

Easter 2018

Dear Members and Friends of Chippawa Presbyterian Church,

Easter is early this year! Landing on April 1, or April Fools Day, we will be able to enjoy the 'joke' played on death as we celebrate Christ's victory over the grave! Holy Week is the season which is the pinnacle of our faith. It is my prayer that the table of the Last Supper, the cross of Good Friday, and the empty tomb of Easter will be inspiring reminders to you of the lengths God will go to to bring you home to him.

Easter Worship

Through Lent, our worship series has been titled 'Epic Fail'. We have been looking at accounts of individuals who made poor decisions when it came to their walk with God. The beauty of the series comes with knowing the biggest fail of all is the failure of sin and death to hold Christ down. "Where then O grave is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" Come to worship this Easter season, and experience victory through your Saviour.

Our service times are:

- **Palm Sunday** – Sunday, March 25, 10:00 a.m. Welcome new members to our congregation and watch the excitement after worship as we host an Easter egg hunt out on the property.
- **Maundy Thursday** – Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.
- **Good Friday** – Friday, March 30, 10:00 a.m.
- **Easter Sunrise Service** – Sunday, April 1, 6:30 a.m. Kingsbridge Park, Chippawa
- **Easter Sunday** – Sunday, April 1, 10:00 a.m.

Intergenerational Lenten Retreat, March 24

All generations are welcome to the church on Saturday, March 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It promises to be an uplifting and engaging day together as we hear lessons from the Bible, worship under Liz Bonisteel's leadership, working on crafts together, lunch together, then heading out to support the Project Share Easter food drive by delivering bags door to door in the village.

Easter Food Drive – Saturday, March 31

Be part of a team that collects filled Project Share bags from the community's front steps. Email the minister at minister@chippawapc.ca to be part of the team.

Spring Card Party and Luncheon

On Wednesday, April 18 beginning at noon, the Women of the Church will once again host this ever popular event. Come enjoy an excellent lunch and door prizes. Bring some friends to enjoy an afternoon of cards or bring along a board game you like. Tickets are \$14 and are available from members of the WOC.

Project Share Grand Prix Go-Karting – May 2018

We are now eight!!!! time champions for 'Most Pledges Raised'. We are awaiting an announcement of date for the race this year. Plan to support our team again this year! Sponsor a driver and come cheer them on as we build on our reputation in the community for outstanding generosity!

Vacation Bible School - "Deep Sea"

Mark your calendars as we set sail and dive deep into the ocean of God's love from July 23-27. Watch the announcements for ways you can participate in this fun ministry.

A Final Capital Campaign – 'Building Legacy'

As the Board of Managers did its work this past year, it became evident that we would be faced with two major repair projects. The flat roof over the meeting room, upstairs washrooms, gym entrance, kitchen, resource room and hallway has come to the end of its lifespan and needs to be redone. The second major project involves the single door near the meeting room off of Willoughby Dr. The steel frame for the door and windows is original to this 1973 portion of our building. It has rusted severely. In obtaining quotes for repair, all companies agreed that the entire frame, with its windows and doors needs to be replaced. Multiple quotes for both projects have been obtained. Together the projects will cost approximately \$50,000.

As the Board of Managers and Session undertook a conversation about how best to fund this, the point was raised that we are also in sight of the finish line of our mortgage. As of writing this report it stands at \$328,000. With interest rates on the rise, it would be to our financial advantage to eliminate it. Given that the three year capital campaigns in both 2008 and 2011 raised well over the remaining mortgage and repair amounts, it was confidently felt that we could do this again, repairing the roof, the door and eliminate our mortgage. Our goal is to raise \$380,000 over three years and be mortgage free by 2021. We already have a strong start!

Entitled, 'Building Legacy', this campaign will remind us of how we have been blessed by the legacy of those who came before us in faith. This is exemplified as we sit in a sanctuary others built, living out a faith shared with us by the faithful who came ahead of us. We are presently creating legacy, through our worship, in Nicaragua, through Project Share, in the children and young people of our congregation, through the pastoral care offered to one another, and to our neighbours and friends and in many other ways. Our vision is to strengthen this foundation of legacy, creating a context where the Christians following us have the leverage and momentum to look and serve forward without the constraint of the mortgage.

More materials will be forthcoming, but mark your calendar for Friday, June 22, as we host a 'Building Legacy' Gala Dinner, catered in our sanctuary, celebrating all God has done in us and through us, and anticipating what God will continue to do! We invite you to begin praying for the campaign, and to begin considering how you might feel called to contribute.

Thank you so much for your love and generosity toward your church family and its work and witness. On behalf of the elders and staff of our congregation, I want to wish you and your loved ones a blessed Easter season.

With my continuing prayers,



Doug Schonberg
MINISTER