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Happy Thursday, Trinitarians!

I would like to update you on some of the happenings here at Trinity over the past couple weeks. Much has been happening and much is anticipated. Sabbatical time is a time of waiting, renewal and reconnecting and it has proven to be all of that and more.

This past Sunday we celebrated the Trinity tradition of sharing food and stories at our summer picnic. I know I can speak for all of us and say that it was indeed a wonderful time. The weather was great and the food was delicious and it was so good to see so many of us together having fun. I especially want to thank Heidi Groven who took on this big project, organized it and ran with it! She worked so hard as did the many volunteers. I risk leaving people out, but I will do my best to get it right. So, thank you to Heidi, Liz, Nancy, Laura, Sue, John, Mike, Chris, Gary, Tricia, Sally, Betty, Matthew, Mary, Stephanie and Sarah and all who helped! And thank all y'all for bringing food to share and making this a very special day!

And next up, the roof. As you have probably already seen, the first stage of this project is finished. Incline Exteriors worked extra hard to have the shingles finished before our picnic and they did it. The crews energetically removed the old damaged shingles and carefully and safely re-shingled all of the steep roofs. The results are impressive and looks great. I want to thank Bill Schenkel, Ryan Gagner, David Linder, Andy Brown and every person on the roofing crew for doing such a great job. But they are not done yet. The next stage is rehabbing the flat roof. While pretty much hidden from view, it is a very important part of this project as it is a source of many of our leaks. They will begin those repairs in the next two weeks and then resurface the entire flat roof membrane. We continue to pray for their safety as they labor to “love our space” and prepare it for the years to come.

The Vestry and the Buildings and Grounds Committee continue to grapple with supplying air-conditioning and filtration to the sanctuary and fireside room. I had hoped to have a proposal before the Vestry for the September meeting, but that will not happen. The proposal we are working on is more expensive than the last one we got last year (no surprise there) and we are looking at ways to trim costs while still building a quality system. We are committed to making this happen but it will take a bit more time to put together the proposal and funding and give the Vestry a plan to vote on. Stay tuned....

And speaking of the Vestry, I would ask that you keep us in your prayers. Your Vestry continues to work diligently on many big issues before us and we try hard to listen to where God is leading us. Our clergy, staff and committees are busy preparing for fall and a return to our normal schedule. Adult faith formation, youth programming and the refugee resettlement are just a few examples of things in the works for the near future. Please reach out to any of us by email, phone or in person with your thoughts and ideas. It is good to talk with you and your love of Trinity is so evident. Together, as we listen, renew and reconnect, we will continue to embrace Trinity as a place where God's love is evident and abundant.

Peace,
Steve