



While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat,
and summer and winter; and day and night shall not cease.
Genesis 8:22

Church Alive!

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From the

Minister's Desk ...

Today has been a gloriously cool and bright early fall day. The heat broke this week and the air has cleared. Everything is fresh and alive once more! Things are coming alive here at the church as well. Programs are up and running again. Major rental groups have expanded or been added! As I arrived this afternoon I met the director of the new Chinese School. The rooms in the CE wing are full. Parents are waiting patiently for their children. Our ministry of welcome and hospitality is growing exponentially.

This theme of welcome flows in and out of worship this fall: We have two baptisms and one wedding to look forward to; Reverend Alice McAlpine and her team will be welcomed as facilitators of our upcoming Oversight Visit; every week I'm meeting people who are new to worship. A new young couple last week asked me about Church School.

All of this is so very exciting for me! I continue to settle in and feel more and more content each day. Over the summer I accomplished some major relocation tasks: my drivers license, health card and wedding officiant number. My condo is still a work in progress – I've only recently unpacked all my art and mirrors. Over the next weeks they will be hung and I will feel more and more at home.

I'm really looking forward to the Book Sale at the end of the month. PBS initiated the 'Great American Read' this summer and I've started marking off the ones I've read and the ones I want to read. No

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Sunday, Sept. 16
10:30 a.m. - Regular Service
with Baptism

Sunday, Sept. 23
10:30 a.m. - Oversight Visit
with the Reverend Alice McAlpine
of St Andrews, Châteauguay

Sunday, Sept. 30
10:15 a.m - Hymn Sing
10:30 a.m. - Regular Service

Sunday, Oct. 7
10:30 a.m. - World Wide Communion
Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, Oct. 14
10:30 a.m. - Regular Service
2:00 p.m. - *Special event*
Reverend Jennifer's Covenanting Service
with St. Lambert Church and Presbytery

Sunday, Oct. 21
10:30 a.m. - Regular Service

Sunday, Oct. 28
10:15 a.m - Hymn Sing
10:30 a.m. - Regular Service

Sunday, Nov. 4
10:30 a.m. - Regular Service
Speaker to be announced

Sunday, Nov. 11
10:30 a.m. - Remembrance Sunday
2:00 p.m. - Cenotaph Service

Sunday, Nov. 18
10:30 a.m. - Regular Service

Sunday, Nov. 25
10:15 a.m - Hymn Sing
10:30 a.m. - 81st Anniversary Service

Please be sure to check the Bulletin for the latest W&F updates.

doubt I'll find some from the list at the sale! In relation to books and study, I've started thinking about programs that may appeal to some of you, or are perhaps required as we move into a new year: Confirmation?; a Living with Loss Sharing Circle?; an Advent book group? or an Interfaith Dialogue Study? If any of these ideas interest you, or you have other suggestions, please speak with me asap. We'll want to try something new very soon.

Our weekly announcement sheets are entitled 'Church Alive!' The title is fitting, as St Lambert United Church gears up for the fall and comes alive. It's also reflective of the rejuvenation I feel occurring within our ministry and mission. For this we Praise God! We offer our humble thanks.

Reverend Jennifer



*Catherine
and
Mayoress Sylvie Parent*

Congratulations

Catherine Orr Awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers

Friends and acquaintances of Catherine Orr applauded as news circulated that she had been awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. I had the pleasure and honour to be in attendance August 21st for the presentation at Longueuil City Hall by Mayoress Sylvie Parent, representing the Governor-General. This medal recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country and celebrates a wide range of voluntary contributions.

We of St. Lambert United Church are familiar with Catherine's energy and caring demonstrated during the past thirty-eight years as a visiting elder and member of the UCW, Outreach and Social Action and Worship and Fellowship committees. In 2016 Catherine was awarded Life Member of the United Church Women by the United Church of Canada. Many have been touched by her compassion and cheerfulness during visits as member of the Pastoral Visitation team.

Perhaps less known to our church family are Catherine's activities and leadership in the Black community of Greater Montreal. Upon retirement in 2006, she took on a full-time volunteer position on the Council for Black Aging Community (CBAC) as a member of its Executive Board. Between 2008 and 2011 she assumed additional responsibilities in the capacity of president. Holding steadfast to the council's mission of improving the quality of living for black seniors in the Montreal area, Catherine organizes group trips, cultural get-togethers, fundraising banquets, skill-building workshops and classes, conferences and health clinics among many others. It was on Catherine's watch that the CBAC conceived and arranged financing for the construction of a residence for the Black Aging called "Islands Golden Door" on Lachapelle St. in the Cartierville area.

We of St. Lambert United Church consider ourselves blessed to have Catherine among us.

written by Tom Wylie





People Making A Difference

Years ago, I was forced to take three months off work due to a ruptured appendix. After surgery and a two-week hospital stay, I returned home to mend. A day or two later, I got a call from a colleague. He wasn't someone with whom I had a lot of contact, but he always had a pleasant word to say and a smile when you saw him. You know the type – they just make the day better. His call, which lasted less than five minutes, was to check on how I was and to let me know he was thinking of me. After we hung up, I felt a lot better. Somebody had noticed my absence and gave a darn! To this day, twenty-two years later, the memory of Talip's call and encouraging words are seared into my mind. I try to follow his example as much as I can.

I tell this story as a shining example of volunteerism. There was no rule which forced Talip to call me. He did it freely and because he wanted to. His call touched me strongly, all-the-more so because I didn't know him that well. Others reached out too: My boss called to ask when I'd be back on the job and the sad/glad committee sent me a get-well card.

My wife, sister, cousins and in-laws showed their strong support.

Coming to the present day, however, I am continually amazed by the amount of time that I see so many people give and for no reward, at least not of the monetary kind. Here is a short list of some of the things I see: hours of committee work to keep things moving along; hours of serving refreshments to hundreds of people (think: coffee hour); food distribution to the needy; visiting the sick; clearing snow off an older neighbour's walk; simply saying "good morning" to the people across the street. The list goes on and on. People doing things because they want to, not because they must. At the same time, they are making the world a whole lot better.

In Matthew's Gospel, the twenty-fifth chapter, we have the story of the sheep and the goats. Jesus tells the story of the "sheep" who fed people, gave them shelter, visited them when sick, etc. He said that it was as if they had done it to him. If this isn't a strong hint to get out there and do something for others, I have no idea what could be. This scripture serves as a reminder to reach out and share in whatever manner you can.

written by Jack Caldwell

CHURCH EVENTS AND UPDATES



It's not too late to join us!



**Congregational Potluck Supper and Games Night
This Friday, Sept 14th.**

Supper at 5:45 - Desert & Games start at 7:00

Those attending are asked to make or buy enough for 6+ portions.
The food should be ready to serve, and you should bring any necessary serving utensils.

***To ensure sufficient seating just let us know your coming
Please call the church office at 450-671-6003.***

We hope to see you all there!

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Friday, September 28

3:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 29

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday only

Coffee Shop & Baked Goods Table

So why not drop by for a coffee, tasty treats, and pick up some great reading, DVD's, CD's, records, etc. at the same time.

See You There!

**Donations may be left on the stage in Memorial Hall until Sept. 26*

CALLING ALL BAKERS

If you are able to contribute baking to the **BOOK SALE** please drop off your donations at 8 a.m. on the morning of the sale. Please have them prepackaged, i.e. 2 or 4 muffins per package, 6 to 12 cookies per package. Pies and loaves are also great sellers. For more information please contact Sharon Wallace at (450) 550-8065.

Upcoming Events

*Covenanting Service
for Reverend Jennifer
in Memorial Hall*

Sunday, October 14 - 2:00 p.m.

*UCW Christmas Tea & Sale
Saturday, November 17*

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*81st Anniversary Supper
Saturday, November 24*

6:00 p.m.

NEW! *Christmas Market
Saturday, December 1*

10 a.m - 5 p.m.

*in Memorial Hall
featuring over 20 artisans*

Please be sure to check the Bulletin and our Website for more details available soon

Prayer for Autumn Days

God of all seasons, we thank You for Autumn.

We thank You

*for the earlier setting sun which reminds us about making a time for everything, within less daytime;
for the first nips in the air that give a new burst of personal energy after a hot, humid summer;
for the leaves' falling that reveals the trees' power;
for their warm, magnificent colours that show Your artistry;
for the pumpkins' faces that bring all of us smiles;
for the harvest bounty that will fill our storehouses and soon bring Winter food;
for all who work to bring in that bounty;
for the generosity of those who bring relief for those whose harvest is poor or nil,
so that all may share from Your garden;
for this seasonal change that once again illustrates a part
of the circle of life.*

*As Autumn moves to Winter and its whites and grays, and Your
creation rests through its cold embrace,
we look forward to the promise of renewal and new life
in earth's re-awakening,
with the very first birds and blooms of Spring.*

Amen!

submitted by Kathy Beaudoin

Adapted and combined from

<http://www.marquette.edu/faith/prayer-autumn.php>;

<http://faith.nd.edu/s/1210/faith/interior.aspx>; and http://www.faithandworship.com/Prayers_Autumn.htm

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SWIRP (Sanctuary Water Ingress Remediation Project)
Progress Report - 2
Friday, September 7th, 2018

Introduction:

The Property committee has initiated the SWIRP (Sanctuary Water Ingress Remediation Project). As per my last report (June 4th, 2018) we had targeted our scope below:

Scope: Upgrade the Sanctuary walls, in order to eliminate the water that leaks into the building (water ingress) when it rains or the winter ice melts. The problem is most acute in the area where the Bell Choir plays. Other leaks occur under the Sanctuary slab and in the ceiling above the mailboxes (near the Minister's office).

Budget and Details of the SWIRP scope:

We have estimated a budget of \$132,000. The majority will be used on the above Scope. Any remainder should be used to repair the interior damage (Bell Choir area) the following year. The CPRQ (Conseil du Patrimoine Religieux Québec) is a Provincial Government agency and last fall they confirmed SLUC (St. Lambert United Church) will receive a grant to help pay for the work. The grant is for a net maximum amount of \$92,400 (70% of the total project cost). Including the church's portion, there is a maximum of \$132,000 available to do the SWIRP. This means that the church must contribute about \$39,600.

The major costs are:

- a) Professional Fees for Paule Boutin (Architect). These are fixed and will amount to a total of **\$12,000** (pre tax). This will be \$13,797 after taxes. The following is the pre-tax breakdown of Ms Boutin's scope:
 - o \$7,500 for preparation of the plans and specifications (done)
 - o \$750 for the services during the tendering phase (done)
 - o \$3,750 for the services during the construction phase (future)
- b) Contractor(s) fees to repair sources of water ingress. More detail is provided below.

Ms Boutin had detailed Scope and it includes the following:

Section 1:

- 1.1) Replacing the mortar that has deteriorated on the affected walls.
- 1.2) Addition of an eaves trough at the edge of the organ loft roof.
- 1.3) Correcting the slope of the ground around the walls.
 - i) The grade will be increased to cover the "French Drain" membrane in the affected area.
 - ii) The grade will be made to slope away from the walls. This will ensure that rain water will flow away from the building

Section 2 :

- 2.1) Restoration of the buttresses on the exterior wall of the affected areas.

Section 3:

- 3.1) Repair the exterior glass panes which protect the stained glass windows. NOTE: This has been postponed until next year, as the qualified contractor is fully occupied this year.
 - i) Replacement of all the broken exterior glass.
 - ii) Replacement of the dried sealant around the exterior glass panes.

Sections 1 and 2 will be bid out to three (3) Masonry Contractors. The bid tender will request separate prices for each section. Note that Section 1 addresses the highest priority water leaks by the Bell Choir area. Section 2 addresses low impact leaks by the Bell Choir area and the other side of the building (by Minister's office). This will allow us to stay within the budget, should prices be higher than expected. If the both prices are higher than the budget, then Section 2 will be reduced or eliminated.

The results of the bids are summarised in the table below:

Contractor	Section 1		Section 2	Rank
	Before taxes	With taxes	Before taxes	
Maçonnerie L.M.R. Inc.	\$83,087	\$95,530	\$42,258	Lowest
Maçonnerie Rainville & Frères Inc.	\$139,500	\$160,390	\$99,500	Too high
Saint-Denis Thompson Inc.	\$132,000	\$151,767	\$59,000	Too high

Maçonnerie L.M.R. Inc. had the lowest bid for both Section 1 and 2. However, the price for Section 1 was higher than estimated, but within our budget. Thus, Maçonnerie L.M.R. was awarded the contract. For the time being, Section 2 has been eliminated from the scope. Note that Section 3 (Window repair) is not included above. Next year (2019) we will do Section 3 (price unknown) and then, based on the budget remaining, we will make a decision on Section 2.

Project Plan and Timeline:

Except for step (f) below, Ms Boutin is personally doing the first four (4) steps below and supervising the rest. The timeline has slipped about a month, compared to the June 4th report.

I have the progress in *italics*.

- a) Inspect the exterior of the affected areas of the church. **COMPLETED** in May (2018)
- b) Preparation of the plans and specifications for the work to be done. **COMPLETED** in July (2018)
- c) Preparation of the Masonry bid tender package. This package was divided into two sections, as described above. **COMPLETED** in July (2018).
- d) Execute the bidding process. The objective is to:
 - i. Issue bid tender package to three (3) Contractors. **COMPLETED** July 13, 2018.
 - ii. Obtain the construction prices from the Contractors. **COMPLETED** August 15, 2018.
 - iii. Select the contractor to do the work. **COMPLETED** August 15, 2018.
- e) Sign Contract with selected contractor. **COMPLETED** August 31, 2018.
- f) Apply for Building Permit from City of St. Lambert. **COMPLETED** September 6, 2018, by Judy Campbell & Gordon J.
- g) Coordinating the work of the construction site (SLUC). The construction work should start **September 17th, 2018**.
- h) Review the contractor's request for payment and issue certificates of payment.
- i) Review the documents to be provided by the contractors at the end of work.

I will issue a 3rd progress report about one (1) month after the construction starts.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gordon Justy.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gordon Justy, *Property Committee Chair*.

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