



THE BEACON-The Church of St. Luke

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

For whom do I pray?

Recently I have been thinking a great deal about the people for whom I pray. I think I am pretty much like everybody else. I pray for those I love and care for and for those who love and care for me.

For whom do I pray? I pray for those who are close to me because of work or recreation like past and present parishioners, schoolmates and old friends I have not seen in ages, and those I meet every day while walking the dog.

For whom do I pray? I pray for those who are loved by or who love those who are close to me, even if I don't know them.

For whom do I pray? I pray for military personnel, especially those serving in areas of conflict. I pray for people who have suffered on account of some natural disaster such as the people of Haiti or Nashville. I pray for people who serve others like fire fighters, paramedics, police officers, doctors, nurses and teachers.

For whom do I pray? I pray for a few people I don't see eye to eye with or who disagree with me. (In truth, I would love to pray that God would help them see things my way but I know that that is the wrong prayer.)

For whom do I pray? Oh, yes! I pray for myself, for my self-indulgence, my intolerance, my uncharitable thoughts and my false judgements.

For whom do I pray? I even pray for those less fortunate than myself, albeit in a very sterile and sanitary way.

At the clergy conference I attended a few weeks back the keynote speaker, Tex Sample, spoke of ministry to the homeless. He drew his comments together by saying, "The greater the odour, the

greater the need; the greater the need, the greater the neighbour."

For whom do I pray? If you look at my list of the people for whom I pray you will see that they are people who are pretty much odour free, metaphorically speaking. Certainly they all are deserving of prayer, don't get me wrong, but they are, for the most part, odour free.

My point is that over the past few weeks I have come to the conclusion that the question I have been asking is wrong. The question I should be asking is not "**For whom do I pray?**" but rather, "**For whom should I be praying?**"

I should be praying for all those who are on my list. And there are those who are not on my list, those for whom I do not often pray who, I have come to see, undoubtedly and urgently need prayer. They are those who to us are vile, despicable and deplorable. They have done things that annihilate our sense of moral and ethical behaviour. To our noses their transgressions are putrid.

"For whom should I be praying?" Do they not have a great need for God in their lives? Do they not have a great need for prayer?

"For whom should I be praying?" "The greater the odour, the greater the need; the greater the need, the greater the neighbour."

"For whom should I be praying?"

"But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied...which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour?" (see *Luke 10:25-37*)

The Rev. Richard Miller

God is Gone Up with a Merry Noise!

On Wednesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. nearly seventy-five people from the congregations of St. Luke's and the Church of the Holy Spirit gathered at St. Luke's to celebrate the glorious Ascension of our Lord. The joint service, a first of its kind for our two congregations, took the form of a traditional choral evensong as found in the Book of Common Prayer, with chanted canticles, psalms and responses, exultant anthems from the combined choirs, and hearty singing from the congregation. The service music was ably accompanied by our organist Bill Wallace, and the special choral offerings were accompanied by Eric Hanbury, organist/choirmaster of Holy Spirit, and conducted by our own director of music, Nancy Gibbons.

Collaboration on this Ascension project extended also to the clergy, our own Father Richard Miller and the Reverend Judith Alltree of the Church of the Holy Spirit, who co-officiated at the service. An offering of over \$335 was received and shared by the two parishes for outreach. Following the service refreshments were served, courtesy of the wonderful team coordinated by Marilyn Lutes, and many people remained to enjoy a time of fellowship.

Thanks to all who worked together on this service and all who came to worship. God indeed went up with a merry noise, and we look forward to future celebrations together.

A "Music Note" from Joy in the Morning

It seems impossible to believe that we are already heading into June! After a year of great challenges and great rewards, both personally and musically, the members of Joy are ready for the refreshment of our annual summer break. Our last



regular service will be June 27th, and we will be back again on September 12th. As always, our hearts are deeply thankful for your kind words of support and

encouragement. We wish you all a wonderful summer.

The Ministry of Healing will be held in the Vine Room on Sunday June 27th immediately following the 9:30 am service.

Seniors' Luncheons Coming Back in the Fall

Our Seniors' Luncheons are on hiatus for the summer months as students now prepare for final exams and summer holidays. Thank you to our helpers Connie and Doug Vincent, Gloria and Earnie Johnson, and Bill and Dorothy Dupley for helping to facilitate our monthly get togethers. Thank you too, to our seniors who have supported the program through your participation. We look forward to continued fellowship starting up in the fall. Look for details in the September Beacon.



The birthday gift basket remains in the church hall for any "re-gifts" that are suitable to donate to our collection of birthday gifts to present monthly to senior participants.

Lastly – donations can be made to the bursary program as we continue to award a student from the hospitality program graduating and continuing on with post-secondary studies. Please mark your envelope as "student bursary".

A safe and enjoyable summer to you all.

Blessings, Ellen Shilton

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Special Vestry Meeting

A special vestry meeting of the Parish of St. Luke will be held on SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2010 immediately following the 9:30 am service. The sole agenda item will be to elect a Deputy Warden for the Parish. All members of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

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The parish of St. Luke has over the past few years supported the work of the "Open Door" which works out of Square One Shopping Mall assisting those in our community with many and varied needs. They are in dire need of food, gift donations for grocery stores, bus tickets, baby formula and diapers as well as cash and cheque donations (receipts provided). If you are able to supply any of these requirements just bring them to the Church Office and they will be delivered to the Open Door. Your gifts are always gratefully welcomed.

St. Luke's Church School

At the 10:30 service on Sunday, June 6th, we will be marking the end of another school year. We hope to see all the children and youth at church that Sunday! After the BBQ, we will have our games and prizes, rain or shine! Please come and join us.

At this time, we would like to thank Barbara B. for designing and organizing our Good Friday Children's activity and Scott for beginning our activity by reading aloud The Tale of Three Trees, a traditional folk tale, retold by Angela Elwell Hunt, Thanks as well to Father Ric for the special nails we used to make the crosses.

In our curriculum we have been learning how God strengthened the faith of the Apostles after the resurrection of Jesus so that they were able to follow His instructions to go out into the world to teach God's word and to serve Him by helping others. Caitlin, for example, gave of her time by helping at the Open Door on April 22nd. Thank you, Caitlin!

Thank you to all the members of our parish who have given us a phenomenal number of toiletries. This year the Open Door has been the recipient of these where they are much appreciated..

We especially thank the following people for their faithful assistance to the Church School: Jo Ann for the music, Grace for the bulletin boards, Janet and Justin for teaching throughout the entire year and of course, the parents who bring their children to church!

During the summer there will be some activity packages on the table at the back of the church for the younger children.

On behalf of the St. Luke's Church School, with thanks to all of you for your support,

Rosmary V.

Travelling to the Holy Land

On Sunday, June 20th, Father Ric, along with Bishop Poole and a group of clergy from the York-Credit Valley area of the Diocese of Toronto will leave for a two week trip to Israel. Plan to be with us that Sunday morning at the **9:30 am** service to send Ric off with our best wishes and prayers for a safe and meaningful visit to the Holy Land.

Money for Ministry

On The Plate – the 2010 Target

Each week the Sunday Bulletin shows the total regular envelope offering (including Pre – Authorized Giving) received the previous Sunday, and relates it to our weekly Budget Target.

How have we done in the first part of 2010?

Regular envelope offerings received to the end of March were \$37,626 or 23% of the annual target. Offerings improved significantly in April, with the celebration of Easter. Total regular envelope offerings to the end of April totaled \$51,411 or 32% of the annual target. This is very similar to the \$50,905 received to the end of April 2009.

Expenditures to date are consistent with budget expectations.

What is the target for the rest of the year?

In February, the Annual Vestry Meeting approved a balanced budget based on a target of **\$161,500** for regular envelope offerings, which a very slight increase over the total of \$160,234 achieved in 2009.

To reach the required \$161,500 for 2010 the regular offerings for May -December will have to total \$110,089. December regular offerings are usually about \$25,000, so \$110,089 - \$25,000 = \$85,089 is the amount needed in the 31 Sundays from May 1 to Nov. 30. That averages to \$2,750 per week, which will be the basis of the weekly smiles and frowns bulletin entries for June through September.

Let us continue to pray that our parishioners will continue to respond generously. We all want St. Luke's to continue to be secure financially so that we, the parish can continue to know Christ and to make Him known in worship, fellowship and service.

Respectfully submitted,
Ian Thompson, Treasurer

As mentioned in the last issue, beginning with the Aug./Sept. issue of the Beacon those who have registered their email address with the church office will receive their issue via email. All others will receive their hard copy as usual, picking it up at the church or by receiving it by mail.

The Month of June at St. Luke's

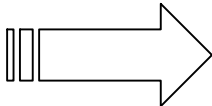
Sat. June 5

St. Luke's Annual Yard and Bake Sale

8:00 am-1 pm

Bring your donations to the Church Tues. to Fri. June 1-4 Baked goods can be dropped off Friday, June 4.

Join in the fun –help with the sale – call the church office to offer your assistance – 905-278-1811.



Something new this year – we will be hosting an Electronics Recycling Event – drop off your old computers, TV's and electronics – check with family, friends and neighbours as everyone seems to have something old in the basement!!!!

Come out on Saturday, pick up a new treasure, some bake goods for the week end as you enjoy the company of friends and neighbours.

Sun. June 6

10:30 am Church School Closing – BBQ – Games and Prizes

Sun. June 13

9:30 am Beginning of Sunday Summer Schedule following by a short but important Special Vestry Meeting

Sun. June 20

9:30 am Send off with best wishes and prayers for Ric as he travels to Israel.

Sun. June 27

Ministry of healing following the 9:30 am Service.

Just a Reminder

Beginning Sunday, June 13th until Labour Day Weekend, Sunday, September 5th our Summer schedule will be one service at 9:30 each Sunday. We will return to our regular schedule Sunday, September 12th.

Looking Ahead

Sun. July 4 - 9:30 am Canada Day Service

Have a very safe, healthy and happy summer!!!

Barbara and Don Beatty, Editors