

## **May 2023 Vestry Reports**

### **Rectors Report M**

We have past Easter and things are beginning to slow down again.

I have had the regular meetings in the past month. Meetings with Catherine a couple of times a week, a meeting with Corp, finance was this past month and I've met with my Spiritual director. This past month the diocese hosted the PMT meetings and we also had a day long Treasurer and Corporation workshop. This allowed us to review the new handbooks and ensure we are following and aware of policy. I continue meeting with Simon on a regular basis and I met with Susan and her friend to look at our streaming issues again and we did get some things sorted, but we are still working on the static issues.

This past month also contained 'moving day' for the rest of the St. Chad's items and we have been finding places for most of the items brought over from Messiah. It was a day of mixed emotions and I spent some time with the wardens and some members of the former St. Chad's saying a pastoral goodbye to their space in Messiah.

Pastoral care continues on a regular basis. I have continued writing birthday, memorial and thank you cards on a regular basis. I phoned everyone on 'keep in touch' list and connected with a good number of them. I made a couple hospital visits and 3 in office pastoral meetings. The church is also used occasionally for people to sit in and connect with God.

I have begun putting together the pastoral care committee. The prayer group component is mostly established, there are a good group of people committed to leading services at care homes and a few people interested in hospital and in home visits. While I'm away lay readers will be leading the care home services and training for Lay Eucharistic Ministers will be arranged in fall.

Services do continues with an average of 2 Sunday services and 4 care home services, other care homes are interested in connecting with us. There was also a funeral service this past month as we said good by to Sheila Keatch, our past Vestry clerk. The service and reception were planned and executed exceptionally well and I am very grateful for everyone who assisted in the service. The Keatch family, especially Don were very grateful.

Otherwise, my time is spent with regular organizational and administrative tasks such as prep, planning, scheduling. Answering emails and phone messages, preparing and writing and posting sermons. Keeping up with the weekly work and I'm getting into fall planning.

### **Corporation Agenda Minutes**

1. St Chad's moment – questions were asked about the bulletin, announcing which type of service BAS/BCP – this is listed in the bulletin. Discussion about the difference between the lay reader meeting and worship meeting. Most questions are suited for the upcoming Town Hall. Liturgical questions can best be directed to and answered by Rev Liz.

2. Mission & Ministry Committee: A Thelma Wynne light Brunch was held on Mother's Day, collecting articles for the Project in conjunction with ACW.

4. Streaming – Kathy R has suggested a couple of Youtube videos to adjust the sound filters on OBS which is supposed to help with static. <https://youtu.be/E5YK-QTTgTE> and <https://youtu.be/L7ejUusSlz0>

Going forward this will be worked on by Rev Liz, Eric and Brent

5. Handicapped Parking signs — new signs were ordered and have been installed. The Sunday School Superintendent sign has been relocated to the nearest stall to the Parish Hall

6. Emergency Procedures This is an on-going project for Susan. She is focusing on fire, medical emergency, and evacuation for in both the church and hall.

7. Spring Cleaning — May 6<sup>th</sup> clean up was a successful event.

Window / ceiling fan cleaning dates – CleanVu window Cleaners week of May 15<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

Parking lot sweeping – Ken has booked. Will advise of the date

8. Review Timeline: Dates are being added to the Timeline as they come up.

9. Catherine's Performance Review: We have set a date for the Wardens to meet and will schedule at date with Catherine.

10. Clergy coverage for upcoming holidays/conferences arrangements:

Pastoral coverage for emergencies has been confirmed. The numbers will be included in the answering machine message and in the office.

May 28 Single Service of Morning Prayer

June 4<sup>th</sup> Rev Rod Sprange – 2 services – Susan to open the church

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Rev Mary Holman – 1 service

July 9<sup>th</sup> Rev Susan Smandich 1 service

11. Parish BBQ

Men's Club will set up tables and take care of the grilling

Denise has created a sign-up poster

Susan will pick up all the food (except buns) and deliver to the Parish Hall

Sue will pick up the buns the day of, and will coordinate the prep and serving of the food – Lynne and Noreen to assist

12. Coffee Hour: Will end at the end of June
13. Town Hall – June 11<sup>th</sup>: Will be advertised in the bulletin
14. Truth and Reconciliation: Shirley gave an overview of what is planned for June
  - June 3<sup>rd</sup> – sacred teachings with smudging outside
  - June 4<sup>th</sup> – movie Stolen Land Strong Hearts
  - 17<sup>th</sup> – Blanket exercise at 2 pm
  - 18<sup>th</sup> – Handouts – how we see individuals
  - 25<sup>th</sup> – Vince Solomon guest priest. – Bannock for coffee hour
15. Correspondence received from Edge corp development
16. St. Matthews – installing alarm system, will reopen various groups/activities after it is installed

### **Altar Guild Report to Vestry**

Since Easter, Altar Guild has returned to it's normal quite self.

We were pleased with how the Lent/Easter services went, for Altar Guild. We had a lot of very positive comments on the Stripping the Altar service.

We are still trying to finish up our study of "The Liturgy Explained". We would really like Rev. Liz to be with us for that.

Now that all the Altar Guild items from St. Chad's have come over to us, we will be setting a date to go through everything and deciding what we will do with each item.

We will be "finishing off" the season with a social gathering, dinner, in June.

Respectfully submitted, Pam

### **Property Maintenance Report**

Five Handicap parking signs were purchased and fixed to the church south wall.

A new Sunday School Superintendent sign was made (thanks Shirley) and fixed to the church south wall.

A brass plaque was fixed to the coffee table donated by Joyce Cox. The table is in the lower level of the church.

Three signs are on order. One is "Reserved Clergy" and will be fixed to the parish hall south wall. It will reserve a parking spot for Rev Liz on Sundays. Monday to Friday Rev Liz will park in her usual spot on south side of the church. The other two will be fixed to the furnace room doors. Two flouro bulbs in the church lower landing were replaced in the light fixture over the St. Chads altar.

TKE (elevators) visited and did an inspection and operation of the lift.

Manitoba Hydro did their annual gas leak test inspection. A very small leak was found and has been repaired.

Along with Pat Coleman we met with Geoff from Rossmere Custom Landscape and reviewed the Prayer Garden shrubs. The Mugo pines on the right side as you enter the garden off the driveway have been slowly dying over the years and need to be replaced. Geoff will give us a proposal / estimate to refurbish. He will prune the hedge after it finishes blooming. There is a fir tree close to Portage Ave that needs to come down and the hedge on Portage Ave will need pruning.

The annual spring cleanup was May 6th. Thanks to all the ladies that took care of the church interior and the guys who looked after the grounds and the interior of the Parish Hall. Towards the end of the cleanup we had the assistance of six men from the Bruce Oake Recovery Center. Thank you Laura and Kelly for arranging it. I think this group is something we should keep in mind for jobs around the church/grounds.

The Prayer Garden was tidied up on May 11th.

The power sweeping of the lot and painting of the parking lines has been booked and will be done soon. Busy time of the year for the companies doing it.

Ken Wardle

## **REPORT TO VESTRY – MAY, 2023**

Mission and Ministry held a meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2023

**Foster Child through Plan International Canada** – Nina Logan

Donations from coffee to support Foster Child. Donate \$50/,month. Funds raised \$102 at the end of March. Raised to date 1/10 of the required funds.

**St. Matthew Maryland** – Grace Mackay - food program suspended until vandalism repaired. All items collected in the interim are to be delivered to West Broadway.

**West Broadway Community Ministry** – Pam and Frank Bann – 4 large grocery bags and 2 good size boxes delivered to West Broadway this month.

**PWRDF** – Lynne Spiring-Whitten – Rogation Service to be held in the Pembina Valley June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We will be participating in the local Grow Hope Project – This project is supported through the Canadian Food Grains Bank. Fill the Silo. Government of Canada will match generated funds 4:1. Funds ae used to support food sustainability in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. PWRDF retains only 8% of all funds raised to administer its' programs.

**Thelma Wynne** – Norma Pittman – Mission & Ministry and ACW have planned a Mother's Day/ Thelma Wynne Brunch on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 after the 10:00 a.m. service. Light lunch will be served and all items donated for Thelma Wynne will be on display.

**Agape Table** – Laura Ryback informed committee that there are 2 potential dates to attend and volunteer at Agape Table. Friday, June 2, 2023 and Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Volunteers are to arrive between 7-7:30 a.m. and will volunteer until 11:00 a.m. Sign up sheet will be available and announcement will be placed in the Sunday bulletin. Laura can take 7 volunteers.

**Correspondence** – Ukraine - new to Winnipeg are seeking paid jobs. Laura mentioned there was an article in local community paper that talked about a company that was providing this service. She will try to locate the information and pass on to Rev. Liz. Rev. Liz received information from NICU at St. Boniface Hospital. They are in need of knitted blankets 21X18 inches and quilts 40X30 inches.

Next meeting – Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 6:45 p.m.

God Bless

Audrey Kelly and Lynne Spiring-Whitten

### **Music Report**

Since September, the music program at St. Andrew's has been rapidly evolving. A whole new liturgy from the Book of Alternative Services was introduced when St. Chad's amalgamated to St. Andrew's. During Advent, we sang a Trisagion to replace the Gradual hymn, and we have started singing a new Gloria. During Communion, we sing a rotation of hymns that include one strophic hymn and one Taizé hymn. During Lent, we sang three different verses of Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery as a processional hymn every week. During Easter season, we sang a new version of The Lord's prayer and introduced a Gospel Acclamation in place of the gradual hymn. The choir started rehearsals again at the end of January and started singing at the front of the church on the first Sunday of Lent. Rehearsals are currently an hour long but will most likely be longer in the fall. During Lent, the choir wore purple robes, but now the choir is currently wearing new blue robes. On Easter Sunday, the choir sang Alleluia, Alleluia! By Deborah Govenor as an anthem. On the fourth Sunday of Easter, our soloist, Marguerite Massicotte sang The Lord Is My Shepherd by S. Liddle as a solo anthem. The choir currently has nine members, but anyone who is interested in joining is more than welcome. The ability to read sheet music is not required. The choir is currently working on harmonizing, and they are improving every week.

Respectfully submitted,

Simon King