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TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER June 8, 2023

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You are receiving this weekly Trinity Newsletter as you are a member of the Trinity family. Should you not wish to receive this, please indicate by return e mail.

Trinity OFFICE HOURS: Our parish administrator works in the church office Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30-3 and at home Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10-12, for a total of 15 hours. ALL telephone messages regarding church business are to be directed to the office 506-693-8558 or trinsj@nb.aibn.com and not to Susanne’s home phone. Messages on the office phone are checked regularly during office hours; messages left after office hours will be attended to the following business day.

You Tube Trinity Services: You can view Trinity’s recorded services by going onto YouTube and typing in Trinity Anglican Church SJ. That will bring you to our channel and all of the previously recorded services.



To Louise Dodge-Hall and her team for making Trinity’s annual Spring Yard Sale a great success. It was a heavy weather day on Saturday which did not deter the shopper turnout. The one-day sale netted Trinity nearly \$800 which will go towards ongoing support for Trinity’s ministries. A huge thank you to all!

And from Louise: I want to extend my sincere gratitude to all those who helped with making our annual spring yard sale a success. The generosity of donations is unbelievable. Thank you to everyone who contributed. I greatly appreciate your time and the tremendous amount of work setting up and tearing down. It takes a team to get it done and you were a great one; Tracy, Nancy Y, Linda W, Marie, Margaret F, Lynda L, David & Donna, Judi Hl, Rus B, Kyle W, and the Christie Clan. I couldn’t have done it without out you!! Thank you so much. Louise DH.



A special **thank you** to Marie and all who are signed up to be the Trinity greeters for the 2023 Cruise Ship days this summer and fall. Pictured above is the largest Cruise Ship that has entered our port to date I believe, ‘**Oasis of the Seas**,’ with a recorded 5000 passengers and 2500 crew members. To date, our port has hosted four Cruise Ships with the next one due on June 27th. By the end of the Cruise Ship season, November 7th, Saint John will have greeted seventy-eight

ships having total of 190,580 passengers visiting our great city. I interacted with about twenty-five cruise ship passengers this past Sunday as they were given a tour of Trinity and the uptown features of our great city. It is a wonderful experience to share Trinity’s rich Loyalist story with those visiting. Trinity has a very unique

historical narrative to share – which captivates the tourists as they look around in amazement at the great architecture of the 1880's. Should you wish to become part of the 2023 Trinity Tour Guide program, please contact Marie Goguen or call the Parish Office.

Trinity Needs You! We are focused on making 2023 the best year ever. We have a challenge, but Trinity is not foreign to challenges over the years. We are on the right path, keep on - keeping on!

Last Sunday's Message in Brief! (John 20:19-23)

This past Sunday we celebrated Trinity Sunday focusing on the last words of Christ provided to us from Matthew's account, Matt 28:16-20, which is referred to as the 'Great Commission'.

We focused upon the commencement of Christ's Church by His Commissioning of His eleven Disciples and by association down through the centuries to us here today to continue His Church going forward.

I highlighted the writings of Rabbi Sandy Sasso in her children's book titled, **'In God's Name'** where she made mention that although God created (Genesis 1:1- 2:4) all and gave all names, yet no one knew what God's name was. She went on and shared that a number of people, from a farmer to a grandmother and so on each had a special name for God predicated on their own personal experiences and when they all reflected on their own name for God, found all the unique names they all had were all good and were all equal.

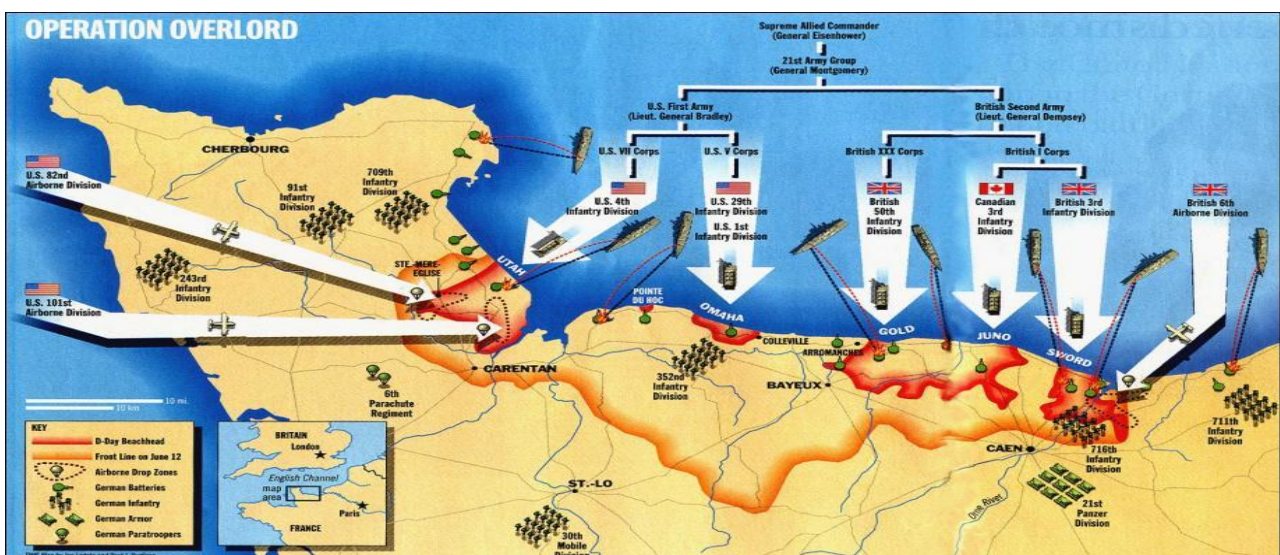
I then spoke of my Ordination as a Deacon on October 10, 2023 with regard to the questions and answers presented along with the supporting liturgies which made specific mention of the Trinity. Further mentioning my Ordination to the Priesthood in June 14, 2024 where the scripture high-lighted the huge need in Christ's Church for labourers as the harvest is plenteous and the labourers are few.

The fact is we are all commissioned by Christ, for a few of us it is through Ordination however all of us are commissioned through our Baptism where we are called to share our God given gifts freely to those we meet.

In closing, I called attention to another author, the late Rachel Held Evens in his book titled, **'What is God like?'** where he states in part, *"God is like three dancers, graceful and precise. They move to the same music but in very different ways, showcasing all of God's elegance and rhythm in our lives. God is like a rainbow – vivid and full of colour. A dazzling reminder of promise and hope for all people after a storm."*

As we go about our day, weeks and years to come, remember God created all, He calls you and I regardless of our secular role in life to be apostles of His Word and Love – to all we meet.

D-Day & the Battle of Normandy – June 6, 2023



The Royal Canadian Legion, Lancaster Branch #69, organized a memorial service at 11 am on Tuesday, June 6th to honor those brave Canadians who went ashore on D-Day and saw action on Normandy Beach. They were among the more than one million men and women from our country who served in the cause of peace and freedom during the conflict. Sadly, over 45,000 of them would lose their lives.

The following are the words by Lt. Bernard J. Cormier, (Retired)

By the spring of 1944, Germany had occupied France and much of the European continent for almost four years. A narrow stretch of water, the English Channel, was all that separated the German forces from Great Britain.

An Allied raid on the French coast at Dieppe in August 1942 had resulted in heavy losses, particularly for Canada, but by 1944 the Allies had made strong gains against German troops in both Italy and the Soviet Union.

The Allies knew they would have to defeat Germany in Western Europe to win the war and decided to mount a major campaign for 1944. Planning lasted more than a year, taking great effort and involving many elements. Ground, sea and air forces rehearsed endlessly to make sure their timing and coordination was perfect. Great numbers of troops, boats, tanks, supplies and equipment were gathered in total secrecy in southern England. Portable docking facilities were built for the supply ships to off-load their cargoes in the days after the Allies had landed. A long flexible pipe, called "Pluto," (Pipelines Under the Ocean) was even built to carry fuel under the sea from England to Normandy, the region of northwestern France where the Allies would come ashore.

Victory in Normandy would be only the beginning of many months of hard fighting on the ground in Western Europe. Canadians would play an important role in the offensives that would finally defeat the Germans and end the war in this part of the world.

The brave Canadians who served in the Normandy Campaign were among the more than one million men and women who served in the cause of peace and freedom during the Second World War.

In Lt. Bernard J Cormier's e mail to members of the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI-NB), attached a very descriptive account written by Colonel (Retired) John Logan who serves on the Board of Directors of RUSI-NB. John speaks in detail the all-encompassing efforts from all services in the Canadian Forces to the successes of Operation Overlord and Neptune (the naval component). Thank you, John for the detail narrative of the dedication and sacrifices of so many. I can make copies of any are interested in reading John's writings.

Lest we Forget

What is New or Returned to Trinity?

Visitors:

This past Sunday, Trinity Sunday, we had over a dozen visitors attending Trinity for the first time or returning back from a long hiatus. Some were individuals, others were couples, a new family of five, and individuals.

What is missing is those of our Trinity family who call Trinity home – and would not be found thinking that Trinity was not their beloved church – yet there we are with 25% of our last Sunday congregation being new folks. Please, if you are sincere about Trinity's future, it is time to make Sunday a priority for you and your family. Your Trinity family needs you with us in Worship and Fellowship.

Catholic Book Store – The Diocese has just been informed this past week that the Catholic Bookstore located in Saint John will cease operations as of June 23rd. They are to be open till then selling off

their present inventory. After the closing of Anglican House, the Catholic Book Store has been our local supplier for all our church needs, from Communion supplies, Seasonal Bulletin covers, Baptismal Candles, Palms for Palm Sunday and our Altar Candle Oil along with sourcing unique items when needed. On behalf of Trinity, I extended our sincere appreciation this past week for their support for our Saint John ministries. For the most part, we have sufficient inventory on hand. There is an option in Moncton – another local supplier – and we have other supplier contact information which the Catholic Book Store has openly provided for our future needs.



Calvary Temple Lunch Fundraiser Our neighbours in the uptown Peninsula Ministries are holding a Business Lunch Fundraiser – 11:30 am – 2 pm Wednesday June 14th – you have to have your order placed and paid for by Monday, June 12th.

I joined them last Sunday May 28th for a wonderful lunch after church – meeting a number of folks I have not seen for some time – since COVID 2020 for some. Great meal along with wonderful fellowship as we shared a meal together.

If you are able, let us support their ministry. I will have the poster attached to this Newsletter for your use and for your sharing to your contacts. Thank you for supporting our brothers and sisters in ministry.

Footnote: Calvary Temple's lead Pastor, Chad Nickerson, along with his music team will be with Trinity for our Summer Music Series on Monday July 17th, and we look forward to their support in our ministries. Let us do our part and support Calvary Temple when we can.

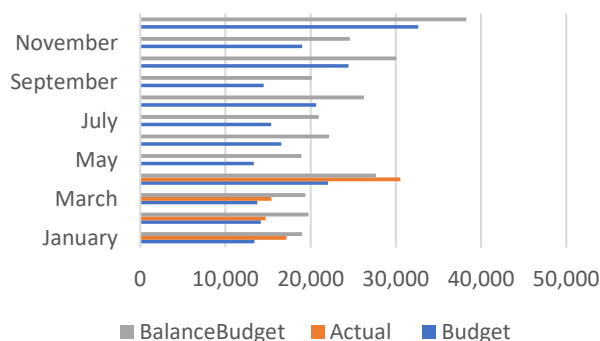
Trinity Financial Update for 2023:



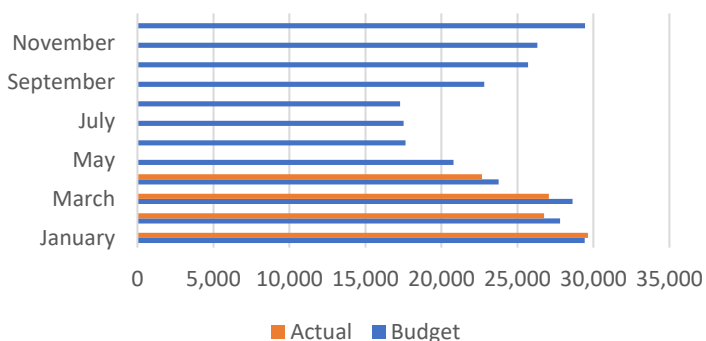
In the words of Archbishop David Edwards, as a Diocese we need to focus on making 2023 the best year ever and worry less about the 2–5-year forecasting as is part of our DNA.

Please remember the needs of your church, Trinity on a monthly basis. We have a challenge with a \$67,500 deficit budget – we are talking about it now, unlike decades before when they would sell land / property and write off the deficit and by doing so mortgage Trinity's future.

Monthly Revenue Tracking 2023



Monthly Expense Tracking



In overall numbers Trinity is working in the right direction to do all it can do to minimize the Deficit Budget for 2023. Revenue has been above budget with expenses in total being slightly below budget which results in a positive result. Please remember your stewardship monthly, especially when it comes to the summer months when we all tend to focus on our much-needed rest and travel. Trinity cannot initiate any of the much-needed restoration projects listed unless the funds are secured before hand.

E-Offering Stewardship Option – a great option for maintaining your stewardship during vacation season!

Thank you to all who are supporting Trinity through their regular stewardship, as this helps the Treasurer meet the ongoing financial needs of Trinity's ministry. Should you wish to join the E offering program, you can do so from your home by contacting Susanne at 506-693-8558 or through the church email, trinsj@nb.aibn.com.

As we think about our E Giving for the new year, we may wish to increase our E Giving – if you would like to adjust, please contact the Church Office, and Susanne will assist you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Prayers:



We offer special prayers for:

Prayers for Ukraine – Most Holy God and Father. Hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow and as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of Your presence through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Special Prayers ongoingly for Viktoriia (32) and Alex (32) Yezerskaya and their children, Daniel (2) and Samuel (5). Let us pray for their safety and the blessings they will share as God's hands, speech, and feet in their answering of His call on them as they commence as missionaries in Russia among their own peoples.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, the Most Rev Philip Richardson and the Most Rev Don Tamihere, Primates. Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Fort Nelson (BC): St. Mary Magdalene; Toad River, Alaska Highway, Mile 150-506, the Rev. Walter Kagura, the Rev. Glen Gough, licensed lay minister Mark Tudor. Archbishop David, retired bishops Claude and William and their families.

Parish Prayer Requests Carolyn Barker, Diane Cameron, Claire Cleary, Margaret McCully, Shirley Shaw, Ruth Steed, Ed Van Oorschot, Winston Wilson, medical teams and staff, Emma and Dr. Jouni Kraft. For Archbishop Ezekial Kumir Kondo, Archbishop of the Province of Sudan and Bishop of Khartoum who has fled with his family and staff as the Cathedral and compound have been attacked in the uprising there. Also, for Mae Tomelden, a 4-year-old boy in Vancouver who has links with Trinity; he has just been diagnosed with Leukemia.

Trinity Building Care

2023 Potential Projects – Bold printed would be the anticipated priorities for 2023

○ East Window Wall Plaster / Painting	Est.	\$50,000
○ West Main Entrance Steps	Quote	\$25,000
○ Perimeter night lighting	Est.	\$5,000
○ Steeple Stair System Upgrades	Est.	\$25,000
○ Bells System	Est.	\$125,000

○ Pew Cushions (remaining funds required)	Actual	\$ 620
○ East Exterior Wall Repointing	Quote	\$60,000
○ Chest Freezer Replacement	Est.	\$1,000

There are three specific projects that are being developed at this time for further discussion.

The Steeple Stair System Upgrades – Trinity engaged Estabrooks Engineering for a structural review and the preliminary drawings have been completed with a final review scheduled for this week. A site inspection was complete on May 24th and the planned review with Coastal Restoration and Masonry on June 2nd was postponed due to the NS wildfires. Once this review is completed, drawings finalized and pricing obtained this work will be brought before Vestry for necessary approvals. This work is a safety related project for continued access to the Tower heights.

Tower Bell System – The original bells date back to the rebuild of Trinity in 1880. From this date to the late 1960's the bells were manually rung by the Trinity Bell Ringers by the individual levers which caused the clappers to strike the rim of the associated bells. In 1968 an electronic system was purchased and installed by The Verdin Company from Cincinnati Ohio. I have been in direct conversation with this company which has a Canadian office in Montreal. Plans are in place to have the Verdin Bells Canadian representative site visit on June 19th and from this visit Trinity will obtain a quotation for the required equipment restore all the functions of the current Carillon system.

East Window Wall Plaster / Painting – A qualified contractor has visit Trinity on May 25th. Plans are being assembled for this project to be carried out spring of 2024. There are two major components, the plaster and painting of the Sanctuary however equally as important will be job of scaffolding this area due to the extreme heights. The intent is to achieve a +/- 10% pricing.

Pew Cushion project – Plans are hopeful that we will complete the final phase (phase 3) of this beautiful and most comfortable of projects Trinity has embraced. \$510 is required in this fund to complete the cushions on all the pews in Trinity.

More details on the above projects will be shared once available.

Upcoming Services:

June 11	10:30 am	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	BCP HC	Rev. Steven Scribner
Readings				
Old Testament	Genesis 12:1-9			
Psalm	33:1-12			
Epistle	Romans 4:13-25			
Gospel	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26			
June 18	10:30 am	3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	BCP MP	Rev. Steven Scribner
June 25	10:30 am	4 th Sunday after Pentecost	BAS Eucharist	Rev. Steven Scribner
July 2	10:30 am	5 th Sunday after Pentecost	BCP HC	Rev. Steven Scribner

Fundraising –

We have a number of fundraising activities either firmed up or on the front burner being set up

- **Walk n Talk Weekend** – in final planning stages – set for June 9th & 10th. **Refer to the Walk-n-Talk details below.**
- **Summer Music Series** – Monday evenings commencing June 12th through to August 28th. **Listing included below – mark your calendars now for a great Monday evening during the summer months.**
- **New River Garden Tour** – August 5, 4pm – **Sold out!** Thanks to all who have confirmed.
- **Annual Kitchen Party** – Date has been set for September 15th at 6:30 – 9pm – tickets will be \$10.00
- **Harvest Thanksgiving Dinner** - Yet to be firmed up
- **Talent Show** – yet to be planned / confirmed

TRINITY CHURCH “BRING BACK OUR BELLS”

WALK ‘N’ TALK WEEKEND JUNE 9, 10, 11, 2023

CO-ORDINATED BY DAVID GOSS WITH SPECIAL GUEST COMMENTATORS

Voluntary donation (\$10.00 suggested) will support this program and repay the commentators for their efforts, as well as help to get the electrical system that controls the bells under repair. Just show up and make your donation, except for the Ghost Walk: this required pre-registration and the fee is \$15.00 per person payable by electronic transfer to gosswalk@nbnet.nb.ca.

The walks will be 2 km and 1.5 hours. Come prepared for damp conditions, but if a walk is cancelled, it will be placed on the phone line 506 672 8601 an hour before the scheduled event. All walks leave from the 115 Charlotte Street door of the church. Please arrive 15 minutes early so we can start on time for each event.

Friday night at 7:15 p.m. Harold E. Wright will explore Harry Houdini’s connection with Saint John. He stayed in a hotel overlooking King’s Square South and walked through the Square many times to perform at the Opera House. Did his famous straight jacket act originate in the city? Come and find out.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. Well known local architect Bob Boyce will explore the immediate neighborhood of Trinity Church, rebuilt after the Great Fire of 1877. It is a district that experienced decline and renewal from the 1970's to today. The area contains one of the finest collections of late 19th-century buildings in Canada and is designated as a Heritage Conservation Area.

Saturday 1:00 p.m. Bill Gardiner will offer a look at the changed topography of Princess to Water Street from a Geologist’s point of view. Learn how and why the streetscape has changed, and why certain materials were chosen and used in the structures built in this area and other surprising geological trivia.

Saturday 3:00 p.m. Phillip Webb has been having a delightful time learning about Saint John’s history using artificial intelligence known as Chat Gpt 3.5. Sometimes the details are right on, but sometimes they require correction or clarification which David Goss will offer from his years as a tour guide in the city as we tour around King’s Square and vicinity.

Saturday Evening at 9:00 p.m. Mistress Diana Grant and Master David Goss will offer a Ghost Walk using stories they both have collected due to their interest in the paranormal happenings in the downtown area. Expect to be surprised by what they have found and in the way they will present it. For this walk, you must register. For safety’s sake, the walk is limited to 40 people, and the fee is \$15.00 payable via electronic transfer to gosswalk@nbnet.nb.ca. A confirmation will be sent to all registrants.

The walks will be rescheduled if the weather is really bad. Participants will have to choose as the Friday night walk and the 10:00 am walk on Saturday will both be held at 1:00 Sunday, while the Saturday 1:00 and 3:00 pm walks will both be held at 3:00 on Sunday. The washrooms in the church will be available. The Ghost Walk will be rescheduled to Sunday night at 9:00 pm. Call 506 672 8601 if in doubt.

ANNOUNCING **Trinity Church Saint John SUMMER SOUNDS 2023** **Monday nights at 7:15 June 12- August 28**

This weekly series will feature some easy listening and some classical selections, and one narrative evening.

The programs will delight and enlighten listeners.

A free will offering will be taken - 50% to the performers and 50% to Trinity renovations

June 12: Before the Mast – New Brunswick's premier Sea Shanty performers

June 19: Sing-a-long with Ron Maloney – old-time favourites

June 26: Easy Listening & Humour with the Cool Chicks and Ugly Doclings

July 03: Cathedral Organist – Richard Kidd

July 10: Local Musical Recordings (1930—1970) – with historian Harold E. Wright

July 17: Praise Music – Calvary Temple Music Team

July 24: String Ensemble – Symphonette Quintet

July 31: Music for the Stage – Soprano Mary Louise Belyea

August 07: Andrew Clark – Balladeer and Guitarist extraordinaire

August 14: Choral Folk Songs – The Saint John Chorale & Spencer Belyea

August 21: Evening Strings – with Stephen Mott and Friends

August 28: Pipe Organ Favorites – with Recitalist Michael Molloy

Performers will announce their programs at time of presentation.

The doors will open at 7:00 p.m. at both Charlotte Street and Germain Street entrances.

Come and enjoy Trinity's English Gothic architecture and the spiritual ambience of the historic Loyalist Church
... and the delightful musical presentations we have planned.

SUMMER SOUNDS is coordinated by Trinitarians David Goss and Spencer Belyea.

For details or changes of program, call 506 693-8558 or gosswalk@nbnet.nb.ca.

Reflections from the Sands of Myrtle Beach – Spring 2023 – The Comfortable Pew – Part 3

Pierre Berton speaks directly on the subject of Religion versus Christianity- a touchy subject. In 1964 he wrote, *"It may be that religious affiliation or church attendance is of little importance one way or the other in determining social attitudes, that the great majority identify themselves with some religious denomination as a matter of course, without thinking much about it."*

We have many in our midst personally when asked, would say there are religious – however do not practice or belong to a faithful community. Then there are others who will openly say they reject 'Organized Religion' based upon external influences mostly.

Mr. Berton goes on to share some thoughts on a slice of regular church going members in that they have drifted away from Christ's intent in that they have become more interested in the institution rather than the ethical relationships with Christ and His will for us in community.

Are we saying in 1964 and today that you cannot be a good Christian if you don't attend church on a regular basis. Not in the least! I remember well a conversation I had with a business owner on the shores of the Red River in Winnipeg MB while I was managing the 125-million-dollar expansion of the Red River Diversion (Floodway Protection Project for the MB Government). He asked this very question, "by not going to church, does this make me NOT a Christian?" My answer was quick and to the point. "Absolutely not, church is not the end all of you being a Christian, however I will ask you a question in return. If you don't go to church regularly,

where to you get your knowledge, where to you get spiritually fed in order to grow as a Christian as God wills for you to do in this life?" To this, I got no answer in return. We will never cease to stress the need to attend a faithful community on a regular basis. In the words of my friend and Layreader in St. Mark's Anglican church in Wpg. MB, Meshack Kusa, *"I come to church each week to get my 'gas tank' filled."*

We can find all kinds of reasons why we don't attend our faithful community on a regular basis. The greatest of these and most recent is COVID. Well, COVID being what it is, Trinity's last service was March 15, 2020 after which all services were shut down by order of the Provincial Government March 16, 2020 and reopened July 5, 2020 and only missed one Sunday in January 24, 2021 due to Provincial orders – otherwise Trinity has been open for worship every Sunday through this COVID season and no one from my knowledge was negatively affected by attending church – yet many chose to explore other options for their time under the excuse of COVID and it is a fact for all denominations across Canada, 30% of the pre-COVID congregations will not return to their faith communities post-COVID. This prediction is playing out here at Trinity presently.

We recently celebrated, honoured our United Empire Loyalist with a wonderful service of imaging and reflection on May 14th. What we are honouring for the most part was the moral centre our ancestors who landed on these shores May 18th, 1783 in their establishing as one of their first cares, their place to come together and worship God. They were so invested in their faith, by 1822, there was no more room in the 'old' Trinity which seated over 1000 the Vestry of the day agreed to build a Chapel-of-Ease – which we know as the Parish of St. Mark's- St. John's church or more commonly known as Stone Church in order all would have a place to worship on Sunday mornings. If we look around us on a given Sunday, pick any main-line denominations, where are our present and future generations going to get their 'gas tanks' filled – spiritually fed or where are they going to get the basis for their moral teachings?

Again, Pierre Berton touches on the key issues of the main-line Protestant faiths in 1964 which have as he predicted, played out in spades some nearly six decades later.

Next week Part 4

ICYM



Trinity and Stone Church have been founding partners with Inner City Youth Ministries for the past 34 years. The early days provided Chicken Noodle Soup at St. James' Anglican on Broad Street where Beacon Cove youth shelter presently resides. Presently ICYM Lunch Connection (which will have provided over 46,000 lunches to nine city elementary schools this year) recently moved from St. Marys' St. Bartholomew's-Forest Hills, to the newly renovated kitchen at Millidgeville North School (previously Millidgeville North High School). The province is moving towards an Anglophone School District breakfast program, and to facilitate this for Saint John, they needed a Hub Kitchen to receive and package food lots which will be delivered out to the various city schools.

On Wednesday, May 31st the Anglophone School District South hosted the grand opening of the new Hub Kitchen. One of the highlights of the grand opening was being entertained by the Forest Hill School choir with a membership of fifty girls and boys. They, having just competed well in the Music Festival under the leadership of Jerome Goguen.

Shawn Branch brought congratulations from Archbishop David Edwards as he was out of province. Rev. Jasmine Chandra, Vice Chair of ICYM spoke of ICYM origins and thanked the choir for their appropriate selections – the first had lyrics 'Alleluia and the second ' 'Be Not Afraid'.

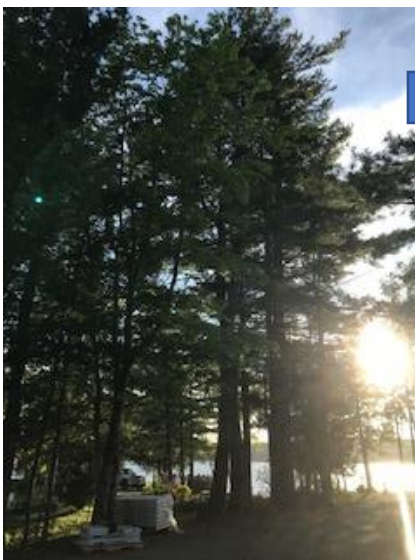


In the third picture, you see a sample of the bag lunch that is prepared Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays for the present nine schools. The items are changed up each day, providing a variety of nutritional items for the elementary school children. Plans are underway to expand by another three schools in the fall and hopefully another three in the new year. Thanks to Linda Webb as your Trinity board member and who volunteers twice weekly at the Lunch Connection – lunch packaging at the new Hub Kitchen. The lunches go out in hand-sewn lunch bags, making this program an environmentally sensitive program. Thank you, Trinity, for your ongoing financial and volunteer support to see a great number of our children in our city have a nutritious lunch while at school.

Remember When?

Well, I can remember when. I remember my dad and I when we planted these pine trees in the early 1970's for the purposes of identifying the property line. They would have been all of 4 foot tall. They matured as most trees do, and over grown their habitat and with age, some 50 years later to 110-120 feet tall and 18" – 24" at the butt. Not only were they over grown, but were showing signs of dying at the top. In the winter months when we get a solid freezing rain followed by a stiff wind, these tall trees would give cause of concern as there is no where for them to fall that would not be costly. Either my house, my brother home, hydro lines, my cottage or my garage.

So, there was only one solution possible and that was to hire an arborist to take them down in sections. Well, I can highly recommend the team that looked after my situation The owner you can see about 90 feet high in one of the trees (indicated by the blue arrow in the picture – red hardhat) – Top Notch Tree Care (506-898-3548). Trees this precarious need predictable weather to be taken down – the most important is zero wind as a slight gust could change a predictable outcome become unpredictable with high potential for personal injury and property loss. Also, high heat takes its' toll on the workers. We started on Thursday and managed to get four trees down however around 2pm we were experiencing upwards of 30-32 deg. Then we regrouped on Friday morning. It was much cooler – in fact a couple of showers which were tolerable only to have the wind pick up around 11am which creates a hard stop – for the above reasons listed. This has left one more 120-foot tree standing precariously by itself. As Heather stated to me as she looked at the one lonely tree left, "it will not fall, as it has seen what has happened to its' buddies". We have scheduled the last tree's demise for Thursday of this week.



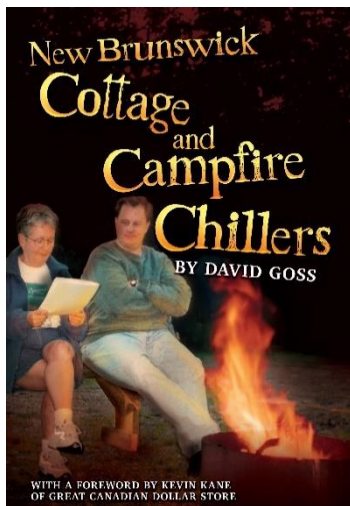
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Worker high in the tree



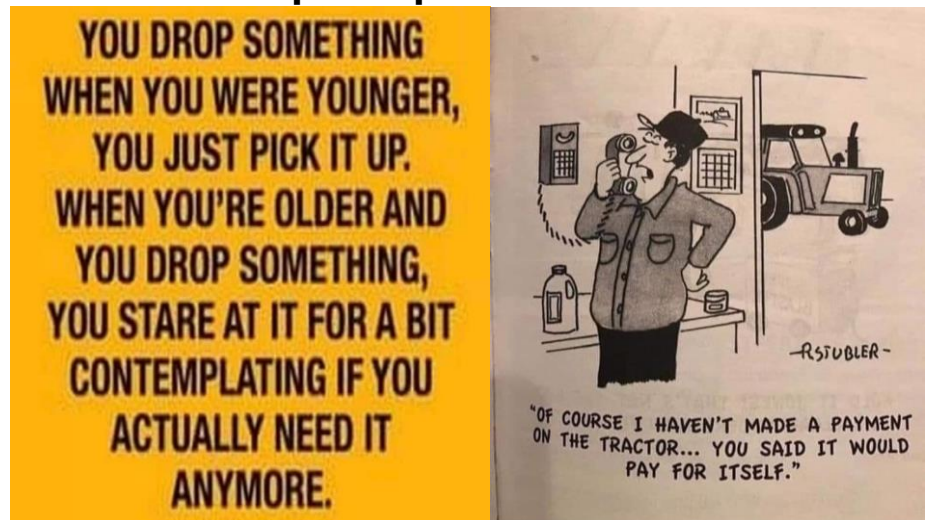
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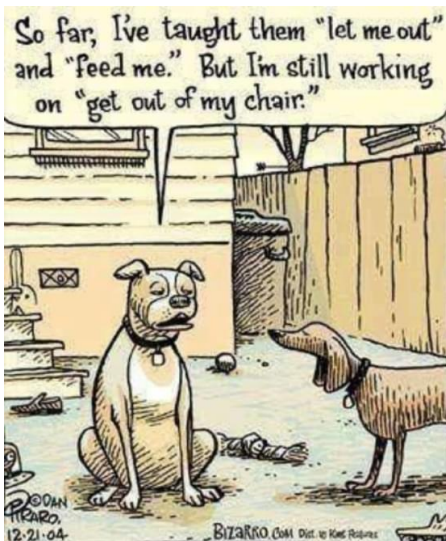
The Summer Book you have been waiting for!

David Goss has published a total of 22 books of various types to date. He is willing to take orders if you so wish, or they will be available at Indigo and Great Canadian Dollar Stores. You will save a few \$\$ if you order directly through David. We thank David for his years of telling stories – our stories – our history and along with some fiction.

Humor – a prerequisite for all of us:



Pet Humor:



*Blessings,
Reverend Steven*