

Online Bulletin

The Parish Church of St Luke
Burlington, ON

Week of February 2nd, 2025

✻ PARISH OFFICE HOURS ✻

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

OUR WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Bible Study Mondays 1pm 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 Sunday February 9th in the Parish Hall following the 10 am service

This is a very important meeting for our parish, please try to attend.

If you sometimes feel a little chilly in church and would appreciate a little extra warmth, please see one of the sides people and they will be very happy to lend you a shawl. We ask that you please return it to them at the conclusion of the service.

What Happens Next??

With the announcement on Sunday that Stuart is retiring in 4 months, we are all wondering what will happen next. Here is a brief summary:

- The transition process begins with opportunities for us all to thank Stuart and celebrate his accomplishments.
- An interim priest will be appointed to assume responsibilities until a new rector is appointed.
- A parochial committee is formed by the wardens and synod delegates to facilitate the transition and keep the congregation informed.
- The diocese supports the committee in conducting a self-study to define the parish's current state and future mission to help define the requirements for leadership.
- The rector position is advertised, and interested clergy apply.
- The committee and bishop review candidates, interview them, and recommend a preferred candidate to the bishop.
- The committee ensures the new rector has everything needed for a smooth start.

The upcoming vestry will be an important one as it will establish the wardens and synod delegates for the parochial committee. Our Mission Action Plan we have underway will be important input to the self-study described here.

Kids Corner Update **Welcome to Our New Sunday Gatherings**

Hello everyone,

Today marks the first step into our brave new world of meeting every Sunday. We will gather at the front for a chat and prayer, then proceed to the Parish Hall to spend our time together. I have registration forms for Sunday School for anyone wanting to take part in our adventures. These will be available in hard copy in both the church and the main floor lobby of the church hall.

There is a need for regular volunteers on a weekly basis. Please contact me if you are available. This new venture is a community initiative and needs our total commitment if it is to happen safely and consistently. I would also like to see parents coming up to the Sunday School room after church to pick up their children. We are excited about this new ministry and welcome any ideas and gifts you might be able to offer as a community of faith.

Thank you so much!

Contact Jackie Burnie: Sunday School Superintendent at jhburnie@hotmail.com or 289 689 8509

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY LUNCH

The February Community Lunches will be on Feb. 5th and 19th. 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. Community lunches are held on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month.

"Aging Well Clinic" to start at St Luke's

The Burlington Family Health Team (BFHT) is a primary care organization that provides access to interdisciplinary care in Burlington. This team of healthcare professionals provide assessment, treatment, education and health promotion services that focus on early identification and intervention, illness/disease prevention, health promotion as well as support for self-management of chronic health conditions. The Aging Well clinic offers this health screening for people 55+ in Burlington to help identify risk factors that develop as we age and could contribute to various health conditions.

We are delighted that this clinic has now collaborated with St Luke's to have the screening and assessment clinic in our church. It will take place every 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon of the month. It covers various aspects of aging well, understanding common health challenges faced by seniors, and exploring resources available in our community to support healthy aging. Best of all, the clinic is of no cost to the community.

You will need to make an appointment for your 1/2 hour assessment at www.burlingtonfht.com or call (289) 962-1064. Remember, the Burlington clinic is supported by funding from the Government of Ontario.

Any questions? Call Janice Skafel at 905-617-1941 or Heather White at 905-467-2922

Advocacy Breakfast Presentation via Zoom Keeping Seafarers Warm Around the World Saturday February 1, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us to listen to Pastor Dan Phannenhour talk about the vital humanitarian work being done by the Mission to Seafarers - Southern Ontario, located in the in the north end of Hamilton. This Mission is part of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara, and provides comfort and support to several thousand crew members from many nations who arrive at the Port of Hamilton as part of their tours of duty, which can extend to several months. Mission staff and volunteers welcome seafarers on their ships, offer refreshments and free WiFi at the Seafarers Centre, and provide gift boxes to seafarers in the weeks leading up to Christmas. In addition, throughout the year, but especially at Christmas, the Mission provides hundreds of handmade

hats and scarves to the seafarers. Many of these items are created by the Knitters and Friends group at St. Luke's.

This will be a virtual presentation by way of Zoom. If you wish to attend, please contact Janice Skafel to register at janice.skafel@outlook.com or by telephone at (905) 617-1941, and you will receive a Zoom link the day before the presentation..

Newsletter Submission Deadline Feb 3rd for March/April/May Letter

Thank you for to the many people that submitted content for the Winter Newsletter. It has be on-line since mid November at stlukesburlington.ca under News and Updates. It was a record 48 pages due to all the activities and pictures for our very active Fall period plus Christmas plans. Thank you to the many people who hand delivered over 300 copies during the postal strike.

Please submit articles pictures and plans for the Spring period by February 3rd to newsletter@stlukesburlington.ca

Submitted by Rick Reycraft

St. Luke's Speaker's Lunch Presents:

On February 13th and in recognition of Black heritage month, Richelle Papin will to share her experiences, challenges, memories and strengths about growing up as a person of colour in Burlington, Halton and Southern Ontario. While born in Canada, she lived her early years in Ghana, returning to live in Burlington at the age of 6.

She had many interesting and colourful career moves in her professional life, retiring from the federal government.

Along her life's journey, she discovered a world known to some and not others. A world where privilege is not always clear and understood. She was able to see the world outside of Canada as a child and an adult and see some of the inequities that are part of other people's lives. She will share some of these experiences with us.

Everyone is welcome. Doors open at 11am. Bring your own lunch.

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 or phone (905-681-2816)

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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 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

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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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
