

Online Bulletin

The Parish Church of St Luke
Burlington, ON

Week of Sunday February 25, 2024

✱ PARISH OFFICE HOURS ✱

Monday 9 am – noon, **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:** 9 am to 3:30 pm, **Friday:** Closed

OUR WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Bible Study Mondays 1.30 pm sheilaplant134@gmail.com

Knitters and Friends Tuesdays 10-12 (Room 201)

Centering Prayer Wednesdays 2 pm stuartpike1@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry Thursdays 1:00 pm

Choir rehearsal Thursdays 7 - 8.30 pm jgoodine@stlukesburlington.ca

Faith & Fellowship Saturdays 9 am stuartpike1@gmail.com

MONTHLY

Outreach Thursdays 10 am rosreycraft@hotmail.com

WORSHIP @ St. LUKE'S

SUNDAY 8.15 am Holy Communion – *Traditional*

SUNDAY 10 am Holy Eucharist – *Contemporary (livestreamed)*

WEDNESDAY 10 am Holy Communion - *Traditional*

Also online:

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 4 pm *Evening Prayer*

SECOND FRIDAY 4 pm A *Taizé* service

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING IS FEB. 25th, 2024

In the Great Hall after the 10:00 am service.

Important Decision: We have been studying how to make the church more accessible for the last 5 years with a focus on having a wheelchair accessible washroom on the first floor. We have finally come up with a viable plan and are nearing the end of the approval process to confirm whether the City of Burlington will allow this and to determine a good cost estimate. At vestry, we will be asking for approval to proceed with this work. The total project cost, including the costs of getting to this point, are estimated at \$105,000. We have spent \$18,000 on option studies over the years plus assembling the survey and design drawings the city has required for their process. Another \$4500 is pending in fees to complete the City approval process, then an estimated \$62,500 for construction and final design. In addition, there is a \$20,000 contingency held in the total to be safe. Please review Report to Vestry, upcoming bulletins, and displays in the narthex and parish hall. Vestry

approval is a prerequisite to seeking Diocese approval to submit the final building permit request. We are delighted that we have donor promises and, if necessary, funds in other accounts sufficient to cover the costs so we will not need a broader capital campaign. Please review the information on this proposal as it comes out, check the display in the narthex and the parish hall, and provide any questions, comments of concern or support, to warden@stlukesburlington.ca. A warden will be near the display at coffee hour for comments and questions.

We are now accepting nominations for the elected positions of: people's warden, deputy people's warden and members at large. If you are interested, please submit your name & the name of the mover & seconder by Feb18, 2024 to Canon Stuart Pike.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF RUTH LED BY ROSE WANG

You are welcome to Join us for an enriching Bible Study focused on the Book of Ruth, a timeless narrative. This study is an opportunity to delve into one of the most captivating books of the Bible and discover its relevance to our lives today. This study is not just an academic exercise but a journey into understanding how these ancient texts continue to speak to us today, both as individuals and as a collective church community. We look forward to seeing you there and embarking together on this enlightening journey through one of the Bible's most profound books!

Cost: Free!

Time: 12pm - 1pm in room 201

Dates: Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, 2024

Please remember to bring your own lunch.

To Register contact the Office at 905-634-1826

El Hogar Easter Eggs & Quebec Maple Syrup

Yes, our delicious chocolate covered fondant Easter eggs are available again.

The cost is \$7 per egg or 5 for \$30.

And just in case you are running low on maple syrup we also have our delicious Quebec maple syrup at \$15 for a 540 ml can or 2 for \$25.

To place an order please send an email to rosreycraft@hotmail.com or call 905 635-3976.

The deadline for orders is March 3rd. Thanks so much for your support!

It is very much appreciated!

The El Hogar team.

RUTH AND NAOMI

March date cancelled due to Lenten Study

The next **Community Lunch Dates** will be Wednesdays March 6 and March 20th. The lunch is free and open to anyone. Conversation: 11:00-12:00. Lunch: 12:00-1:30.

St. Luke's Speaker's Lunch – Thursday, March 14th

Wills, Estates & Funeral Preparation

Guest speaker **Sarrah Sunnucks** from **Smith's Funeral Home** will speak to us why we need a will and how to protect executors.

With all that has changed in recent years, planning ahead is a wise idea. Topics will also include how to ensure your wishes are known and respected, green initiatives & cremation options.

Doors to the Parish Hall open at 11:30am with the presentation commencing about 12:20pm.

Bring your own "brown bag" lunch and we will provide the refreshments. A "free-will" donation of \$5 is appreciated.

All are welcome!

Prayer Shawls

Today Stuart is blessing our prayer shawls. Over the last twenty years (we first started in 2004!) many, many shawls have been given to people who are in distress, grieving, awaiting surgery, suffering from personal trauma or going through health issues. These shawls are knit and crocheted with love and with personal prayers. We encourage you to let us know if you are aware of someone who might find comfort in one of our shawls. A small group of us gather on Thursday afternoons at 1pm for an hour or so to work on our shawls. Anyone is welcome to join us. A cup of tea and a warm welcome awaits you. For more information, please contact Sheila.

NEXT SUNDAY SCHOOL is March 17th. Looking forward to seeing you there!

OFFERTORY BEARERS

(an important part of St. Luke's worship)

At the beginning of the Offertory hymn the bread and wine (gifts of the people) are brought to the Altar by two members of the congregation and are presented to a server at the altar rail in preparation for consecration before Communion. The bread, wine and the collection presented by the sides people at the end of the hymn represent our lives, our work, our recreation, our families and our community. In other words, we offer to God all that we have and all that we do. This is called Stewardship. If you are willing to be a member of one of our Offertory teams please contact Rev. Sheila Plant or Terry Raybould (email pokeyc@icloud.com or phone 905-681-2816)

THE SPRING NEWSLETTER

is now on our website, www.stlukesburlington.ca, under News and Updates, in full colour and is being mailed out to those who want a hard copy. Thanks to everyone who contributed stories and photos of both our recent events and achievements and all the plans for upcoming events in March

through May, a very active time at St. Luke's. Comments and items for the Summer newsletter can be sent to newsletter@stlukesburlington.ca, deadline May 6, 2024.

GARAGE SALE

Recently my wife, Melanie Walker, announced I was going to run the St. Lukes Garage Sale June 1st, 2024. Like you, I learned about this while listening to announcements! Now that I've been "voluntold" its time to get this fundraiser moving! Let's do this!

Please take a look around the house for items you might consider donating. Categories and suggested items are listed below. I am also looking for volunteers to lead each of the categories listed plus someone to manage our financials.

Categories:

Clothing: Gently used adult and children's including shoes, hats and jackets.

Household Goods: Recent electronics, small appliances, kitchen gadgets, blenders, coffee makers.

Games: High end board games, vintage video games, consoles & accessories.

Books: Collectable, 1st editions or well-known authors, recent issue soft cover.

Tools: Good working order hand tools, drills, saws, nail guns and compressors.

Furniture: High quality recent or vintage that are gently used.

Jewelry: Vintage, unique high-quality costume.

Sporting goods: Vintage memorabilia, recent equipment.

Children's Items: Gently used recent toys, clothing, books

Artwork: Original, prints or sculptures.

Vintage electronics: High quality record players, radios, or old cameras.

Vinyl records: Particularly classic albums or rare editions.

Outdoor: Plants, garden tools, lawn mowers, trimmers, hoses, furniture.

BBQ: hot dogs, buns, soft drinks, condiments and a propane bbq for cooking.

Refreshments: Coffee, Tea, Milk, Cream, Sugar and Snacks.

Bake Sale: Pies, cakes, cookies, squares.

Perhaps we sell single servings at the refreshment table?

I can be reached at stlukesgaragesale@gmail.com

Or Mark Edwards - 416-230-1786

BRRRR !!! - IT'S STILL COLD OUTSIDE !

Thanks to the generosity of St. Luke's parishioners and others, several winter coats and other items have been delivered to Sew On Fire, a local Burlington charity that ships a variety of items across Canada and around the world. Warm winter clothing is especially needed by First Nations communities in Canada's north.

We will continue to collect used winter coats, in good condition, in the weeks ahead. Coats may be dropped off at the Parish Hall during regular office hours and left on top of the "Sew On Fire" box underneath the coat-racks near the entrance to the office. At this time, the charity is not collecting other items of used clothing.

Sew On Fire also is looking for school supplies, hygiene items, including soap and toothpaste, as well as linens, towels, sheets, and pillow cases. These may be placed inside the "Sew On Fire" box in the Parish Hall.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with this Outreach initiative.
Elsie Haywood (905) 336-0105 Dave Beck (905) 632-0489

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Many of us have enjoyed the return of Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall after the 10 am Sunday Service. We rely on volunteers to help with this weekly get together.

We need volunteers who can come about 40 minutes before this service to set up, serve the coffee and tea after service as well as assist with cleanup. (Please note that 'set up' no longer includes setting up tables). Please contact Nan Bruce at nabruce@bell.net or 905-632-6528.

Parish Email List

Are you receiving the Rector's weekly email? If not, please contact the office at office@stlukesburlington.ca so we can add you to our list.

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Men's Faith and Fellowship

We meet every Saturday morning from 9 am to 10:30 pm, now using hybrid model: You can come in-person at the board room in the Parish Hall, or you can attend from home viz Zoom. We look at the readings for the week, or sometimes we watch a short video and discuss a book of the Bible. All men are welcome.

Outreach rosreycraft@hotmail.com

Knitters & Friends...continues to meet in person in Room 201 of the Parish hall, 10 am – noon, Tuesdays. **Anyone interested in joining is welcome to drop in. Come for the crafting, stay for the company! All skill levels and hand crafts are welcome.**

Online weekly gatherings (Zoom)

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Bible Study – Mondays 1:30p.m. Contact sheilaplant134@gmail.com

Calling on Your Clergy

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from a phone call, a visit or any other form of support from your parish clergy, please do not hesitate to make it known to any of them or to the parish office.

Worship Services Online

At our parish blog www.stlukesburlington.blogspot.com...Tuesday & Thursday Evening Prayer after 4:00p.m., Sunday Holy Communion 10:00a.m. **We live stream our 10 am Sunday service on this link:** www.youtube.com/channel/UC03TRMBsM7-AH8-XU_ZBXAg/live **You can find all our online services at our Youtube channel,** www.youtube.com/stlukeburlingtonniagara