developed the agenda and materials to be used, but he is unable to attend the convention. Carol and Fr. Larry Ort of St. Paul's will be co-presenting. The agenda is as follows:

- 1:00 – 1:20 Welcome (Carol Smith and/or Fr. Larry Ort)
What is the Network and History (I will write a short summary if you will read and ad lib)
Sign-up sheet pass around
- 1:20- 1:45 Why Creation Care? (Fr Ort)
1) 5 min Leadership from national church (Mark of Mission, I will provide info.)
2) 5 min Practical church budgets (inside and outside the church, Interfaith Power and Light Awards, I will provide info.)
3) 15 min Moral obligation, connection to church teachings (House of Bishops, Bible, etc) Fr Ort's comments
- 1:45- 2:30 Share information (Carol and Larry)
1) 5 min Quarterly suggestions for Creation Care Activities (Handout from Berry)
2) 10 min TEC Guide for Honoring God in Creation (handout)
3) 30 min People from parishes and missions tell what they do for Creation and for education (could someone take notes on this)
- 2:30 – 3:00 Discussion (Larry and Carol)
How can Network Improve, gain more parishes
New approaches or programs suggested



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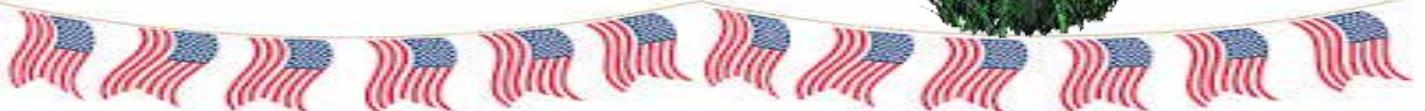
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All are invited to the Sunday School Picnic after worship on Sunday, September 11th! It will be held at Riverside Park, Shelter #4. Christ Church will furnish the hotdogs, buns, condiments and lemonade. You may bring a dish to share but as always, there should be plenty of food, so please just come. This Sunday is the beginning of the new Sunday School year so let's celebrate and have some fun! God is Good and Great and we give hearty and humble thanks!



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THE BANQUET

Christ Church has the privilege of serving the Yankton Area Banquet on Thursday, September 8th. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, serve, and clean up. Set up will begin about 4:30 p.m. and clean-up will be completed by 8:00 p.m. Watch for sign-up sheets in the back of the church. The menu will be same as previous years. We are also asking our members to provide cookies, bars, etc. In addition, if you have extra cucumbers and/or tomatoes from your garden please let Fr. Jim or Kathy Wright know, as we would like to add that to dinner menu. As always, donations are very much welcomed to help cover the cost of the chicken. Please put this date on your calendar—many hands make light work!

Thank you Kathy Wright for your dedication to this banquet. We very much appreciate all the work you do for this ministry and also to all Christ Church Volunteers. It would not be a success without your help.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS



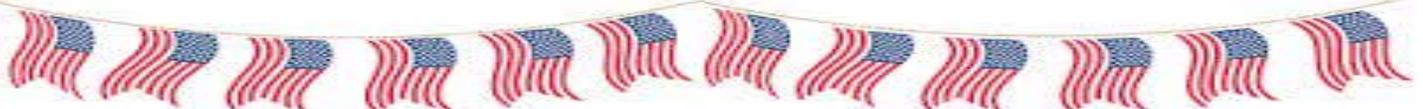
Since 1950, the E.C.W. has created and offered for sale the beautiful red and green stockings. They are personalized with your name and birth date, as desired, and beautifully decorated by hand.

Submit your requests now, for delivery prior to Christmas. Please email

Sandy Cope: ssamx3@live.com or 605-260-0062.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are requesting volunteers to help with teaching Sunday School for one month (4 Sundays) out of the year. You can sign up to be a teacher or an assistant for one or more months. The curriculum is already prepared for you. You will also receive some instruction and information on what to expect. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer on which you can pick the month you prefer. Please include your phone number and email address so that we may contact you. Or you can contact Carol Smith at 605-661-5001 or Gloria Pearson at 605-661-7923. The children need you! Thanks!



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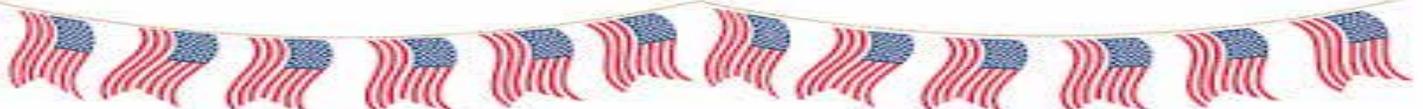
The KIDS HOPE USA model was designed to help churches how to give hope to at-risk public elementary schoolchildren through a relationship with a caring church member. KIDS HOPE USA Way, relies on the interplay of four integral parts:

- One child: an at-risk public elementary school child who needs a relationship with a caring adult;
- One hour: sixty critical minutes each week when a trained mentor befriends a child and helps him or her acquire basic academic skills;
- One church: a committed congregation who owns the program with its neighborhood school and provides a trained mentor and a behind-the-scenes prayer partner for each child; and
- One school: a school that welcomes this proven intervention to increase the academic skills of at-risk children, at no cost to the school.

Data for students who met with a KIDS HOPE USA mentor for just one year showed: 65% improved in educational success.79% improved in socio/emotional competency.56% improved in attitude toward risky behavior.

Your are needed by a child at Lincoln School to provide support for an hour a week. Please consider becoming part of this Christ Episcopal Church outreach.

Call Shann
605-660-7539
shann.doerr@vyn.midco.net





**Christ Episcopal Church Sunday School
Registration Form**

Contact Details

Family Name/s: _____ Name of Child: _____

Age _____ Birthday _____ grade _____ Preferred Name: _____

Address:

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ E-mail: _____

Parents or Alternate emergency contacts:

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____ Phone: _____

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Permission to be photographed

I give my permission for my child to be photographed or videotaped. I understand that the image may be displayed in the church publications, church buildings or website. I understand that as a precaution my child's name will not be published or linked with photographs.

Anything we need to know about your child, foods to avoid?

1. Is your child allergic to:

bee stings

food (please specify) _____

2. Please list any physical or special needs we should be aware of:

Are there any family situations we should be aware of? other matters (please specify)

I appreciate that every care will be taken by the leaders and those connected with Sunday School. Christ Episcopal Church cannot be held responsible for personal injury, loss or theft of property affecting my child.

Signature of
Parent/Guardian: _____ Name: _____ Date _____

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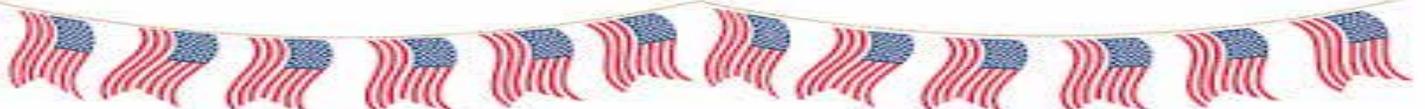
- 2 Lexi Luzier
- 3 Nicole Langdon
Roy Lauck
- 12 Michael McVay
- 16 Jordan Mondragon
- 21 Richard Unruh, Jr.
- 23 Shirley Larson
- 25 Colin Neubauer-Keyes
Jesse Jensen
- 26 Maeve Eide
- 28 Kati Stange

September

- 04 Gary & Somer Bares
- 13 Michael & Ellen McVay



*If your birthday or anniversary was left off our list,
please contact Somer Bares at 665.2456 or email churchsec@iw.net*



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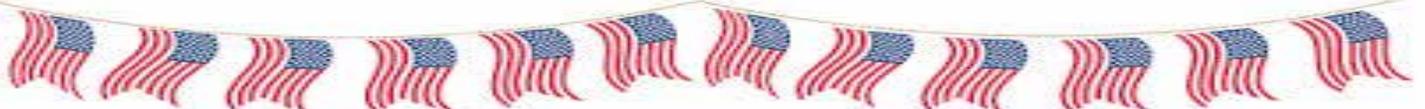
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Prayers of the People

I ask for your prayers for:

Brett, Daphne, Drew, Bev Ann, Pat,
Gladys and her family, Kay and for the
victims of violence and their loved ones



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WHAT IS LABOR DAY



The first Monday of September means that white clothes are out, sales are in, summer holidays are over and classes begin. For many of us (but far from all of us), it's a welcome day off of work or school, ahead of what is likely to be a busier month than the last.

But the Labor Day holiday has a storied past, one of violence and celebration, that's embedded deep in the history of the American labor movement. And while it has spread around the world in different forms, Labor Day has distinctly American roots.

Here's a quick primer on the meaning and history of the holiday.

When did Labor Day begin?

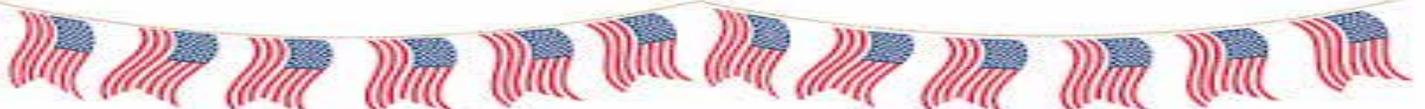
The modern holiday is widely traced back to an organized parade in New York City in 1882. Union leaders had called for what they had labelled a "monster labor festival" on Tuesday, Sept. 5, according to Linda Stinson, a former historian for the Department of Labor (the idea for a general labor festival may have originated in Canada, which today also celebrates "Labour Day" on the first Monday in September). Initially that morning, few people showed up, and organizers worried that workers had been reluctant to surrender a day's pay to join the rally. But soon the crowds began flowing in from across the city, and by the end of the day some 10,000 people had marched in the parade and joined festivities afterward in what the press dubbed "a day of the people."

When did it become an official holiday?

The practice of holding annual festivities to celebrate workers spread across the country, but Labor Day didn't become a national holiday for more than a decade. Oregon became the first state to declare it a holiday in 1887, and states like New York, Massachusetts and Colorado soon followed suit. Under President Grover Cleveland, and amid growing awareness of the labor movement, the first Monday in September became a national holiday in 1896.

Why is it on the first Monday in September anyway?

Labor union leaders had pushed for a September date for the New York demonstration, which coincided with a conference in the city of the Knights of Labor, one of the largest and most influential of the unions. The first two New York City Labor Days took place on the 5th of September, but in 1884, the third annual New York City Labor Day holiday was scheduled for the first Monday in September, and that date stuck.



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VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

July 25th, 2016

Present: Dick Unruh, Fr Jim Pearson, Carol Smith, Dean Caton, Liz Lynch, Tonya Lambertz. Opened with prayer/observance of The Feast of St James.

Approval of minutes: motion by Carol-2nd by Liz, approved by all.

Treasurers Report: (Dick Unruh) \$2700 in check book, \$4000 due soon, request \$8000 from restricted fund. Pledges up to date. Investment funds had a small gain. Nancy Sternhagen taking over as our bookkeeper, replacing Jason Pearson. Motion by Dean to transfer \$8000 from restricted fund, 2nd by Carol, approved by all.

Jr. Wardens Report: (Fr Jim, for John Keyes) Jim put a couple of guys that needed jobs to work picking up downed branches and miscellaneous work on the church grounds.

Sr. Warden Report: (Carol Smith) BBQ went great. 60 people. Good food. Raised approx. \$250 less \$45 to Chef Don Kettering.

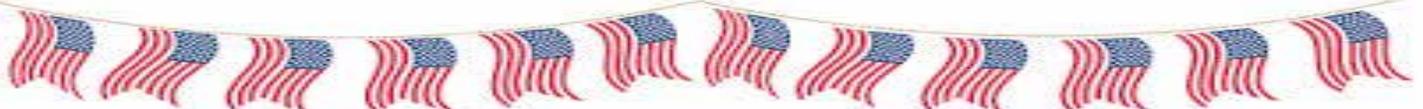
Rectors Report: (Fr Jim Pearson) Cost savings from Jim's health insurance change of \$75 a month. We welcome new members Marilyn Wilson and Marikay Luzier. Baptism of Maverick Walter O'Gorman. Jim gone the 30th thru Wed. @ Gloria's conference. Dick, John and/or Liz will lead Sunday service on the 31st.

Old business: As reported by Carol above, the Picnic BBQ was good fun. We will plan to do this next year in July as well (on our Potluck Sunday). Kudos to Somer for the BBQ flier, email notifications and sign ups!

Our serving of The Banquet is coming soon. Sept 8th. We need many volunteers to help serve the meal, also we need cookies and/or bar donations and money donations to help purchase the fried chicken.

New Business: we have one bid and need more bids for ground work in front of church. Jim will check with Jay Gurney and John Neu.

Closing prayer: The Lord's Prayer. Next meeting Aug 22nd, 2016



September 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BACK 2 SCHOOL 9 am Serenity 10 am Morning Prayer	 10:30 am Centering Prayer (Olde Rectory) 	 5 pm Fermemting Faith @ Ben's 1-5 pm Somer	 2 pm Worship Team 7 pm Meditation 1-5 pm Office Fr. Jim	1 1-5 pm Office Fr. Jim & Somer	2 1-3 Office Somer	3
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