



THE CHRIST CHURCH CONNECTION

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In Loving Memory of

Marjorie St. Pierre

July 6, 1928 ~ December 16, 2019

Our friend and loyal member of Christ Church passed away December 16, 2019.

Marjorie was born July 6, 1928 in Yankton to Delbert and Nellie Lyons and graduated from Yankton High School. She married Patrick St. Pierre in 1949 at Christ Church. Marjorie is survived by six children: Ron St. Pierre, Eugene, OR, Pat (Rosemary), Sandy Hutchinson, Roger St. Pierre, and Daniel (Betsy) all of Rapid City; 22 grand children and 12 great grandchildren, plus several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Lena and two brothers; Robert and Harvey Lyons and son-in-law, Tom Hutchinson.

Marjorie was a loyal member and attended services when able. The past twenty years she was dependent on a wheelchair, but very appreciative when holy communion was brought to her. For many years she purchased treats and had them served for the church coffee hour at least once a month. When her health and weather permitted she often used the city transit service and made the trip to HyVee to choose the treats herself on Saturdays. Her thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated!

A committal service in Rapid City has been held by the family. Due to the weather conditions and Covid-19 it was not possible to schedule a farewell locally. REST IN PEACE Marjorie.



CORONA VIRUS

Christ Episcopal Church, like many churches in the area, is canceling its worship services for the foreseeable future due to the Coronavirus. As such, we are offering our community a readable on-line Sunday Devotional Service that includes a homiletic study and reflection based on one of the scripture readings for that Sunday. You can find this devotional service on Facebook: Christ Episcopal Church Yankton South Dakota or on our Website: christepiscopalchurchyankton.com.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ashley Langdon got inducted into the National Honor Society. We are all pretty proud of her. Congratulations to Ashley and to all the High School students that made it.



Sunday School is continuing for Brynlee and Keenan. I dropped off their own little Bibles and lots of materials for them, such as coloring books of Bible stories. I sent colored pencils, crayons, colored paper, plain paper for drawing, and self-addressed envelopes and blank cards to they we can be Sunday School PenPals! Their mom, Teresa, sent me a sweet thank you. I cannot wait to receive something from them in the mail! Teaching Assistant, Emma Hershfeldt will also most likely join me, as we try to stay connected, during this time of social distancing!

EPIPHANY EXPERIMENT

Good afternoon to you and to the good people of Christ Church, Yankton!

I'm writing to follow up on the "Epiphany Experiment" that was conducted earlier this year, and my thanks again to you and to Christ Church for participating. I'm thrilled with the way that you all decided to use the funds to buy glasses for the person who was colorblind, and how you are all thinking of how you would like to do so again in the future. I'd like to put the stories together and get them published fairly soon for people in our diocese to read and give God thanks for. In the midst of everything that is happening currently, would you be able to write up a paragraph telling the story? If you have any accompanying photos, that would be great as well but is not necessary.

Many thanks, and God bless you!

Jonathan

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jonathan H. Folts

Bishop Folts,

I am attaching what I have written off the top of my head. We are experimenting with Steve Adamson, our junior warden, who is colorblind. Steve and Jennifer's insurance covered the cost of his eye appointment and then, yes, they have ordered the glasses which will arrive in May. There are different types of colorblindness, so we won't know for sure how well they work, until Steve actually receives them and tries them for awhile. We all thought it was best to experiment with someone we know and trust and then move forward. IF they work (which I am guessing they will) then Dr. Kori who is the eye specialist/doctor at Wilcockson Eye Clinic will begin to identify someone(s) who has the problem and cannot pay for them. We are hoping we can help a young person, say a teenager, because Steve remembers how embarrassing it was when he was a teenager. We shall "see" what we can do!

Please see my attachment. I plan to send pictures of Steve and maybe someone else when we purchase more of the glasses. This will be an on-going ministry! I hope others will follow our lead!

Dear Barb,

Thank you so much for your note and information! This is really, really a blessing in so many ways. Do convey my thanks and appreciation to those at Christ Church! And kudos to you for your Sunday school ministry! I hope the pen pal ministry is successful!

Thank you again — and do take care of yourself and your family during these days. God bless!

Faithfully,

Jonathan

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101 THINGS TO DO DURING A LOCK-DOWN

BY CHRISTINE HAMMOND, MS, LMHC

Are you running out of things to do while staying safe at home? Here are some suggestions to keep mentally healthy.

1. Meditate.
2. Read.
3. Reread a favorite book.
4. Pray.
5. Sleep more.
6. Start a new diet.
7. Do a cleanse.
8. Count the amount of water you drink.
9. Take your vitamins.
10. Start a new morning routine.
11. Start a new bedtime routine.
12. Do a puzzle.
13. Pull weeds.
14. Do some yard work.
15. Clean your garage out.
16. Clean out your junk drawer.
17. Cook something different.
18. Close your eyes and pull something out of your pantry to make.
19. Draw.
20. Paint.
21. Move the furniture around in your room.
22. Clean out your linen closet.
23. Sew on buttons, mend a sock, or fix a hem.
24. Paint a mural on a wall.
25. Rearrange the pictures on your wall.
26. Put out new family pictures.
27. Learn to play an instrument.
28. Take an online class.
29. Listen to a self-help book.
30. Get rid of the expired medicine in your house.
31. Dust.
32. Clean your baseboards.
33. Give up alcohol.
34. Give up caffeine.
35. Do a family tree.
36. Call a friend.
37. Learn a language.
38. Encourage someone.
39. Learn to breathe correctly.
40. Improve your posture.
41. Make an angry list.
42. Become aware of your feelings.
43. Journal.
44. Create a blog.
45. Do a thankful journal.
46. Color a picture.
47. Refinish a piece of furniture.
48. Do simple repairs in the house.
49. Update your social media profile.
50. Change your passwords.
51. Update your resume.
52. Tour a museum on-line.
53. Dance.
54. Do yoga.
55. Take a walk.
56. Take a bike ride.
57. Schedule well check-ups with doctors.
58. Learn a new computer application.
59. Sell things through an on-line garage sale.
60. Learn how to arrange flowers.
61. Take some photography lessons.
62. Make a bucket list.
63. Examine your thoughts for a day.
64. Create a budget.
65. Speak only positive things for a day.
66. Teach your pet a trick.
67. Forgive those who have hurt you.
68. Be mindful of what is around you.
69. Tour a zoo on-line.
70. Set travel goals.
71. Memorize a song.
72. Memorize a poem.
73. Listen to music.
74. Do a craft project.
75. Learn to knit.
76. Set new boundaries.
77. Reset your goals for the year.
78. Discover your purpose.
79. Speak good things to yourself.
80. Play a board game.
81. Release stress in your body.
82. Write a letter to someone who died.
83. Learn how to use your electronic devices.
84. Share stories with a friend.
85. Practice showing empathy.
86. Order food and get it delivered.
87. Discover the small businesses in your area.
88. Check on your neighbors.
89. Do an act of kindness for someone close to you.
90. Practice patience.
91. Cook the food in your freezer.
92. Learn to change a tire.
93. Read the manual for your car.
94. Find on-line manuals for your appliances.
95. Throw useless things away.
96. Go through your old files or papers.
97. Clean the inside of your cabinets.
98. Create a schedule.
99. Clean out your email.
100. Unsubscribe from sites you never visit.
101. Embrace the unknown.

Thank you Deacon John for this information

HELLO TO ALL!

Just a reminder that while my office hours vary during this time, I am available daily by phone, email, or text. Office mail and messages are checked daily as well. Feel free to call the office phone at 605-665-2456 or my cell phone at 408-886-8941. You can also contact any member of the vestry for assistance. Take care, everyone!

Cathy Unruh

VESTRY MEETING

We have a vestry meeting via Zoom on Sunday, April 26th, at 11:00 AM and we are having a "Happy Hour" every Tuesday at 5:00 PM via Zoom for those who are able to connect! Our "Zoom" invitation number (code) is 808-520-0847. This will be the same for all Zoom meetings created by me (Barb). Download the free Zoom app on your phone or iPad and be sure to click on video and audio! Then, at the time of the meeting, just enter your cafe(number). Good luck! We are all in this together, so we are experimenting and learning together. Thank you!

Barb



APRIL

- 1 Karen Kleinschmit
- 4 Hannah Lambertz
- 11 Lillie Tacke
Emma Mondragon
Christine Lambertz
- 13 Dylan Neubauer-Keyes
- 15 Andrea Wright
- 16 Toots Marchand
- 17 Marilyn Wilson
- 19 Jennifer Adamson
- 23 Brice Saylor



APRIL

No April Anniversaries



If your birthday or anniversary was left off our list, please contact Cathy Unruh or email churchsec@iw.net

VESTRY MINUTES

MARCH 29, 2020

Present via zoom-Barbara Black, Deacon John Keyes, Barbara Lyle, Ron Mugge, Janelle Tacke, Dawn Unruh and Treasurer Dick Unruh

Opening Prayer- Led by Deacon John

Approval of Minutes - A motion to approve the minutes from the last vestry meeting (2/23/2020) was made by Ron and seconded by Janelle. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Losses were reported due to stock market losses. A motion to approve the report prepared by Dick was unanimously approved.

Junior Warden's Report - Discussion about replacement of front steps and railings. A motion was made by John to do research on getting bids, as well as looking at other work the company has done and get an engineer to look at the project as well to see what may be involved, seconded by Ron, motion carried. John has volunteered to fix the sink in the bathroom off the kitchen. A motion was made by Barbara Lyle, seconded by Ron to have John complete this work. Motion carried. The Bat Expert came and assessed the work needed. It was voted to have him complete this work in April and return in the late fall to check and finish. His work is guaranteed.

Senior Warden's Report - by Barb Black

These are unusual times in which we live; however, the stories from the Bible have lessons for us and the New Testament and words of Jesus give us a sense of calm and hope. Let us do what we can and let us not forget to pray. Someone asked me once, "Why do you pray?" I answered, "Because Jesus did." I do not know about you, but that is enough reason for me. Jesus is our example, especially during these trying times that are suddenly thrown upon us. I ask that we support one another with telephone calls, cards, and any other way that you might suggest or do, while practicing social distancing and taking care of yourself.

I want to thank Norm Wright for his creative way of keeping us connected with our worship and devotions. Thank you to Pastor Kwen Sanderson for his pastoral care, especially now when there are so many needs. Thank you, also, to Cathy Unruh for her work, as Church Secretary - taking care of the office and the church and keeping us connected via email. A big thank you to both Cathy and Somer for completing our new Directory. It is very nice and truly helpful. Thank you to Deacon John for his helpfulness - at a moment's notice - when needed, and for his ideas and phone calls.

A big thank you to those who ventured out when the Bat Expert came to assess our needs. We voted to hire him, and he will be at the church on April 7,8 or 9th - depending on the weather. It will be a two-day job for him at this time. He will seal up everything and then install some exit vents, ways for the bats to get out, but they cannot get back in. These will mostly stay in place until late in the fall. Then the Bat Expert will return, remove them, and recheck everything. His work is guaranteed, so he will come back again, next year (or anytime) if we believe he missed something. *He did mention that he did not see any sign that the pigeons or anything other than bats were inside the church. He did tell that, yes, pigeons can make quite a racket, as above the entrance to the elevator, but they are not inside. He will check and recheck and make sure that everything is sealed appropriately. I believe one of the areas he noticed was the caulking around the windows. There are gaps there now, as well as other places for bats to invade. Big enough for pigeons or other critters? No.

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MARCH 29, 2020

In closing, I want to thank Dick Unruh for his attentive care and expertise regarding our church finances. I do not know what we would do without him! As Dick mentioned in an email, the church building is closed, but the bills continue. Any pledge or additional contribution you can make, at this time, to Christ Episcopal Church is greatly appreciated. It reminds me of one of Christ's miracles: the feeding of five thousand with the five loaves of bread and two fish. How did this happen? What is the lesson? If we all graciously receive and graciously give just a little bit, just a little, it will all add up and make a real difference. Remember, we are all in this together. Let the love of God and an appreciation for the beauty of his creation help us every day. Allow the life of Jesus, God's only begotten Son, be our example.

Blessing in abundance to all,
Barb

Old Business - Haven't received the Cowell Gift. The Bishop's offertory is paying for color blind glasses for Steve, he should have these in May. Pastor Kwen sent Barb a list of parishioners he is visiting. Chris Corbin HR with the Diocese has recommended we look into a partnership with Mother Pat (Santee). This might be an option for added church services.

New Business - A copy of the Vestry by-laws will be sent out to vestry members, Palms have been delivered and Dawn has them. A motion was made by Barbara Lyle and seconded by Ron to have a zoom happy hour on Tuesdays at 5.

Meeting was Adjourned and the zoom disconnected



Christ Episcopal Church

April 2020

Note: Office hours vary, but Cathy available daily by email/ phone/text				1	2	3	4	
5 Palm Sunday	6	7 "Happy Hour" via Zoom 5:00 PM	8	9	10	11		
12 Easter Sunday	13	14 "Happy Hour" via Zoom 5:00 PM	15	16	17	18		
19	20	21 "Happy Hour" via Zoom 5:00 PM	22	23	24	25		
26 Vestry Meeting via Zoom 11:00 AM	27	28 "Happy Hour" via Zoom 5:00 PM	29	30				