

Reports to Vestry September 2022

Rector's report

There has been the normal meetings with Catherine as we review and go over each week. Since we have brought Simon, our new organist on board I have been meeting with him and will continue to do so. We are reviewing the service music, how hymns fit into the service and how he is a part of worship meetings. We have also met to review and sign his contract.

Sue and I have met regarding altar guild and I have attended altar guild meetings as well as Lay Reader meetings. I will not be attending them all going forward, but have valued my time getting to know the members of each committee.

This past while I have also spent a fair bit of time on organization for the year to come, cleaning and sorting my office.

There has been a number of meetings that Sue, Shirley, Pat, Lynne and myself have been attending regarding the West Winnipeg Viability Committee. This has been the subject of conversation at deanery and diocesan meetings as well. There is concern by St. Andrews and shared by the bishops that the committee is moving too fast and that there is not enough discernment or organization going into it. Consequently, we at St. Andrews are currently taking a supportive role, rather than an active one.

Services have continued and we are thrilled to have Simon as our new organist and to incorporate music into the services again. We have also reintroduced wine in the common cup, however I reserve the right to re evaluate that decision pending what fall/winter and covid/flu season brings.

Worship meeting took place last week and we did some great planning. One of the most important discussions took place around worship services and times. There have been a number of people who have said that the regular service is simply too long to sit through, consequently they don't attend at all. Along with other considerations I have decided to have a said morning prayer at 8:30 and a sung eucharist at 10 am starting Oct 2, this will be a trial through until the end of advent. October 2nd will also be the start of Sunday School.

Streaming equipment is installed and I am working on double checking, setting up and have created a guide for the regular service. Sue and I will also be sorting out a guide for the A/V in the hall.

We have started bible study and it will continue on Thursdays at 1 pm, all are welcome.

We continue to host services at Sturgeon I and II, as well as Kiwanis and they are always appreciated. This has also been a busy time for funerals and interments, and

we bade holy farewell to Noel Shepherd, “Paddy” James Gladden and Robert Bonnett. We are also pleased to welcome Lio Silva in the family of the church through baptism. There was to be a baptism on Sept 18th, but the family cancelled due to other commitments.

Pastorally, I have been reviewing the parish list and updating/compiling my ‘care list’ also visiting a number of parishioners in hospital and care facilities.

I have continued to take time for prayer and journaling, as well as meeting with my spiritual care advisor.

Submitted by Rev. Liz

Corporation Report

The Corporation did not meet formally over the summer but certainly were in regular contact with each other. My thanks to Sue, Shirley and Rev Liz for looking after the bulk of the issues while I have been at the lake.

1. The camera has been installed at the church and now we need to establish a team of volunteers to be trained to operate the live streaming. There has been some difficulty with the Wifi signal both in the church and the Parish Hall and a MTS technician is scheduled to come out. The Protelec system is also malfunctioning and both technicians have been asked to come in at the same time. Once the systems are remedied, both companies will be asked to compensate for the inconsistent service.

2. We have a number of technical needs – this will be addressed at our Vestry meeting.

3. Janitorial Services – Some concerns have been expressed about the level of service. The decision was made to wait until we hear from Willowplace to formally address the issues. In the meantime a text has been sent to Richard to wash down the bathroom walls in the lower church area.

4. A sexual harassment training session is being planned under the leadership of Rev Mary Holman. It will be open to all parishioners and specifically security volunteers, Vestry members including Corporation as well as Audrey (Sunday school). No date has been set.

5. The Diocese is looking for a Ministry Development Officer and has asked the parishes to complete a survey to help clarify the roles and responsibilities of this position. The Corporation will complete this survey by October 14th. Synod members will also be asked to complete the survey at Synod.

6. Other items have been discussed and will be addressed at the Vestry meeting under Other Business.

Submitted by Lynne Tovell

Altar Guild Report

The Altar Guild met on September 7 to officially welcome Lisa Churchward as our newest Altar Guild member with the presentation of her Altar Guild Name Tag.

Sue, along with demonstrations of linen care and folding by Fern and Altar set up for now including communion wine by Shirley, reviewed and finalized the instructions for Altar Guild the day before a service and on the day of a service.

There are lots of open spaces for flower donations on the Flower Calendar located at the back of the church. Altar Flowers are delivered to various members of the congregation by Altar Guild members after the service. When there are no flowers donated, the Peace Lillies stay on the sconces.

There was a Baptism on August 28 and a celebration of Life on September 9.

Submitted by Nina

Social Media Report

Website:

Our website is being updated regularly. Reverend Liz posts her sermon in writing on the website every Monday. Simon's photo and biography is highlighted this month to welcome him and let everyone know we have a new Music Director. The calendar is filled in at least one month ahead with special services, events and groups' meeting dates and times. The focus right now is updating all of the group information. Another upcoming focus is to have forms such as the Permit Rental accessible from the website. Data from our website for the month of August: 74 interactions on website, 34 people ask for directions, 533 profile views, and 95 searches. This is down from June but may be due to it being summer.

Facebook:

We continue to strive towards posting at least two photos from Monday to Saturday. The more we post the more St. Andrew's will appear in people's feed. The photos with parishioners continue to be the most popular. With a return to having events such as the Hoedown, Senior's Tea, Rummage Sale, etc, we will have a lot more to post about! We continue to have 33 followers. **Are you following St. Andrew's Woodhaven?** It really helps when people like and share our posts in order to get more followers.

Submitted by Sue

Maintenance Report

Biggest issue is the furnace that serves the lower level of the church. The fan motor has seized and it appears that a relay in the printed circuit panel has also failed. ABCO is working on the repair.

The lift was inspected by the province and there is a small issue that was noticed and needs to be corrected. Plus I have a couple of items on the lift that I will have looked at.

The 4 light globes that are directly over the choir area have had the bulbs replaced with LED's. There was some bulb replacement on the lite fixtures on the south side of the church.

I'm not involved with the phone system but MTS has been in working on the WFI and phone extensions.

A wasp nest was removed from above the hall kitchen window. This is the window that can be opened for ventilation.

I'm working on trying to get the kitchen shutter/roller door repaired.

Vegetation growing in the eaves trough on the north side of the church has been removed.

The hedges in the prayer garden and on Portage Ave have been pruned along with some pruning in the prayer garden. We have to review the overall area of the prayer garden with thoughts to adding or replacing some of the junipers.

Once again Herb and Linda have done a great job on the prayer garden geraniums and the flowers on the south and west sides of the church. George aka weed man took care of the garden weeds.

If I forgot anything and remember it later I'll mention it at the meeting.

Submitted by Ken