

HOPE CAN BE FOUND HERE!

A CALL TO THE CHURCH:

*To renew and strengthen our call as the church to be an
“Outpost of Hope” in our community.*

Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Nov 28, 2023

**Good stewards of the properties entrusted to our care: St Peter’s by the Sea
*Linda Trierschild, and Loyd Platson, Jr Warden***

Psalm 127 -Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

Your Jr Wardens are pleased to maintain, update and restore our spiritual home, See House and grounds. St. Peter’s with our central location, historical roots and offerings is an outpost of hope in our community. Recently we have re-directed our original work priorities in our approach to your building and grounds needs. We are grateful for the Lord’s direction and His faithfulness to us all.

Apartment Restoration Project

Our first hiatus was to address the immediate needs of the See House apartment. Our recent renter had been in this space for over 30 years. We plan on occupancy in early 2024. What started as a “simple paint job” ended up in a very needed impressive remodel! This included addressing mold issues, some electrical update of scorched wiring in kitchen, new covering for the electrical base boards. We also created a space for a washer and dryer in the kitchen space and replaced kitchen cabinets with newer cabinets, replaced kitchen flooring and bought some new appliances. We took care of a beehive in the walls in the kitchen. We closed the upstairs door entrance to the See House from the apartment. New bathroom walls with a build of a shower. New vanity and mirror. The rotted entrance floor to apartment was also replaced. We hired Youngblood Construction to sand and restore all floors in bedrooms, front room, and stairway floors. These floors were badly damaged.

Numerous other projects were taken on also. Many “Thanks” to Loyd Platson for the huge amount of time and intensive labor put into updating and restoring this space. We have received monies from: SE Deanery Grant \$5,000.00, St. Peter’s capital improvement restricted account, St. Peter’s Endowment Trust \$4,800.00. This apartment provides revenue for our operating fund.

Buttress Project – became top priority

The next hiatus from our assessment plan recommendations was recognizing that the buttresses (6) around the church were rapidly crumbling. This was probably due somewhat to the fact there were no gutters above to draw water away from the rock and mortar. This challenge primary fell into the laps of Sara Beaber-Fujioka & Loyd Platson. They responded quickly to an opportunity that brought Randy Bollinger to Sitka in October to do an assessment and cost analysis. A contract was signed, and work should begin in summer of 2024. We are hopeful for an Office of Preservation grant to support this work, also. The approximate cost at this time is \$35,000. Many thanks to those people who supported this project, so we were able to bring Randy here.

The Northeast Project - St. Peter's Church

This fallen floor project (in the sacristy) was funded through an Office of Preservation Grant, totaling \$30,000. This project is also being funded through some operating reserves and restricted capital improvement fund sources. Work on the joists and the floor was completed with little problem. Due to the diminished cost of the work, we still have money left in the grant for repair work on wooden support pillars on the east side and one rotting pillar on the west side. The work will also include building a trench on each side of the church to address drainage issues that are likely affecting our foundation and these pillars. This work will be done by Youngblood Construction. An additional cost to this project is estimated at \$8,000 but should come in less than that amount.

St Peter's Roof and Insulation Project

We are on track with this one! In January, Mim McConnell and Anne Pollnow will start working on a grant application for this very expensive project. We are waiting on an estimate from Sam Smith of Hard Rock Construction. Meetings are in process with Sam Smith, Dirk White, and others. We had obtained two other estimates. This estimate will include insulation and new gutters. With all going as planned, the project should be slated to begin in summer of 2025. Sam worked on the 1997 roof replacement on St Peter's church building.

Capital Campaign

The Vestry has taken on the responsibility of organizing a capital campaign in the next year to raise funds for matching grants. We are hopeful for a non-matching grant from the Rasmuson Foundation. It takes many hands and bodies and much time to plan for a major campaign. We are always short on volunteers. Please join us if you can. Our volunteer office manager, Kit Allgood-Mellema, has set up a Sanctuary Fund line item in the restricted account, in which we are already accepting gifts for this work. Thank you to the many that have already contributed.

The 2023 Vestry members: Mim McConnell, Mandy Evans, Loyd Platson, Sara Bergendahl, Lisa Moore (Clerk), Chip Camden. Treasurer: Sara Beaber-Fujioka.

Clergy: Rector, The Rev Julie Platson; Deacons: The Rev. Kathryn Snelling & The Rev. Glenda Quintana