



Connections

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have the light of life.

John 8: 12

**SPECIAL
ISSUE #4**

FIRST CANADIAN ABORIGINAL PRIEST IS REMEMBERED

On April 2 the church commemorates Henry Budd (actually, Sakachuwescum, "Going Up the Hill"), the first First Nations priest in the Anglican Church of Canada. A Metis from Norway House, his ordination took place in 1850 at St. Andrew's Church on the Red River.

Henry Budd was born in 1812 at York Factory.



After completion of his education he moved near St. Andrews Church on the Red River and began teaching at the Church Missionary Society. In 1837 he took charge of the Day School in the Red River Valley.

His work as a missionary proved fruitful. Within a matter of months, 38 adults and 44 children were baptized by Rev. John Smithhurst (Henry had not yet been ordained).

He was an eloquent speaker in both Cree and English. His superiors recognized his missionary abilities and Henry was ordained. He was thirty-eight years old. Before him there were still twenty-three years of ministry. He died on April 2, 1875, at the age of 61 and was buried at The Pas, Manitoba. The Diocese of Brandon's Henry Budd College for Ministry is in that city.

We will gather again

"The peace of the Lord be with you". I long for when we can gather, once again, and I can hear your resounding response "And also with you". It looks as though we will not be able to gather by Easter.

Please ongoingly look to our website for any resources (readings/text of sermons/hymns) or any diocesan directives. We will also try to keep communicating through the *Connections* e-blast.

Please call me at 647-470-1383, if you have a concern and need practical help or prayer or if you just want to chat.

Stay safe and be blessed,

Pastor Pam

THE DOXOLOGY

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, forever and ever. Amen

*Please pray for these
members of our faith
community*

Anne S, Annet K, Beverly B,
Corinne P, David M, Deb A,
Dorothy, Florence S, George,
Jenille L, Joan and John N, Leonora
B, Lennox and Leonora Y, Maureen
C, Valerie A, Viggy M, William I.

*and for all those affected by the
COVID-19 virus*

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CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

THE GIFT OF SABBATH

Here's something to reflect on. It was written by the Rector of St. Wilfred's Episcopal Church in Sarasota, Florida.

Jewish tradition has always seen the sabbath as a true gift, a magnificent gift from God to the universe that God made. "God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that God had done in creation." (*Gen 2:3*)

The Sabbath, being holy time, is time apart from ordinary time. It is a time for all things wonderful and beautiful. The Sabbath is about beauty, about love, about joy, about peace. You do not do productive work on Sabbath. Instead you relax into the gifts



already given – the safe home, the uplift of music, of poetry, the quiet of candlelight, the warmth of good food, well-prepared and beautifully served. On Sabbath you do not leap onto highways and drive for

miles. Instead, you give full attention to those God has given you, your family, your near neighbours, your friends. On Sabbath you read scripture and let its wisdom sink into to your quietened soul.

Is it possible then, to consider this enforced "time apart" of social distancing as Sabbath? Can the present unhappy need to be physically separated be used as a gift? Let's try some of that. Surround yourself with beauty. Do something creative – bake a cake, make an arrangement of greens for your coffee table, write a letter – by hand – to an old friend. Listen to a symphony. Call a distant cousin. Try your hand at writing a psalm – which means you need to study some of them first! Write some prayers and share them.

God invites us into sabbath-time. Try it!

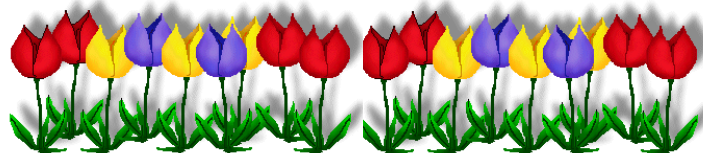
Sincere thanks to all those who continue to send their envelopes to support the ongoing expenses of the parish. Your faithful participation is much appreciated.

TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND ONLINE CHURCH (a little humour for dark days)



1. You can wear your PJs.
2. Drink coffee during the sermon to stay awake.
3. Don't wait for coffee hour. Grab that donut right now!
4. For your cat, every Sunday is the Blessing of the Animals.
5. Bad hair day? Who cares!
6. You can scroll through Facebook during the boring parts.
7. La-Z-Boy versus uncomfortable pew.
8. Cheat on your pastor by tuning in to another church's service without breaking even one of the Ten Commandments.
9. No kneeling. Or standing, for that matter.
10. Keeping connected to God and your community during this unprecedented time.

(Father Tim Schenk, co-founder of LENT MADNESS)



NOT EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED

SUNSHINE IS NOT CANCELLED
SPRING IS NOT CANCELLED
LOVE IS NOT CANCELLED
READING IS NOT CANCELLED
DEVOTION IS NOT CANCELLED
MUSIC IS NOT CANCELLED
IMAGINATION IS NOT CANCELLED
KINDNESS IS NOT CANCELLED
CONVERSATION IS NOT CANCELLED
FRIENDSHIP IS NOT CANCELLED
FAMILY IS NOT CANCELLED
HOPE IS NOT CANCELLED
PRAYER IS NOT CANCELLED

