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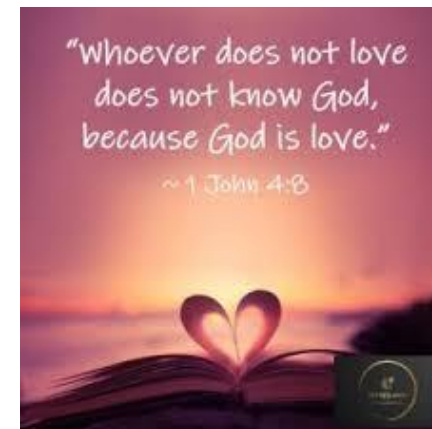
Something To Make Us Smile

Q: What do you call a Bible character who just pulled into church?

A: A parking Lot.

St. Brice's Visioning Scripture

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus." Colossians 3: 14, 17 (NLT)



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Sunday, May 7

At the joint service tomorrow (Sunday, 7 May, 10am), there will be presentation about Camp Temiskaming.



Archbishop Anne Germond has encouraged every parish in the diocese to plant a tree, as a gesture of good stewardship for God’s creation. Following the joint service and a shared meal, we plan to plant a fruit tree, near the large rock in the front

yard which some call “The Sheep.” Layreader Bill Burton will be offering some devotions.

Sunday, May 14

God willing, Rowan Clement will be baptized at the 11am service. Prayers are gratefully appreciated.



Sunday, May 28 (Pentecost Sunday)

This year, Pentecost Sunday – when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, and upon all Christians – will be celebrated on 28 May.

Parishioners are encouraged to wear some **red** (the liturgical colour for Pentecost).

Anglican Church Women News

Thank you to everyone who were involved with the recent A.C.W. Spring Tea and Bake Sale. It was a lovely event, and about \$1200 was raised. Proceeds from the Spring Tea and Bake Sale will entirely go to support missions.

The Diocese of Algoma’s Anglican Church Women host an annual gathering. (Every 5 years, Temiskaming Deanery hosts the event.) It will take place at Christ Church on 30 May-1 June this year. All women are welcome and are invited to attend.



Sanctuary Course (Mental Health)

A group at St. Brice’s is taking a course called “Sanctuary.” The purpose of this course is to help equip one another to minister to people who experience mental illness – in our families or ourselves, in the parish or in the neighbourhood.

THE WIDER CHURCH

Upcoming Diocesan Synod

In the Anglican Communion, a “synod” is a gathering of bishop(s), clergy and lay people, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, meeting to carry out the Church’s work. Synods typically include worship, presentations, workshops, and quasi-parliamentary motions (usually much more polite than secular legislative assemblies!).

The Synod for the Diocese of Algoma will take place at Sault Ste. Marie on 10-13 May. St. Brice’s lay delegates are Nancy Armstrong and Jeneffer Auger.

As always, your prayers are deeply appreciated.



Camp T Opening

On Saturday, May 27, available parishioners are invited to go to the Deanery Camp, Camp Temiskaming, to get it ready for summer.

If you would like to go the night before, please contact the Rev. Linda White (705 474-4298).

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre Support

Near the front doors, in the narthex, there is a large baby bottle with a slot in the top, to drop in bills or coins. During the month of May, parishioners are invited to make donations to the local Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre, by leaving what you feel led to contribute, in the large baby bottle.



PROPERTY

New Main Exit Doors

These new doors have been ordered, and we are looking forward with interest to the time when they will be installed.

Spring Cleaning

Some parishioners are planning to come to St. Brice's on Saturday morning, 20 May, beginning at 9:30am, to do some spring cleaning, both inside and outside.

This is one of those times when "many hands make light work." If you're able to help with the spring cleaning, even for an hour, your help would be gratefully appreciated.

\$10 000 Goal for 2023 Capital Building Projects

As most people already know, we recently replaced a furnace on the property (about \$5000), and have several building projects we want to complete in 2023 (roofing; insulation; ice dams, etc.).

St. Brice's Advisory Board has decided that we want to aim to raise \$10 000 to finish these projects. A large paper



"thermometer" has been posted in the parish hall, to help us keep track of donations. The aim is to make the thermometer "hotter" – with more red paper displayed – toward the \$10 000 goal. As of late

April, about \$650 was contributed. We welcome further contributions, as people feel led.

We are also planning a couple of fundraisers, to contribute to this capital campaign:

Spaghetti Supper: Friday, June 9, 4:30-6:30pm. (Please note the change in date.)

Garage Sale: Saturday, August 19.

Craft Sale: Saturday, October 14.

Quilt Being Ruffled

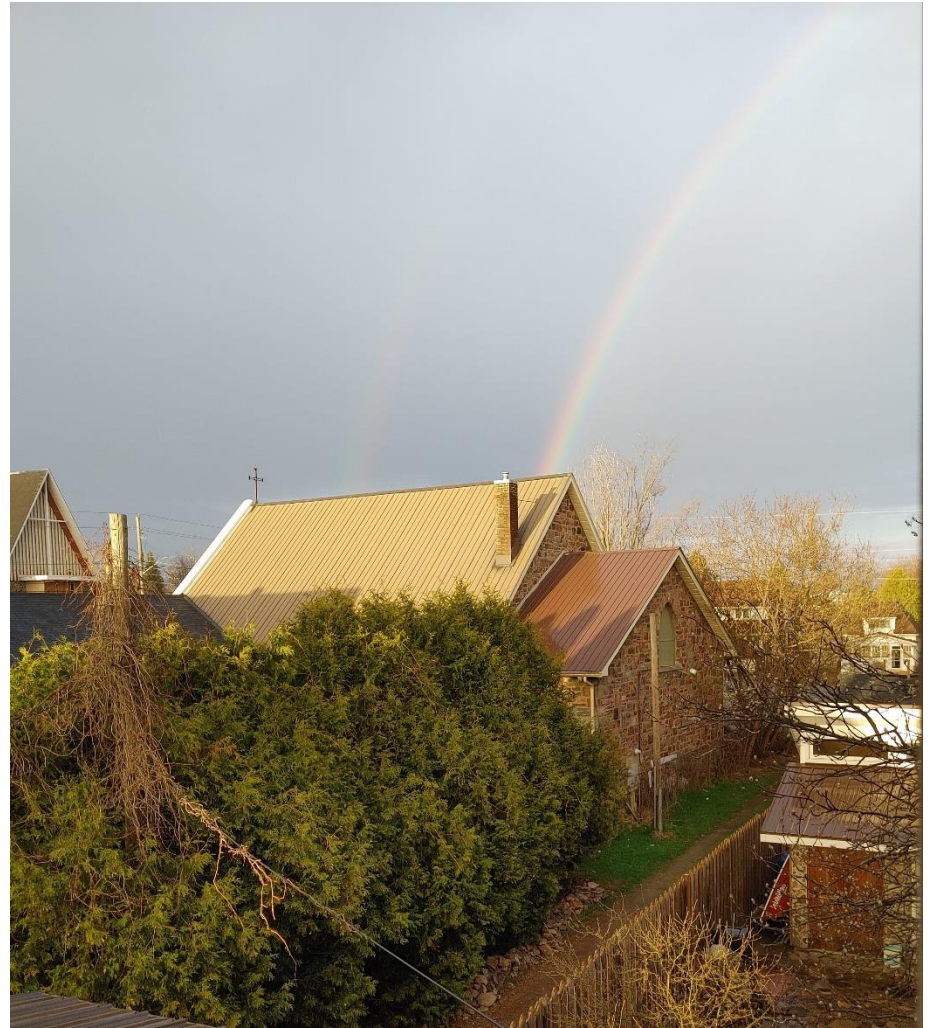
As well, one of our quilters, Fay Ivany, has created a quilt, and is donating it to the parish, for the capital campaign. Tickets have been sold for the past few weeks. **Tomorrow is the last day that tickets will be sold for this quilt. The draw for the quilt will be held tomorrow (Sunday, May 7). Please don't miss out!** (Please see next page for photo.)



FINANCIAL UPDATE



Thanks to a couple of larger donations, and also by a number of parishioners who have contributed generously as they are able, the deficit of \$4222 was eliminated last month, and we now have a surplus (more money in the bank now than at the beginning of January) of \$1898. This compares favourably with the end of April 2022, when we had a \$10,193 deficit. Our revenue is up \$11,272 compared to the same time last year. Thank you for your support. Praise and thanksgiving to God!



A photo of a double rainbow over St. Brice's earlier this week.
(Photo Credit: Deb Young)

We welcome the **Rev. Marie Loewen and her spouse Rob** back to North Bay. The Rev. Marie just completed a six-month ministry in a parish in Bermuda. She will be returning in mid-September to serve there another winter. The Rev. Marie is filling in at another congregation for a few weeks, and is a chaplain at the upcoming diocesan synod. She will be celebrating at St. Brice's on Sunday, May 21.