

# Online Bulletin

The Parish Church of St Luke  
Burlington, ON

**Week of Sunday December 1st, 2024**

**✳ PARISH OFFICE HOURS ✳**

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

**PLEASE NOTE: The Office will be closed at noon on Thursday December 5th**

## 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

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The service will also be live-streamed.

## Ruth and Naomi Sunday Dec. 8

On Sunday Dec. 8, the Ruth and Naomi group will be holding their annual Christmas potluck after the 10 am service. All widows are welcome to join us for a time of friendship and sisterhood.

Today we will be installing Mark Edwards as our newest verger at the 10 am service. We are excited to have Mark as a member of the St. Luke's Vergers Guild.

## St Matthews House Christmas Families

This year, more than ever, the need for help at Christmas to families in the Niagara Diocese is great.

We at St Luke's have always reached out and supported 4 such families. Veronica Richards-Miller and Chris Miller will be in the parish hall after the 10:00 am service with signup sheets and answer any questions you may have. We will deliver the gifts and Gift Cards to St Matthews House on Dec 15.

**We will be in the Great Hall, Dec 8 and receiving your gifts on Dec 15.**

Help a Family at Christmas celebrate our Saviours Birthday. Merry Christmas.

Veronica Richards-Miller (905 466-6031) e-mail: richmill@cogeco.ca

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## Support for Amnesty International's 2024 'Write for Rights' Campaign

Our new Amnesty International outreach group invites you to support Amnesty's 2024 *Write for Rights Campaign*.

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights, with over 10 million supporters worldwide. Their annual Write for Rights Campaign coincides with the celebration of *Human Rights Day*, using letter writing and other actions to support people whose human rights are at risk.

**Please visit our table in the Great Hall during coffee time on December 8 for more information and the opportunity to defend human rights by signing Amnesty's electronic petitions supporting individuals who are currently imprisoned/harassed by their countries for supporting human rights causes.**

We look forward to seeing you there! Contact: May Frank, [maym.frank@outlook.com](mailto:maym.frank@outlook.com) or 289-795-8140

## Church Avenue Project Overview

There will be a brief presentation and question and answer session at coffee hour after the 10:00am service this Sunday. St. Luke's Mission and Action Plan adopted several years ago includes developing Church Avenue into a space that provides more benefits to both St. Luke's and the community. Church Avenue is the strip of land that the church owns directly in front of the building from Elgin Street to Lakeshore Boulevard.

## Socks for Hope

Winter has made its presence known & feet are getting cold especially if you don't have a warm home to go to.

Last year Socks for Hope collected 23,850 pairs of New Socks. Socks are vital to keep feet dry, warm & free from disease. They are also the least donated items in shelters. This is Socks for Hope's 11<sup>th</sup> season & the collection will go from Dec 1<sup>st</sup> to 18th. You can check out their website at [www.socksforhope.ca](http://www.socksforhope.ca)

There is a bin under the coat rack in the Parish Hall foyer to collect the socks. Please consider donating to this very worthwhile cause & pass the idea along to your family & friends. So many people will benefit from your generosity. Thanks so much for your help!

Ros Reyrcraft rosreyrcraft@hotmail.com

## St Luke's Sunday School

We are thrilled to invite your children to join us for Sunday School on **December 15<sup>th</sup>**! Our engaging lessons are designed to inspire and nurture your child's faith, helping them grow in a spiritual and supportive environment. Bring your little ones to experience fun activities, meaningful stories, and the joy of community. Together, let's embark on a journey of faith and friendship!

## DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY LUNCH

**The Christmas Community Lunch will be on December 18.** Doors open at 11:00 for a social time and lunch is served at noon. The lunch is open to all and is free. Come for good food and conversation. **To help us plan for numbers, please contact Heather White at 905-632-1025 or [whiteh@hdsb.ca](mailto:whiteh@hdsb.ca) to register (or tell the office). This lunch will feature the Brassworks group who will present a program of Christmas music. The menu will be extra delicious!**

**Registration is open now.**

**Music at St. Luke's** is pleased to present the first of our recital series as **Southern Ontario Lyric Opera** returns to St. Luke's for a Sunday afternoon concert in the church on **December 22nd at 3PM.**

Conductor and Pianist, Sabatino Vacca will be joined by a chorus and by tenor soloist Romulo Delgado for an afternoon of Seasonal, Sacred, Opera, Musical Theatre favourites, and more!

Tickets are available from Bonnie Lennard, email [blennard@bell.net](mailto:blennard@bell.net) or 905-632-2918 and from the Parish office during office hours.

Steve Pike will also be selling tickets at coffee hour.

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING THE MADAGASCAR MISSIONS**

As you know, for very many years St. Luke's Church has supported Mary Sherwood and her important work at the 2 mission centres in Madagascar, an orphanage and an inner-city centre. Several years ago Mary suffered a stroke and had to retire from this work. During the time that the Anglican Mission Services Committee (AMSC) was searching for a replacement, we received no updates about the missions. While we did receive guarantees that any donations were still going to directly support work there, it has proven very difficult to keep parishioners engaged without information to share and consequently support has dwindled. In the spring we received word that Mary's replacement had been found and we were looking forward to once again getting things back on track. Unfortunately, that has not happened. We know that the replacement visited Madagascar in the summer, but we have received no news.

After much discussion, the Outreach Committee has made the difficult decision to end our ongoing relationship with AMSC. We do however want to stress that both the Madagascar Missions are still very much 'alive' and that individual support is very welcome. If and when we receive any updates we will pass the information along in the bulletin or newsletter.

We thank all the parishioners who have generously donated to this very worthy cause over the last 30+ years. We will accept donations to Madagascar Missions through St. Luke's until December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. After that, please send your donations directly to: **AMSC, P.O.BOX # 1072, SAULT STE MARIE, ON, P6A 5N7.** Be sure to mark your cheque 'Madagascar Missions'.

**St. Luke's Speaker's Lunch on January 9<sup>th</sup> presents;**

### **HAMILTON FLASHBACKS**

Mark McNeil is a long-time journalist and writer of the popular, award-winning "Flashbacks" column in The Hamilton Spectator, where he delves into the city's rich history each week. In his presentation at St. Luke's, he will bring to life some of his favourite tales through a captivating mix of words, songs, and historical photos that draws from his acclaimed Fringe Festival play "Hamilton for Beginners." As an added bonus, he will also present a brief history of The Spectator, the oldest continuously operating business in the city.

Everyone Welcome!

Doors open at 11:30am with the presentation commencing about 12:15pm.

Bring your own lunch & we will provide refreshments. A free-will donation of \$5 is appreciated.

## 2025 St. Luke's Church Calendars!



Yes, you heard right; we have created our own calendar this year! Get your copy before they all sell out- \$10 each available Sunday and at the office during regular office hours Monday through Thursday

### 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](mailto:pokeyc@icloud.com) or phone 905-681-2816)

### ANGLICAN JOURNAL/NIAGARA ANGLICAN

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### PARISH EMAIL 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 to 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](mailto: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)

Men's Faith and Fellowship Saturdays 9a.m. Contact [stuartpike1@gmail.com](mailto:stuartpike1@gmail.com)

Bible Study – Mondays 1:30p.m. Contact [sheilaplant134@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC03TRMBsM7-AH8-XU_ZBXAg/live) **You can find all our online services at our Youtube channel,** [www.youtube.com/stlukeburlingtonniagara](https://www.youtube.com/stlukeburlingtonniagara)

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