

News from the Pews

The Episcopal Community of Southeast South Dakota

Christ Episcopal Church
Yankton
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St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vermillion
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March 8, 2024

Palm Sunday: Christ Church is inviting our St. Paul's family to join them for a **Joint Palm Sunday service** followed by a pancake and sausage breakfast on **March 24th at 9AM**. No one needs to bring anything. A free will offering will be receive to defray the cost of the breakfast. St. Paul's will **not** have a service on this day, so mark your calendars now so you don't miss this opportunity to build community. St. Paul's members are encouraged to assist in cooking and serving.

Community Holy Week/Easter Schedule:

Mar. 24	Palm Sunday Joint Service, Christ Church, Yankton	9AM
Mar. 27	Tenebrae: the Service of Shadows, St. Paul's, Vermillion	6PM
Mar. 28	Maundy Thursday, Christ Church, Yankton	6PM
Mar. 29	Good Friday, Christ Church, Yankton	12 Noon
Mar. 29	Good Friday, St. Paul's, Vermillion	6PM
Mar. 30	The Great Vigil of Easter, St. Paul's, Vermillion	6PM
Mar. 31	Easter Day, Christ Church, Yankton	9AM

Yankton Contact Center Needs: Please bring in your donations to the Contact Center in Yankton and leave it in the basket in front of the altar in the Lady Chapel (under the organ façade pipes). Thanks for your generosity in the name of Jesus to our sisters and brothers of the community.



2024 Directory: this year's community directory will be produced shortly and we need your help in providing updates. If your address, phone number, or email address, please contact Cathy at the Pastoral Center as soon as possible. If we do not have your changes by **March 18th**, whatever information provided previously will be utilized. Also, if your birthdates and anniversaries are **not** listed, please provide those so we can include them in the directory.

March Offering Report:

	<u>St. Paul's</u>	<u>Christ Church</u>
Weekly Amt. Required to Meet 2024 Budget	\$1156	\$4104
Received Mar 3	5,195.43*	566
Difference	4,039.43	(3,538)

*includes non-pledge donor contribution of \$4500 (THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!)

St. Paul's Blue Bucket Fund: (to fund diocesan pledge—bring in loose change)

February Ending Balance	35.75
March 3	6.43
Balance	42.18
Pledge	1,000
Remaining Pledge	957.82

An Invitation to Composition Premier at South Dakota Symphony Orchestra:

Dear friends, We are extending an invitation for you to join us at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls, SD at the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra April 13, 2024 pre-talk starts about 7 p.m. Dr. Stephen Yarbrough's composition *Honore et Laude* (Honor and Praise) will be premiered in recognition of Maestro Delta David Gier's 20th season with the SDSO. *Honore et Laude* is the 24th work Stephen has written for the SDSO. Check out Maestro Gier's most recent award, the Ditson Prize from Columbia University!

Hope to see you there! Dr. Stephen and Janis Yarbrough

Easter Flowers Offerings: Once again it's time to ask for your contributions for Easter flowers at both church locations. There is a specific envelope for March 17th for those who utilize the boxed envelope sets. Otherwise, please place your contributions in an envelope marked for "Easter flowers" and place it in the offering plate with your regular contributions, or mail it to the Pastoral Center in Yankton. Please help us make our worship spaces beautiful as we celebrate Easter. Contributions can be given in memory or in thanksgiving, or to the glory of God, and just indicate the names or reason on your envelope so we can include it in the Easter bulletins. Please contact Karen Michels at Christ Church, and Judith Sebesta at St. Paul's if you have any questions. Easter lilies will likely average around \$8-10 this year. Thanks for your help in adorning our worship spaces for this great feast!

Combined Vestry Retreat: As our vestries change leadership this year, Fr. Mike is arranging a short evening retreat with Bishop Jonathan to help us live into the roles of the vestry/Bishop's Committee on Thursday, April 18th from 5pm -9pm with dinner provided. We have not yet determined the location, but it will not be at either church in order for us to get away and relax in different surroundings. The Benedictine Peace Center is not available on this date so we are discovering alternate possibilities.



All vestry/BC members are asked to book this date and time on your calendar now as it is critical that all members be in attendance. Thanks for your faithfulness and service!

Ministry Schedule for March 10th Weekend Liturgies:

	<u>St. Paul's</u>	<u>Christ Church</u>
Reader	Royce Miller	Liz Lynch
Acolyte	Royce Miller	None
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Royce Miller	Shann Doerr Karen Kubal
Greeter	Stephen Yarbrough	Liz Lynch
Altar Guild	Judith Sebesta	Karen Kubal
Coffee Hour Host	Open	Fred & LaVonne Lorenzen

Note: Cathy Unruh at the Pastoral Center will be compiling a schedule for St. Paul's for the remainder of March and April. Please check your email at the end of the week for this schedule. Those unable to serve as asked to find a substitute.

Update on the Sudbeck family: Fr. Mike texted with Sara earlier this week. Sara continues to fight cancer vigorously. She goes to Houston once a week every week, sometimes going 2, 3, or 4 days. The traveling is wearing on her but she is grateful for the opportunity to get the care. She sends her thanks and love for all of your prayers and well-wishes. Fr. Mike assured her that her church family here misses them greatly and holds her and Roger and in our daily prayers. Please keep Sara in your prayers, send a note of encouragement, and let them know how much they mean to our church family.

Contact Center Cereal Emergency: The Contact Center in Yankton has alerted us that they are completely out of cereal and need assistance in restocking it to provide for the many sisters and brothers of our community. Please check your pantries for extra boxes or pick up some if you are out shopping this weekend. Bring it to church on Sunday if you'd like or take it to the Contact Center as soon as you're able if you are out-and-about. Let's step up and help out the Contact Center!



**The Episcopal Community of
Southeast South Dakota
Palm Sunday Joint Service
and Pancake Breakfast**

March 24th

9:00 AM

Christ Church, Yankton

Please mark your calendars now and bring a friend, family member, neighbor, grandkids or others to join us for our joint service and pancake and sausage breakfast. We are asking our St. Paul's family to join us in cooking and serving. Nothing needs to be brought or contributed. We will have a free-will offering to defray the cost of the breakfast. This is a great way to start Holy Week and build community. Looking forward to seeing our larger church family gathered to praise God and share a breakfast together!



March 2024 Community Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Jimmy Crowe (BD)**
- 5 Chris "Lucky" Adam (BD)**
- 7 Lynn and Susan (W)**
- 8 Cathy D (BD)**
- 9 Matt Michels (BD)**
- 10 Shann Doerr (BD)**
- 11 Mary B (BD)**
- 16 Susan M. (BD)**
- 23 Stephen Yarbrough (BD)**
- 28 Cassie Plautz (BD)**
Lynn M. (BD))