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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:

Welcome to autumn and to all that starts up as we say goodbye to summer. This issue of Spirit is full of information on up-coming events and programs. There also several articles of interest, which will: take you on a tour of churches in another part of the world; take you down memory lane to Camp Columbia and invite you to help with a build-project. We also congratulate Ethan Russell on his graduation, who graduated with three certificates! We look forward to a busy autumn that includes several fundraisers. There are many ways to get involved so watch the bulletins and take note of the hall sign-up posters. Jane

Reports...

Lincoln's Letter

I must confess I like to think our smoky August more of clouds, of incense. It is a much better way of envisioning our environment and God's creation. The resurgence of Celtic Christianity and its ideas of the beautiful immanency of God all around us, is a wonderful thing reminding us that we shouldn't just pay lip service to God in creation. Nor should we, as Christians, talk about creation as an end itself. All of God's creation points to the Glory and Majesty of God, and we must not ever take this for granted. We live in a beautiful, but broken world. We have a creation for our use, not our dominance.

Our lives as followers of Christ fully grow when we let our faith move us in our daily routine so that we appreciate the beautiful world God gave us, and that we must cherish always.

Lincoln

Chuck's Chatter - The Bride's Premier Pre-Nuptial Interview

Not too long before I retired from my military chaplaincy I received a phone call one morning from a new young private who recently got posted into one of the squadrons on base. She asked if she could talk to me about getting married. "Well, of course you may," I said. We set up a time to come and see me that afternoon. I then asked her what her name was. She told me. She had a very thick Newfoundland accent. My first thoughts were that there could not be two people with that same name in Newfoundland. So, I got out my record book from my time in the Newfoundland mission some 25 years earlier. The local parish clergy, in those days, recorded births, marriages and deaths for the province. We were the vital statistic registrars. Sure enough, my memory was not failing me. I found her and all her personal details.

When she came to my office that afternoon, I pulled down a copy of the necessary paper work to fill out for the wedding. I asked what her full name was... that equated. I then asked what her birth date was... that equated. In the 23 years since I last saw her at the age of one and a half she had changed a wee bit. She was now five foot six, blond hair, blue eyes and 100 pounds.

I then said to her, "Your father is so and so and he was born in such and such a place." She responded in a hesitant, high-pitched, shaky voice, "Yes sir." I then said, "Your mother is so and so and her maiden name was ... and she was born in such and such a place." She responded with the same high-pitched, shaky voice, "Yes sir." Then she asked, "How do you

know all this about me?" I said, "That is why we get paid the big bucks (calling her by name) is to know our people."

We then filled in the groom's side of the form.

When I had ministered in the Newfoundland mission 25 years earlier it was normal for the bride's oldest brother and oldest sister, if they were of legal age, to stand up for the bride at the wedding. She, being from a traditional Newfoundland family, I expected she would have a traditional Newfoundland wedding. So, I asked her, "I assume that your brother, and I called him by name, is going to stand up for you? And in a more hesitant, higher pitched, shakier voice than before she said, "Yes sir." Then I said, "I also assume that your sister, and I called her by name, is standing up for you?" In the same voice, she said, "Yes sir." There developed a puzzled, questioning look on her face. Then after a bit of a pause she said, "Do you know me from somewhere?"

At which point I had to admit to so doing, and I said, "As a matter of fact I do. The last time I saw you, you were lying stark naked on your mother's kitchen table having your diapers changed. I registered your birth for the province of Newfoundland and baptized you a month after you were born in November 197*." (And I quoted the full date.)

We then got talking about old times, the family, the relatives and other folks from the outport. We did a lot of laughing; shed a tear or two as we caught up on the last 23 years of the family occurrences since I left the mission. We broke into speaking Newfanese. We sure did have a lot of laughs and this first pre-nuptial interview which normally takes about an hour, lasted for about four hours. We didn't notice the time passing.

Only in Newfoundland, you say...

Another Submission from Chuck... 😊

The sign has an arrow pointing in both directions and reads, "It's your choice."

The editor is wondering, where in B.C. Chuck travelled, during this "summer of wildfires".



Wardens' Report

Despite a relatively quiet summer at St. Peter's we always seem to keep busy!

End of June was our Church picnic in the hall; the weather was not the best, but the food was good and only the barbeque chef got a little wet outside!

July brought Lincoln enjoying a month's vacation and Reverend Brooke Mitchell stepping in. The congregation thoroughly enjoyed her sermons entitled "Christianity 101". They were good reminders of how we are to live our lives as Christians.

We continue to be active in many areas.

Grass Roots Kind Hearts - Diana always needs our help on the third Tuesday of the month.

Sunday School - Please teach if you can. Helpers needed until the September long weekend

Ladies Breakfast -August 18. Many thanks to Pam Hedderson for organizing this get together.

Timeless Treasures #2 - August 25. A great fundraiser organized by Jennifer Coolen. This wonderful, unique event raised over \$2,500.00 for local charities. Many thanks to all who lent a helping hand.

St. Peter's new sign - A huge thanks to Trina for undertaking this project. It looks great! In addition, many thanks to Trina for the very informative newsletter she produces. No one can every say they did not know about an event with us! Many thanks to Andrea Charlton for giving the Cross a new coat of paint!



Council Retreat - September 15 - Sybil Andrews cottage

Synod-Victoria - September 28-30 - Prayers by the Bishop for worship and personal prayer leading up to Synod are in the newsletter.

Orange Shirt Day - September 30 - "Every Child Matters". Many thanks to Cathy for taking this event on, bringing the awareness to our members, ordering the shirts and collecting the payments.

Our church kitchen is a very busy hub of activity with Lois, Francis and their amazing helpers making beautiful jams and jellies. All this hard work and dedication is for St. Peter's fundraising events.

We are thrilled that Cathy retired from her job and then "unretired" to become our office administrator. It is a perfect fit and her knowledge and experience with St. Peter's is very beneficial to all of us. We thank her for all the "extras" she does for our church such as setting up for events in the hall with Al and the cleaning she did while Dan was away on holidays. Greatly appreciated!

With Cathy in her new role that opens up the position for a new Deputy Warden. I ask that you pray about this and please come to us with any questions you may have regarding this

role. Our church looks wonderful, both inside and out! It is tidy, it is inviting, and it is colourful. We can always use a helping hand in the celebration garden with weeding and cutting. Everything needs watering as well!

Fall will be here soon and another busy season will be upon us! Many thanks to all of you for all you do for St. Peter's. There are so many of you and our hearts are so very grateful.

Blessings, Bill and Pauline

The Spirit of Finance - Treasurers' Report

I find myself wishing for rain. When we are in the doldrums of November to January and thinking back to this long, hot summer, it will be different, but today I want rain. Especially for the forests and the fire fighters. I pray God's blessings on them all.

Jill and I want to thank Cathy for stepping into the role of Office Administrator. We have the finances up-to-date and are pleased to report that the bank is reconciled and the bills are all paid!

As of July 31st, we have \$20,199.10 in the bank but our net income (loss) is (\$21,495.18). Our Envelope – General and Special revenue is down \$9,651 from Budget but overall, we are just \$3,028 under Budget for Total Revenue. The Envelope revenue is always a challenge but, as we have had more people sign up for the automatic withdrawal of funds from their account, the consistent offerings per week has increased. The forms to do so are with Cathy in the office and she would be happy to get you started!

As we enter the fall (I can't believe I just said that...), we have the book sale and the bazaar coming up as major fundraisers for us. Thank you to those who worked and organized the plant sale and the garage sale.

We are going to have to replace our photocopier as it is on its last legs. Cathy is meeting with Xerox and Ricoh to get quotes. We also had to spend a lot of money this past winter on snow removal. Let's hope that doesn't happen again this winter! We are happy to have our building being used as a welcome facility for the various groups in the City and hope that they feel the warm presence of God as they enter.

We go forward in faith, Holly and Jill

ACW report

September starts up our fall activities for the ACW.

We will be presenting cheques to three well-deserving programs in Campbell River for \$900.00 each, because of the great Timeless Treasures Sale held in August.

Business meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month, while the second Wednesday has a speaker from a local program or charity. That leaves the other two weeks to continue our work-projects and to get ready for upcoming projects.

The "Jam, Jelly, Pickles and Pie Sale" is on Sunday, September 9, following the church service. The proceeds from this sale allow us to purchase all the ingredients for the Christmas cakes, which are always a sell-out at the Christmas Bazaar.

Our last and biggest project of the year, our Old Fashioned Bazaar, is on Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24.

As a new project, we will be asking the parishioners if there is interest in having a Turkey Pot Pie Sale in the future.

With a strong focus on fellowship, these projects bring many laughs as well as provide an opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners.

The women of the church are more than welcome to come for coffee any Wednesday morning from 10-11:30 a.m.; after all, we are all Anglican Church Women!

Respectfully submitted, Lois Tirebuck, Co- chair ACW

What's Been Happening...

Parish Picnic - June 24

On Sunday, June 24, we celebrated the Feast of our Patron Saint, St. Peter. Undeterred by some wet weather, we moved our outdoor service and picnic into the church hall and had just as much fun and fellowship - no sunscreen required!

Thank you to all who brought food to share and to the Wardens, who planned, prepared and cooked - they are terrific!

Trina Soltys

Our Deacon, the Reverend David L. Fitzsimmons, Retires

David, a regional deacon and a member of St. Peter's church, who actively served throughout the Nimpkish Region, announced his retirement on Sunday, June 26.

St. Peter's sincerely thanks him for his outstanding dedication and service and wishes him all of the best on his journey forward.

Trina Soltys

Ladies Breakfast - August 18

Thank you, Pam Hedderson, for organizing the Summer Ladies' Breakfast at the On-Line Gourmet Restaurant. Great fellowship and food were enjoyed by all.

Keep watch for information on the next Ladies' Breakfast to be held at St. Peter's in early December.



Timeless Treasures - August 25



The Timeless Treasures Sale was a huge success. Support of local charities is part of the ACW mandate; to do mission work. "Timeless Treasures" supports this mandate. This year, the ACW invited a number of representatives to make presentations on behalf of their charity. From the interviews, the ACW chose three charities. On behalf of the ACW, proceeds from the sale, over \$2500, will go to the following local charities: the Head Injury Society, the Campbell River and District Association for Community Living, and Grass Roots/Kind Hearts. Many thanks to Jennifer Coolen for organizing the event and to all who supported the fundraiser through donations of items and volunteer time.

What's Coming Up...

Choir Notes – “One Who Sings, Prays Twice”

Some people insist that Martin Luther is the author of the above phrase, or something like it. Others are convinced that these words come from the early Christian scholar, Augustine. All those folks are apparently wrong; but what better introduction could there be as we look for musicians?

When in our music God is glorified
And adoration leaves no room for pride
It is as if the whole of creation cried: Alleluia!
British Hymn-writer, Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
(Seven of his hymns are in our current Hymnbook)

Choir practices will begin in the church at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 7. Do you like to sing? We want you! No experience? We want you! Don't read music? We want you! Your singing voice is not great, but average? We want you! You might be sometimes willing to sing a solo or be part of a small vocal group? We want you! If any of the foregoing sounds like you, then you would be welcome with us.

Our musical plans for the fall, and beyond, are also a great place for instrumentalists: “Praise [God] with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!” Psalm 150:3 (NRSV). We hope you will come along to our first practice and try us out. Having done so, we hope you will stay with us as we support the worship of our congregation.

Brock Lupton, Music Director, (250-898-2668)

Summer Sunday School Ends / Regular Sunday School Has Begun

Many thanks to the volunteers who prepared to teach this year's Summer Sunday School. September 2, is the last Sunday of Summer Sunday School. Next week, September 9, Sunday School starts with the gathering of students and teachers. Regular Sunday School classes started on September 16 with the curriculum, “Whirl Lectionary.” Please look at the following link to learn a little more about the curriculum.

<http://wearesparkhouse.org/kids/whirl/lectionary/>

There are two classes:

Pre/K to Grade 2 – teachers are Keith, Jane and Sandra

Grades 3 to 6 – teachers are Diana and _____. Yes, Diana needs a partner.

Youth (Grade 7 and up) are encouraged to stay in church; sign up to help in either classroom or the Nursery; sign up on the Server's List; or sing or play an instrument in the Choir. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. Please be sure to fill out the form and leave it with one of the Sunday School teachers or in the Sunday School mail slot in the hallway by the photocopier. We need the information for our records and the Diocese office requires us to send information on numbers of children who are registered for Sunday School. We look forward to this year.
Jane Monchak, Diana Hicks, Sunday School Coordinators

Mindfulness from a Christian Perspective – Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.

Mindfulness has gained much publicity of late; there are even magazines dedicated to it, but what exactly is it?

The primary goal of mindfulness is to help us live our lives with a heightened sense of awareness and intention, both in physical, emotional and spiritual spheres, enabling us to make changes in our behaviour and thinking as we relate to God and the world around us.

When we sit in mindful meditation, although it looks like we are not doing anything, we are actively training our mind to be calm, to concentrate on our breathing, in order to give ourselves 'space'. We need space, so that we can observe ourselves with awareness, then determine how we perceive things, and from that whether changing the ways we think and behave would be beneficial.

Mindfulness is different from many 'therapies' or self-help courses as there is no generic formula for success. We all encounter difficult situations in our lives and how we deal with them often determines how we feel about ourselves. If we like how things went, we feel good, and if we do not like how things went, we feel bad. However, when we determine to have an accepting, non-judgmental approach to life, our self-respect does not depend on 'good' or 'bad' outcomes. This is another 'skill' we practice weekly.

Even more importantly, as Christians, by practicing a variety of meditations weekly, we can allow God's Holy Spirit to transform our minds, as St. Paul says we must, "Put on the mind of Christ" and the "Armour of Salvation".

The Mindfulness group here at St. Peter's has been active for two years this September. We have a core group of about seven people, and newcomers are always welcome. Continuous attendance is not necessary, as each group stands on its own. We are expanding our focus this fall, and Lincoln has kindly agreed to join us on the last Wednesday of each month to equip us with a specific Christian contemplative practice at the end of the group that we can practice by ourselves and in the weekly group.

As we develop our practice, we can live our daily lives mindfully, and emerge with an increased awareness of God, so that walking in His ways will be always at the forefront of our service and faith.

With many blessings, Jane Jennings

Prayers for Synod - September 28-30

Season of Prayer

As we move towards Synod the Bishop has asked the diocese to take the time from August 5 2018 to the synod, September 28-30, to be in prayer. Please use these prayers and others of your own choosing.

Gracious God,

We look forward to the journey before us that you, by your grace and presence, will make holy and sacred. Enable us to experience your presence step by step along the way. Let us see beyond the obvious and see you in all that we will experience, and by each step draw closer to you and closer to one another. Let the mountains we discover be as healing for us as the wells. Let us experience Christ in even the most dark times and be guided on our way. And always let us be shaped and grow deeper into your Spirit. AMEN

Creator,

Enable this synod, as we gather, to be the first step on a new journey of reconciliation. A journey that will shape and transform us as Anglicans on these islands and inlets. So, by your grace and mercy, may our hearts and spirits be renewed. Through your Spirit, which broods and hovers over us remake us into the people you would have us become. Renewed by you. AMEN

A prayer for setting off

Transforming God, how can this be that you call us in the midst of our neighbourhoods. In the knowledge of our precious story, and with all that is familiar around us, you come with visions of new life.

Help us to be present to your Word, to listen for need with a caring heart and to be willing to trust in the hope you have in us.

As we seek to follow in your way, help us to travel lightly—with all that seems impossible to us: there being just a faithful few—what feels to be a lack of resources and the fear of the great unknown.

Hold us, Lord, as we set off with little certainty of our destination. Let us sense that you will reveal the bigger picture in the fullness of time.

In this moment, let us rest in the assurance that one step at a time is your way of faithful following.—Wild Goose Publications

Orange Shirt Day - September 30

Join us in our diocesan-wide support of the 6th annual Orange Shirt Day and help raise awareness of the need for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY SEPTEMBER 30

Book Sale - October 19-20

Dust off the books you no longer plan to keep on your bookshelf, sort them into fiction and non-fiction, box or bag them and please bring them to the hall at St. Peter's the week of Monday, October 15.

If you love to sort and organize, or if you just love books, this is the fundraiser for you! So come out the week of October 15 and help us sort before the sale. Of course, sign up to help the day of the sale. Please watch for sign-up posters on the hallway bulletin board. If you would like more information, please speak to me.

Jane Monchak

Ladies Annual Advent Breakfast - Saturday, December 8

The Ladies Annual Advent Breakfast will be held at the church, in the hall, with a tentative date of Saturday, December 8. The coordinators are working on finding a different caterer as the caterer used for the past few years, the Coachman, is now closed. Please watch the bulletin, St. Peter's website and our Facebook page for up-to-date information on this event.

Feature Story...

Camp Columbia Alumni Get Together - July 14

On a hot Saturday in July a group of Camp Columbia Alumni gathered on Thetis Island for a picnic. An intrepid group from St. Peter's travelled down to join in. As we headed off we were excited and curious but with some trepidations about what we might find. Would we recognize the place? What would be the same? Different? Would it still feel special?

You may remember that the Camp Columbia property was sold to the Porter family two years ago. Their plan was to open it as a park with an educational focus. Renamed "The Portal" it has been open the last two summers featuring a Nature House and related programming (a presentation about bees the day we were there). There are also groups of students studying sustainable farming and mapping various ecosystems on the property. Some buildings are gone; some repaired; some repurposed and a few added. At the request of Thetis Island residents and others, one program on the drawing board is to restore the beautiful outdoor chapel.

Join us for a quick tour of Camp Columbia, then and now.

Then

Top of the Driveway



Now



"Meet and Greet" on the Patio in front of Heneage House



Then

“Kids in a Cabin”



Now



Paint in Jugs...



Facts about Bugs!



“A Shelter for Boats”



“A Shelter for Goats”



Then

“Time to relax on the waterfront”



Now



We had a great day exploring and sharing memories with friends old and new. It was familiar; and we felt welcome. The Portal remains one of God’s special gifts to us! Judy Antonelli



The Outdoor Chapel today; restoration is in the planning stages.

The intrepid group from St. Peter’s; we left renewed.



Articles of Interest...

Quentin's Quest

There is a song in the musical *My Fair Lady* in which the father of the production's main character sings that "in a few short hours" he is about to marry her mother – after decades of being more than a little of a reprobate.

That is a little how I am feeling after being reminded the other day that in a few short weeks I am due to give a talk and lead a discussion with the local Elder College on "A Day In The Life of a Journalist".

I am keeping my fingers crossed, and maybe even doing a little praying, that it's not going to be one of the most boring, little chats I've ever led in my life.

Because the truth is, I have not exactly been a mainstream reporter for quite a while now, and some people would even suggest that I never was while I was part of a small-town twice-weekly paper.

But that small reference to truth (however uncomfortable it might be!!) reminds me that it has always been a part of me, of my life, and my writing as a reporter and always tied me, at the hip so to speak, to the Biblical teaching I began to receive (unknowingly, admittedly) even before I started going to school.

It throws me back to what our Lord Jesus Christ said repeatedly to all kinds of people, and especially his closest followers, in part in warning, "I tell you the truth."

In addition, the wonderful part of that is that although our lives keep constantly changing over the many generations since He walked the Earth, the truth incorporated into all that he said and taught has never changed in any single important way. Some of the parables have perhaps lost a bit of their immediacy, since most farmers have now ceased scattering seed by hand, and that kind of thing.

However, we can continue to rely wholeheartedly on the unaltered central truths of absolutely everything that He said. Putting all of our faith on that central fact, we can be assured that in the end, it will all turn out right for us. We are the children of God, no matter how foolish we are sometimes, or when we "get it wrong". There have been occasions as a journalist as well as an individual, when I have most assuredly made mistakes, and "got it wrong", but most were simply errors.

I have not worked "on the front lines", as you might say, for well over 15 years. It still is and has been a wonderful career.

I think that is the calling and mission which I was given all those years ago back in rural England, in the smallish market town of King's Lynn, in East Anglia – not so very different in many ways from beloved Campbell River.

God bless, Quentin

Churches and Worship beyond St. Peter's

It is great to travel to different parts of the world and discover yet another Anglican Church or Cathedral each with their own unique characteristics and the roots of the Anglican Church. One thing I did not realize was that Westminster Abbey was a former monastery and it was fascinating to learn how it evolved into such a significant place of worship for royalty (coronations) and as a final resting place for many of the famous British such as kings, queens, musicians, poets (Poet's Corner), politicians and recently Stephen Hawking.

I was amazed that St. Patrick's Cathedral and Collegiate Church in Dublin was "Anglican - Church of Ireland,": with stunningly high ceilings, stained glass windows, dedicated to St. Patrick who brought Christianity to Ireland.

My favourite cathedral was in Dornock, (see picture) in an ancient thirteenth century Scottish country village. It was small in comparison to the other cathedrals but so beautiful with large ancient Celtic crosses in its cemetery.

When we arrived, a wedding had just taken place and the bridal party was emerging to the sound of bagpipes, as everyone gathered in the courtyard. The men all wore kilts in various tartans and the women were dressed in magnificent dresses with beautiful hats and fascinators, something we never see in Campbell River.

In Paris, Notre Dame, a Catholic Cathedral, is amazingly beautiful and enormous. It is with wonder how all these buildings were built without the modern tools and machinery which we have today. They are magnificent works of art!



After arriving home, I attended a meeting for "Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice" in Toronto at Church House. We discussed many social and environmental issues facing Canadian society such as human trafficking, modern day slavery, poverty, reconciliation, missing and murdered women, climate change and lack of stewardship of the environment. Primate, Fred Hiltz led us in the Eucharist and the Reverend Dr. Canon Ginny Doctor, coordinator for Suicide Prevention with Indigenous Peoples of the Anglican Church, drummed and chanted beautiful Indigenous prayers and traditions. The homily was a teaching time for us as we learned of the customs and culture of Indigenous peoples of that area! It was fascinating! In the tradition of the Indigenous peoples, Eucharist bread was bannock and the wine was white. There was an Indigenous feast, giving us time to meet with those involved in Indigenous Ministry and other ministries at the National Anglican Church. September 14 - 16, 2018, I look forward to worship and meeting with our recently elected Archbishop Melissa Skelton at Provincial Synod in Sorrento and it's quite possible that we will

worship at the outdoor chapel overlooking Shuswap Lake. Diocesan Synod will be two weeks later at the Songhees Healing Centre in Victoria. At these Synods, there will be discussion of Reconciliation and the Marriage Canon as we prepare for General Synod 2019.

Barbara Henshall, Provincial Synod delegate

Worldly Plant or Weed?

I saw a plant in Victoria, which had crawled in by a crack in the wall at the ice cream place in Beacon Hill Park, and had never noticed it before. When in London, there was the same weed plant growing in a crack in the ground; and when we got to Dornock, Scotland there it was growing profusely in a stonewall. I wonder what it is?

Barb



The Editor wonders, “Keith, do you know?”

By the way, the pictures are much better on line so check Spirit out on St. Peter’s website.

Habitat for Humanity is Building in Campbell River and they Need Your Help!

Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North is building in Campbell River at 477 Hilchey Road. By the end of this year, they plan to build one duplex (two homes) for occupancy and a second duplex to lock-up. This is the second phase of a project that will see eleven homes consisting of four duplexes and one triplex on the site. In 2017, Habitat built the first duplex, which two families purchased and moved into last October.

Habitat for Humanity brings communities together to help families build strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership. With community support, they build safe and affordable homes, which are sold to qualified local families. These families are

typically at the lower end of the income scale and would not have the opportunity to qualify for conventional bank mortgages. In order to collaborate with Habitat, the families put in 500 hours of "sweat equity"--volunteer hours working on their own home or another family's home and at the ReStore. They then pay an interest-free mortgage set at a maximum of 30% of their household income. Their mortgage payments are invested in a revolving fund, which allows Habitat to build more homes for families in our community.

At the end of the day, the families own a quality home that they can call their own. These homes are built using many energy saving techniques to ensure that the operating costs to the family are as low as possible. Homeownership for Habitat families can be life altering with many positive outcomes for the parents and their children.

In order to keep Habitat homes affordable, they are built primarily by volunteers who are directed by paid construction staff. This is where you can be a part of these projects. If you would like to use the skills you already have or learn new ones, Habitat has a place for you. You do not need to have any previous building experience, and there are many roles that do not require you to work with tools at all, such as site host. The only thing you need is a desire to help families secure safe and affordable homes. Habitat strives to maintain a safe workplace and provides hard hats, high visibility vests, and safety eyewear as well as safety



footwear at the build site (though if you have your own safety footwear, that is great!). Excellent lunches and snacks are provided to the Habitat volunteers by some dedicated community partners.

Please come and spend a day building with other Habitat volunteers! As they say, "Many hands make light work."

To volunteer or for more information you can reach Terri Perrin at 1-250-218-4952 or by email at terri@habitatnorthisland.com, or you can check out Habitat's website at

Habitatnorthisland.com/build or you can call George Wagner at 250-895-0685.

George Wagner

Habitat for Humanity is very grateful for this article requesting volunteer help. Many thanks to George for taking the time to send me the article and picture which demonstrate ways to share our talents.

The Editor

Announcements...

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 Fall Grassroots/ Kind Hearts dates are **Tuesday, September 19, October 17 and November 21.**

Safe Church Training - October 13, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

If you need 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, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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 our Graduate, Ethan Russell



Ethan graduated just this past June, from Carihi School, with three Graduation Certificates! He attended three ceremonies: the Aboriginal ceremony, in the Big House where he received his Metis sash; followed by the French Immersion ceremony and lastly the Grad ceremony to receive his Dogwood.

After a couple of weeks, working for his Dad he took a six week trip to travel around nine countries in Europe where he stayed with international students who had all schooled in Campbell River. Ethan returned to Campbell River at the end of August and will continue to work for 3E Excavating. School is in his plans as he is considering enrolling in the RCMP program. All the best Ethan, as you continue with your career plan!

Ethan at his Grad with his sisters, Elayna and Etana.

Weekly Schedule at St. Peter's

Monday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Library
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	ACW Fellowship
	12:10 p.m.	Noon Eucharist
	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Mindfulness
Friday	3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Choir

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.)

Summer Sunday School Ends	Sunday, September 2
Choir Practices Start	Friday, September 7, 3:00 p.m.
Regular Sunday School Starts	Sunday, September 9
Jams, Jellies, Pickles and Pies Sale	Sunday, September 9
Orange Shirt Day	Sunday, September 30
Healing Service	Sunday, September 30, 4:00 p.m.
Lincoln's Induction Service	Thursday, October 4, 5:00 p.m.
Safe Church Training	Saturday, October 13, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Harvest Supper	Saturday, October 13 (tentatively)
St. Peter's Book Sale	Fri. – Sat., October 19 - October 20
Confirmation	Sunday, October 21
St. Peter's Bazaar	Fri. – Sat., November 23 - 24
Healing Service	Sunday, December 2, 4:00 p.m.
Ladies' Advent Breakfast	Saturday, December 8 (tentatively)
Christmas Pageant	Sunday, December 16 (tentatively)

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