



Up and Coming News and Noteworthy

July 2023

Upcoming Dates at a Glance

Christ Church Summer Services – July 2nd, Aug. 6th and Sept. 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

Christ Church Community Museum – Open daily from July 1st to Sept. 4th from 1 – 4 p.m.

St. John’s Facilitated Planning Day – Sat. Sept. 9th

The next ACW meeting – Tues. Sept. 12th at 10:30, all welcome!



St. John’s Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Thursday Eucharist Service at 11:00 a.m.

To keep up to date on what’s happening around St. John’s, check out on our website at:

<https://www.stjohnslakefield.ca> and follow us on Facebook here: [St. John's Lakefield - Home | Facebook](#) 

From your Wardens.....

For this note, we have an update on the finances for 2023, and an update on the Restorative Process we’ve been engaged in.

Finances

You’ll remember from the Vestry meeting in February, we approved a budget with a really big deficit. Here’s a short summary of where we are as of June 25, 2023:

Revenue, 2023 budget	\$82,659
Donations, % of budget to date	48%
Percentage of year (to June 25)	48%
Projected revenue at end of 2023	\$80,769
Routine expenses by end May	\$69,436
Projected expenses to end 2023	\$181,710
Expenses, % of budget (end May)	38%
Percentage of year (to end May)	41%

We’re pretty much exactly on budget in terms of revenue, and we have expenses under control in terms of what was budgeted. While that might seem good on the surface, all it really means is we did a reasonably great job of projecting income and expenses. In reality we are spending a lot more money than we have coming in, and that’s just on the routine, regular expenses like utilities, wages, etc. This analysis does not take things like repairs into account.

Here's one interpretation of what these numbers mean:

Projected shortfall	\$100,941
Bequest interest	\$22,068
Canada Gives	\$675
Remaining shortfall	\$78,198
Number of donors in 2023	42
Shortfall per donor to end 2023	\$1,862
Remaining weeks in 2023	26
Shortfall per donor per week	\$72

If this continues, we'll use up our investment in a few years. We recognise that we all have expenses of our own, and we know it's not realistic to expect everyone to donate that much more. We also understand how difficult many of us find it to invite people to join us (and we certainly don't want to invite people just so they'll help with the expenses). However, we do implore that we all very prayerfully ponder how this challenge could be overcome. We know that if we're doing what God wants us to be doing, He will see to our needs. However, we also remember the parable of the talents, and to paraphrase from Peter's sermon last Sunday: "Without God, we cannot; without us, God will not"...

Restorative Process

As you know, we were to have held a facilitated planning day on Saturday, June 17, as something of a culmination of the various discussions we have had over the past year. The reason that day was not held is that Bill Bickle's wife contracted covid the day before, which forced us to cancel and plan to have the facilitated planning day later. We now hope to have this day on Saturday, September 9, so please reserve that date for the planning day. This is meant to be an open-to-all exercise; the more of us participating, the better the results we'll achieve.

The various Circles we have had over the past year or so yielded many items of value. Bill and Heidi, our facilitators, have distilled all of these into the four main categories listed in the first column of the following table. It outlines the outcomes that we hoped for on June 17, and now hope for on September 9, plus what we hope could possibly be done before that, if people are willing.

Category	Outcome hoped for	Summer activities	Who, etc.
Vision	Possibly setting up a small team to develop or refine our vision statement.	Shorter, memorisable version of the Vision statement?	Who will form the Vision Working Group?
Worship	Finding a shared understanding of our sense of comfort & stretch.	Enlarge the Worship Committee?	The Worship Committee will look at growing its membership.
Restoration	Commitment to continue growing into a more restorative community: 1) Community-based training 2) Addressing conflicts 3) Full RP training (2-3 people)	Watch for conflicts that would lend themselves to a restorative response/process. Begin identifying who could attend a 2-day training.	Reference Team aware that something might arise and will try to respond appropriately if it does.
Communications	A new Communications Working Group to align office protocols and Rector & Admin guidelines	Develop and try out a communications system.	Mike Dry will be approaching people about helping on this item.

Although it would have been great to have these as actual outcomes, naturally they're just hopes at this stage. Even so, we would like to advance some of these ideas through the summer, and we hope you'll be open to this.

Nothing is cast in stone, of course, as we don't have your mandate, but we would still like to try a few ideas. This will be a creative process involving trial and error; if something doesn't work, we must be willing to try something else, etc.

It's very seldom anybody gets it all right on the first go, but the other side of that coin is that we miss 100% of the shots we don't take...

Your Wardens...Sheila, Mike and Ann

Lakefield Community Food Bank

The Lakefield Community Food Bank is much more than just a place where people in need are handed some food. It is a special place where both volunteers and recipients give and receive with generosity and gratitude. It is a true example of the "Kingdom of God" at work.

Our food bank finally has a new 54" wide, 47 cu./ft. commercial refrigerator. Many thanks to Jason Hamilton for persevering to find this fridge and arranging to have it delivered and set up in the lower hall. Reverend Peter gave a prayer of blessing over the new fridge. This new fridge is a true blessing, allowing us to keep lots of food fresh to share it with our recipients!



Our statistics show the Food Bank is serving many people. So far in 2023, we have provided food to 192 different households. These households are made up of 329 adults and 152 children. On average, 79 households visited our Food Bank each week.

Although the need for support remains high, individuals, groups, churches, and businesses in the Lakefield community and beyond continue to be extremely generous. We are amazed and blessed by the wonderful support. Because of this generosity we can offer a wonderful selection of items to our recipients.



Lakefield College School -Northcote Campus has once again commenced bringing totes of fresh food weekly. Programs at Lakefield College School provide students with opportunities to learn about eco-farming and food production through hands-on experiences on the school farm. We are happy to receive this year's crops to offer to our recipients. Thank you!



Don Smith, the coordinator of Lakefield Community Garden, has established this garden to serve the community. Local residents are encouraged to plant plots. Don and food bank stewards have planted several plots for our Food Bank.



Volunteers plant, weed, harvest and transport fresh produce to the Food Bank. Already things are growing beautifully at this Lakefield Community Garden. Thanks to all the wonderful gardeners & volunteers! Our Food Bank recipients will certainly enjoy the fruits of your labour!



It is an honour to be part of this St. John's ministry to serve God's people. Please visit us on our "Lakefield Community Food Bank" Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted by: Sandy Peacock

The Lakefield Creative Arts Group

Mission Statement

To provide a place of fellowship to bring creative people together from St. John's parish, Lakefield and other communities to provide a forum for artists of all levels to exchange ideas and opinions and to foster each individual's art form.

"Creativity is God's gift to us. Using our creativity is our gift back to God"

Julia Cameron, The Artist's Way

The Lakefield Creative Arts Group has been busy planning three art shows this summer.

The group is going to be promoting the group and selling art work at the **Lakefield Jazz Festival**, July 8, 2023.

Lakefield Creative Arts Group **ART IN THE PARK**

Location: **Cenotaph Park**, Lakefield, Ont.

When: **July 29, 2023;** 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



The group is organizing again this year **Art in the Park** at Cenotaph Park in Lakefield, July 29, 2023. This is also a fundraiser for the Lakefield Foodbank.

Meet the artists and view their art work in a variety of media including watercolour, oil, acrylic, ink & alcohol paintings, wool art and fused glass.

Participating Artist

Cindy Allan
Debra Bannister
Janice Brown
Sally Hansen
Sharon Harper

Marlene Loth
Beth Craig-Marble
David Mehew
Ann Turner-Murphy
Gwedhen Nicolas

Christine Wilde

A portion of each sale will be donated to Lakefield Food Bank.



The group will also be participating in the **Buckhorn Art Festival**, Aug. 18, 19, 20, 2023.



Remembering those who have passed.....Eleanor Kerr on March 2nd and Margaret (Peggy) Starcevic on May 27th. May they rest in peace †

ACW Update



At our May 9th meeting we voted not to do a summer fundraiser, we'll come back in September with ideas as to a fall event of some kind.

The Lenten Lunches were a huge success and the community of churches all enjoyed being together for lunch with a speaker.

Thank you cards were sent out to all the guest speakers, as well a collection and donation of \$90.00 went to LYU for the Community Easter Blessing.



Easter Cards were sent out with a palm cross in each, some were mailed out but most hand delivered, all were received with thanks.

Some money from the youth fund went to one of our youths to help them to go to summer camp.

We hosted an afternoon reception for Eleanor Kerr's Funeral on Saturday June 10th, the first one since 2019.

We went out for lunch at Jessies before our summer break, it was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be 10:30 Tuesday September 12th every one is welcome to join us come with Ideas for a fall fundraiser.

Enjoy the summer,

Prim Lowry for all the ACW ladies

Christ Church Community Museum (CCCM)



Christ Church, Lakefield is open daily as a museum and a quiet place for prayer and meditation from July 1st to September 4th, 2023: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please join us this summer for worship on Sunday, August 6th and Sunday, September 3rd at 8:30 for Holy Communion.

Our new CCCM exhibits for 2023 include:

- The Restoration of Christ Church: 1964-2023
- Yesterday's Treasured Buildings: An architectural walk 'over street'
- The Story of the Lakefield Bridge

For group openings, weddings and special occasions please contact Patti McAllister @ 705-868-6493 or email pattimcallister4@yahoo.ca

The Consecration Certificate 1869 of what is now known as St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, Lakefield.

I believe this to be "almost" the exact transcription of the original document, as you can see it is difficult to read the script. Further to this Shirley Twist sent me this and some other historical documents about St. John's that Joe Latour came upon when researching Christ Church. I plan to print out some of these documents and do a "summer" display on the bulletin board between the washrooms. Keep an eye out for these historical memories of the very early beginnings and some a bit later of St. John's. Margaret H.

In the name of God. Amen.

Whereas it hath been represented to us Alexander Neil, by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Toronto, by petition under the hands of Vincent Clementi, Incumbent of the church of St. John Baptist, North Douro and in our Diocese,

and of Robert Casement and Robert A. Strickland churchwardens, and given others, Parishioners thereof, setting forth, among other things, that a building has been erected in North Douro for a church in connection with the United Church of England and Ireland, on a parcel of land being Lot seventeen and part of Lot fourteen in the Village of Lakefield, North Douro as a site for the erection of a church in connection with the United Church of England and Ireland, to be called the Church of St. John Baptist and that the said building is furnished with all things necessary for the performance of Divine Service, according to the uses and customs of said United Church, and the provisions of the Book of Common Prayer, and praying that we would be pleased by our authority, ordinary and Episcopal, to set apart, separate and consecrate the said building to the sacred purposes for which it was designed, under the name and title of the Church of St. John Baptist in order that it may forever be secured for these ends to said Parishioners and their Ancestors, uses whatever, and do, as far as in us lies, and by law we can, assign the said sacrifice as a church, under the name and title of the Church of St. John Baptist for the use and benefit of the Parishioners thereof; and we do dedicate and consecrate the same sacred purposes for which it was designed, and do, publicly and openly, pronounce, decree, and declare the same to be assigned, separated, dedicated and consecrated forever; and that the same ought so to remain by this my definite sentence and final decree, which we read and promulge by these present.

Given under our hand this twenty sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and sixty nine and of our consecration the third year.

A.N. Toronto

In the Name of God. Amen.

Whereas it hath been represented to us Alexander Neil, by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Toronto, by a Petition under the hands of Vincent Clement Incumbent of the Church of St. John Baptist, North Douro and in our Diocese, and of Robert Casement and Robert A. Strickland Churchwardens, and given others, Parishioners thereof, setting forth, among other things, that a Building has been erected in North Douro

for a Church in connection with the United Church of England and Ireland, on a piece or parcel of land being Lot seventeen and part of Lot fourteen in the Village of Lakefield, North Douro as a site for the erection of a Church in connection with the United Church of England and Ireland, and do hereby assign, to be called the Church of St. John Baptist

and that the said Building is furnished with all things necessary for the performance of Divine Service, according to the uses and Customs of said United Church, and the provisions of the Book of Common Prayer, and praying that we would be pleased by our Authority, Ordinary and Episcopal, to set apart, separate and consecrate the said Building

to the sacred purposes for which it was designed, under the name and title of the Church of St. John Baptist in order that it may forever be secured for these ends to the said Petitioners and their Ancestors.

Therefore, in compliance with the said Petition, we, Alexander Neil, by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Toronto, do, by our Authority, Ordinary and Episcopal, and as far as in us lies and by law we can, separate and set apart from all common and profane

uses whatever, and do, as far as in us lies, and by law we can, assign the said edifice as a Church, under the name and title of the Church of St. John Baptist and hereby assign, for the use and benefit of the Parishioners thereof; and we do dedicate and consecrate to the same for the sacred purposes for which it was designed, and do, publicly and openly, pronounce, decree and declare the same to be assigned, separated, dedicated and consecrated for ever, and that this same ought so to remain by this my definite sentence and final decree, which we read and promulge by these presents.

Given under our hand this twenty sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine and of our consecration the third year.

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Summer blessings

