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While summer can be a time of rest and renewal, it is also a time of planning and preparation, especially if you are Trinity clergy, staff, vestry, or committee member. We have been busy doing this good work and I'd like to share some of our successes with you and give you a bit of an update on our physical building. Mike Green has said this ministry is the way we "Love our building". It is an important aspect to what we do as a vestry. There are four big items of note; the roof, the bathrooms, air conditioning the Sanctuary and the stained glass windows.

We had great news this week about our damaged roof! We reached an agreement with our insurance company to cover the hail damage suffered from a storm more than two years ago and we hired a contractor to replace the roof. A big thanks goes out to Gary Veazie who started us down this path and a big thanks to the vestry, buildings and grounds and all of you for your patience and perseverance while this process played out. Work will begin in August and will take a little while, but the results will be worth the inconvenience and wait. Incline Exteriors will be doing the work. They are headquartered very close to Trinity in Excelsior and have many connections to our community. We chose an updated, highly flexible, American-made shingle that is the same color as our current shingle and has a 40 year warranty. The flat roof will be a new white silicone covering after repairs are made to the base and should be more energy efficient with a 15 year warranty. Please bear with the mess and disruption as we "Love our Building" and move forward with the new roof.

More good news- the new toilets are in and functioning well. I will hold the potty humor but it should suffice to say that things are going flushingly! Thank you Andy, our Facilities Manager, for finding the right plumber for the job and making this happen. Nick from Monkey Wrench Plumbing did our work. Thank you Nick!

In addition, we are in the midst of securing bids and designs for air conditioning the sanctuary. The new system will cool and filter the air in our sanctuary, making the space safer and more usable year round. The Vestry, along with Buildings and Grounds and the Capital Campaign Feasibility Committee believe that we have a way to fund the project that will use our resources wisely and include an ask from the entire parish. Please keep us in your prayers as we grapple with this important issue.

And finally, we are working with Megan Emery on restoring our stained glass windows throughout Trinity. This is a long-term project and will most likely be worked on over the next couple years. The good news is that the windows in the sanctuary are in good shape but could benefit from a good cleaning. The windows in the Chapel will be a bigger challenge but Megan is working with us on a plan for their maintenance and a possible way to fund them. Stay tuned...

As always, if you have any questions, please call me or track me down.

Peace,

Steve Roman, Senior Warden

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