

ST. LUKE'S

NEWSLETTER - FALL 2024



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From the Rev. Michael Coren

I'm sometimes asked if I can prove that Christianity is true. It's actually not a very serious question but I don't tell the questioner that. As with all religions there can be no conclusive proof for or against Christianity. It's something the so-called "new" atheists have never understood in their arrogant assumption that all the clever people are on their side. There's plenty of evidence for all sorts of Christian claims, often from sources that were far from sympathetic. Josephus, who was Jewish; the historian Tacitus, who was Roman, and his friend Pliny who governed a province.



None support Christianity but all testify to the life and activities of Jesus. Yet in the final analysis faith is about, well, faith.

The geopolitics are complex. Herod – there were several – had ruled Israel for many years but died in 4 B.C. His kingdom was divided into three but the Romans soon took one part, Judea, as a province under their direct rule. Galilee was given to Herod Antipas, Herod's son, meaning that Jesus wasn't raised under Roman governance. That's something else that most movies get wrong. There were lots of Greeks in Galilee, and lots of bandits too. It was multicultural, wild, and Jesus would have certainly known all sorts of people. The majority of Jews lived not only outside of Galilee but outside of the entire region. The diaspora has existed for a very long time.

Easter is of course the pinnacle of it all. There's no sacrifice, no resurrection, no salvation without the crucifixion. The Last Supper was the meal Jesus ate with his disciples before his execution and in which he shared the bread and the wine "in remembrance of me." What Jesus' words precisely mean - symbolic or literal - is still debated but it was certainly a commandment. As was his plea that we love one another. The Latin for commandment is "mandatum", from where we get Maundy Thursday. The synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) present the Last Supper as a Passover Seder although it differs in some respects from the 1st-century norm. In that Mark and Matthew were Jewish, and Luke either a Hellenized Jew or a Greek who knew the Jewish world intimately, this must have been intentional.

Shortly afterwards Jesus is arrested, and then comes the trial. Where it took place is still uncertain. The traditional view holds to Jerusalem's Antonia Fortress built by Herod to honour his patron Mark Antony. By the time of Jesus, a large part of the Roman garrison was stationed there. Luke says that when Pontius Pilate discovered that Jesus was a Galilean, he sent him to Herod but Herod returned him to an unwilling Pilate. The Gospels aren't clear on the geography and it was later pilgrims who established the route of the Via Delarosa, the stations of the cross. It's considered largely accurate but the starting point, the trial, will never be precisely known. In terms of the date, we know from non-biblical sources that Jesus was crucified by Pilate during the reign of Tiberius, which provides a window of less than a decade.

Michaelcontinued

The trial was conducted early in the morning before most people were awake. Pilate was a man promoted above his abilities and he clearly didn't want to be involved in what he considered an esoteric Jewish squabble. Philo, a Jewish scholar and contemporary, condemns him as corrupt and cruel. He was certainly out his depth and largely unconcerned about what Jews, and Jesus, meant by messiahs and Christs. These were religious terms unusual to the Romans and considered absurdly rustic. When the Jewish leadership claimed that Jesus held himself as a rival king to Caesar, however, there was resonance. Treason. That'll do nicely, and the Etruscan-invented crucifixion, a judicial murder for slaves but never Roman citizens, could be applied.

When the verdict was announced the crowd cheered. But does it show the faithlessness of the mob? We're speaking of relatively few numbers and Jesus' opponents had sufficient influence to sway a few hundred. Then there were the actual followers of Barabbas, the alternative candidate offered by Pilate for freedom. Contrary to what we're told, he was more likely a rebel leader than a criminal, and his advocates would have been organized and violent.

Whatever the crowd's composition, the verdict was crucifixion, a truly horrible way to die because it could take a long time, was public and exposed, the dying victim would struggle to breathe, and was often bitten by wild animals aroused by the smell of blood. Seneca wrote, "You must never mention crucifixion in polite company."

Then the resurrection. If you can believe this the rest is easy. The first Gospel, Mark's, was likely written between AD 64 and 72, a mere thirty years after it all happened. Numerous people would have been alive who'd witnessed the events first hand and the author would have been dismissed as a lunatic or liar if they'd doubted him. People who saw Jesus killed would then devote their lives to his cause, knowing what their fate would be. People die for the wrong reasons, but never knowingly so. They believe, and in this case, they believed because they saw. There are differences of emphasis in the Gospels but, properly understood, no genuine contradictions. Within a little over 300 years more than 30 million people, likely the majority of the Roman empire, believed. Whether people believe today or not is up to them.

Blessings *Michael*

Pastoral Associate's Report

The Seasons in the Year

I write this piece during the summer, even as you should be receiving it sometime in the autumn. As it turns out, this is not just a necessity of hard copy publishing, like this newsletter, but also a reminder of the ceaseless dance of the seasons in the year, and every year.



You would know by now that I spent the first half of my life in Cuba, very much the tropics. And a regular joke over there is that, in Cuba, we have two seasons in the year: Summer ... and Summer.

Canada has been quite the contrast. Even as the hotter season gets longer by the year, we still get to experience so many changes, from season to season. The sunlight, and the trees, and of course the temperature and humidity in the air. It is all quite peculiar to each season and, at least by the way some of us can complain, each year we discover it all afresh.

And this faithful, predictable succession of the seasons in the year can also be an object of our contemplation. Our lives, each our own, are precious, unique, and never to be repeated, and it is just as such that we experience all these changes in the very natural life of the world we share.

From the changes in the seasons, we also learn about each of our own vulnerabilities, and those of the people whom we hold dearest. These changes are inexorable, in that one cannot roll winter back, for example, even a cosmic reminder of sorts of the frailty of each of our own places in this earth, and even that of humankind.

At the same time, this relentless change in the seasons can also be discerned a natural sacrament of the continual provision of God in Creation, that does not depend on our human, often fickle wills. A succession of seasons, and changes, and opportunities. And a living story-telling of the boundless love of God the Creator.

I pray that you may have a blessed Autumn season.

Your friend,

Leonel

Leonel Abaroa-Bolona (The Rev'd Dr.)

Pastoral Associate, *St. Luke's Anglican Church*

Burlington, Ontario

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FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

As we are approaching another busy Fall season, I extend to you an invitation to lend your time and talent to one of the several facets of our music programme. Not only can it enrich your worship experience, but you will be joining a fun and social group of folks not shy about having a good time! Please feel free to email me at jgoodine@stlukesburlington.ca for more information about the following opportunities...



You are welcome to join our CHOIR – whether you have extensive musical training, or just like to sing around the house! Fun rehearsals, unique participation in worship, and social events make up our time together. Come and join us in helping to lead worship at St. Luke’s! Our rehearsals are Thursdays from 7-8:30 PM, in the church sanctuary. If weekly seems too much for you, and you are a fast learner, feel free to join us for Christmas and Easter! Practice tracks are available, and you would need to be present at at least two rehearsals. One-on-one help is also available for all choristers!

In addition to the choir, our worship service also offers a safe, appreciative atmosphere to play your INSTRUMENT, whether it be wind, string, or percussion, especially if you’re not used to performing. Especially encourage your children or grandchildren who are in band or taking private lessons to share their gift with all of us!

Speaking of instruments, I am excited to welcome back Dorothy Haartman and Darwin Allen to play violin for our October 27 service! They will join us on the hymns and anthem, as well as the prelude and postlude. And of course there will be more from Rob and his guitars!

I continue to offer MUSIC LESSONS in piano, voice, and organ to people of all ages and levels. Whether you are continuing your studies or just beginning your musical journey, please feel free to give any of these a try.

SING A NEW CREATION!

You may have noticed several new hymns (words and tunes) making their way into our weekly services. These are from the Anglican Church of Canada’s new hymnal supplement, “Sing a New Creation”. We have ordered – and just received – enough copies for the choir as well as a small number for parishioners which will be available at the back of church. We are hoping to purchase more, but need your help! If you would like to donate towards more copies of “Sing a New Creation” in memory of a loved one, please let us know!

In conclusion, I extend my thanks to our present music programme participants for their continued commitment and to the clergy and staff for their support.

I look forward to another musical, worshipful liturgical year with all of you.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Goodine, Music Director.

Warden's Thoughts for The Fall Newsletter



The last 3 months have seen many successful events, both from a financial and a social point of view. The return of the Garage Sale, the Strawberry Social, the Harlequin Singers concert for Children in Need, and the Legacy Society Wine and Cheese to name a few. The common denominator in all of these is the way each of you volunteer to make these successful and have fun at the same time. Thank you! In August, still to come at the time of writing, are the Doors Open event and The Friends of St. Luke hymn sing and afternoon tea. There are more events covered later in this Newsletter.

One of a warden's concern is always the finances, and it should be something we all give some thought to. None of the our worship, outreach or social activities are possible unless we pay our bills. The good news is that we are running close to budget at the halfway point of our year. Donations are slightly above last year but a bit below budget. This is being mostly offset by lower expenses and good fundraising event success. This year, like every year, we will depend on the much higher rate of donations this Fall and leading up to Christmas. Please consider this in your donation plans.

One activity you will be hearing more about in the coming months is the renewal of our Mission Action Plan. This an opportunity to set our direction and goals for the coming years and look at progress against plans made 3 years ago. Certainly attracting young families and growing the church will continue to be important as well as maintaining focus on completing projects like Church Avenue and Accessible Washroom will be part of this. Could we leverage our outreach focus to become the go-to place in the community for those who want to find a rewarding volunteer opportunity? The Executive and Parish Council will be seeking broad parish input for the Action Plan work.

We now have an approved building permit for the accessible washroom in the entrance to the church. We are expecting Fall construction and completion well before the Christmas season. This is being funded by a very generous donation.

The Church Avenue committee is continuing to work on how we might make the strip of land from the Church to Lakeshore into more of a park-like setting. The City has agreed to have staff work with us to determine feasibility. We have submitted a wish list to the landscape architect they will provide as a first step in creating a conceptual masterplan.

On the property front, the old church air conditioning unit failed and had to be replaced. Thank you to Phil Moore for getting this done promptly before the heat wave.



From the Deacon

Many of us have experienced the loss of a loved during our lifetime. Sometimes it is difficult to process our feelings, but no matter how hard that process is, we still grieve. That is not always easy to do. Some people may hide their grief and carry on as though nothing has happened, while others express their grief openly. Neither of these concepts are wrong. Grief is a journey that is different for everyone, but as I have told many people, grief is the price we pay for love.

We may have difficulty expressing our emotions or talking about the loved one. Some may put a time line on their grief and tell themselves, “it’s been six weeks now, so I should be moving forward.”

One effective way of expressing your grief is to keep a journal. You can write absolutely anything in this journal...whatever helps you. It can begin in the days, weeks or even months after a death and can continue as long as it needs to.

These journals frequently begin as outpourings of grief, the thoughts that can’t be spoken but can’t remain silent. There are no set guidelines for keeping a journal of your loss. It can start on a napkin, a lined journal or a computer screen. The medium of your journal is not important. What is important is that you are creating a record of what you are experiencing. Remember that your journal is completely private unless you choose to share it with others. If you are stuck for things to write about, start simply, at the beginning. Describe what has happened. Explain what is happening. If you are too upset to write anything complicated, just write down words and phrases. Explain what you are feeling. Write poetry. Write about why you are angry; write about why you feel guilty. There is no limit to what you can write about. Sometimes just cataloging the events of the day can be an excellent way to tap into your underlying emotions.

Be patient with yourself. You don’t have to write pages and pages right away, or every day. Pick up your journal and jot down a few notes about how you are feeling when you have the chance, but don’t push yourself to write if you don’t feel like it. If you are strapped for time, set a timer for 5-10 minutes and write as much as you can quickly. You will be surprised by the results.

As journaling continues, you will find that the writing becomes more than just an outlet for your feelings. It is a testament to what you are experiencing and a reminder both of who you are grieving and that you are on this journey. Journaling through a loss means that when you are having a bad day in a month, you have proof that you had the strength to make it through those awful first days. A grief journal is a valuable tool in the journey of bereavement, and it is also a lasting tribute to the person who has died.

From the Deacon continued

Journal writing has been a very healing activity for many people. Research shows that people who have experienced traumatic or difficult life events have received therapeutic benefit from regular writing. This is especially helpful for people who have difficulty in expressing their thoughts and feelings verbally.

For some people knowing how to write a journal seems obvious. They get paper and pen and thoughts come gushing out. Others find it more difficult to know how to get their thoughts focused on paper. Here are a couple of prompts that might help you get started.

I feel . . . I desire/need . . .

"Today I feel as powerless as a feather trampled underfoot. I long for security and hope."

"Today I feel as shattered as a glass thrown against a rock. I need to know someone cares."

The important thing is to remember that as you go through this grief process alone. Don't be afraid to reach out to someone who you trust or respect and talk to them. Someone who can sit with you and listen. But don't be afraid to journal as well. In many cases written thoughts can be a friend too.

"When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving much advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a gentle and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares". - Henri Nouwen

Sheila Plant

The Rung of Hope

As people of faith, you and I are called to join the dance of hope. We are called out of our own private worlds, out of our own fears and prejudices, to share the dance ground of life with people of all backgrounds. And the first dance step we take is the one called hope. It is the first because it is the one step we all know. Hope is instinctive. It is built into the human family.

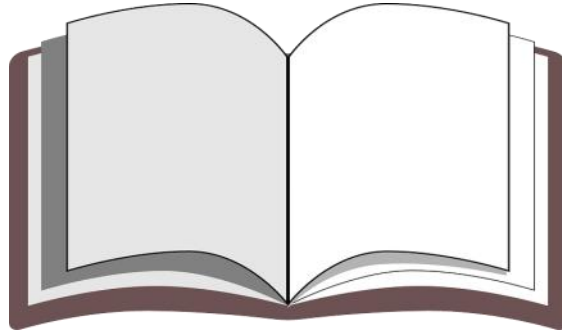


"It is so good to feel that breeze again—the fresh air, the scent of the sea, the hint of billowing clouds along the ocean horizon, out where the great winds sleep, rocking gently on the waters while the aging sun looks on with a sleepy eye. Fresh air, new life, a beginning—that is what we have waited for, longed for but thought would never come. Ahead will still be many struggles of justice and hope working together. But for now, after so many days in the desert, it is good to feel that breeze again: that clean, fresh air from just over the horizon, where the Spirit stirs the air, swirls the air each time she dances across the bright blue water."

--Steven Charleston "Ladder to the Light"

Submitted by Sheila Plant

Life Passages



May

Louise Saunders
Pauline Moodie
Fergus Kyle

June

Rita Hunter-Dunne

July

Maureen Raymond
Jill Pattison-Bannon

August

We sincerely apologize if any names have been omitted. It is not intentional. As you are aware, we are not conducting funerals in the same way as we were, so we do not always hear about the passing of someone. Please let us know if a name has been left off our page.

"We can't know why the lily has so brief a time to bloom in the warmth of sunlight kissed upon its face before it folds into its fragrance and bids the world good night to rest its beauty in a gentler place."

Time and Talent Sunday September 22nd !

Once again this year, we celebrate our Parish Church of St. Luke and all that goes on here.

On Sunday, September 22, all groups are invited to bring a gift to the altar during the 10am service.

Following the service, parishioners are invited to coffee hour in the Great Hall where each group will have a display of what they do. As you wander among the displays there may be something that sparks your interest. We invite you to talk to the coordinator of the group and see how you can get involved. There is something for everyone.



Altar with Group Symbols

Photos from last year



Kids' Corner in Church



Indigenous Awareness



Madagascar Missions

Remember When ?

As we celebrate 190 years, one highlight in our history was the burning of the mortgage in 2011 for the reconstruction of the Parish Hall completed in 2006, a major achievement we can all be proud of.



190 Anniversary Celebration

Strawberry Social

The community and parishioners of St. Luke's braved the weather and came out for a sumptuous strawberry treat June 22nd. There were fun and games for the kids of all ages and a chance to greet some new and familiar friends. A huge thank you to the strawberry preparers and room set up and take down team as well as those who served at and supported the event with their many talents. A special thank you to Jennifer Goodine for her wonderful organ concert. We are so lucky to have her as our choir director and it was lovely to be able to showcase her talents with the community.



190 Anniversary Celebration - Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar Now !

Screw@pe Letters Presentation - September 13th 7:00pm

John D. Hudson, a noted actor, will give a special presentation of the famous Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis.



John D. Hudson's 60 minute adaptation of C.S. Lewis's, "anti-sermon", The Screwtape Letters and its lesser known short sequel, Screwtape Proposes a Toast. Screwtape, a Senior Devil in Hell's Lower-Archy, dictates a toast for the upcoming Tempters' Training College graduation, while multitasking advice to his incompetent nephew Wormwood, a policy paper deadline, and his own transformation into a centipede.

Winner Best Actor, Ottawa Fringe 2015 Capitol Critics Circle
5 Stars Edmonton Journal 4 Stars Winnipeg Free Press
"...amusing and unsettling" Ottawa Capitol Critics Circle
"...a fantastic one man show" Theatre in London (London ON)



Tickets \$20 – order online through Eventbrite:



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/957775942627?aff=oddtcreator>

Or email hbittner@cogeco.ca

Evensong

Monday, October 21, 2024, 7 p.m.

St. Luke's Parish Dinner and Silent Auction

Saturday, October 26, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Ticket price to be confirmed See Page 22

St. Luke's Happenings

Burlington Heritage Week Opening at

August long weekend kicked off the start of Burlington Heritage week. During the opening ceremonies at the Joseph Brant Museum on Aug 3, Rev. Coren and Helen Bittner accepted a certificate recognizing our anniversary year. We held a couple of events on holiday Monday: an Artist Exhibit and Sale and Plein Air activity, as well as a presentation on the historic barns of Burlington. There were some artists in the grounds sketching the interior and exterior of the church and a wonderful display of the BFAA (Burlington Fine Arts Association) members work.

The church was open for touring and we look forward to participating in Doors Open Burlington on August 10th.



Calendar of Events and Services

There is an 8:15 and 10 am Eucharist Service Every Sunday

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SERVICES AND EVENTS</u>
Sept 1st	8:15 and 10:00 am	15 Pentecost
Sept 8th	8:15 and 10:00 am	16 Pentecost
Sept 12th	11:30 am	Speakers Lunch (See page 24)
Sept 13th	7:00 pm	Taizé (online only)
	7:00 pm	Screwtape Letters Presentation (See page 12)
Sept 15th	8:15 and 10:00 am	Welcome Back Sunday, plus Sundae Sunday, Sunday School (See Page 15)
Sept 22nd	8:15 and 10:00 am	Time & Talent plus Celtic Eucharist at 10:00
	1:00 pm	Walk to the Lighthouse (See page 10 and 21)
Sept 28th	10:00 am	Advocacy Presentation (See page 33)
	6:00 pm	Music at St. Luke's (See page 25)
Sept 29th	8:15 and 10:00 am	St. Micheal & All Angels
Oct 6th	8:15 and 10:00 am	Harvest Sunday (see page 16) Tourtière sales after both services in Parish Hall (See page 22)
Oct 10th	11:30 am	Speakers Lunch (See page 24)
Oct 11th	7:00 pm	Taizé (online only)
Oct 13th	8:15 and 10:00 am	Thanksgiving
Oct 20th	8:15 and 10:00 am	St. Luke's Sunday, Sunday School
Oct 21st	7:00 pm	Evensong
Oct 26th	5:30 pm	Parish Dinner (See page 22)
Oct 27th	8:15 and 10:00 am	Pentecost 23 plus Celtic Eucharist at 10:00
Nov 2nd	10:00 am	Advocacy Presentation (See page 33)
Nov 3rd	8:15 and 10:00 am	All Saints Sunday
Nov 7th	11:30 am	Speakers Lunch (See page 24)
Nov 8th	7:00 pm	Taizé (online only)
Nov 9th	6:00 pm	Music at St. Luke's (See page 25)
Nov 10th	8:15 and 10:00 am	Remembrance Sunday
Nov 17th	8:15 and 10:00 am	25 Pentecost
Nov 24th	8:15 and 10:00 am	Reign of Christ plus Celtic Eucharist at 10:00
Nov 30th	9:00 am	Christmas Market

For schedule of the Community Lunch and Social Hour see page 35.

- Evening prayer twice a week is available online only.
- The Sunday 10:00 am is live-streamed on the church YouTube channel.
- Sunday 10:00 am, Evening Prayer services, Taizé, and other online services can be played **at any time** after the time indicated. Go to www.stlukesburlington.ca and click on "Virtual Service". You can then click on the picture of the service you want. For services, the words for the hymns and the liturgy are included in the video so that you can follow along.



St. Luke's Anglican Church Presents **Sundae Sunday**

All kids are invited big and small, young and old.
Come to church Sunday September 15, 2024,
10 am

See what we are all about and stay for a Sundae.

Children are welcome to attend Sunday School and join everyone after church for a sundae on the lawn or church hall.





HARVEST SUNDAY - OCTOBER 6, 2024



› **NEEDED: Donations** of fruits (apples, pears), vegetables (squash, cabbage, pumpkins, etc.), corn stalks, gourds, etc. to decorate the church.

The Altar Guild decorates with the donations received from parishioners.

We need your help to make our church festive for Harvest & Thanksgiving Sundays!

› Please bring donations to the church on
Saturday, October 5 - from 8:30am

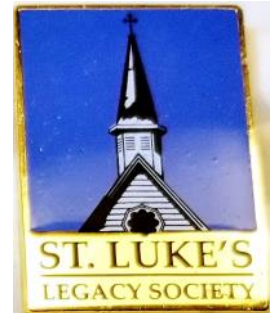
(NOTE: we are usually finished by 10:30am)

Perishable fruits & vegetables go to our Food for Life programme following the Harvest Sunday services. The remainder decorates the church for Thanksgiving Sunday and then goes to our Food For Life programme.

Questions? – contact Chris Hughes (905-632-9535)

Legacy Society

St. Luke's first gathering of the Legacy Society was held this June at a Wine and Cheese reception. Rev. Jim Glass was remembered as a driving force in getting the Society started. If you would like to find out more about the Legacy Society and Legacy giving please contact Don Bettger at donandgini7@gmail.com



Submitted by Don Bettger

Barbeque Time At St. Luke's Close!!

On Tuesday, July 16, the Board of Directors for St. Luke's Close hosted our first annual barbeque for the residents of the Close.

The Board (Stuart Pike, Bob Bruce, Dave Beck, Sheila Plant, Bill Armstrong and Kathleen Szoke) provided hamburgers, sausages, hot dogs and salads for our guests. We rounded out the meal with wine and ice cream sandwiches.



We were very pleased with the turn out. Some of our parishioners also joined us and the 35 residents that were in attendance had a wonderful time.

Special thanks to Dave Beck for organizing us and to Bill and Bob for their expertise on the grill. The residents kept thanking us for a wonderful time.

At the time of writing, we are planning a harvest Afternoon Tea in October, and again, the Board will be hosting. We are delighted to start building a strong connection with the residents and to let them know that they are very important to us at St. Luke's.



Garage Sale 2024 !!

On Saturday June 1st we had our Giant Garage Sale (AKA Mark's Garage Sale). This was the first time this event took place since pre covid and it was a great success. This was a direct result of the many volunteers who made light work (or at least lighter work 😊) of it. St. Luke's can always be counted on when it comes to running an event. People naturally come forward to share their time, talent and expertise. The Garage sale was no different. We set up over 2 days in preparation for the big sale on Saturday. We had our first and last garage sale meeting 15 minutes prior to the doors opening. Flexibility is key when working with us.



While there are many people to thank, we want to acknowledge some of the leads including: Helen Bittner (financial coordinator), Brad Flick (mentor for Mark), Ray Payne (BBQ), Nan Bruce (who kept us all fueled), Cathy Payne and Karin Pasma (baking), Sheila Plant (plants). Each area had a dedicated group of volunteers who set up their area, staffed it the day of the sale and packed it up at the end of the day. It was likely the fastest clean up on record with many people pitching in to pack up left over items and dropping them off at donation centres. We were pleased that

Wellington United was able to take some left-over kitchen items and clothing for those in need whom they serve. We also sent our left-over books to Grace Anglican for their sale.

We had amazing help, perfect weather and lots of positive feedback. Our shoppers enjoyed the experience and many commented on how organized the areas were making things easy to find and encouraging them to stay longer.

Our grand total for the day (after expenses) was \$7733.68. Congratulations to everyone who made this event so enjoyable and so successful.

Mark has already been nominated to organize it again for next year so stay tuned!

Mark and Melanie

More Garage Sale Photos

All set up and ready to go Friday night!!



The Coffee Boys



Celebrating Success Afterwards

Our Church Directory has been Online for a few months now!

But are you in it?

If we have your correct email information you can view our church directory online or via the FREE mobile app today.

Pictures make it so much easier to identify & remember who you met & sat next to in church last week. Your photo will make it easier for them too.

There will be a special effort to have more parishioners sign up this fall.

Please join in this effort.



Wendy & Ros have been working on the directory.

Who is who?



Is this Wendy? Is this Ros?



To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for “[Instant Church Directory](#)” to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

Need help or have questions?

Contact:

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Ros Reyecraft 905 635-3976 rosreycraft@hotmail.com



Walk to the Lighthouse

Outreach would like to invite you to take part in the walk to the lighthouse on **September 22, 2024 at 1 p.m.** MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The walk supports the mental health programme at Jo Brant Hospital.

You can register to walk at this address:

<https://walktothelighthouse2024.funraise.org/team/st-lukes-team>

If you are unable to join us, please consider supporting our team, using the same (above) link to the website.

Any questions? Contact Jackie Maver at (905)681-6097 or hew.maver@sympatico.ca



St. Luke's Team

September 22, 2024

1:00 p.m.

**JOIN
NOW**



Team T-Shirt

\$20

**St. Luke's Annual Parish Dinner and Silent Auction
A Special Evening to Celebrate our 190th Anniversary!**

We welcome everyone to come out and enjoy

Saturday, October 26th, 2024

Doors open at 5:30pm

Hors D'oeuvres at 6:00pm

Dinner at 6:30pm

Registration will take place at Coffee Hour every Sunday,
beginning Mid-September.

This year it will be a catered event, with a modest charge per ticket.

Further details to follow.

*There will be a silent auction and we are looking for donations. Please
contact the office if you have any items you would like to donate.*



Fellowship Meal

Recruiting for “Walk to the Lighthouse “ at Lemonade on the Lawn

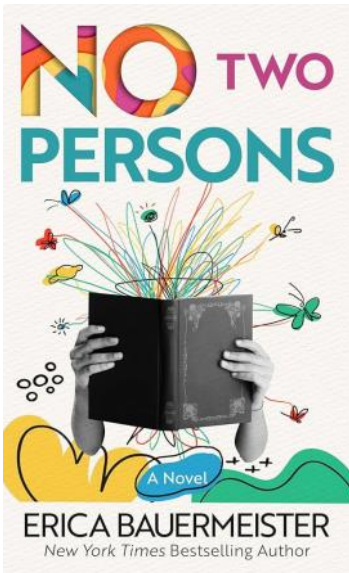


News and Views from the Adult Library

The library is to enhance the spiritual life of its readers.

Book Review by Nan Bruce—Bauermeister, Erica. “No Two Persons.” United States: St. Martin’s Press, 2023.

This is not a book to help you fall asleep!



The author’s epigraph indicates her main theme: “No two persons ever read the same book or see the same picture.” (*The Writings of Madame Swetchine, 1860*).

This novel is about an author, the author’s novel entitled “Theo”, and the impact “Theo” has on eleven readers from various parts of the United States over several years. It demanded my full attention.

“No Two Persons” has no traditional plot. You become involved first of all with an author as she writes a book entitled “Theo.” Then several years pass as you discover how various readers of “Theo” have different interpretations of what they are reading and how each are affected by this reading experience.

Reading this book was a unique experience for me. I hope it will be for you.

PIE MAKERS

Summer is almost over and the pie makers will soon be back in the kitchen making tourtières. We will be holding our Fall Sale on Sunday October 6th, following both services.

This will be the final sale before the Christmas Market. The prices will remain the same at

\$25 for large and \$9 for small or 3 for

\$25. Watch for reminders in the bulletin.

Thank you for your past support and we

hope to see you in October!



Submitted by Sandra Tiernay

“Speaker’s Lunch”

The goal of the Speaker’s Lunch group is to provide opportunities for St. Luke’s parishioners, guests and others in the wider community to meet in a social setting and to listen to presentations by informed speakers about contemporary issues affecting our community and the world beyond.



The group meets at 11:30am on the second Thursday of each month for social time, followed by a “Bring Your Own Lunch” & a talk by the speaker of the month. Refreshments, including sherry are provided - all for a freewill donation of \$5.

All are welcome - please call Doug Flett (905-637-7009) or Tim Tiernay (905-639-0345) for more information. Your dedicated committee is hopeful that we continue to arrange a diverse and interesting list of topics and speakers.

Our “summer break” has ended and we have an exciting lineup for the Fall:

September 12th – The History of Kilbride (& surrounding area)

October 10th – “Meet me at the Brant Inn”. The wonderful, colourful history of the Brant Inn

November 7th (Remembrance Day theme) – The AVRO Lancaster used in WWII

We have been pleased at the growing interest and attendance at the lunches. Please continue to spread the word as to the fun, fellowship and interesting subjects at our meetings. If you have any questions, suggestions as to subjects or speakers for future meetings, please contact: **Tim Tiernay** (phone: 905-639-0345; email: tim.tiernay@bell.net).

Also, we are looking for new members to join our Committee. It is not much work and your help and ideas would be welcomed.

Lastly, if you have not provided your email address or text number in the past, please do as we will then be able to alert you to upcoming meetings and any changes.

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these lunches in the future.



Brian Lenahan on Artificial Intelligence – May 9th



Children of the Hector on February 8th

Music at St. Luke's

The Music at St. Luke's committee has been working during the summer to put together another season of music and entertainment.

The first event of the season will be on September 28th when we are pleased to welcome back George Kairys, this time with his band, 'Smooth Jazz Latin Experience'. Last year we enjoyed George and his band Shades of Blue Revue. His new band will offer Latin infused jazz. Considering the quality that George brought us last year, this promises to be another fantastic show!



Our second event will be on November 16th when we are pleased to present The Hills are Alive at St. Luke's with the Sound of Music performed by Gerry Tymstra and Friends. Known for his extraordinary gift to make the keyboard sing, Gerry is joined by guitar and violin at this special event. Gerry Tymstra and Friends bring love alive with their tribute to the movies, with theme songs from Lion King, Titanic, The Wizard of Oz, The Way We Were and more!

All events in the Parish Hall will be catered by our favourite gastronomic geniuses, Millcroft Catering, again this season.

This season, in addition to the events in the hall with dinner, we will also be presenting our Recital Series in the church on some Sunday afternoons without a meal, and at a lower cost. Our first event in the Recital Series will be sure to get us into the



Christmas holiday mode on Sunday, December 22nd at 3 PM in the church. We are delighted to welcome back singers from Southern Ontario Lyric Opera who will be taking advantage of our church as a delightful setting to perform beautiful arias and Christmas carols.

Knitters & Friends fall into creativity by Mary Taslimi

Our last Knitters & Friends update missed a couple of spectacular projects, so without further ado....

Mavis Brown created a beautiful embroidered box from scratch, box and all—see photo for this delicate, beautiful piece in blue and gold.



Lois Carey began experimenting with linen stitch and knitted a cheerful and lovely scarf. Linen stitch is simple to master, although it does involve a lot of yarn movement during project creation. The effort is worth it for the woven look of the finished project. See photos for scarf and detail of linen stitch.



Ongoing from a newsletter or two past, Mary Taslimi has finally finished her Artus Shawl. The pattern, by Natasja Hornby, is a very satisfying project with different sections to keep the knitter's interest. It begins with a garter-tab cast-on, followed by alternating sections of waffle knit and stranded colour work.



Knitters continued

The large diamond motif that follows can be knitted as stranded colour work as well, but as written is achieved by mosaic knitting (alternating two colours, using one every two rows and slipping the stitches in the other colour). The shawl is completed with a 7-stitch icord bindoff for a 3D look at the long edge.

Photos show these details but Mary’s shawl has not yet been blocked—the final step, in which it will be soaked in lukewarm water, then rolled in a towel to remove the excess water, and pinned to the pattern’s project sizing specifications and left to dry.

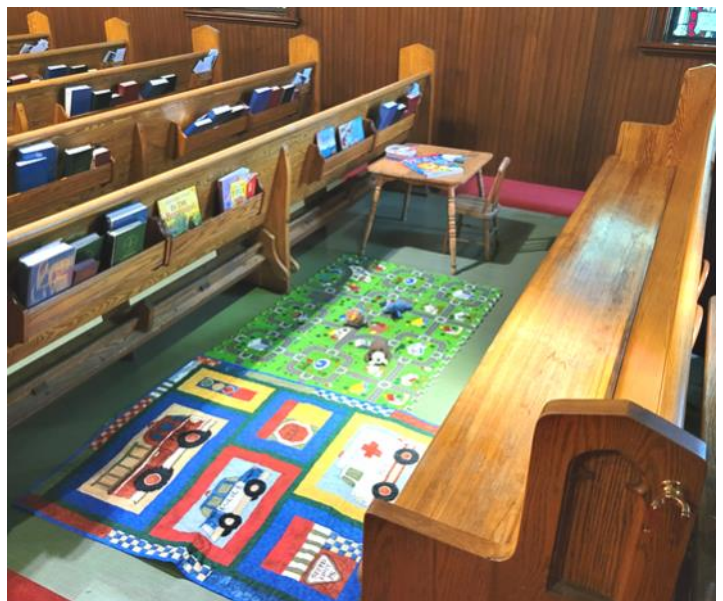


As we head into fall, Knitters & Friends will likely be working on crafted presents for Christmas and donations for the Christmas Market. Watch this space for more details and more “eye candy”!

Knitters & Friends welcomes all friendly knitters and all friendly fibre-workers who crochet or work with yarn, thread, embroidery silk etc. Come for the crafting, stay for the company! Anyone wishing to join who does not have yarn or needles/hooks is welcome to browse the closet in Room 201 during meeting hours (10am - noon, Tuesdays) and select from donated yarns, tools and patterns.

New Young Families Area

We are testing this concept to help families with small children, particularly for Sundays when there is no Sunday School. Part of this area can be used to give space for people with walkers or wheelchairs. So far there has been positive feedback from both families and those with walkers and wheelchairs.



COFFEE HOUR—FALL, 2024



It will be great to welcome parishioners back to Coffee Hour starting on Sunday, September 8. Thanks to Stuart's persistence, the online Coffee Hour will continue as well.

In order to continue with Coffee Hour in September, we will again welcome volunteers for serving coffee and cleaning up. We will also need more volunteers who are willing to come early to prepare for Coffee Hour.

In the past, a variety of groups such as Outreach took the opportunity to host Coffee Hour, giving them an opportunity to meet many parishioners, as well as to display information about their group at the same time. Groups wishing to take advantage of this opportunity are welcome to add their group to the Coffee Hour Schedule.

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A Tour of St. Luke's Churchyard

By Dorothy Kew



Photo Courtesy Karen Jazz

As some of you may know, I'm a member of the Halton-Peel Branch of Ontario Ancestors (Ontario Genealogical Society). In fact, I'm the Cemetery Coordinator for the Branch. For many years we held monthly meetings with a speaker, varying our location between Brampton, at the Four Corners Library, and Oakville, at the Central Library. Then, in early 2020, COVID put a stop to our in-person meetings and we had to continue to meet via Zoom. There is no doubt that Zoom meetings allowed our distant members and others to join us, which was great, but we did miss the opportunity to get together.

Last summer we held a meeting on the grounds of Heritage Mississauga and were entertained by Heritage Mississauga's historian, Matthew Wilkinson. This year I suggested we have another in-person meeting – a tour of St. Luke's cemetery, which would tie in with the church's 190th anniversary. The tour took place, as always, on the fourth Sunday of the month ... June 23rd, at 2 p.m. As the weather was somewhat uncertain, we had a small group, about twelve, who were very interested in the history of the church and churchyard.

We began on the steps of the church, looking towards the lake, at Church Avenue as it is called, which gave me the opportunity to relate the history of the church and its founder, Elizabeth Brant Kerr, and the tract of land that had been given to her father, Joseph Brant, for his services to the Crown.

Church Avenue



The tour then moved around to the east side of the church, taking in the large Bunton/Dalton plots, the stones of the Bates family and then a detour to the Memorial Scattering Garden and the columbaria.

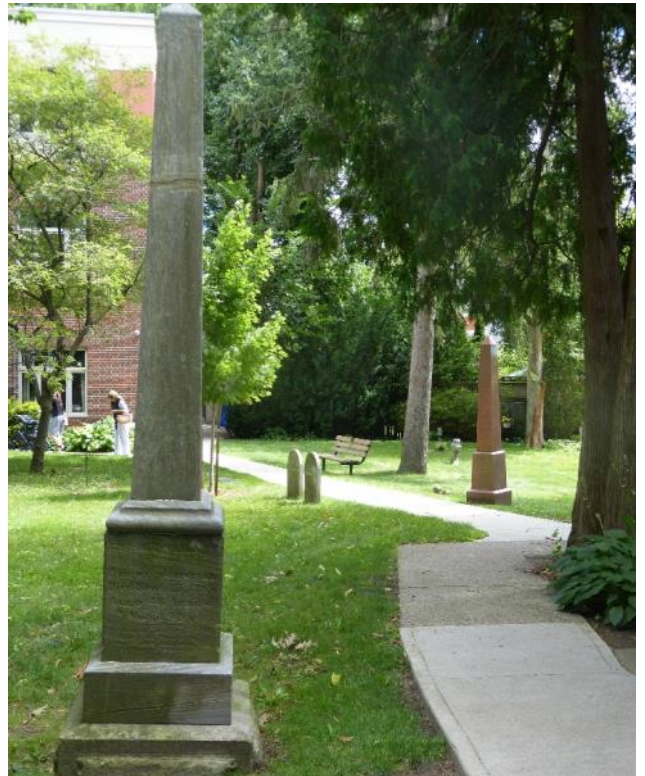
Columbaria and Memorial Garden



As we passed the Fergusson Plot, on our way to the Ontario Street side of the church, Lori, one of our participants, came face to face with the monument to her 4x great grandmother, on her mother's paternal side, Mary Brannon (Brennan) Alexander Lindley.

The Brannon Lindley monument

According to Lori, Mary Brannon was born in 1785 in County Antrim, Ireland, married, and came to Upper Canada in 1816 with her husband "whose name has been lost to time", and their daughter, Mary Ann Alexander. The family moved around, first to Port Credit, then to Springfield (now Erindale), Oakville, and finally settled in Nelson Township. Mary remarried in 1824 to Moses Lindley who was, according to Lori, 17-18 years younger than her, and they had four more children. Mary eventually moved to Hamilton in 1876 after Moses died, where she lived with one of her daughters till her death in 1881 at age 96.



The tour continued on the Ontario Street side as we noted the graves of six rectors who have served St. Luke's over the years. The tour members were impressed to learn that St. Luke's has had ten rectors in 190 years, some of whom had served for several years, beginning with the Reverend Thomas Greene who served for forty years.

Other graves that we visited included the Smith Chisholm plot, the Dynes family and its connections to Burlington, and one of the oldest stones in the cemetery which commemorates the family of William Campbell who died 25 August 1832, presumably two years before the founding of St. Luke's.

Our next stop was of particular interest to Karen – the grave of Private James Henry Morrison, of #3 Highland Company of Hamilton's 13th Battalion (now the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry). At seventeen years of age, James, a farmer's son, joined the battalion, probably for the money as he was supporting his widowed mother and six sisters. This was the time of the Fenian Raids of 1866, and James marched with the Battalion on June 2nd to Ridgeway. He survived the battle but succumbed to fever, was taken to Hamilton where he died June 29th and was buried with his father and mother in the churchyard. Over the years his tombstone was broken in half and was laid on the ground as a safety measure.

James Morrison Stone

In 2011, the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Ridgeway, St. Luke's Anglican Church was approached by members of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry regarding the restoration of Private James Henry Morrison's monument. With the professional help of Catherine Paterson, a Cemetery and Monument Conservation Consultant, members of the RHLI (known affectionately as the Rileys), repaired the broken monument and replaced it on a new base.



The Morrison Monument Repaired



On June 17th 2012 a service of dedication was held in St. Luke's Churchyard, attended by Rector Canon Stuart Pike, Capt. Tim Fletcher, RHLI, and Lieutenant-Colonel Dan Stepaniuk, Commanding Officer RHLI, as well as the RHLI Veteran's Association Colour Party and the RHLI 13th Battalion Ceremonial Colour Guard. Many local dignitaries and parishioners of St. Luke's were also present. Karen's nephew, Sean, a member of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, was present at the dedication, as shown in the photo Karen sent me.



Sean, RHLI, at Morrison grave, courtesy Karen Jaz

The tour ended at the graves of our founder, Elizabeth Brant Kerr, her husband, William Johnson Kerr, the victor of Beaver Dams, and their son, W. J. Simcoe Kerr.



Kerr Family stones

It was an appropriate way to end as we once again remembered the founding of St. Luke's Church on this the 190th anniversary of its beginning.

Ministry of Outreach

Contacts: Co-Chairs – Jackie Maver (905 681-6097) and Rosalind Reycraft (905 635-3976)

Mission Statement: Moved by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teachings and actions of Jesus the Christ, the Ministry of Outreach, in partnership with the community of St. Luke's, responds to the needs of our neighbours, locally, nationally, and globally by enabling, empowering, educating, and advocating.



Here is a photo of some of our Outreach members enjoying our June meeting at the Skafels' home.

September will see all of our activities gearing up again & there are a lot! If one of our ministries is of particular interest to you please contact us. We would love to have you join us in making a difference to so many others.

OUTREACH—WALK TO THE LIGHTHOUSE

Outreach would like to invite you to take part in the walk to the lighthouse on **September 22, 2024 at 1 p.m.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

The walk supports the mental health program at Jo Brant Hospital.

You can register to walk at this address:

<https://walktothelighthouse2024.funraise.org/team/st-lukes-team>

If you are unable to join us, please consider supporting our team, using the same (above) link to the website.

Any questions contact Jackie Maver at (905)681-6097 or hew.maver@sympatico.ca



ADVOCACY BREAKFASTS

The St. Luke's Advocacy Team are pleased to offer two new presentations this Fall.



Saturday, September 28 at 10 am in proximity with Truth and Reconciliation Day, we will welcome our speaker, Karen Ward, who is Program Director of Burning Stone Ministries. This organization has been supporting opportunities for Indigenous Youth in remote northern communities. Programmes include crisis management, educational counselling, and leadership development in their own communities.

On Saturday November 2nd, at 10 am we will welcome, Sarah Warry, a Director of the organization called 'The Bridge'. This group is in support of individuals who are in transition to

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society from experiences in detention. Their needs are complex and varied, requiring organized and specific assistance.

These two opportunities to educate ourselves in significant areas of social justice, are examples of our goals to continue to learn and advocate for those who need support.

We will continue to provide these sessions virtually. To register for any of our Advocacy programmes, please contact Janice Skafel at janice.skafel@ououtlook.com or at 905 617-1941.

We are very grateful for the continuing support and attendance of many who have shared with us over the many years, and look forward to seeing you all in the Fall.

Migrant Workers Ministry

This past spring, we were very pleased to welcome Padre Antonio once again, to learn of the realities of life for these special individuals who continue to work at farms in the Niagara Region year after year.

Through this unique Ministry led by him from St. Alban's Church in Beamsville, a vibrant network of caring parishioners provides opportunities for the workers to obtain many needed items such as clothing, bicycles, food, personal items and much more. A variety of volunteers from across the Diocese, including from St. Luke's, continue to creatively provide assistance led by Padre Antonio's vast knowledge of their lives while they are working here. The Parish website might be of interest to further describe the amazing Outreach efforts there.

As a result of donations from our latest Advocacy Presentation in the Spring, it was possible to offer **\$700** to the Diocese, to be used for gift cards, specifically to meet their particular needs.

We are honoured to be able to join in this important Ministry and shall continue to be watchful of ways in which we can be of support.

Thanks to all who have helped our efforts through their donations.

Submitted by Carrie Raybould on behalf of the Advocacy Team, Ros Reycraft, Janice Skafel, Jackie Maver and Dave Beck



DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON COMMUNITY LUNCH

THE COMMUNITY LUNCH RETURNS ON OCTOBER 2 for conversation and delicious, free food. As in the past, we will have many special lunches such as Octoberfest, Hallowe'en, Christmas, Easter, Spring Celebration, and others. Sometimes we have entertainment or speakers. Our times changed a bit last year:

11:00 Open for social time

11:30 Coffee and tea available

12:00-1:30 Lunch

Here are a few photos from our last community lunch.



WE ASK THAT SEATS BE HELD FOR FRIENDS ONLY UNTIL 11:30.

The Community Lunch is a multidenominational project by four downtown churches to offer an opportunity for seniors and others to socialize over a good meal. The lunch is hosted and led by St. Luke's with financial and volunteer support from our partners and community members. Meals are free but many guests donate towards the cost of their lunch. We are dependent on additional donations to keep the lunch going. The Community Lunch celebrated its 10th anniversary in April, 2024.

Lunches are held on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month except in the summer. (Dinner is available at Glad Tidings Church, Palmer Ave., on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.)

Guests are mainly seniors from Burlington at all income levels, and include members of our congregation, our partner churches, and our community. Our lunches pause for the summer at the end of May.

Volunteers are always welcome. We will train you in safe food handling and anything else you need to know. No experience is required. We have fun working together and hope you will consider joining us. Openings vary among the volunteer roles, which include: cooks, set-up, servers, greeters, clean-up, and scheduling. **We will have a Welcome Back Volunteers Meeting on Wednesday, September 18.** Contact me if you are interested in joining us. 35

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Fall Community Lunch Dates:

September 18: Volunteer Meeting

October 2, 16, 30

November 6 (November 20 canceled due to set-up for Christmas Market)

December 4, 18

Heather White, Community Lunch Coordinator

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“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Matthew 25:35

MADAGASCAR MISSIONS



Pamala Stickney, who is the new Anglican Mission Service Committee’s field agent to Madagascar, left Canada in late July for her first trip to Madagascar! She was anxiously looking forward to her new role and especially to meeting all the children and staff at the orphanage and at the inner city centre. She will be living at the orphanage during her stay and will have lots of opportunities to see first hand the wonderful work that is done there. She will also be able to learn about all the challenges of trying to keep these 2 places operational on a shoe-string budget that relies solely on the generous support of St. Luke’s and other parishes.

Pamala will be sharing her experiences with us in much the same way that Mary Sherwood did before her. She will also be sharing on Facebook (AMSC4Madagascar) and Tik-Tok (AMSC4Madagascar). We will keep you updated whenever we receive a newsletter.

As always, please remember to include the children and staff in Madagascar in your prayers and also Pamala for a safe and successful mission trip.

Your donations, of any amount, are always much appreciated at any time. Thank you.

Submitted by Sandra Tiernay

TruEarth PRODUCTS

Tru Earth Exciting Update from Outreach Mishamikoweesh Water Project...St. Luke's Outreach project that benefits PWRDF's Mishamikoweesh Water Partnership in Northern Ontario & Manitoba now has many more eco-friendly products from which to choose. You can now order from Eco-Collective as well as Tru-Earth!



St. Luke's earns a 20% commission on each order from either site to support this project. It's easy to order using one of the following links: tru-earth.sjv.io/StLukesAnglicanChurch or ecoc.sjv.io/StLukesChurch

Be sure to try the Platinum Laundry Strips!

Contact Rosemary Armstrong (rosemaryarmstrong@gmail.com) for more information

EL HOGAR SERVICE TEAM - FEBRUARY 2025

With such a successful team trip this past April, we are encouraged to plan another trip if there is enough interest by participants for February 22, 2025.



There will be a first planning meeting scheduled for this September but the date has yet to be decided so please check the Sunday bulletin for up to date information or contact us. It is a life-changing experience for many people & we are delighted by the support that St. Luke's parishioners always give.

Our dates for our gingerbread & bark making have been planned for months so if you feel like you would be interested in helping our bakers make their delicious creations please let us know & we will share the dates we are working. We always appreciate your help & in fact could not do it without you.



For more information please contact Ros. & Rick Reycraft 905 635-3976 rosreycraft@hotmail.com or Janice Skafel 905 332-0837 janice.skafel@outlook.com
Also, check out the website. www.elhogarcanada.ca

"The goal of El Hogar Projects," says Executive Director Denise Vargas, "is that every child enrolled in our program will have had an equitable opportunity to flourish, become an independent member of Honduran society and find his or her own fulfillment."



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL—A new initiative for the Ministry of Outreach!

"Only when the last prisoner of conscience has been freed, when the last torture chamber has been closed, when the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights is a reality for the world's people, will our work be done." -- **Peter Benenson [1921-2005] -- Founder of Amnesty International¹**



The members of Outreach have decided to look into another opportunity to make a difference to our communities—locally, nationally & internationally. We will start by inviting a representative from Amnesty International to join us for an Advocacy Breakfast to see where our efforts might be directed.

Amnesty International (AI) was founded in 1961 by an English labour lawyer Peter Benenson. He had read an article that two Portuguese students had been sentenced to seven years in prison in Portugal for allegedly “having drunk a toast to liberty”, which inspired him to write a famous newspaper article in May 1961, *Forgotten Prisoners*, that in turn led to the establishment of Amnesty International. The article was a call to stand up for prisoners of conscience – i.e. those people imprisoned, tortured, or executed because their opinions or religion are unacceptable to their government. His article was reprinted in newspapers around the world and marked the beginning of Amnesty International.

From that time, Amnesty International’s vision has grown to believe in a world in which every person enjoys all the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments. Amnesty International forms a global community of human rights defenders with the principles of international solidarity, effective action for the individual victim, global coverage, the universality and indivisibility of human rights, impartiality and independence, and democracy and mutual respect.³

Amnesty International Campaigns - some campaigns are listed below & can be explored on their website www.amnesty.ca

Climate Justice, Women’s Rights and Gender Justice, LGBTI Rights, Refugees and Migrants, Indigenous Peoples in Canada, Health and Human Rights

Potential activities for Amnesty Outreach at St. Luke’s church might include:

Fundraising: To support the work of human rights defenders, and to strengthening the voices of individuals suffering from human rights abuses wherever they occur.

Signing petitions: Amnesty has online petitions and urgent email actions which are sent directly to decision-makers to create results.

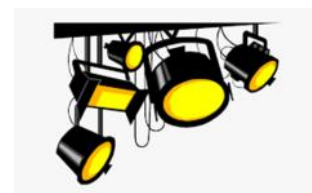
Writing urgent letters: When an individual is in immediate danger of a human rights violation, Amnesty International mobilizes a dedicated group of letter-writers to take action quickly to protect them.

Participating in Urgent Action Network: Amnesty's Urgent Action Network mobilizes letter writers quickly. You can read about the human rights situation, follow the suggestions of what to write, and use the contact information to send your message to the appropriate authorities.

Partnering with the group in our area: Such as the St. Christopher's Anglican Church group which meets monthly.

May Frank has kindly accepted the opportunity to lead the group to see what a difference we can make & will be sharing her findings in both the newsletters & Sunday bulletins.

Special Concert for Children in Need



St. Luke's was happy to have the Harlequin Singers back to do a spring concert organized by the Division of Outreach. The theme of the concert was "Celebrating the History of Broadway" and it certainly was a celebration of great Broadway music with magnificent selections of celebrated composers' beloved works. Their presentation of the beloved music was musical magic for sure.

We do appreciate the support we have from our St. Luke's family and from the community that fulfills our goals of supporting children in need where we can. We raised \$2,815 at this concert and the proceeds went towards two of this year's recipients – 1) locally here in Burlington to The Love, Jayne Foundation – created by the Hounslow family in memory of their daughter Jayne. This fund helps remove financial barriers for children wanting to participate in extra-curricular activities who otherwise would not be able to. 2) And also, to vulnerable children in Gaza directly affected by the war - for medical aid, food and education through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

3) Donations of food supplied non-perishables to the Food for Life program at St Luke's.

The Harlequin Singers will be returning to St. Luke's on December 7 during the Christmas season as part of St Luke's 190th celebrations. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar.



Migrant Farm Workers Project

During the past summer the Ministry of Outreach continued to request donations of used clothing for the migrant farm workers in Niagara Region. These items were gratefully received by the volunteers who look after "La Tiendita" (little shop) in the basement of St. Alban's Anglican Church in Beamsville. We wish to express our gratitude to everyone who made donations this year. Since the current growing season will soon be coming to an end, we have now ceased collecting used clothing, but will resume this program in the spring of 2025.



The Migrant Farm Workers Project has resolved the issue of having adequate space for accepting and storing used bicycles, which is the reason why donations of bicycles were not requested at St. Luke's this year. We intend to resume the collection of used bicycles and related equipment in the spring of 2025, but will need to find someone who has a vehicle equipped with a bicycle rack, who would be willing to pick up bicycles in Burlington, store them temporarily, and then transport the bicycles to Beamsville.



This would probably require three or four trips to St. Alban's in the months from May to September. Anyone who may be able to assist by doing this may contact Dave Beck at (905) 634-0489

CHURCH MINDERS

I would like to thank the Church Minders who have, worked through July and August and on special occasions throughout this time.

We have had a good response from being open though the summer. On the very first day of July, we had a tour group come by from downtown Burlington and the leader was very happy to be able to bring the group in. She does a weekly tour and puts us on her list so we have always had this group every week, some groups were small but it was still great.

We also had a camp group of young people come by, and Leslie was very good at explaining everything to them.



Please contact Avril Drake if you are interested in this unique volunteer opportunity.

BURLINGTON UBUNTU GRANDWOMEN

This steadfast group of caring folk continue to meet regularly from September to June in support of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers in Africa.

Their fundraising efforts continue with the September Golf Tournament at Pinedale Golf Club on September 18th.

As registration is limited, it may be that the roster is full. However, it is an enjoyable and worthy event.

For further information about the programmes, see the website at www.thebug.com or contact Carrie Raybould (905-681-2816)



PWRDF—PRIMATE’S WORLD RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT FUND—UPDATE ON GAZA HOSPITAL

Al Ahli Arab Hospital has provided a Christian healing ministry in Gaza City since 1882.

During this conflict the chapel has been converted to serve as an additional ward. (By Will Postma)



Over the last few days there has been an escalation of attacks on Gaza City that resulted in an evacuation order in several areas, including the evacuation of the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. This hospital is under the oversight of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and has been offering shelter, aid and medical care to those affected by the ongoing war between Hamas and Israel.

Archbishop Hosam Naoum has called for the reopening of the hospital and protection for its humanitarian work. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said, “In the face of intense Israeli bombardment, this closure puts injured and sick people in even greater danger. I join Archbishop Hosam’s appeal to the Israel Defense Forces to allow the hospital to continue its sacred and courageous work of caring for people in desperate need. To relieve the immense suffering in the Holy Land, I continue to pray and call for a ceasefire, the release of hostages, and for unfettered aid for the people of Gaza.”



Hospitals are intended to be safe zones for all who are in need during a conflict. Under international law they are to be protected from attack and permitted to continue their humanitarian work unimpeded. The evacuation order is particularly concerning when there is nowhere in Gaza to go that is safe in the current situation. Vulnerable people, the sick and

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injured were forced to flee along with the medical personnel who have courageously served under extreme conditions without pay for many months and without the needed medical supplies consistently available.

On July 11, the hospital was permitted to reopen which is welcome news. However, the chaos of the evacuation and now restart has added pain and trauma to many vulnerable people. There must be stable, consistent healthcare and refuge available.

Through the Anglican Alliance, agencies in the Anglican Communion are offering aid to the Al Ahli Hospital, including PWRDF. [See the Anglican Alliance joint statement.](#)

We add our voices to those around the world calling for a full ceasefire, the release of hostages and access to humanitarian aid for the millions of Gazans suffering at this time. We offer our prayers for all who are suffering.

God of mercy, justice and peace, bring peace to the conflict in the land of the Holy One, release to those held captive as hostages, and healing to the suffering.

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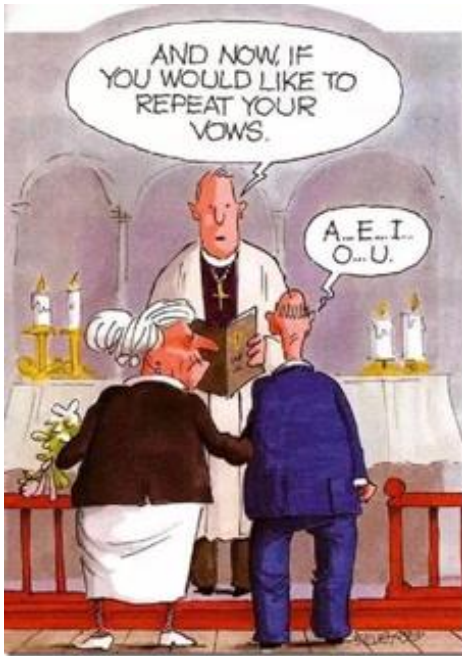
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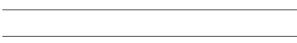
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