

March 1998

The hot-dog lunch which the Sunday School prepared for us recently was a wonderful occasion for members of the Parish to get together. When I looked out over the large crowd at the beginning of the worship service I said that all we need to do to get good attendance in church is to provide a lunch and everyone comes! Eating together is certainly something that everyone enjoys. There is a relaxed atmosphere and people can sit with friends or maybe they will end up at a table with someone they have not had a chance to meet before. There are good opportunities to get to know other members of the Parish, and to simply enjoy spending time together. The Seniors In Action group also knows the value of eating together as they build their outings around a mealtime.

Jesus also knew a thing or two about the importance of meals together. He chose the last meal that he had with his disciples to tell them about the significance of the bread and wine that they ate and drank together that night. He said that the bread was his body, and the wine was his blood. He also told them that whenever they had meals together in the future, that they were to eat the bread and drink the wine and do this in memory of him. The disciples followed Jesus' instructions and the practice eventually developed into the formalized ritual that we know today as the Eucharist.

The Last Supper itself would have been, in part, a formalized ritual. It was held on the festival of the Passover, and over the years a particular ritual had been developed for this special meal. The central part of the ritual was the telling of the story of the experience of the people of Israel as slaves in Egypt, leading up to the Passover and the subsequent Exodus from Egypt. There were different foods which had particular significance as symbols of the various aspects of the story, and these were eaten at the appropriate time, along with the telling of the story. Jesus and his disciples would have followed the traditional ritual, but then Jesus added extra meaning to the eating of the bread and the drinking of the wine.

On Maundy Thursday at St. Peter's we will be having a Passover Supper (called the Seder) which has all of the elements of the Jewish ritual meal. The meal itself is a pot-luck supper and the whole evening is an opportunity for the church family to gather to eat together and to learn together. There is a special part for the children where they get to search for a hidden piece of matzah. The evening concludes with a procession into the church for the meal of the bread and wine of the Eucharist.

The hot-dog lunches and pot-luck suppers are occasions for us to celebrate our life together and to feed our body. Week by week we also provide the opportunity to celebrate our life together and to feed our spirit. In the bread and wine of the Eucharist we are fed with the life of the risen Christ. The significance of the Last Supper comes clear in the light

of the Resurrection. Jesus is alive and comes to us in the mystery of the Eucharist; to feed us, to sustain us and to empower us to serve him.

I encourage you to take a full part in the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter, so that this prayer may be real for us:

“May we, who share His body, live His risen life;  
we, who drink His cup, bring life to others; we, whom  
the Spirit lights, give light to the world”.

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

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## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES**

- April 9      Maundy Thursday  
                 6:30 p.m. – Seder Supper and Holy Eucharist
- April 10     Good Friday  
                 10:30 a.m. – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
- April 11     Holy Saturday  
                 9:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil
- April 12     Easter Day  
                 8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist  
                 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

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## **ALL YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE WORSHIP SERVICES OF HOLY WEEK BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK**

### **Maundy Thursday**

The evening begins with the Seder supper, which re-enacts the final meal which Jesus, had with his friends. It is based on the traditional Jewish Passover meal, which has rituals and symbols. The meaning of the symbols is explained during the course of the meal. The meal itself is a pot-luck supper provided by those who attend, with the addition of several traditional foods including a serving of lamb. At the end of the meal we process into the church for a brief service celebrating the Institution of the Eucharist. The evening ends with the Stripping of the altar and removal of all adornment from the sanctuary in preparation for Good Friday.

The Seder supper is very much a family event. We invite everyone in our Parish family to make this evening part of their preparation for Easter. Please sign the poster on the

bulletin board or phone the church to have your name added on the list. If you require a ride, please call the church and arrangements will be made to enable you to attend.

## **Good Friday**

We reflect on the events of the Crucifixion and the significance of Christ's death for us today. The reading of the Passion is done with readers taking the different roles in the story and the congregation acts as the crowd who supports the decision to crucify Jesus. Following a sermon, we offer our prayers in the Solemn Intercession. The Meditation on the Cross is perhaps the most moving part of the service, where we are reminded of the many ways in which we, as a church and as individuals, have contributed to Christ's pain.

## **Holy Saturday**

The impact of the symbols of darkness and light makes this one of the most powerful services of the Christian year.

The Easter Vigil begins in darkness at the doors of the church. A fire is lit and the Paschal Candle is lit from the new fire. The procession into the church is led by the Paschal Candle, which signifies the presence of the risen Christ. The congregation's candles are lit and an ancient hymn called "The Exultant" is sung (by Michael Harris). The scripture readings recall God's acts throughout history, culminating in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Everyone then gathers around the font for a baptism. We renew our baptismal vows and the service ends with a joyful celebration of the Eucharist.

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## **SO WHAT DO CHAPLAINS DO ALL DAY?**

I am responsible for coordinating the spiritual care of the community which is Deer Lodge Centre. It's a bit like being the parish priest in a small town. We have 430 in-patients, about 100 out-patients, and 1000 staff, as well as the families of all of these people. Our youngest patient is 19, our oldest is over 100. I have one colleague (Aubrey Hemminger) who provides pastoral care in the personal care area of Deer Lodge, including the veterans.

This is a glimpse of the work of a Coordinator of Pastoral Care in a mini-diary for one week. These are all real situations, but I have changed some details to protect confidentiality.

The telephone rings: "Barbara, could you come to see Mrs. P. She's here recovering from knee replacement surgery. She's very bitter and angry, and can be quite nasty to the other patients. We think it would help if she had someone to talk to". When I see Mrs. P. I find that underneath all the bitterness and anger she is very afraid about her future. Two days later the staff call me again because Mrs. P. had to go to Misericordia hospital overnight for

a medical emergency, and she needs someone to talk to more than ever. On Sunday I find she is back at Misericordia, and call the chaplain there to see her.

Mr. K. calls to ask if he can come to talk to me. He is now retired. He took pastoral visitors training some years ago, and would like to become a pastoral visitor at Deer Lodge.

Another referral. Mr. D. is here for rehabilitation after a stroke in December. His wife died last November. He is a long way from his home in northern Ontario. He is crying all the time. When Mr. D. and I talk about his grief, I find that his faith has been badly shaken by all that has happened in the last few months, and that God seems very far away from him right now. He would like to come to Sunday morning worship. I promise to call his minister in his home town, so that she knows Mr. D. is getting pastoral support. We agree to talk again soon.

- A meeting with the man who is coordinating the volunteers who push worshippers' wheel chairs to our Sunday Morning service. Our congregation is growing and getting 60-70 people to and from the Chapel is a major challenge.
- Plan the wording for a poster letting our Roman Catholic residents know that our visiting priest will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) in preparation for Easter. Need to arrange for extra volunteers. When I call the local Roman Catholic pastoral visitors coordinator, I discover he has just resigned.
- Check the calendar to see when Passover is. I have to make the arrangements with Dietary Department for the special foods for our Jewish residents during the Passover season.
- First counselling appointment with Mrs. I. She has asked to talk with me because she has found that she is questioning what she calls her "Sunday school beliefs". She wonders what kind of God would allow suffering in the world.

Mrs. S. is an out-patient I have been seeing for some time. We've been working really hard, and finally she is naming forgiveness as one of the serious spiritual issues with which she is struggling.

A staff member stops by my office several times during the week – his ex-wife is dying in another province, and he would like me to lead a memorial service for her in Deer Lodge Chapel, so that their children have a chance to grieve her death in a formal way.

- An e-mail to the unit coordinator on the Respiratory Units. We have had a lot of new admissions and we need to plan an education session for the new patients and their families on Advance Health Care Directives (Living Wills).

Another staff member stops me on my way in one morning. She is in tears because of trouble in her department – please could we talk.

I'm teaching Lutheran pastoral volunteers on Saturday morning, so I get my notes together on listening to reminiscence and life stories. I also have to get my file for the evening meeting for the Regional annual meeting and workshop day of the Canadian Association for Pastoral Practice and Education (CAPPE). The workshop topic is "Ethical dilemmas related to scarce resources" – a constant struggle in health care. I'm outgoing Chairperson

of the Manitoba and North-Western Ontario region of CAPPE. I've just been elected Secretary to the National Standards Commission for CAPPE.

- An interesting lunchtime conversation with the Director of Care about the need to include spirituality in the curriculum for gerontological nurses. (I think it's very necessary!) One of our nurses who teaches a Nursing Assistants course asks whether I will do a session on spiritual needs of older people for her students.

I plan worship for Sunday morning and when I arrive for the service, there is a phone message asking me to see Mrs. M. Her son died last night, and she is very upset. I go up to see her briefly before the service, and promise to come back later in the morning. We have 82 people in the chapel for worship – We're going to have to look seriously at some modifications to make more room. And we really need more volunteers.

This is just a glimpse of the unscheduled part of my week. I visit other patients on a regular basis. I take part in the weekly interdisciplinary rounds on each of the units for which I am responsible. I am a member of the Centre's Ethics Committee. We are available to assist staff with resolving ethical dilemmas, and help to set Centre policy on ethical issues. I am also a member of the Interdisciplinary Pain Committee. We have worked very hard at educating the staff to understand that pain may be emotional or spiritual, as well as physical, and that painkillers may only deal with part of a person's pain. Along with other staff members, I have been trained in Critical Incident Stress Debriefing, and am available for staff who have experienced a particularly difficult patient care situation.

Spiritual care of staff is very important. If staff are at peace with themselves, then they have the emotional energy to provide the best possible care to the patients. Birth, miscarriage, stillbirth, suicide, serious illness, death, job loss – these are part of the lives of the staff, and part of the pastoral care that I try to give. I have done a memorial service in our chapel at 7:30 in the morning for a night shift staff member who died suddenly, so that our night staff could formally say goodbye at a time that was convenient for their schedule.

I love the work that God has called me to do. People trust me with the most precious and vulnerable parts of their lives. It is a privilege to be part of their spiritual journeys.

\*\*\* *Barbara Barnett* \*\*\*

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## **NEW SOUND SYSTEM**

On February 1 our new sound system was dedicated and we would like to thank the many parishioners and church groups who have made it possible: Doug and Karen Dunlop, George and Gladys Oelkers, Thelma Penteliuk, Joanne Conger, Isobel Boyle, Marjorie Currie, Lil Shadbolt, May DeWet, Reg and Betty Lawrence, Alice Bloomfield, Margaret Harris and Donna Dorward. The system includes facilities to record the services, headphones for the hearing impaired, improved speakers for the choir and the congregation, better microphones for the lectern and choir and a mixing amplifier to

control the whole system. Tapes of the services continue to be available in the narthex for parishioners who would like to borrow them.

As at the end of February, there remains approximately \$217 to be paid on the sound system, but we feel certain that the balance will be found. The Irish stew lunch after church on March 22 will go towards this project and the Tatter's Group continues to be very supportive of this project.

Our next project is to upgrade the computer system in the church office. The old computer is no longer adequate for the job and has become obsolete. The new computer will be used for the layout of the church bulletins, letters and spreadsheets and the keeping of envelope donation records. A portion of the cost of this project will come from a bequest which was received last year and the balance from donations.

\*\*\* *Jim Hillier* \*\*\*

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## **MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

The men's breakfast group has been meeting regularly over the winter with a very interesting program of speakers. In January, the youth leader, Sheri Kowaski, spoke on the activities of the Youth Group and a discussion followed on the topic. In February, the meeting was open to all men and women in the parish. Our guest speaker was Bishop Patrick who attended with his wife Mary. He spoke on his life within the Anglican Church, from his time as a young boy growing up in rural Manitoba to days in Africa with the church and his work as Bishop of the Diocese of Rupertsland. In March there was a speaker on the criminal justice system in the province. At the April meeting there will be a speaker from the Habitat for Humanity group and in May, from the Boys and Girls Club. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

\*\*\* *Jim Hillier* \*\*\*

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## **SENIORS IN ACTION**

The seniors are planning an interesting program for the spring. We are looking forward to welcoming back members on the sick list and the winter travellers. On March 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a catered dinner in the church hall at 6 p.m., followed by a games night. Those wishing to participate are asked to sign the sheet on the bulletin board at the church.

Over the next few months, we will be looking at the possibility of bus tours with Ron O'Donovan and exploring some of the local restaurants and tea rooms for lunch.

Support for the Pub Nite will be high on the list of things to do in April and early May! Come one, come all and join us for fun and entertainment.

The Seniors congratulate Michael Harris on his plans to study at the Welsh School of Music at Cardiff, Wales. We have all watched with pride the development of his musical career and thank him for sharing his talents with us.

\*\*\* Estelle Hallgrimson \*\*\*

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## ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND RESOURCE CENTRE

The AFP and Resource Centre operates out of St. George's Church at 168 Wilton Street (at Grosvenor). It is staffed by volunteers and is open from 9:30 am to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To confirm whether staff is available call 475 5942.

The Centre is home to a wealth of materials. There are books on Anglicanism, the Bible, healing, prayer and meditation, spirituality, human sexuality and much more. As well, the centre has an incredible number of audio and video tapes that include conference presentations, contemporary and classical music, study series on Biblical topics, and resources for youth and the Church, right through to issues surrounding death. This centre is a treasure and it awaits your visit.

If you are interested in borrowing materials, but are unable to visit the centre when it is open, do look through the resource catalogue in the reading corner. List the materials you're interested in and give your list to your AFP representative, Joanne Conger, and I will get the materials for you.

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

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

March 28	The Third Annual Fund Raising dinner and Silent Auction - presented by the Youth in Partnership Committee. St. George's Church, Crescentwood. For tickets call 453-6130.
April 11 and April 19	Services of Baptism
April 24, 25, May 1 & 2	Pub Nite

May 3	Canon Ann Goodwin and Joan Fitzpatrick will be visiting with us. Join us after the service for slide presentation and lunch hosted by the Outreach Committee.
May 29, 30 & 31	Anglican Island Weekend. Watch the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet.

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**WELCOME**

On January 11<sup>th</sup>:

**Melissa Marie Hollingshead**  
and  
**Genevieve Rachelle Sabrina Alis Bourdeau**

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

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**THANK-YOU**

A huge thank-you to Bob Cook for his time and effort in making the stand for our lectern. What an improvement over a box of paper towels covered with a tablecloth! Thanks Bob. We really appreciate your contribution.

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For a healthy heart, give your faith a workout.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to all the young people in our congregation who participated in the Winnipeg Music Festival this year. Special congratulations to Shannon Pitcher, Michael Harris and to our good friend Paula McLeod for the musical excellence they demonstrated during the competition. The recognition you received was well deserved.

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## **ANGLICAN ISLAND**

May 29, 30, & 31 are the dates for St Peter's third annual Anglican Island weekend. For some of us, the weekend has already become "tradition" and with good reason. Anglican Island is a first class facility that offers us superb meals (notice what I put first!), breathtaking natural splendour, a time for quiet reflection and meditation, an opportunity to worship out of doors, a diverse selection of equipment and resources for family fun and activity, two decks with spectacular views, fellowship, opportunity to develop new friendships, time to pray, to read, to write, to sketch, to birdwatch, to hike, to learn, to share, a time away from the pressures of daily life, and ah, yes - flush toilets and hot showers!!.

From the smallest and youngest visitors, right through to the oldest - the island impacts upon each in a unique way. Do watch for the sign up sheets and for further information that will be in our Sunday bulletins. In the meantime, mark May 29, 30, & 31 on your calendar, and prepares to join with many others from St. Peter's on our trek to a little piece of paradise.

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

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## **PLEASE HELP SEND PARISH CHILDREN TO ANGLICAN ISLAND SUMMER CAMP**

St. Peter's will be providing Camperships for children in our parish who require assistance to be able to go to Anglican Island Summer Camp. The Camperships will be provided through donations received from parish members and others. If you wish to support these children, please place you donations in the special envelopes provided in the pews during the month of May or send directly to the Church office.

Families wishing to apply for a bursary from the Camp Fund, should speak directly to Phil.

\*\*\* *Karen Dunlop* \*\*\*  
*For the Congregational Development Committee*

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## **WE ACKNOWLEDGE .....**

A number of St. Peter's youth attended TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) this past month. We hear that it was a great experience for those who attended - Meagan Bloomfield,

Danielle Christensen, Julie Parrell and the mebers of the team – Alana Peterson, Christine Barnes, Bill Townsend and Sheri Kowaski.

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## **VISITOR ENVELOPES**

Visitor envelopes have been prepared and placed in the church pews. Visitors wishing to receive a tax deductible receipt for offerings of ten dollars or more, should complete the information on the envelope, place their offerings in the envelope and put it on the collection plate. Visitors who wish to find out more about St. Peter's or be placed on the mailing list, should also provide information on the envelope and place it on the plate.

\*\*\* *Karen Dunlop* \*\*\*  
*For the Congregational Development Committee*

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A parent's life is a child's guidebook.

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## **HOORAY FOR HOT DOGS**

Who would have guessed that humble hot dogs and, yes, RICE CRISPIE SQUARES, could ever have tasted as good as those served by the Sunday School children at their annual lunch on March 8? The Sunday School lesson for the day was about how God cares for us and how we should "take care" of each other, and what a wonderful message it was. The children "took care" of providing lunch for the parish by setting the tables, arranging the condiments and desserts and by cooking the hot dogs. The adults of the congregation "took care" to join us (A BIG BOUQUET here especially to the seniors in the congregation. We really appreciate your support for the children) And we all "took care" of each other by enjoying a joyous lunch and a time of fellowship. (Another bouquet to those who "took care" of the clean up). Soon we will be helping "take care" of those less fortunate by donating the proceeds of the lunch (\$220) to Winnipeg Harvest. We hope to take the Sunday School children to Winnipeg Harvest, by rented bus, on Sunday, April 19 during the time of the 10:30 service to present our cheque and to do some volunteer work at the warehouse. We'll have more details on this field trip as plans are finalized. Again, thanks to all for supporting this project. The children really enjoyed this opportunity to participate in the life of the parish and to do something so worthwhile for our community. Who knew "stewardship" and "outreach: tasted so good?

\*\*\* *Lynda Daun* \*\*\*

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## **STILL LOOKING**

In the last Elm Leaf, I mentioned that we need some help with the Fall Bazaar. Ideas for improving signs are welcome, as we do need a better way to give directions and highlight some events taking place in the “back rooms”. We also need someone who will “co-convene” this year with a view to taking on the main responsibility next year. Amazingly, no one has come forward. Please don’t be modest or shy. It’s really not as bad as it looks. Most of the work can be done at your convenience, well ahead of “Bazaar Day”. Preliminary planning does take place over the summer, though, so please contact me at 489-5519 if you might be interested.

\*\*\* *Lynda Daun* \*\*\*

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After all is said and done, there is far more said than done.

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## **ST. PETER’S SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1998**

People Warden: Isobel Boyle  
Rector’s Warden: Jim Hillier  
Deputy People’s Warden: Linda Daun

Delegates to Synod: Sheri Kowaski  
                                  Brian Testar  
                                  Mavis Webb

Alternate Delegates: Betty Currie

Vestry:	Richard Artibise	George Oelkers
	Bob Cook	Gladys Oelkers
	Marie Cook	Garth Panting
	Betty Currie	Rupert Ross
	Karen Dunlop	Glenna Sweeney
	Janice Laskey	Maureen Tate
	Joe Myles	

Treasurer: George Oelkers

Auditor: Joe Myles

Envelope Secretary: Eleanor Shearer

The Diocesan Synod will be held in Pilot Mound on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

As well, this year the General Synod will be held in Montreal. Our rector Phil will be one of the four clergy going and Sheri Kowaski will be attending as Diocesan youth delegate.

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## **BIBLE STUDY AT ST. PETER'S**

Since November 1997, more than twenty-five different individuals participated in five home study groups. As well, a number of St. Peter's folk attended the Paul Harris session on Meditation held at St. John's Cathedral, Dr. Tom Graham's course on "Jesus Through History", the "Lambeth In Lent" program at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church and the AFP Lenten Silent Retreat at St. Charles Center. These have all been wonderful opportunities to study and share with others both within the St. Peter's community and in the wider Christian Community. The benefits of participating go well beyond learning about the stories in other Bible.

### ***Some personal perspectives:***

When I saw the sign-up for the study groups I thought of praying, of meeting God in daily life. So I thought I'd try and not thinking too much about it, I signed up. Along came Wednesday, and off I went. Well, I couldn't wait for the next meeting.

Everyone in the group was sensitive to each other's needs. We had a special group of ladies who were unique with their own experiences and ways of sharing with God. Learning how to pray was easier than I thought because I was doing it every day without realizing it. You don't always have to be kneeling or in a church, which I was always told growing up. Now I pray in the morning mostly – when it is peaceful and quiet outside. I feel I have God's ear when I'm walking. I pray for encouragement to be able to share my gifts through what I do everyday, and most of all I thank God for who I am.

Going each week to this group with special people who cared was a very rewarding and uplifting experience. Thank you to all that participated.

\*\*\* Tracey McCluskey \*\*\*

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For six weeks I was involved in a session on Prayer. I was apprehensive about signing up, but am very thankful for the gentle nudges to get involved. Our group, seven in total, bonded the first night. I am not one to get involved in study groups as my knowledge of the Bible is not great, but must admit I really enjoyed the six weeks. There was a real feeling of security and support for me these past weeks and I feel very reassured now, knowing that praying can be done anywhere, any way any time. **It's all okay.** I would strongly

recommend these sessions to all. It really feels great to be a part of our church community.

\*\*\* *Bonnie Kowaski* \*\*\*

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Over the past four years I have had the opportunity of attending various study groups, all designed to enhance our spirituality and to promote fellowship. I have attended two of the Lenten Logos Series and, more recently, two of the Small Discussion Groups, as well as a few women's group at St. Peter's.

I suppose everyone comes to these groups with their own expectations and I know that I had some doubts about the level of contribution I could make. However, in the end I realized that I was not alone with my feelings and that everyone has their own perspectives and opinions to offer. I have never regretted the time spent on these groups and to the contrary felt, with some, that we could have doubled the time allotted for optimum participation to completion.

Through attending these groups I have become better acquainted with many members of our Parish and that was a bonus!

\*\*\* *Marian Waller* \*\*\*

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## **SMALL DISCUSSION GROUPS**

Many people have taken part in the discussion groups that have been held in various people's homes over the past 10 months. Several topics have been offered and the evaluations have been very positive.

In May, the Faith and Daily Life committee will be offering another topic – "CARING & COMMUNITY – Perspective from Ephesians" which will be held on 6 Thursday nights from May 7 to June 11. Once again the groups will be held in people's homes, there will be facilitators to assist with discussion and study guides will be available. The materials used are produced for the Lutheran Church by the Augsburg Press."

Homes and facilitators are not known at this time but please keep the dates in mind. There will be more information in the weekly bulletins at Church next month and a sign-up sheet will appear on the bulletin board at that time.

\*\*\* *The Faith & Daily Life Committee* \*\*\*

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Time is nature's way of keeping everything from happening at once.

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There's no limit to the good we can do if we don't care who gets the credit.

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## **VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

At the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of Vestry Bill McKay and David Thompson attended to report on the proposed replacement of the Church roof and the 1998 Budget respectively.

### **(a) Replacement of Church Roof**

Bill distributed copies of his report of January 10, 1998 and discussed it with Vestry. It was based on reports from F.A. Roberts, the Consultant we employed for the renovation of the Parish Hall, and T. Forrest, a Roofing Consultant. Vestry approved a motion that the proposal is taken to the Annual Meeting for a decision on whether to proceed with the replacement or not.

### **(b) 1998 Budget**

David Thompson distributed copies of the 1998 Budget and went through it with Vestry, answering questions. A motion that it be taken to the Annual Meeting was approved.

### **(c) Office Equipment**

Isobel Boyle reported that the question of upgraded computer equipment and a Fax machine that had been raised last year is being covered by a proposal from Brian King.

At the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of Vestry an updated copy of Bill McKay's report was distributed:

### **(a) Replacement of Church Roof**

It was noted the final estimate, including a figure of \$3.00/sq. ft. extra for working on the steepness of the roof, came to \$35 to \$40,000. Jim Hillier had reviewed alternative methods of funding with David Thompson. We can either extend our present loan with the bank at an interest rate of Prime + 1% or apply for a loan from either the Rupersland Capital Fund or the Anglican Foundation at about the same rate. There is a chance of a grant of 5 to 10,000 from the Foundation but we don't think our chances are good for that.

### **(b) Office Equipment**

Brian King's proposal to upgrade our computer equipment and add a Fax machine was discussed at length. St. Peter's received a bequest last year of \$2,000 from a former parishioner of Phil's and he agreed new office equipment might be a suitable donation for that bequest. The main concern was the question of an extra phone line to use a Fax machine on the same line as the answering machine. One of the members of Vestry was familiar with a new system, which uses a Fax machine and an answering machine on the one phone line. Vestry approved a motion to purchase the equipment described in Brian's proposal, as long as no extra phone line was needed for the Fax. Total cost not to exceed \$3,000, \$2,000 of which is the bequest.

(c) Nominations

Copies of a list of nominations were distributed, and it was noted that Glenna Sweeney will turn over the Deputy People's Warden's post to Lynda Daun. Glenna will continue on Vestry. Most Vestry members will stay on, with the exception of Gerry Knight. New members will be Garth Panting and Brian Testar.

(d) Hall Rental and Kids Inc.

It was noted that Montrose School is being rebuilt and for the next couple of years Kids Inc. which uses our Hall for Day Care for a few hours a day will need all day Day Care space till they can get back to their own space in the rebuilt school. It was agreed that a special meeting of Vestry might have to be called to get a decision on this when we have details of the request.

On Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> the special meeting referred to above was held after service. Karen Ohlson, Executive Director of Kids Inc. attended, as well as Eleanor Shearer, our Church Secretary who schedules Hall rentals. Attendance of Vestry members was excellent, with only three regrets.

Karen Ohlson talked at length about the background of Kids Inc. and the reasons for their request, and there were lots of questions. After an hour's discussion the following motion was put and carried:

MOTION: Isobel Boyle/Janet Laskey

THAT we accommodate Kids Inc.'s request for extra rental time starting June 1, 1998 through a letter of understanding with a review after 6 months, conditional on mutual agreement with the Y Neighbour's groups. CARRIED.

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One thing about standing behind you husband – the wife can't see where she is going.

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## OPEN LETTER TO MICHAEL HARRIS

Dear Micheal:

The news of your acceptance for post-graduate studies at the Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff Wales, U.K. is splendid. Our congratulations, prayers, and boundless good wishes will go with you as you take this next step along your chosen career.

You have always shared your particular gifts with us ever since you came to St. Peter's as a young lad in the choir, and in Pub Nite as singer and actor for so many years. Recently, you've taken on the added task of choreographer and director with remarkable success. We want you to know how grateful we are. It's been such a pleasure to watch you grow up and to see your many talents develop over the years.

We've all been impressed with your part-time career in the Naval Reserve, where you've shown such discipline and commitment. These same qualities have served you well through these last few years at university. You'll soon be graduating with that cherished Bachelor of Music (Performance) degree. We all look forward to your Graduation Recital on April 7th, and wish you success.

Many of us are already buying tickets to hear our favourite tenor sing the lead in the Gilbert and Sullivan Society production of "Yeoman of the Guard" next month.

You've always been a "star" here at St. Peter's and now we share in the joy of watching "our star" shine brightly on many fronts.

Wishing you God speed and many blessings,

With love,  
\*\*\* The members of St. Peter's Parish \*\*\*

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What you are is God's gift to you. What you make of yourself is your gift to God.

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# PUB NITE APRIL 24 & 25th, MAY 1st & 2nd, 1998

**EASTER & SPRING** are getting closer and Pub Night preparations are well under way. The cast for Pub Night has been very busy doing rehearsals every week for the last eight weeks or more. We appreciate their participation; it is a lot of hard work but also fun. We thank them for their commitment.

To add to the above Team the Pub Night Committee are all pulling things together for an outstanding Pub Nite 1998. We are going to have a great celebration of St. Peter's 12th Annual Pub Night.

**TICKET SALES** are going very well and since ticket sales began on March 1st, we have already reached the half way mark of available tickets sold. If you haven't booked your seats yet and you are intending to do so, don't delay, give Russell & Margaret Yeats a call at 489-7563 to reserve the table of your choice. Tickets are \$25 each and that provides you with a wonderful night out, complete with a full Roast Beef Dinner and all the trimmings. All that is left is to sit back and enjoy good company and have fun.

**THANK YOU** to all those who have signed up to help. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex and we are still in need of more helpers. The areas we need help in are:

**SERVERS, DISHWASHERS, MAKE-UP, DRESSING ROOM HELPERS, TICKET TAKERS, BUS PERSONS FOR AFTER THE MEAL, COSTUMES, SET-UP AND TAKE DOWN.**

## **ITEM NEEDED - WE NEED THE LOAN OF A VIDEO CAMERA FOR THE PROMPTER**

If you can assist with the loan of a video camera or give your time to any of the above tasks please sign-up. If you have any questions please speak to Della Harris 261-8868. We appreciate any help that is offered. Thank you.

Our team work will be rewarded by a successful Pub Nite 1998. The benefits will be fellowship, funds for St. Peter's Church and funds for Outreach in the form of donations to the Winnipeg Boy's and Girl's Club, and the St. Norbert Foundation.

## **JOIN OUR TEAM FOR PUB NIGHT 1998!**

- *On behalf of the Pub Night Committee* -  
\*\*\* *Della Harris* \*\*\*

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## **THE NEXT ELM LEAF**

Our next Elm Leaf will be ready for distribution on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Articles can be submitted up until May 24<sup>th</sup>.

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