Interior Renovations: Proposals and Questions

The Church of the Holy Spirit

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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

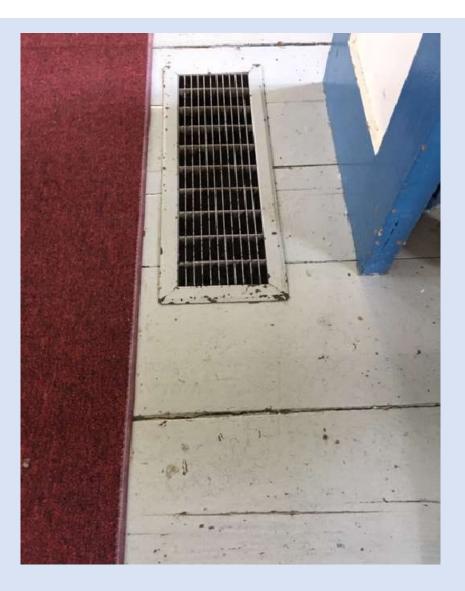
Plaster walls

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

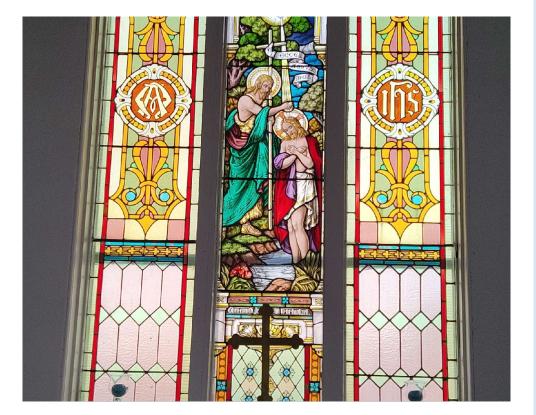


Vestry

- 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.		

