



## HAVE YOU SEEN THE CHAIRS IN THE PARISH HALL?

*Take a look at the chairs in the Parish Hall. An amazing chair crew, headed up by Nancy Gibbons, and consisting of Lorna Brooks, Judy Vaughan, Rosemary Vezina, Moe Vezina, and Philip Shilton took on the mammoth task of recovering all the chairs. While lacking in training and experience, the crew operated on large doses of faith, hope, prayer and laughter.*

*The process involved removal of the chair seats and backs, cleaning and polishing the frames (including the removal of well aged chewing gum),*



*replacing missing plastic tips on legs and frames, cutting vinyl and seat liner fabric, sewing seat backs, stapling the covers in place and reattaching the chair seats and backs. The process took seven working days (approximately 48 hours), and the total number of chairs recovered was 106.*

*Next time you sit down on a clean, comfortable chair in the parish hall give a word of thanks to this wonderful crew.*

## OUTREACH AT ST. LUKE'S

Over the past year we have mentioned many fund raising projects with the proceeds going to "Outreach", in other words the money raised goes to non-profit projects in our community of Mississauga. During the year 2011 the Outreach Committee raised \$7,769.50 and it was shared among the following :

Mississauga Life Centre	\$ 750.00
Hospice of Peel	1,250.00
Our Place	1,000.00
Open Door	2,500.00
Mississauga Food Bank	500.00
The Bridge	1,000.00
Rector's Discretionary Fund	769.00

Thank you to all members of the Outreach Committee for their fundraising efforts and their diligence in their choosing the outreach projects for 2011.

Other forms of Outreach at St. Luke's include the collection of aluminum pop tabs, used eye glasses, postage stamps, the Open Door dinners, our Food Bank Chest, the "Operation Christmas Child" boxes, to name some.



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## RECYCLE – RECYCLE – RECYCLE

Did you receive a new TV over the holidays or new I pad – I pod – telephone, computer etc.? Remember to bring your outdated equipment to the recycle bin at the back of the parish hall. Mention this recycling opportunity to your friends, relatives and neighbours.

Anything we collect is totally recycled and that means it does not end up in the land fill. St. Luke's also benefits by receiving a modest payment per pound of equipment gathered.



## Ministry of Healing

The ministry of Healing will be offered at both services on Sunday, January 15, 2012.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Over the next few issues of the Beacon we plan to inform all members of various opportunities for personal ministry within the life of the parish. Do read these and prayerfully consider if you are called to serve God in this manner.

- 1) Drivers are required to deliver altar flowers to the sick and shut ins following the 10:30 am service on Sundays.
- 2) Members to be trained to take the Eucharist to those sick or shut in, again, immediately following the 10:30 am service.
- 3) Consider joining one the various parish groups (Worship, Pastoral Care, Teaching and Learning, Outreach, Proclamation, Welcoming).

If you are interested in any of the above please speak with our Incumbent, the Rev. Richard Miller.

**Pastoral Care:** The Pastoral Care Group, with the approval of the Incumbent and Church Wardens, has recommended reimbursing all parishioners who use Wheel Trans to come to and from Church Services. To use Wheel Trans you must be registered with them and physically unable to board public transit. You must also arrange your ride 24 hours in advance. You may also have a care giver ride with you by making arrangements in advance. Please give all expenses to our Incumbent, the Rev. Ric Miller for reimbursement.

The next meeting of the Pastoral Care Group is scheduled for Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm in the Vine Room.

**Worship:** At the last meeting of the Worship Group they outlined the Sunday and Wednesday services for the whole of 2012. This is of course, a draft document with opportunities for changes and additions as the year progresses.

The next meeting of the Worship Group will be held on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:30 pm.

**Proclamation:** The Proclamation Group provided Advent Study books, "The True Gift of Christmas" for members of the congregation as a help for all of us as we prepared for Christmas .

**The Seventh Group:** Members of the six groups meet together to report on their various group activities and plans for future programmes.

The next meeting of the Seventh Group will be held on Saturday, February 11, beginning at 10 am.

**All members of the Parish are invited and encouraged to participate in any of the meetings of the seven groups . You are most welcome to attend any of the above listed meetings as well as those of the Welcoming (John and Olga Mathews), Teaching and Learning(Nancy Gibbons), Proclaiming(Walter Marshall), and Outreach(contact the church office). Check with their leaders for dates of upcoming meetings.**

**IN MEMORY**

**Eileen Thompson, a long time member of St. Luke's, passed away at the great age of 94 years old. Her funeral was held at St. Luke's on December 29<sup>th</sup>. Please remember her sons, Paul and Rick, along with other family members in your prayers during their time of bereavement.**

**Congratulations to Mary Lou Pollitt, the newly elected Chancel Guild Coordinator. Mary Lou and her team of volunteers prepare the chancel, care for the linens, arrange the flowers, every week for every service as well as decorating the church for special events.**



**A special thank you to Mary Dodge as she concludes her term as Chancel Guild Coordinator.**

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**Special Worship in February**

**Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Ash Wednesday Services**

**9:15 am and 7:30 pm**

**Imposition of Ashes at Both Services**

**Sunday, February 26**

**8:30 am – 10:30 am**

**The First Sunday in Lent**



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**Seniors Luncheons – 2012**

There will be NO Seniors Luncheon for January as students are in the midst of preparing for and writing exams. Luncheons will resume in February, but **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE!** Due to declining participation, we have decided to move the seniors' luncheon to the third **THURSDAY** of the month, to see if that may generate more accessibility. The next luncheon will be **Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 A.M.** at Gordon Graydon Secondary School `Skylight Cafe`. Cost is \$8 for a three course hot meal, coffee and tea included. The student jazz band offers background music for your enjoyment, birthdays for the month are recognized, and students offer excellent, personable service, honing their cooking and serving skills. To reserve, please sign the list on the table at the back of the church, or call Ellen at 905 276-7443, between February 1<sup>st</sup>, and Sunday Feb. 12. Rides are available upon request.



**FEBRUARY USED BOOK SALE – SATURDAY, FEB. 4, 2011**  
**St. Luke's used book sale will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2011,**  
**10 am until 2 pm.**

- 1) *Bring your used books to the church by Wednesday, February 1st for inclusion in the Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. sale. Place your books on the pew at the back of the parish hall. They will be moved to storage on a regular basis.*
- 2) *Plan to come along on February 4<sup>th</sup> and select a pile of new-to-you books to read during our cold winter days.*

*Books will be sold at a very reasonable price so please do not bring in rare or valuable books . For further details, contact Lois Marshall.*

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**EVERY WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist –Coffee Hour</b> <b>Holy Eucharist- Coffee Hour, Nursery, Church School</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:15 am</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Mid-week Eucharist</b> <b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Joy in the Morning Bible Study</b> <b>Joy Music Team</b>

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

<b>Tues. Jan. 10</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Worship Group Meeting</b>
<b>Thurs. Jan. 12</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Threads of Love</b>
<b>Tues. Jan. 17</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Dorcas Meeting</b>
<b>Mon. Jan. 30</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Pastoral Care Group Meeting</b>

**LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>Sat. Feb. 4</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Used Book Sale</b>
<b>Sat. Feb. 11</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Seventh Group Meeting</b>
<b>Wed. Feb. 22</b>	<b>9:15am-7:30 pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Services</b>
<b>Sun. Feb. 26</b>	<b>Following 10:30 am.</b>	<b>Service – ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING</b>
<b>Sun. April 1</b>	<b>8:30-10:30 am</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY SERVICES</b>
<b>Mon.-Thurs. April 2-5</b>		<b>HOLY WEEK SERVICES – watch for details in Feb. Mar. Beacons</b>
<b>Fri. April 6</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE</b>
<b>Sun. April 8</b>	<b>8:30-10:30 am</b>	<b>EASTER EUCHARIST.</b>