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

A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY

In 2008 the Westminster Court Seniors Residence celebrates its 25th. anniversary. This was a project that grew out of the imaginations of St. Luke's Rector at the time, the Rev. Canon Douglas Candy and four past wardens of St. Luke's Parish, John Brisley, Keith Coates, Bryan Matthews and Bill Lade. Bill, along with the other originals were requested to submit a report of their memories of the beginnings of the project which was included in the 25th Anniversary Annual Report. The following is Bill Lade's submission to that report.

SINCE 1979.....

In early 1979, our pastor (for over 25 years at the "Church of St. Luke's, Dixie South", Anglican) the Reverend Canon D. C. (Doug) Candy suggested that we initiate a study of the feasibility of constructing a senior citizens residence on our church site. We certainly had adequate space on our church property!

A number of past wardens were approached to assist in this endeavour, (I believe we had seven who volunteered initially) but after a number of meetings, it dwindled down to 4 past wardens who let their names stand. John Brisley, Keith Coates, Bryan Matthews and Bill Lade. In January 1980, Vestry approved a motion to proceed and upon this approval, we approached a number of architects. One who stepped forward after visiting with us at the site came up with a proposal for a number of two or three storey residences with a max of 8 suites in each with a max possibility of 58 suites total.

Our rector, Doug Candy, felt that we needed at least 75% approval from our neighbours in Orchard Heights. After a well announced local meeting held at St. Luke's Anglican Church, we received more than 60% but less than 70% and Doug would not reconsider lowering his standard, so we had left no alternative but to look elsewhere for a suitable property. We looked at property as far as Clarkson in the west with a boundary of the Etobicoke Creek to the east (strictly Mississauga on course!)

In September of 1981 we decided on our present site (4150 Westminster Place, at the corner of Rathburn Road and Westminster Place) with the knowledge of the plaza proposal across the street confirming available shopping. In this year, we made application for the name of a non-profit organization call "St. Luke's Dixie Senior Residence Corp". By this time Gord Willson joined us along with D.C. Candy who was our President until his retirement in 1995.

In November 1981 we had our sod turning ceremony. By January 1982 our chosen architect, not the one who designed the individual residence with a max of 8 suites per block, but a much more enthusiastic man named (VAS) V. W. Kuchar who really was the best salesman for his service – and thankful we all were and are that he came

to us!! Vas had just completed a non-profit senior citizens residence in Scarborough and knew 1st. hand what CMHC needed and would accept. He came on line and quickly came up with the drawings and specifications which allowed us to call for tender in early January 1982. By June 82 we had our corner stone laying ceremony complete with all the dignitaries. February 1983 saw us open for our first tenants and the special 25th Court Comment mentioned these residents complete with name and picture. By April 1983 we had our first Resident Association meeting with a full slate of Officers.

During the process of development we had weekly – monthly meetings in Vas Kuchar's offices in the six points residence, converted of course. His conference room was in the basement and I must admit, I became an enthusiastic pizza consumer for Vas supplied a very changeable variety of same.

I would be very remiss if I do not mention here the work of at least two or three of the original members. First and foremost what John Brisley accomplished while still working as an aeronautical engineer. His responsibilities allowed him to fully immerse into a major portion of the leg work that was required – max number of phone calls – meetings with many outsiders. Of course he became our first administrator. Keith Coates with financial background as a C.A. – taking over the chairmanship of the Corporation for at least 25 years. Without our ability to create a rather healthy reserve fund we would not have been able to let Wenda spend like a "new-bride" as our building required renovations. Bryan Matthews fortunately had the time and interest to be our sidewalk superintendent taking pictures of our building progress. Gord Willson with his labour relations skill completed the heart of every labour problem we encountered. On John Brisley's retirement, Jim Taylor served us very well and we thank him as well.

I am sure many errors and omissions are prevalent, of which I humbly regret – our present Board with two additional CA 's obviously keep us viable. My only wish as Westminster Court continues, we maintain our relations through the Board with personnel from our parish and Church of St. Luke's.

To honour those in our community who have served in the Armed Forces of Canada we offer the following poem in this our November issue of the Beacon:

“HIGH FLIGHT”

**Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling
mirth
Of sun-split clouds, - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of -
Wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue,
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy
grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew -
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high, untresspassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touch the face of God.**

*Pilot Officer Gillespie Magee
No 412 Squadron, RCAF
Killed in Action Dec. 11/41- 19 years of age!*

SPECIAL WINDOW APPEAL

The replacement of the Church windows is well underway as evidenced by the completed sections at the back of the south side. We are hopeful that the entire south side will be completed this year and the north side during the spring of 2009.

The total cost of the project will be approximately \$20,000 or about \$400 per window. The cost is for material only since volunteers are doing the installations, resulting in a saving of about \$8,000.

Rather than tap into our reserve funds, the corporation has decided on a special appeal to raise the \$20,000 for this project. If you are able to help finance this project you might consider sponsoring a window or any other amount that you are able.

The parish has always been supportive of major projects, such as the expansion of the Fellowship Hall and the driveway. We hope that you will find it in your heart and wallet to support this one.

The Wardens.

Due to the numerous amount of newsworthy articles that we received for the Beacon for this issue the Rector was given a holiday from the first page and the Canon and the Captain have had their articles moved ahead to the next issue.

STUDENT BURSARY AWARD

The recipient of this year's St. Luke's Hospitality Award is Nayela Ali. She was a student of the hospitality department at Gordon Graydon Secondary School and is currently enrolled at Sheridan College in the Social Work Program. Nayela is a responsible, considerate and hard working person who never hesitated to volunteer for functions at Gordon Graydon Secondary School. We congratulate Nayela and wish her success in her chosen field.

Thank you to all who contributed to the student bursary fund. It is a most valuable investment to the future of our youth.

SENIORS' LUNCHEON

Our next Seniors' Luncheon is THURSDAY, NOV. 20 AT 11:45 A.M. in the Skylight Café at Gordon Graydon Secondary School -1490 Ogden Ave. Cost for a three course hot meal is \$7.50. To reserve a spot call Ellen Shilton at 905-276-7443 between Nov. 1st. and Nov. 16th. Please indicate when you reserve if you have any dietary restrictions. Consider inviting a friend or neighbour. It may be the first step of introduction to the people of St. Luke's in an informal setting. Rides are available upon request.



Have you noticed the chest on the right hand side as you enter the church proper? It is placed there to receive your gifts of non-perishable food for our local food bank. It gives us all an opportunity to donate food on a weekly basis for those in need as we attend Sunday worship. A can or two a week will make a big difference in the lives of others.

WESTMINSTER COURT CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Westminster Court Seniors Residence will hold their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 22nd. From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The residence is located at 4150 Westminster Place at the corner of Rathburn Road. All are invited to join with them in this annual event.

**The Church School Welcomes all the Church Family to Participate in Our Exciting Project
‘OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD’**

Again this year our church is providing you with the unique opportunity to share Christ with a needy child by using a simple shoe box! Your shoe box will reach a child in a troubled country like Guatemala or Afghanistan with the Gospel message. We are taking part in Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse, the Christian relief and evangelism ministry led by Franklyn Graham. People across the country are filling shoe boxes with small toys, school supplies and other gifts.

A needy child overseas will receive your shoe box, hand delivered along with a book “The Greatest Gift of All” in their own language. What an opportunity to reach these children with God’s love.

This is what we ask:

- 1) Wrap a shoe box with Christmas paper keeping the lid separate from the bottom.
- 2) Fill the box with items from the following suggested list and label it either for a girl or boy (2-4 years – 5-9 years or 10-14 years).
- 3) Include an envelope with donation of \$7.00 to cover project costs.
- 4) Return your filled box to the Church on Sunday, November 23rd.

Gift Ideas:

School Supplies – pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, pencil crayons, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books etc.
Toys- small cars, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonica, yo -yos, skipping ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, Slinky® toys, etc.
Hygiene Items – toothbrush, mild bar soap(in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth,
Other – candy (hard through to the center and in manufacturer’s packaging), T-shirts, sock, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches. Etc.

Please do not include:

Toothpaste, liquids that leak melt or freeze, food, used items, breakable items, or items that can scare or harm a child (ie. Knives, war related toys, toy guns.)

Complete details will be outlined on the poster in the parish hall. Brochures will be available at Services beginning November 2nd. For more details, contact Lois Marshall (905) 275-0777.

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OPEN DOOR

Open door at Square One provides a dinner every Thursday evening to approximately 50 needy people. St. Luke’s Church has committed to providing a meal for Open door on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008. Please Sign-Up on the sheet in the Parish Hall to bring food to the church by 12 noon on Nov. 6. Our Youth Group has provided the cutlery, individually wrapped in a serviette and sealed with a colourful fall decoration. Please help by contributing food for the Thursday dinner. Cash donations are also needed to be sure we have enough food for everyone. For more information contact Grace Harte.



OUR OUTREACH WALK

What an absolutely wonderful afternoon! St. Luke’s walkers met in the park and enjoyed a fresh homemade “brown bag” lunch provided by various members of the congregation. We were given a map and a sheet of paper with the initials ST. LUKE. We were told to write down everything we saw that started with these letters. The weather was perfect for a walk so off we went! Some walked in groups, some in pairs, some

walked back and forth between groups. How many times did Alf to the walk? The contest was fun and made us really take time to look at everything-the lake, swans, various flowers, insects, even a snail etc. ‘K’ was difficult but some saw a kickstand, kneepads (on bike and

skateboards) and kale. We walked through trees and bushes, through the Adamson Estate, by the lake and over bridges. At the end we were exhilarated, and pleased with what we had done. We sat and talked with each other about our experience until all were back. Of course there was a treat for us. Alf Chink tallied the contest sheets and proclaimed the winners. 1st. place – Ric Miller, 2nd. place Harold Harte and 3rd place Ian Thompson. Many thanks to Marilyn Lutes and her helpers and to Norma and Alf Chink for organizing and preparing the lunches and the walk. To all who missed this beautiful experience, be sure to join us next year!

November Events

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

Special November Events

Sunday, November 2		Feast of All Saints Day
		Kick off Sunday for “Operation Christmas Child”
Monday, November 3	7:15 p.m.	Advisory Board
Tuesday, November 4	1:30 p.m.	Dorcus Meeting
Thursday, November 6		OPEN DOOR DINNER-see page 3
Sunday, November 9		Remembrance Day Services
Thursday, November 13	1:30 p.m.	Threads of Love
Sunday, November 16		Laying on of Hands and Anointing for healing will be available following the 10:30 a.m. service
		Soup and Sandwich Lunch sponsored by the Outreach Committee
Tuesday, November 18	1:30 p.m.	Dorcus Meeting

Saturday, November 22

Westminster Court Christmas Bazaar –see page 2

Sunday, November 23

Return “Operation Christmas Child” boxes

Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent!!