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**Inspired by God and the example of Jesus to serve our community
by offering love and acceptance to everyone.**

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Notes from the Editor:

This is an issue of celebration, fundraisers and fellowship! We enjoyed some wonderful worship with Holy Week Services, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and the Baptism of Kiera Candace Soltys. We have worked alongside one another on a number of fundraisers, grounds cleanup and enjoyed the fellowship these events provide. Of course, with all of these events there is fabulous food. Many thanks to our hard-working wardens who provided us with BBQs every time we got together. There is another BBQ coming up; June 24 is the Parish Picnic so save the date!

Summer is almost here! Enjoy your time with family and friends but do not forget your faith. (See Lincoln's letter). Stay safe, wherever you go or with whatever you do; and remember your sunscreen. ☺

Jane

Reports...

Lincoln's Letter

Whenever summer comes around, I remember a story I was told a few years ago. It happens down in the US: Summer was approaching, and a family was asked what they were doing. They mentioned that they were going away to a location known for its cottages, lakes and general summer activities. When the family was told about a wonderful summer church there, their response was “Why? We don't do that on our holidays.”

The story may not be truthful, but I always reflect that it contains a very uncomfortable truth about our faith in this day and age. We have tended to compartmentalize our faith. We bring it out of its box when time allows, and then put it back in its box when it is not in use. Of course, we know that our faith is always in use, or at least should be. Especially given that we are rapidly moving away from the post-World War 1 Sunday-only church. We are all busy, and we get work when we can. But our faith must always go with us, our faith must always empower us on our daily journeys.

It is so easy for any of us to put aside our faith, especially when we go on holidays or get out of our routines. However, faith should not be a chore or a burden to put aside for a rest. It gives us more meaning and purpose than anything else we can do. It is my hope and prayer this summer that none of us put aside our faith, and forget God. For God never forgets us.

Lincoln

Chuck's Chatter – Your Back Wheel is Going Frontwards

At one time, I used to spend a great deal of time riding with officers on the road when they were working. That was their office; that is where the chaplain got to know them. An eight-hour or longer shift was conducive to a whole lot of chatter. It allowed the chaplain and the police officer to learn a lot about each other. If the chaplain was well trained, the officer knew that his back was covered and that the chaplain was not a liability to him. This, of course, generated many interesting stories. The majority of them I am not at liberty to tell, divulge, share or impart to others.

This story does not fit into the do-not-tell department.

About 15 years ago, we were getting into the early Christmas season. We had set up a CHECK STOP on highway 19A just north of Courtenay looking for impaired drivers. In six hours, the team managed to pick off a couple of dozen impaireds, plus a few other serious

infractions in the process. The officer I was with, I knew very well. We had done a fair bit of time working and training together.

It was a Friday evening and the highway was rather busy. About half an hour into the activity a very irate/angry/mouthy/rude/loud woman in a van pulled up to our station. She was not a happy camper or should I say a happy driver. The expletive-deleteds were nonstop. She had a mouth on her that would have embarrassed the devil. I am sure she was having tutoring lessons with him. I do not know how much the devil paid her per session, but it was probably worth every penny. While my partner was getting details from her at the driver's window, I was at the rear of the vehicle checking lights and registration.

While he was finding out she did not have her driver's license with her; I had found out that the registration and insurance had expired. We pulled her over to the shoulder of the road. She claimed that she indeed had a driver's license, but had left it at home. She also claimed she had renewed the registration and insurance, but had simply not put it on yet. My partner was keeping his cool; he always did. The client was keeping the air quite warm and somewhat blue.

While we were checking things out on the computer, which of course delayed her more, she dug through her glove compartment looking for her sticker for the plate, which she did indeed find and put on her van. We found out the she did have a driver's permit. My partner wrote her up a "Notice and Order" to come to the detachment within 48 hours to show her license. She was still "beaking" off rather forcefully and getting hotter under the collar as if that was possible. Coolness was still the order of the day for my partner.

We gave her the paper work, one piece of which we asked her to sign. She was still cursing and swearing the two of us out. My partner told her she was free to go. As she put the van in gear and started to move, my partner called to her, **"YOUR BACK WHEEL IS GOING FRONTWARDS."**

To which she shouted back in a voice one could have heard as far away as Fort Street in Victoria, **"NO IT'S (EXPLETIVE-DELETED) NOT!"** as she floored it up the highway.

My partner and I had not laughed that hard together for a long time. I told this story at his funeral a couple of years ago. The attending congregation did a great job polishing the floor of the funeral home as they rolled around on it in fits of laughter. They could all see and hear him doing something like this.

Chuck Massey

Wardens Report

St. Peter's Family, You are awesome!!!

You continue to amaze the three of us by how faithful you are to Christ and his church. Christ working in and through us has accomplished much. We are family. We care about and for one another. The love we have received from our Saviour is being shared with and by all of us. In no particular order, here are some of the events that have happened and are coming up. Also, a bit of editorializing.

It is always dangerous to single out individuals. However, here it goes anyway. Our own Mary Cook and the entire refugee Committee have been recognized by the Local Hero's program for their contribution to Campbell River community. Our dedicated and loyal Servers Guild adds so much to our worship services. Thank-you to each of them. A huge shout out to those who stay behind after service on Sunday to count and deposit the offering. It is a tedious job but one that must be done. Our diocesan policy does not permit the Wardens, treasurers, or secretary to do this job. Thank-you to Jennifer who is at the door each Sunday to welcome you. There is a special place in our stomachs that wants to thank those who provide our after church goodies. I know I speak especially for the teens in the congregation!!

You may have read or heard that the Altar Guild is actively seeking new members. The obvious tasks, yes, but there is more that happens so smoothly. PLEASE consider learning more about and joining this important, dedicated group.

Much has happened in the parish since the last Spirit. ACW held our first after church bake sale. YUM! Many have helped with the Grass Roots/Kind Hearts outreach. It is an ongoing commitment. Thanks to all who have been involved and an encouraging word to those who are considering becoming involved. You will truly learn what it means when you hear "you will receive more than you give." Our Earth Day clean-up and plant sale were huge successes. A very worthwhile garage sale led by Greg helped many of us who had "stuff" we needed to rehome get on with it! And, in between these events, we were sustained by Hadley's spaghetti dinner. Watch for a "garden tone-up" activity to be announced soon.

As you know, the parish is always looking for ways to sustain itself financially. Please remember we do have a magnificent hall and other spaces that are available for rent. Consider us when you are planning a special event and let your friends know too. More information is available from the church office. Our expenses continue all year long. They do not take vacations. Please consider automatic withdrawal as a simple way to make your weekly contribution. That way our cash flow remains constant. It also saves many hours counting and preparing deposits each week.

Finally, thank-you to Lincoln for hearing God's call to come to St. Peter's. We are blessed to have you with us as a teacher and learner as we all try to follow the path Jesus has shown us.

Yours in Christ, Pauline, Cathy, Bill

The Spirit of Finance - Treasurers' Report

Happy Spring! The sunshine and warm breezes are serving to lift all of our spirits. The church grounds look amazing and I am sorry that I was not able to be a part of the spring cleanup! Thank you to all the workers.

Our finances are doing well. As of March 31, we had a big gap in our fundraising column but that has been taken care of by the wonderful success of the Plant Sale. Thank you to all of the people who worked so hard to make it another community event that has become so anticipated by the residents of Campbell River.

We need to continue to watch our expenses but are holding our own with money in the bank and well attended services. We always seem to have some group or other in the hall and that continues to be a great source of income for us.

Please remember that you can always sign up for the direct debit for your offerings. It is a convenience for both you and the church, especially during the summer months.

Thank you to Jill for collecting and depositing the money from the Plant Sale.

Have a great summer everyone!

Holly and Jill, Treasurers

A Call for Altar Guild Members

Jackie Langdon and Dalcy Christian have retired from the Altar Guild after many years of dedicated service and leadership. They will remain on our roster as honorary members and we are sure we will be able to draw on their wisdom from time to time, but they are leaving and we need to fill that big hole.

We are urgently seeking two volunteers for our Altar Guild but more are welcome.

You would work with a partner (two-person team) on a six-week rotation (once every six weeks). We meet as a group every second month for about 45-60 minutes.

The Altar Guild prepares the sanctuary for Eucharist and Worship each week. For example, setting up for Communion, minimal silver and brass cleaning, changing hangings and banners as required, arranging flowers, etc. Approximate time to complete is 60 to 90 minutes.

A walk-through of the duties involved can be arranged with any Altar Guild member, or by contacting Eileen Proudfoot 250-286-1088; Email eileenproudfoot@shaw.ca Also you may indicate your interest by leaving your name and number at the church office.

"Altar Guild work can be considered... a loving labour offered to God, not merely a chore that someone must accomplish." (Altar Guild Manual, Preface, 1963 edition)

We hope you will consider this area of ministry and we look forward to welcoming you to St. Peter's Altar Guild.

Eileen Proudfoot

ACW report for June 2018

Since the arrival of our new minister, Lincoln, there has been a noticeable increase in new and returning parishioners and so the ACW women would like to take this opportunity to inform the congregation that all women are welcome. We meet every Wednesday morning for coffee, goodies and great fellowship from 10-1130. The first Wednesday of each month is our 'business meeting' We have started inviting speakers from various organizations and charities throughout the Campbell River area and that way we are becoming aware of what is happening in our own back yard so to speak. We have several fundraisers throughout the year, with the November bazaar being the largest. We focus on providing financial support to our congregation, individual requests and organizations within our own community. Our group membership is around 18 and new members are always welcome.

The last several months, our sewers have been creating new projects for the bazaar. As we try to be practical, our latest project is a variety of fabric shopping bags, which come in several sizes. We are conscious of being environmental friendly to get away from plastic and paper. We have also created a nice selection of dog neckerchiefs both for large and small dogs this year. Knitted items are always useful, so if you have some spare time, toques, hats and gloves are always popular at the bazaar.

ACW always helps with various events, which the church holds throughout the year. The Plant sale and our recent garage sale; fellowship is a very important aspect of our group and as always, many hands make the tasks much easier. Our bake sales throughout the year are extremely popular and there will be another opportunity prior to the bazaar to sample our pies. We do not meet over the summer and start up again in September. In the meantime, if you keep your eyes open for sales on lard, pie filling and shortening; we will always put these to good use for the bake table. As we introduced Food Safe three years ago, we do all the baking with those guidelines in the church kitchen; another good time for laughs and fellowship. We will be hosting another jam, jelly and pie sale in the fall when the berries are ripe!! I can taste it already!!



We are in the planning stages of a Strawberry Tea along with a Silent Auction late in the summer so stay tuned for further details.

For further information about ACW, please feel free to contact Lois Tirebuck, co-president of ACW at 250-923-8108, any evening.

What's Been Happening...

Holy Week - March 25 - April 1

Began with Palm Sunday...



and ended with Easter Sunday!



St. Peter's Grounds Clean-up and BBQ – April 21

Many thanks to all who came out to help with St. Peter's grounds clean-up day on the weekend of "Earth Day". A great project to work on, and a BBQ lunch to enjoy, after we finished the work. Special thanks to Elaine and the army cadets for their help again this year.



Plant Sale – Saturday, May 5

St. Peter's 57th Plant Sale was great! So many thanks to all of you for all your contributions to make this parish event such a success! The before and after pictures, below, tell the story.



This year's plants were beautiful and healthy; they flew out of the parking lot by the wheelbarrow load. Along with perennials, trees, shrubs, dahlia tubers, indoor plants, books and the Mother's Day table, we also sold garden tools and accessories. We had a new section this year too, Fairy Gardens to buy, and to make and take. Many thanks to Jane Jennings for offering to provide this new category to our sale. The kids loved making the gardens.

Campbell River Christian School joined our plant sale; also another "first" for our sale. They had a fundraiser they needed help with; selling "berry plants", strawberries, raspberries and blue berries. Later they showed their appreciation by donating some of the funds from their fundraiser to our sale. I hope their fundraiser went well for them.

Jennifer Coolen tallied all the plants, most of which we sold; her tally came close to the amount we raised for this sale. The remaining plants went to two other sales in the community; Campbell River Garden Club and Campbell River Literacy Society. We were very happy we did not have to "mulch" any plants after the sale.



Pentecost – May 20

“Wear red” was the Facebook posting; so we did! Why wear red? The main sign of Pentecost is the color red. It symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Priests or ministers, and choirs wear red vestments, and in modern times, the custom has extended to the lay people of the congregation wearing red clothing in celebration as well. Pentecost always occurs seven weeks after Easter Sunday (50 days after Easter).



Spaghetti Dinner – May 27

When the sign-up for the dinner is around 50, Hadley cooks for 80! Just so you know, he is well prepared. Great sauce, Hadley; and the Caesar salad and garlic bread always round out the meal. Many thanks to all who pitch in and help with preparation, serving and cleanup.



Garage Sale - Saturday, June 2

“Start your spring-cleaning with the church garage sale in mind.” That is what St. Peter’s was advised to do and did we ever come through for this year’s garage sale! So many thanks to Greg Goldstone and his “pick up crew”, Elliot, Iain and Casey, who were busy for several weeks delivering loads to the storage container and then as the sale got closer, to the Narthex of the church the week of the sale.

On the day of the sale, items left the sale in all manner of vehicles including a chair in the back of a Fiat!

After the sale, the cleanup crew sorted the remaining items and made deliveries; to the Transition House, ReStore, several thrift stores, recycling and lastly the landfill.

Although it may be hard to tell from the two pictures below, taken before and after, the sale was a huge success. To help with cleanup, Greg asked us to fill a box and take it to a thrift store and many thanks to those who helped in this way with the cleanup.



What's Coming Up...

Parish Picnic – June 24

The Annual Parish Picnic is Sunday, June 24, 2017 at St. Peter's Church Garden beside the Hall. The service is at 10:00 a.m. followed by a picnic and barbeque. Do not forget to bring a lawn chair, and a salad or a dessert. You can sign up on the bulletin board. Everyone is welcome!

Library Summer Hours

The library committee will work June 4 and 18, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., then break for the summer. The library is available any time the church is open, and anyone may borrow books for three weeks. The library books on display in the narthex are especially interesting, and easy to borrow. We use the honour system, so write or stamp the date three weeks ahead, when you will return the book, then please sign the card and leave it in the little box. Please place returned books in the carved wooden box by the window. Martha

Choir Notes

The final choir rehearsal before a summer break will be on Friday, June 22, 3:00-4:30 p.m. This allows us to rehearse for every service in June, but to take July and August off. We will resume on September 7. New members will be welcomed with open hearts and arms; no experience is necessary. Interested instrumentalists are especially encouraged to consider helping us expand the music ministry at St. Peter's.

Regular Sunday School Ends June 17; Summer Sunday School Begins July 1

June 17 - Regular Sunday School is ends on Sunday, June 17.

June 24 – The Parish Picnic is always a great time for families to worship and enjoy fellowship at the picnic, which follows the service. This year the service and picnic is outside on the grass beside the Hall. Pray for good weather! If it rains, we get together in the hall.

July 1 - September 2 - Summer Sunday School is ready to go for ages 3– 10 years old. Would you like to teach a lesson this summer and see what it is like to work with our children at St. Peter's? We need your help. Please sign up for a week or two with a fellow parishioner. Pair up with someone who has Safe Church training. Packages are available for each week and a Master Copy of the program is in the Sunday School classroom. The curriculum comes from website Ministry to Children and follows the weekly lectionary readings.

<https://ministry-to-children.com/sunday-school-lessons/>

Feature Story

The Very Big Cross (A mostly true story)

Have you ever heard the saying “If these walls could only talk?” Well, if St. Peter’s walls could talk they would have quite a story to tell; a story about a people, a church building, its builder, and a giant cross that, for too long a time, no one could see.

This church building has not always been here. Not much more than 30 years ago, the people who meet here now, met in quite another place; a very small, very rickety, very leaky, little church on the outskirts of town. When it rained, the people were rained on; when it blew, the people were blown on; and when it was crowded, the people were *sat on*. They needed a new place to meet!

What is the first thing that is done when a church full of people need to make a decision? You would think the *first* thing would be to pray, but, very often, the first thing a church full of people will do is schedule a meeting! And, so they did.

The Priest called the meeting to order. All the members of the Church Board, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Sunday School Teachers, the Youth Group, the Ladies’ Guild, the Choir Members and the Choir Master attended the meeting. Lots and lots of people whom, for one thing or another just had not been able to get to church recently, were very glad for the opportunity to come to such an important meeting, where such a fine cake was served. We do like our cake!

The Priest, being a very kind-hearted and caring man, gave everyone a chance to speak. It turned out to be a very long meeting. However, by the end of it, we pretty much had an idea of how the new church building would look.

According to the members of the Ladies’ Guild, the new church building would have a gourmet kitchen with three gas stoves and a walk-in fridge and freezer. The hall would have a rotating bandstand, adjustable mood lighting and it would seat 857 people - 859 if we didn’t mind squeezing together.

The Choir could not *possibly* go on without a hydraulic, gothic-style choir loft that would go up or down, depending upon how high, or low, the tone was of the hymns they were singing. According to the Sunday School Teachers, the new church would have 55 fully furnished classrooms *and* an electronically monitored nursery with a computerized diaper-changing conveyor belt, automatically sanitized for our infants’ comfort and protection.

The Youth Group said, “Hey, don’t forget the gym, and, oh, the games room, and ah ... yeah ... the pizza oven and ooh! ooh! a giant-sized T.V. with wrap-around sound!!!!”

The people who didn’t really go to church very often (but enjoyed attending meetings where they served cake) said the new church also had to be just like the old church because that is what they remembered churches being like (when they actually attended).

Finally, the kind-hearted Priest had a turn to speak. He thought it would be awfully nice that, if it wouldn’t be *too* much trouble, when the new church building was finished we might free up a wee corner of it; for worship.

That was the *first* plan. A quick look in the Treasurer’s purse helped everyone come back down to earth *really* fast. Eventually the planner produced a more realistic, more modest, more *inexpensive* plan.. Also, the group decided, maybe, it would be better if, instead of each group designing their own special section of the church, to hire a builder who would look over everyone’s ideas and consider them in order of importance. And so, one was, and so he did. Not surprisingly, only the Priest’s request was retained from the first plan; everyone else had to make some *big* compromises.

In the end, with the Builder’s gentle guidance, it was decided that the new church, as well as having some space for worship, would also have good natural light to represent Jesus Christ, who is the light unto the world. He included the stained-glass windows from the *old* church to make the new building feel more familiar. He made sure they had generous, comfortable seating so the congregations no longer had to be stacked like firewood. And, he designed a really good-sized cross. In fact, the people said, “It would be just grand if we could have a *very big cross*, maybe even the biggest cross in Campbell River!” “I will give you all that you asked for,” said the gentle builder. And he began to build.

At first the new church building seemed even grander than the people had expected; it was *perfect*! The light was *so* beautiful and bright, the seats were *so* generous and plentiful, the stained-glass windows glowed with jewel-toned colour, and there was a very attractive cross, which could be describe as large, I guess; sort of, suspended above it all. As he said he would do, the Builder had given them all they had asked for. They thanked the Builder *very* much; they even gave him a little gift, and then the people got down to the serious business of occupying their brand-new church building.

They created a special committee to determine what was beautiful - and what was not - in regards to what banners, posters or decorations could be hung in the brand-new building. They recruited a platoon of polishers to keep their brand-new building spiffy, and they created lots and lots of new rules regarding the use of tape, staples, thumb tacks, and 'blue-goo' on their brand-new building's walls. However, even all this glorious 'brand-newness' could not quell the growing rumblings of grumblings.

"Well, yes," the people said, "We *do* have a lovely place in which to worship, and we *do* have great lighting and great seating, and the stained-glass windows really are they thing, but *that* cross, well, it *is* bigger than our last one (the last one was positively *tiny*!) but, what we mean is, can this one really be considered the biggest cross in Campbell River?"

So they went back to the Builder and stated their case. He listened respectfully and then responded with familiar gentleness, "I did what I said I would do. I gave you all that you asked for." he said. The people were not quite sure this was absolutely true however, and they left, huffing and puffing, to return to their now less-than-perfect, 'brand-new' building. Soon they formed a new committee; the committee to study the fiscal feasibility and fancy physics required to acquire an impressively-sized cross. Many more meetings were held with many more cakes being consumed.

Not long afterwards, the gentle Builder, who was not quite young, and not quite old, became very, very ill. He knew he was soon to die. This could have been very sad news but the gentle builder knew who he was, and he knew whose he was. He knew where he came from, and he knew where he was going.

In the evenings, when the brand-new church building was quiet and free from the hustle and bustle of polishers and planners and 'blue-goo' police, the Builder would creep into the worship-place to kneel at the foot of the largest cross in Campbell River and talk to God. Had we been allowed to listen, perhaps we would have heard him say...

"I did give them all that they asked for Lord. Will they ever see it?"

"Of course they will, my son," the Lord might have answered, "One by one, just as you've done, when they come here to *be* with Me."

And, they finally did. Gradually, the 'brand-new' church building became less and less brand-new. The 'blue-goo' police were put on half time and then eliminated altogether. The polishers began to make do with 'a lick and a promise', and the committees got tired of cake. Eventually they all began to focus less on the building and more on one another; and on God.

One by one, just as the Builder had done, they came here to *be* with Him. That is when they finally saw what had been here all along; the biggest cross in Campbell River. Now how about you? Do you see it too?

Finding the Cross:

1. The vertical upper portion of the cross is the blue wall and window above and behind the altar area, the one hosting the not-quite-as-large hanging cross. The colour blue is symbolic of truth, of the Gospel, and of Baptism.
2. The horizontal crosspiece is the white wall directly behind the altar. White is symbolic of purity and divinity. This piece is also curved, much like an embrace. When we walk up to take Communion, we are walking right into the loving arms of our Saviour.
3. The lower vertical portion of the cross is the red-carpeted central isle. The colour red is symbolic of the passion of Christ, of the blood and the wine, and of the presence of the Holy Spirit.



* It also should be noted that the elliptic, red-carpeted floor of the altar area, in combination with the red stairs and the red centre isle leading away from it, represents a chalice filled to overflowing.

* The Builder was a real person. His name was Len Hudock.

Submitted by a parishioner who prefers to remain anonymous.

Articles of Interest...

A Telephone Ministry

Every day between 3:45 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., I phone someone who is very dear to me. This is our time for devotions. I speak warmly and gently. “Hi! I am calling for our devotions together. Are you ready?” We both have copies of Jesus Calling by Sarah Young, a wonderful writer of devotional materials. Taking turns by the day to be reader, we read the day’s message together. Bible quotations follow, and I often will use my copy of Peterson’s The Message for its clarity to a younger mind. Then we might have a little talk about whatever comes to mind out of the day’s theme. Questions come up sometimes, such as, “What is the ‘beauty of holiness’?” “What does ‘ascribe greatness’ mean? Talking with an adult who is growing and thinking about life, I find ways to clarify these concepts. “Ascribe greatness” means to say God is great, powerful, way beyond human powers.” Before we close, I ask, ‘What shall we pray about today?’ As she is not comfortable (yet) praying informally, I gather our spoken words and lead a short prayer of thanks, and offer our concerns to Jesus. Then we close by praying the Lord’s Prayer “New or old words?” “Old.”

The practice of telephone devotions was new to me in March when I visited relatives. My cousin had Lenten devotion booklets, which she had sent to relatives on the east coast. Every morning about 8:00 a.m. (11:00 a.m. where they lived) she called them and they read together. The devotions provided a warm, caring, spiritual link between family members living far apart. Following the devotion, if there is an issue, there is a short time to listen. The loving (angelic) tone of my cousin in this ministry touched my heart and showed me how a simple commitment of time can work hugely in others’ lives. Beyond the morning contact, every afternoon about 4:00 p.m. (7:00 p.m. in the east) she phoned again and they recited Psalm 23 together. If there was no answer, she left a message, “I’m sorry we missed each other today. I’ll call again tomorrow.” The result was daily loving contact with family members who were often distressed or with whom difficult to communicate.

I have been practicing this ministry for about a month, and want to let you all know what a blessing it has been. This is not something difficult to do; far from it! The time may run from five minutes to thirty minutes, but it is never *work*. Certainly, the Holy Spirit speaks through my words! You can do telephone ministry, too. Holy Spirit may prompt you to connect with an older person who is isolated, or a relative or friend. You will each need to have the devotional book, Daily Bread, etc., and a Bible. Agree on a time that works. Pray before you make the phone call. You will receive God’s grace to speak God’s words, and your spirit will shine! Try it yourself! This is *love in action*!

Martha Massey

Quentin's Quest: Blotting Your Copy Book

Many of you know that I was born and raised in a very fortunate Church of England family in the English Lake District.

This makes me feel doubly blessed that I have spent 40 years in this wonderful, gloriously beautiful community of Campbell River, with water in the forefront of my viewpoint and experience and surrounded by sometimes-snowcapped mountains, with marvelous people for friends.

This also, brings to mind of an utterly wonderful letter I received a short time ago from a beloved cousin's much-cherished wife from The Lakes as many of us call this area in the northwest corner of England just below the border with Scotland. It also happens to be the wettest part of England and now the U.K.'s biggest national park.

However, I digress. What that beautifully scripted letter in old-fashioned ink reminded me of so vividly, was practicing my writing in a copybook with four lines on it. We wrote each word that the teacher wrote on the blackboard, using mainly, if I recall correctly, the centre two lines. A letter such as a lower case u would be drawn out correctly between the two centre lines, but a capital letter would be drawn up from the third line down to the top line. If the letter was something like a g with a descender, as it was called, then the descender went down and touched the bottom line before going back up in a neat loop.

That was, I seem to recollect, the easy part. What was not quite so easy was learning, quite literally, not to blot our copybook. We had, thankfully, advanced beyond using knife-sharpened ducks' and birds' feathers as pens (hence the old, old, traditional French phrase that small English boys learned as one of their earliest phrases, "la plume de ma tante", the pen of my aunt, using a plume from some plucked bird.

I attended a boarding school in the second half of the 1950s, about seven miles from England's Windsor Castle. When practicing writing, we used a pen, fashioned from a round, wooden stem, fatter at the bottom than at the top. A metal, curve-shaped nib with a sharp but flat point fit into the bottom of the stem. When putting pressure on the nib, the point would broaden the width of the line of ink going out on to the paper. The worst part was that if we dipped our nib into the inkwell, brought it out with an excess of ink, and put too much pressure on the nib, it would instantly discharge a small flood of ink onto the nice white copybook page, referred to as "blotting your copybook." The teacher taught us to soak up the excess ink immediately with a piece of blotting paper that was handy to dry off our

writing before it smudged. That term, `blotting the ink` became a colloquial phrase for making a social gaff or some other kind of mistake in other people's eyes, which of course we have all done from time to time. In blotting our copybook, to make up for it, we would be required to do another line or two perfectly, to hone our skills with our writing tools.

It brings to mind that all of us, of course, foul up and make mistakes towards, God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. We should then repent; the modern-day equivalent perhaps of blotting the ink, and seek forgiveness by atoning and making up our minds not to repeat it in the future; just as we make sure to do those extra couple of lines of "good" practice.

Speaking personally though, I certainly do not miss those awful and awkward nibs and inkwells! In addition, I definitely do not miss the more stringent requirements for atonement! God preserve us from those big mistakes.

Your colleague in modern, literary, Christian Canada.

Quentin

Facebook posts – you might have missed

Fellowship at the Pub on May 13: A toast to laughter, new friends, a good meal and a pint of bitter! Fellowship time on May 13th was terrific. Let's do it again soon!

Children's Chancel on Pentecost: The flashlight needs the power from the batteries to make the light shine. In the same way, the Holy Spirit in us gives us power for our souls. When you fill yourselves up with the Holy Spirit - you shine love wherever you go.

Children's Chancel during the Season of Easter: "Jesus is the vine and we are the branches". You will grow strong; you will grow great if you remember to stay with God.

GRKH: St. Peter's outreach could use your help. Volunteers are always welcome to help us prepare and serve food for the Grassroots Kind Hearts dinner program for people in need. We participate in this community program every third Tuesday of the month. If you would like to help on Tuesday, June 19, contact Diana at 250-286-1613 or email stpeterscampbellriver@shaw.ca with "GRKH" in the subject line. Diana would be joyful and love to have the roster filled early!

A Limited Edition Print by Frank Nelson



About the Art:

The diocese commissioned artist, Frank Nelson to create a piece of art reflective of the diocese. Of the print, Frank Nelson wrote:

“Within all First Nations cultures we have been provided with gifts from the Creator. The houses of the killer whale, raven, wolf and eagle dictate our discipline in life and the demands that the Creator makes of us to maintain integrity, respect, honour and humility. We are not to place ourselves over and above anybody; we are all the same – children of God.”

The design in the shape of a house front, depicting four clans of the North Coast people, is symbolic of all creation, suffused with the life of God. The house is the house of Christ, made up of all and diverse people of God – a strong house serving our chief, the Christ. The door of the house is surmounted by the double-headed sea serpent to remind us of our choice to walk in the way of Christ or to go in another detrimental way. We can love; we can hate. We can destroy; we can re-create. It parallels the biblical teaching of love and harmony with God and with each other.

About the Artist:



Kwakwaka'wakw artist, Frank Nelson was born on Gilford Island, BC in 1945. He was a member of the Musgamag w Tsawataineuk Tribe of Kingcome Inlet and was an accomplished jeweler, carver and painter.

Frank began carving in 1974 under the auspices of Arts of the Raven, the gallery owned by his cousin. There he learned his craft from such accomplished artists as Chief Henry Hunt, Ross Hunt, Calvin Hunt, George Hunt Jr., Oscar Matilpi and John Livingston. The late Chief Tommy Hunt - a great orator and composer – was also a profound inspiration to him. During those years, Frank participated in many art shows in North America and Germany.

In 1983, he held his first potlatch and assumed his father's chief name, "Yekawid". Yekawid took great pride in the role that he played among his people. He was a dancer and one of the lead singers in Kwakwaka'wakw potlatches. Through his art, Yekawid sought to continue to echo the spirit left by his ancestors. – Chief "Yekawid"

Frank Nelson died on August 3, 2014

House of God Prints Sent to Parishes

(From Diocesan Post, June 2018)

As we conclude the diocesan Year of Reconciliation, the Synod has had copies of the limited edition print created for the diocese by the late Frank Nelson. A copy of the framed print, along with a written description of the artwork, has been sent to each parish in the diocese, to be displayed publicly (in a church hall or other prominent location) as a visible sign of our commitment to continue the journey of truth-telling, healing and reconciliation with the First Peoples of these islands and inlets.

Announcements...



Baptisms

Kiera Candace Soltys June 3, 2018

Volunteers Needed

We need “Event Set-Up” volunteers for table and chair set-up and takedown for parish events and rentals. If you can help with this, please contact the parish office to add your name to the list.

St. Peter's Supports Grassroots/Kind Hearts – Third Tues. of the Month

St. Peter's continues to serve dinner to our homeless and vulnerable citizens, once a month, at the Radiant Life Church. If you would like to help, please contact Diana Hicks. Our next Grassroots/ Kind Hearts Dinner is **Tuesday, June 19.**

Forum for Young Canadians:

Canada's Future is Bright!

St. Peter's is very proud to have helped sponsor Lokman Wong at the Forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa during her Spring Break. Lokman's presentation to Council in April was amazing.

More info is available on St. Peter's website.



CLAY (Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth), Aug 15 -19, 2018, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

If you are between the ages of 14 to 19, consider going to CLAY this summer. For more information about CLAY you can go to the website. <https://claygathering.ca/>

Mindfulness

Mindfulness, which meets on Wednesdays from 3:30 -4:30 p.m., will take a break from June 27 to August 1 inclusive.

Save This Date - October 13

If you are needing to update your Safe Church training, mark your calendar on Saturday, October 13. We will be hosting a training session here at St. Peter's. More details to come!

Pots Needed for Next Year's Plant Sale - May 4, 2019

The plant sale will need pots for next year's sale. If you are cleaning out your greenhouse or tidying up from your spring planting, gather the pots you do not need and bring them to the shed behind the church. (Your friends and neighbours are a great source for pots, too.)

Congratulations to Rick and Jane, a grandson!



Jack Richard Schafer

Born on Saturday, May 12, 11:48 a.m.

Weight: 9 pounds 7 ounces

Length: 22 inches long

Proud Parents: Jennifer & Ryan Schafer

Proud Grandparents: Rick & Jane Monchak

Reiner & Colette Schafer

Food Bank Requests

The CRFB is on the lookout for the following high protein, whole grain, lower sodium (salt) and lower sugar items:

Canned fish or meats

100% nut butters

Canned vegetables, pasta sauces

Whole grain breakfast cereals

Canned beans, kidney, black bean, chickpeas

Pasta and rice

Canned fruit, packed in its own juice or water

Hearty soups, stews and chili

There is also a shelf at the Food Bank, which has a number of personal items from which clients may take one item. Shampoo, toothpaste, lotions, etc. are most welcome.

Weekly Schedule at St. Peter's

Monday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Library - resumes in September
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	ACW Fellowship - resumes in September
	12:10 p.m.	Noon Eucharist
	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Mindfulness – breaks June 27 – August 1
Friday	3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Choir - resumes in September

Other Monthly & Occasional Activities at St. Peter's

1 st Tuesday of the Month	Eucharist at Yucalta Lodge at 3:00 p.m.
1 st Wednesday of the Month	Eucharist at Berwick at 1:30 p.m.
1 st Thursday of the Month	Hymn Sing, Evergreen Seniors Home at 10:30 p.m.
3 rd Thursday of the Month	Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
2 nd Sunday of the Month	Service at St. Saviour's, Cortes Island 2:30
4 th Sunday of the Month	Service alternating between Yucalta (2:00 p.m.) and New Horizons (2:00 p.m.)

Notable Future Dates:

(Please check St. Peter's website and Facebook pages for information on future events.)

Regular Sunday School - Last Day	Sunday, June 17
Parish Picnic	Sunday, June 24
Summer Sunday School Starts	Sunday, July 1
Lincoln's Induction Service	August 11, 2:00 p.m. Bishop will be here!
Ladies Summer Brunch	TBA
Healing Service	September 30, 4:00 p.m.
Harvest Supper	Saturday, October 13 (tentatively)
St. Peter's Book Sale	October 19 - October 20
Peter's Bazaar	November 23 - November 24 (tentatively)
Healing Service	December 2, 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Pageant	December 16 (tentatively)

Next Spirit

The next issue of Spirit is early September. If you have a submission for the next issue of the Spirit please e-mail it to monchak@shaw.ca by the end of August. Please keep copyright in mind when making submissions.