



THE BEACON-Church of St. Luke

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To know Christ and to make Him known in worship, fellowship and service.

Lessons Learned!

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Perhaps you are like me and come to the realization that the summer is nearly over because the CNE has opened. For many years the opening of the CNE has also marked the beginning of a two week period when Heather and I would be fortunate enough to have the use of a friend's cottage. We had a wonderful arrangement: I would do all sorts of repairs and maintenance work and we would have use of the cottage in exchange. Well, at the end of the summer season last year the cottage was sold and so, this year I found myself without a place to exercise my handyman skills. Enter the rectory of St. Luke's Anglican Church.

As mentioned in the Wardens' contribution to this issue of the Beacon, there has been needed work done to the rectory over the summer. In fact, we are still in the midst of it as I write this. At the moment we are living in a big mess: the fridge is in the dining room, our water cooler is in the living room, half of our living room furniture is in the garage and there is precious little flooring left on the main floor. Most of you will have lived through something like this, so you know what I am talking about.

Yes, it is a mess in our home but there is always something to learn. At least, I think so and this experience has not been without its wonderful lessons. You see, the first challenge that we faced was for some reason the kitchen floor was three-quarters of an inch higher than either the adjacent front hallway floor or dining room/living room floor. All right, so what? Well, what we had hoped to do was have the same flooring run through the front hall into the kitchen - but what about that issue of three-quarters of an inch. It is not a lot when you think of the circumference of the earth but in the transition between the kitchen and the hall it was huge.

A little investigation revealed the cause and in the cause lies the wonderful lesson to which I alluded. Because I did not have a cottage on which to inflict my handyman skills, I picked on the rectory. In picking on the rectory I

discovered that past generations had dealt with the re-flooring of the rectory in a creative way. I found that the original flooring tiles (the ones the Candy's would have lived with) had never been removed. Rather, they had been covered over with a new sub-floor and then rolled linoleum. All very well and good to do such a thing once. However, later it seems that it was decided that the flooring needed to be updated again. Perhaps if something worked once it might just work a second time. So again, a new level of sub-floor and a new level of linoleum were added on top of the other two layers. Hence, sub-floor and original tile, more sub-floor and linoleum and then more sub-floor and more linoleum - three-quarters of an inch worth.

At first I thought of doing the same thing, of putting new over the old. But unfortunately the kitchen floor was already at the level of the back door sill and to add another layer would mean that we would have to step down out of the house to get to the back porch. Option number two - tear it all out and start fresh. And that is how I have spent my summer vacation - tearing out and starting fresh.

And now to the lesson I have taken from all this. I have found that sometimes in my relationship with God I have been able to put down a new sub-floor over the parts I don't like and then make it look really great by installing new linoleum. No harm, no foul and by gosh, things look pretty good for a while. However, sometimes I have had to tear out all the old flooring and start fresh, right from the basics, to make sure that my relationship with God isn't just a cover-up when a full revitalization is required.

In our relationship with the God who loves us so very much, sometimes a little boost will do, sometimes we can put a new layer over an old one. But at other times we need the full makeover, we need to do the hard work of getting back to the original sub-floor so that we can start fresh. The trick is knowing when and the when is that moment when we find that if we take the easy route we will have to step down out of our kitchen to get to the back porch.



NEW NEWLETTER EDITORS!

The purpose of a parish newsletter can be summed up in one word. Communication! Undoubtedly past editors would agree with this purpose statement and we intend to abide by it as well. What will we try to communicate? First, you need to know what is happening in your parish church, so the first part of communication is to tell our story, what has gone on and what will be happening in the near future. Second, we need to understand who we are as the people of God in this place. What is God calling us to do and to be at this time in our history? Who are the people of God involved in this parish and what are their stories? Third, we need to keep informed about what we can do to extend the Kingdom of God and proclaim His word to all who will listen to His message. How do we do His ministry? As this is your Newsletter, our role will be as editors. Articles from you are always welcome and will be read and used when possible. Articles may be submitted by email or readable hard copy to the Church Office. We may have to exercise our editorial rights but we promise to try to use all articles submitted. We have made a few changes in the format of this Newsletter. Please do not blame the Incumbent. Although the content of this Newsletter is ultimately his responsibility, please direct all complaints, criticisms and accolades to us. We will take full responsibility for the Newsletter. Please feel free to contact us at any time by email, donbeatty@rogers.com or phone 905-274-9776.

We hope you enjoy this editions of the "Beacon".

Yours faithfully,

Don and Barbara Beatty, co-editors

St. Luke's "Beacon"

Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH.

8:30 am Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Sung Eucharist
with Church School and
Nursery Care

Thank you!

To everyone who helped make this years Bake and Yard Sale a success. Thank you to those who baked and donated items, to those who put in endless hours making sure everything was priced, to those who worked behind the tables selling, to those who cleaned up after the sale. Thank you also to others who worked behind the scenes looking after administration, treasury, parking and delivery. A special thank you to Rev. Ric who wore many hats filling in where needed and for the prayers generated by all for a beautiful day.

Judi Di Lullo, Coordinator.

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

It is difficult to realize that we are more than halfway through the year. Time flies when you are busy and having fun. Thanks to the many committees who continue their weekly tasks, mostly unnoticed, and keep things running smoothly.

In March, our Church hosted the World Day of Prayer. There was good turnout despite the miserable weather conditions. Thanks to those who participated including those from surrounding Churches.

Thanks also to Judy Dilullo and her volunteers who did a marvellous job ensuring a successful yard sale, and to Marilyn Lutes and her volunteers who continue to do a great job raising funds for Outreach.

Following closely was the storage room and sheds cleanup and reorganization. Ric who worked tirelessly, cutting shelves and making the hard decisions as to what stays and what goes spearheaded this project. Again thanks to those who worked on this venture.

The window replacement is in full swing under the direction of Bob Bond, who being in his busy part of the year and moving to a new residence, has found the time. Volunteers are most welcome and should contact Alf Chink. One section is almost

complete and the windows have been ordered to complete the south side. The entire project will cost approximately \$18,000.00 and a special financial appeal will be held with details to be forthcoming. Because of the time involved, the north side will not be done until next spring.

The rectory is also in need of many renovations. Ric is leading and doing the work, such as removing the main floor coverings including three layers of kitchen flooring. The dishwasher has had to be replaced. The basement flooring needs replacing as well as the patio sliding door.

Some of our trees continue to die and need to be taken down. The wood splitting operations have been moved to behind the sheds. Firewood will be available again this fall. Bill Lade is in charge of this venture.

We are in the final stages of negotiations to replace the road sign. We hope this sign will be erected within the next couple of months. There will be a small cost to the parish, with most of this being covered by a very generous parishioner and by the parish of The Church of Isaac.

As you can see this has been a busy first half with some projects continuing. Thank you to all volunteers who have given freely of their time.

Most of all we wish to thank you the congregation for your continued spiritual, financial and physical support.

God Bless You All

Alf Chink Rectors Warden
June Bruce Peoples Warden

Vote of Thanks

My heartfelt gratitude to all for your prayers, cards, and telephone calls received during my recent convalescence from a fall I had taken. What a way to spend the summer with a broken nose, but I am feeling much better now. Thank you so much!
Marilyn Lutes.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

The balance in local outreach account as of July 31st. 2008 is \$1,808.00

START TRAINING NOW!!

Arrangements are well underway for “St. Luke’s Outreach Walk” on Sunday September 21st. following the 10:30 a.m. Service. Mark your calendars for this event and keep your eyes peeled for more details to be posted.

OF SPECIAL NOTE!

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Conference will be held Oct. 17/18 at St. John’s Church (York Mills). Guest Speaker will be Rev. Dr. Harry Robinson. There will also be 14 workshops to choose from. For more information see the brochure on the bulletin board or call Lois Marshall. 905-275-0777

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Luke’s Church School will begin on Sunday, September 7th. Registration of students will take place on the first three Sundays in September. We welcome all children and young people up to Grade 9. Our first special event is the **Outreach Walk on Sunday, September 21st.**

If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Vezina at 905-271-3809.

REPORT OF THE PARISH BARBECUE & PICNIC

Once again our Parish Barbecue and Picnic held on June 1st was a great success with 130 in attendance enjoying the pleasant weather conditions.

Our chefs, Rolf Huber, Bob Bond and Alvin Blackman barbecued delicious hamburgers and hot dogs which were enjoyed by all.

Delicious desserts donated by Gail Dummer disappeared in no time flat.

Many thanks to the “behind the scene crews” for all their hard work and time in setting up and in preparing tables with condiments etc to help make this event happen.

I am sure everyone went home with full tummies and feeling happy from having a great day!

Last but not least a special thank you has been extended to Chris and Stacey’s NO FRILLS, Dixie Outlet Mall for their generous donations of hamburger/hot dog buns, watermelons, condiments, as well as cases of water and pop and to CARDINAL MEATS, Stanfield Road, who donated three boxes of hamburgers.

To one and all – Thank you for your support!!



This spring the parish welcomed Sarah Choi as our organist. Sarah was born in Korea and moved to Toronto to study at the Glenn Gould School of the Royal Conservatory of Music. She then went to

New York City where she studied for her Master's Degree at the Manhattan School of Music. This fall, she will begin her Doctorate Degree in piano Performance. Her mastery of the piano and organ add reverence and joy to our Sunday services.

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS!!

Beginning in September and continuing Every Week:

Thurs.	Sept. 4	9:30 a.m.	Joy In the Morning
		7:30 p.m.	Joy Music
Sunday,	Sept. 7	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist – Coffee Hour
		10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist, Church School, Nursery, Coffee Hour
Wed.	Sept. 10	9:15 a.m.	Eucharist
		10:00 a.m.	Bible Study

Special September Events:

Wed.	Sept. 3	10:00 a.m.	Last 10 a.m. mid-week Eucharist of the summer season.
Mon.	Sept. 8	7:15 p.m.	Advisory Committee
Thurs.	Sept. 11	1:30 p.m.	Threads of Love
Sun.	Sept. 14		Following the 10:30 a.m. Service opportunity for Healing with Laying on of Hands and Anointing will be held in the Fellowship Room.
Tues.	Sept. 16	1:30 p.m.	Dorcus
Fri.	Sept. 19	7:30 p.m.	Euchre

SUN. SEPT. 21 – Following the 10:30 a.m. Service – ST. LUKE'S OUTREACH WALK

Looking Ahead to October:

Sun.	Oct. 5	8:30 & 10:30	Harvest Thanksgiving Service.
Sun.	Oct. 12	8:30 & 10:30	National Thanksgiving Service.
Sun.	Oct. 19	8:30 & 10:30	St. Luke's Day Celebrations

Sunday, Sept. 14 is the last date for contributions to be sent to the Church Office for the October Issue of "The Beacon"!