# Interior Renovations: Proposals and Questions

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# General Considerations

- Respect the past
  - History of the building
  - Architecture
  - Surrounding cemetery
- Take account of past repairs and mistakes
  - Some maintenance has been deferred
  - Not always the best materials have been used
- Can the space adjust to our changing liturgical needs?
  - Allow for more participation and movement
  - Build a sense of community
- Prepare for the future
  - Can our small congregation maintain the building?
  - Changing cultural attitudes to religion
  - Projected growth of Lakelands and the need for public spaces



# Outside Work to be Completed

#### **Exterior of Church**

- Install storm windows
- Fix dust leak in roof
- Should the exterior trim be painted black?
  - Paint window frames and "eyebrows" black
  - This would have to include the tower for which a hoist or scaffolding would be required

#### Cemetery

- Drainage
- Markers
- Subdivision



# Mechanical

- Power supply
  - Run cable from hall to church and do away with second power line
- Heat
  - Exterior oil tank replaced with smaller one in basement
  - Heat pumps to be installed
  - Thermostat remotely controlled



## Vestibule

- Needed repairs
  - Paint
  - Replace shelving
- How can this space be made attractive and inviting?
  - Remove or keep the flag?
  - Hang pictures?

#### Ceiling

Heavy wooden panels are held in place by quarter-round and finishing nails

The nails are subject to rusting This presents a safety hazard

Maintenance is required Any job will require scaffolding

#### Options:

- 1. Repaint and add additional fastenings
- 2. Replace with insulated "wood" panels

Be mindful of preserving the building's acoustics



#### Floor of Nave

#### The planking is original

The floor is likely painted with lead-based paint which means sanding is not advisable

#### Options:

- 1. Repaint
- 2. Strip the paint and refinish the wood
- 3. Resurface with vinyl or engineered hardwood
- 4. Replace the wood with new planking



#### Walls

Mould and discoloration due to condensation

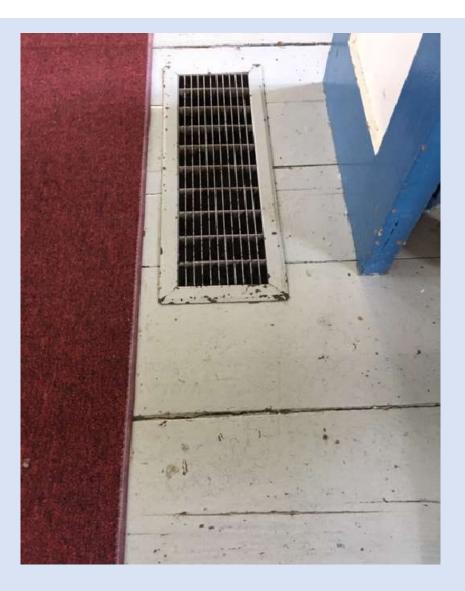
Plaster walls

Repaint

Wooden posts and braces

Should the wood be stripped and refinished?





### Carpet

- Red carpeting in aisle and chancel is worn and mouldy
- Options:
  - Replace with new carpeting
  - Remove carpet in aisle
  - Remove carpet in aisle and chancel

#### Font

- The baptismal font sits in the aisle
- Should we create a space around it to give it more honour and for baptisms?
- Options:
  - Remove two or three pews at the back and place the font in the middle
  - Remove two or three pews at the front



# Colour Scheme

- Current colour scheme is blue and white
- The photo at the right provides an example of a different colour scheme
  - St. John the Baptist, Poplar Point
- Options:
  - Keep the blue and white colour scheme
  - Strip the paint off pews etc. down to the wood and refinish
  - Repaint in a different colour scheme



### Pews

- Options:
  - Keep the pews
  - Remove some pews at the back or the front of the nave or both
  - Remove all pews and replace with new or salvaged pews
  - Remove all pews and replace with chairs



# Chancel

- Does the raised platform need to be changed?
- Should we change any of the following?
  - Altar rails
  - Lecterns
  - Chairs
  - Credence table
  - Altar
  - Hymn boards
- Altar options:
  - Move altar down to the nave
  - Keep the existing chancel as it is and place a second altar at the top of the aisle
  - Use existing chancel for Eucharists

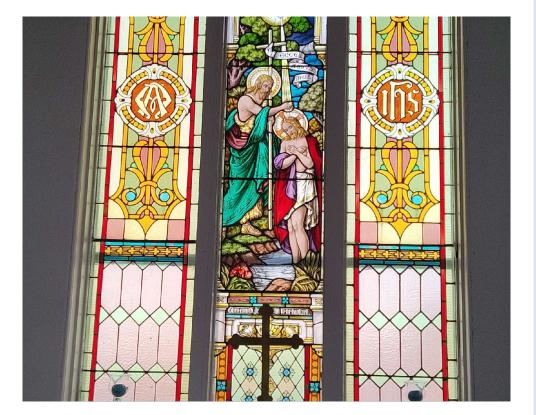


## Vestry

- Should the vestry be enclosed?
  - Ceiling
  - Door
  - Built-in cupboards
  - Storage space above ceiling

### Stained Glass Window

- Two issues:
  - The framework of the window has weakened. There is buckling.
  - The figures of Jesus and John the Baptist are portrayed as blond Anglo Saxons
- To restore the framework would require removal, flattening, re-leading
- Making changes to the figures would be an additional cost



# Deciding

#### What do we want?

- Our responsibility to the building
- Our vision for the future

#### What can we afford?

- Sources of funds
  - Investments and bequests
  - Fund raising
  - Financial campaign
- Apply for grants

# Plan the Work

- What needs to happen first?
- What jobs can be done together?
- What is the budget?
- Project Timeline



Task	Date	Budget
1.		
2.		
3.		

