

May 1998

**S**t. Peter's will be seeing a lot of activity around the church in the near future for two reasons. We will be replacing the roof on the church and the Daycare will begin to use the parish hall on a full-time basis. There are articles elsewhere in the Elmleaf which give information about each of these activities so I will offer some thoughts about a connection between them, which lies in stewardship.

The replacement of the roof is one of those major projects which inevitably come up from time to time when we have a building to maintain. We are very fortunate that we have been able to keep the buildings in good condition, although prior to the renovation of the Parish Hall I might not have been quite so confident in saying that! The ongoing upkeep of the buildings is an issue of good stewardship because stewardship has to do with the responsible use of our resources. One of the resources that we have is the building in which we worship and have other meetings and parish events. Responsible stewardship means that we need to keep the building in good condition, otherwise it will deteriorate and eventually either cost more money to repair or become unusable.

As we heard at the Annual Meeting we can no longer postpone repairing the roof, so the decision was made to proceed. The new roof will have additional insulation, which will lead to savings on heating costs. This is also good stewardship, both for the environment and for the budget.

This is a major expenditure of money for us and so we will have to be creative in how we address the repayment of the bank loan. We are fortunate that we have been good stewards in the repayment of the loan for the Parish Hall and so we have been able to arrange for an extension of that loan to cover most of the cost of the roof. It is important that we continue to make the regular principal and interest payments so I hope that each of you will be able to respond to the request that was made in a previous mailing to contribute to the Building Fund. Once again, it is simply a matter of good stewardship to repay the loan as soon as possible to keep the interest payments as low as possible.

Another aspect of Christian stewardship is to make the resources that we have available to others. We have been doing this in a number of ways by making our facilities available to the wider community. We have several groups who use the buildings regularly – several AA groups, two Y-neighbours groups, and the K.I.D.S. Inc. daycare. Because of the rebuilding of Montrose School the daycare needs to relocate during the construction period. Following discussions, Vestry has agreed to the use of the Parish Hall by the daycare from 7am to 6 pm. , Monday to Friday, until the completion of construction (scheduled for Spring of 2000).

I see this as an important extension of our ministry in the wider community. We have been able to respond to a very real need, although it will not be without some inconvenience to us. I am

sure that over the next 18 months or so there will be some negotiation and fine tuning of our Agreement. At times we will need to be prepared to “go the extra mile” to accommodate the needs of the daycare and our own needs for the use of the hall. This means, for example, that we will have to do “set-up” for our events to provide the minimum inconvenience for the daycare. So more volunteers will be needed to do the set-up in a shorter time. Our experience with the daycare to date has shown that they are very flexible and accommodating, although with the new situation they will not have quite the same room to maneuver as before.

The new arrangement will mean that we will have to keep in mind the Christian principle of hospitality. St Peter’s has always been a warm and welcoming place, so this tradition will continue to be expressed through our new arrangement with the daycare.

This time of year leads me to mention another entirely different aspect of stewardship – the use of time. In our increasingly busy and stressful society it is important to make time for relaxation. Summer is an important time for many people to do that, so I hope that you will be able to take advantage of the opportunity for recreation and renewal.

God has blessed us with many different resources, both as individuals and as a community. When we use those resources wisely, we exercise good stewardship and remain faithful to God’s call to us.

Have a great summer!

\*\*\* *Phil Barnett* \*\*\*

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The best bridge between hope and despair is often a good night’s sleep.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Every year we rejoice and celebrate with those in our congregation who have graduated from their field of studies. We congratulate all who have furthered their education either at public or private school, college, university or through short courses and workshops. You are to be commended for your efforts and your achievements. Our love and prayers for continued success go out to you today.

We honour:

Sean Kowaski who is graduating from Shaftesbury High School and will be attending the University of Manitoba to pursue his studies in Computer Science.

Shannon Pitcher who is graduating with honours from Westwood Collegiate and will be entering the School of Music at the University of Manitoba.

Congratulations to each of you, as well as to all others who reached their goals this year.

We also recognize the young people who are moving to new programs and new schools. Our best wishes go with you as you begin this new phase in your education.

We recognize:

Lisa Hjørleifson and Colin Degrow who will be leaving J.B. Mitchell and beginning Junior High at River Heights.

Serene James who will also be beginning Junior High.

Deanne Peterson who will be leaving Van Wallingham to begin Junior High at Grant Park.

Kendall Jackson who will be leaving Ecole St. Germaine to attend High School at Jeanne Sauve School.

Robyn Peterson who will be beginning High School at Grant Park.

Lisa King will be leaving Whyte Ridge Public School to begin at the new Whyte Ridge middle school named Henry G. Izatt Middle School.

Randy Bushie who is graduating from Grade XII Special Education at Grant Park. Randy is in a work experience program with Community Ventures and hopes to continue working with them.

*To everyone who has received an award or scholastic honour, we say well done! And to all students – have a restful summer. You deserve the break.*

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# CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Isobel Boyle on receiving an award for Nursing Excellence at the Health Science Center. The award, which is a special honour as it is made on the recommendations of fellow nurses, was presented during Nurses' Week on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

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# THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to the children, parents, teachers and superintendents who continue to make the Church School program a vibrant part of our community. The special events, the music and the stories that you've shared with us are gifts we all treasure. A special thanks for the "Year In Review" and the wonderful reception after the May 24<sup>th</sup> service. One couldn't help but notice the loving smiles and the enthusiasm in the voices as the entire St. Peter's family joined in "We Have the Love of Jesus Deep In our Hearts". Enjoy your summer everyone.

\*\*\* *Joanne Conger* \*\*\*

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# WELCOME

Welcome to:

Lisa Aimee Ginsberg  
And  
Kathleen Madeleine Nugent Murphy

who became new members of the church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

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# NEWS FLASH

## Bishop of Companion Diocese To Visit Rupert's Land

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The Diocese of Rupert's Land will host a visit from the Right Reverend George Sinabulya (pronounced si-nab-lie) and his wife, Lady Edith, from September 1, to September 19, 1998.

Bishop George and Edith will have a few weeks rest in London, following the Lambeth Conference, before coming "across the pond". At this time, tentative bookings will bring them to Winnipeg International Airport on Tuesday, September 1. We would hope that when this time is confirmed there is a great crowd of people at the airport to welcome them to Rupert's Land.

While Bishop George and Lady Edith will be kept busy during their two-week visit, there will be time for rest and relaxation as well as time for visiting with The Rev. Godfrey and Agnes Maweje, Bishop Patrick and Mary Lee and their families.

A number of 'public' events are being planned. While all plans are not yet in place, there are a few events we wish to publicize at this time.

### Tentative Schedule

- September 1 - Arrival Day, Winnipeg International Airport at 8:45 p.m.
- September 9 - Area Meeting, 7:30 p.m. – St. John's Cathedral
- September 10 - Visit in the Morden area
- September 10 - Diocesan Reception – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. St. Luke's, Wpg.
- September 11 - Visit in the Portage la Prairie area
- September 12 - Diocesan Pig Roast – at the Lee's House
- September 13 - Diocesan service – St. John's Cathedral 7:30 p.m.
- September 15 - Friends of the Bishop Fund-raising Dinner (reservations required)  
– St. John's College, Cross Common Room 6:00 p.m.
- September 16 - Canadian Forces Base tour
- September 17 - Lower Fort Garry Tour and visit of the Selkirk/Dynevor
- September 17 - Area Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Christ Church, Selkirk
- September 19 - Departure Day

*Watch your Rupert's Land News – and your parish newsletter/bulletins for information updates.*

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## OUTREACH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

**A. 10 DAYS FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE CAMPAIGN**

This year's campaign was called "A Taste For Justice" and focussed on fair trade practises. We were challenged to an exploration of our personal and community choices with respect to using our dollars in the global marketplace.

On Sunday, February 8, 1998, our committee was pleased to take part in the service and to share information about fair trade practices. By dealing fairly and justly with people in the undeveloped south we give them the hope of future self-sufficiency.

After the service the committee served fair-trade coffee. Coffee is the second largest world commodity (after oil) and is a major employer in Latin America, Africa and Asia. By cutting out middlemen and setting up direct trading relationships and coffee farming cooperatives, alternative trade organizations can provide a fair price to the producer giving the farmer a living wage for his/her work.

Subsequently, Vestry determined, that as a community, we will serve fairly – traded coffee to all large groups.

St. Peter's now has a supply of San Miguel Coffee – Coffee with a conscience. An information sheet about the coffee and the Level Ground Trading Ltd. will be set out with the coffee for everyone's information.

For those who wish to purchase San Miguel coffee – it can be obtained from Ten Thousand Villages at 134 Plaza Drive, Winnipeg.

The Level Ground Trading Ltd. can be reached directly at 526 Normandy Road, Victoria, B.C. V8Z 3J2. Tel. – 250-479-0629 – Fax: 250-881-1901. Email – coffee @ levelground.com [www.levelground.com/coffee](http://www.levelground.com/coffee).

**B. OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Outreach Committee members will be meeting in late May '98 to plan our activities for autumn and winter '98 – '99. Anyone interested in joining us is most welcome. Please contact Karen or Phil. Committee members are: Karen Fraser (Chair), Mary-El Owen (PWRDF Coordinator), Phil Barnett, Jim Daun, Rupert Ross and Sheri Kowaski.

We thank God for the opportunity to relate to our sisters and brothers in a fair and loving manner through the simple choice of buying fairly-traded products.

"To those who have hunger, give bread. To those who have bread, give a hunger for justice". (Latin American prayer).

\*\*\* *Karen Fraser* \*\*\*

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Worry is like a rocking chair: It gives you something to do, but doesn't get you anywhere.

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## **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR BULLETIN**

I know it's strange to talk about the Christmas Bazaar when you're being phoned to help with the plant stand, but what can I say ... it's time for the elves to start thinking about the workshop. Preliminary planning is underway to make our 1998 version the BEST BAZAAR EVER. We have "set the date" – Saturday, November 21, and started the ball rolling. As you remember, last year we had great support from the parish, the neighbourhood, and the weather and were able to raise over \$3,000 for the church. We hope that we can count on your help again in this the "year of the roof", when there are extra demands on our treasury.

### **Table Space/Guest crafters:**

Last year, we rented out some tables to guest crafters. This brought us two benefits: rental income from the tables, and a variety of crafts to add interest to the bazaar. We would like to continue with this approach, and follow the same guidelines. First priority for tables is given to church groups who would like to be represented e.g. Sunday School, Outreach, Tatters, youth, Craft Group, Lunch, Candies, Baking, etc. (did I forget anyone?). Second priority will go to parishioners who would like to rent a table for personal business (e.g. Crafts, spices etc.). Finally, remaining space will be available to professional crafters who have some special appeal (but who would not be in competition with our church efforts). I thought it would be useful to invite "new" people this year if possible, and then alternate on subsequent years with some of the crafters who were represented last year. This will help to keep the displays "fresh" and interesting. Can anyone suggest crafters who might be approached? Since professional crafters "book up" early for the fall season. I NEED TO KNOW what table space parish groups and individuals require. **Please contact me by June 1** to confirm your participation, so I can plan accordingly.

### **Silent Auction:**

It always seems difficult to come up with nice prizes for the silent auction. We appreciate the generous support of the business who helped last year, and hope to supplement this with a few more sponsors. If any parishioners are able to offer products or donations from their companies, these would be greatly appreciated.

### **Summer Projects:**

As things slow down in the summer, it's a great time to do some of your favourite crafts and tuck them away for bazaar day. Last year, crafts donated by parishioners made over \$800 so you can see what an important part of the bazaar this represents. Everything is welcome – from knitting to woodworking – so please think about taking on a project over the summer. Home-made jams and jellied are a big seller so please consider putting some aside "if you're putting some up" during summer fruit season.

**Used Books:**

Please remember we have a great recycling project in the sale of used books. Any and all used books are welcome – so please bring them back from the beach for the bazaar.

**Ideas Please:**

As I mentioned previously, we need help with improving signs – i.e. suggestions as to what might be an effective way to highlight certain areas. Also, we still need a co-convenor. It would really be great to have someone help this year with a view to taking primary responsibility next time around. Help with these two problems, and any other suggestions are most welcome. It would be great to receive any new ideas now so they can be considered in the planning.

Again, please allow me to say how important the support of all the parishioners is in making the Bazaar a success. It was really gratifying last year to watch how the work of so many came together to benefit us all as individuals and as a community. As we say in Sunday School “You’re Great” and I look forward to your ideas, enthusiasm, help, and patience again this year.

\*\*\* Lynda Daun – 489-5519 \*\*\*

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The grass may be greener on the other side, but it still has to be mowed.

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**CHURCH RE-ROOFING PROJECT – WARM & DRY**

As many of you are aware, it has become necessary to re-roof the church as at least one half of the roof is the original installed in 1961. The narthex roof does not need to be replaced at this time.

In addition to the new shingles, a 3” layer of insulation will be installed, and this should decrease the heating costs and provide a cooler inside temperature for the summer.

Plans and specifications were submitted to 8 roofing contractors, 5 quotations were received with the lowest at \$44,670 from Lansard Bros. Roofing Ltd.

Prices were also received on a metal panel roof instead of asphalt shingles covering both the church and the narthex. At the lowest price of \$62,000, it was deemed not to be financially possible to install this style of roof at this time, but at a later date such panels could be installed to replace the shingles only.

By the end of May, the roofer will have been advised and should be on the project within several weeks. One month is the estimated time of completion.

Finances have been reviewed and the Toronto Dominion Bank which is carrying the loan on the parish hall has approved the re-establishing of the loan to \$65,000 thus providing \$35,000 for the roofing project. About \$6,500 is available in the capital building fund and ways and means of financing the balance are underway. A letter on financial support for this project has been sent out to each parishioner.

Perhaps you could keep us “warm and dry” for \$50.00 for a bundle of shingles and a sheet of insulation; perhaps two or even more bundles could be purchased.

\*\*\* *Bill McKay* \*\*\*

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Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest.

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## **YOUTH GROUP**

During this past year, the youth group has flourished. We have about 8 regular members and have weekly meetings each Sunday. We have also started up a discussion group that meets once a week. The youth are becoming much more involved in the church, one example being our involvement in conducting youth services throughout the year. These services would not be as successful as they are without your support. All the youth thank you for all your support.

Next year promises to be a very fulfilling year for all the youth and I invite all graduating Sunday School youth to join us in September.

\*\*\* *Sheri Kowaski – Youth Director* \*\*\*

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## **OUR PRAYER**

Can I really pray “Our Father?”

I can't pray OUR if I live only for myself  
I can't pray FATHER if I haven't become His child  
I can't pray IN HEAVEN if I'm still earthly bound  
I can't pray HALLOWED by THY name if I use it in vain  
I can't pray THY KINGDOM COME if I'm against mission work  
I can't pray YOU WILL BE DONE if I want my own way  
I can't pray GIVE US OUR DAILY BREAD if I live extravagantly  
I can't pray FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS if I don't have repentance

I can't pray AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS if I carry grudges  
I can't pray LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION if I play with sin  
I can't pray FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM if I don't serve JESUS  
I can't pray THE POWER if there is still fear in my heart  
I can't pray AND THE GLORY if the "I" factor reigns  
I can't pray FOREVER AND EVER if I don't believe JESUS is coming again  
I can't pray AMEN if I don't have child like faith

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## **K.I.D.S. INC.**

As many of you are aware K.I.D.S. Inc., the Day Care with Montrose School will be increasing their usage of the Church hall starting in June this year. Vestry was approached by K.I.D.S. Inc. to increase their usage of the hall when plans for construction of new areas to Montrose School were released. We have had a relationship with K.I.D.S. Inc. using our hall for several years. A member of our congregation is represented on the Board (currently Karen Fraser).

Vestry struggled with this request knowing that previous experiences in use of the Church hall for Day Care had not always been positive. We had Karen Ohlson, Executive Director of K.I.D.S. Inc. attend a special meeting. We presented many of the questions and concerns that we had heard from parishioners. Karen addressed such concerns as: what happens when we need the hall for events such as Bazaar, Fowl supper, Rummage sales, Plant Stand etc.; and unplanned events such as funerals. What about the use of supplies and any damage done to the hall? Will space for church activities be restricted? Based on the information supplied by Karen, Vestry voted to accommodate K.I.D.S. Inc. for the next 18 months to two years. We have signed a letter of understanding of the conditions to be met . This agreement will be reviewed at 6 month intervals and can be terminated by either party by giving 60 days notice. The additional rent (about \$3,600 annually) will assist us in our fundraising activities.

We hope that reaching out to K.I.D.S. Inc. will be a successful venture, and will strengthen our relationship with the community. We will no doubt have "bumps" along the way but will work these out as they occur. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to address these with either Karen Fraser or Isobel Boyle. Karen Ohlson would be happy to speak to any of your groups about the activities of K.I.D.S. Inc.

\*\*\* *Isobel Boyle* \*\*\*

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A true friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be going down.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Brian and I would like to thank all the parents and guardians for bringing the children to Sunday School on Sunday mornings. The children had a wonderful year filled with all sorts of fun activities . Thank you very much to all the teachers for your dedication and support.

We are looking for parents that are interested in teaching Sunday School part-time or any time you can give us. Also, if any teenagers that would be interested in assisting teachers on a part time basis, please don't hesitate to call Brian or Sylvie at **489-9092** anytime.

We wish you all a great and safe summer. See you in September!

*Sunday School will resume on September 13<sup>th</sup>.*

\*\*\* *Brian and Sylvie King - Superintendents* \*\*\*

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## THE NEXT ELM LEAF

Our next Elm Leaf will be ready for distribution on September 13th, 1998. Articles can be submitted up until September 6<sup>th</sup>.

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