

Presentation Sept 29, 30, 2012

I'm back.. hopefully not like a bad dream.

Well good morning every one, again my name is Simonne Chevalier and I am a member of the Parish Finance Committee.

You know I don't like to bug you but I do want to remind you of the urgency and need to come up with that \$250,000 in order to apply for the matching \$250,000.00 federal cash grant .. which combined (\$500,000) is the amount we need to **Save our Church.**

I am **not** going to ask you to close your eyes this week, I know the image you focused on last week is still with you.. a church without a steeple would be a lonesome sight.

I just want to give you an update as to what has happened in the last 7 days.

First of all, donations **are** coming in, and not just from parishioners. They are from people who have heard and care.

On the fund raising gauge at the back of the church,(you may have noticed on your way in), we have uncovered nearly 25% of the church, having \$60,000 in the fund. We now have \$190,000 to raise.

Last week it was suggested we make donating easier for the citizens of Morinville and people from out of town.

We listened and the Royal Bank and Servus CU will now accept donations. Just see a teller.

There are new Restoration fund envelopes in the pews and more at the back if you want to take some home to give to others not here today.

There are also pledge forms at the back to help you make your donation over time it need not be not in a lump sum.

We will have a **pay pal** account set up this week for people to make donations from the comfort of there homes, no need to mail or drive out to Morinville to support the cause.

Also this week we have been putting the final touches to the Parish web site which will have a link to the Restoration Fund - People for the Steeple.

A face book page and twitter account are nearly ready and this should all be launched early next week.

Now before I proceed with our goal for this week I want to make clear when I say "OUR" I am not talking about the finance committee or any other group , "OUR" refers to everyone, every parishioner and every person with an **interest in the historical value of this church.**

So, "OUR" goal this week and for the next 6 weeks is to raise \$32000 per week. Just remember every donations counts.

We all have a role to play in this, and our work is definitely cut out for us.

So again make some calls, let people know of the new hassle free ways to make donations, tell them what our goal is for the week .. and ask for help. Talk it up.

We can do this. And now let us all,, keep this project in our prayers.