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St Luke's Worshipping Community

Town Hall meeting Feb 13 2022

The Champions of St Luke's Worshipping Community are:

Sharon Riley and Carol Gauvreau – Outreach Champions

Wendy McLaughlin – Worship Champion and Parish Council Representative

Ann Jarvie - Finance Champion and Envelope Secretary

Carline Scoville - Education and Property Champion

Matthew Pope – Music Champion

We thank Canon Adele and now Rev Matt for their leadership and guidance.

Your Champions met regularly via ZOOM usually weekly during these difficult and changing times to determine how we could continue to do God's work in our community. We followed the Diocese instructions and the local Health regulations. The church was measured for social distancing, a phone was set up for registering for attending in person, and all the necessary protocols were put in place. A sign for the lawn was made to thank the Frontline workers.

Murray Hunter asked us to participate in providing plants for residents of Grandwood Park. Donations were made through the Julia Hunter Fund. Jordan Gemson provided art for a card to go with the plants. Carline Scoville was there to see the happy faces when they were delivered.

Director of Mission's Report to Town Hall for 2022 **St. Luke's Worshipping Community and Luke's Place**

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

The prophet Isaiah reminds us that although we still are living through a pandemic, we are not living this alone. The God we worship is with us each and every step of the way: for God alone our souls in silence wait; truly, our hope is in God.

In the middle of October 2021, I became the Director of Mission at Luke's Place, with responsibility for St Luke's Worshipping Community. I was comforted as I took on this role by the warm reception I received, and again by your many kindnesses. After spending seven years at Holy Trinity in Lucan, I must say I was quite nervous about starting something new. While any change can be wrought with anxiety the transition to Luke's Place and St Luke's Worshipping Community has been smooth, as the community has welcomed me with open arms

Prior to the Omicron lockdown, our Worshipping Community hit the ground running with a book study, Trains, Jesus and Murder: The Gospel According to Johnny Cash. The study was very well attended and helped the Worshipping Community, and myself to get to know one another better. It was good to have a time leading up to Christmas to focus on the Gospel and to draw closer as a community. I was so thankful that we were able to celebrate Christmas Eve together in the building, before we had to shut down for the month of January.

Despite having to revert back to worshipping via Zoom, January turned out to be quite a fruitful month, as we were able to take advantage of the fact the church was

empty to complete a number of projects. After the much-needed asbestos abatement from the downstairs office as well as my office, volunteers got to work cleaning, painting and making our space more welcoming for both our Western Neighbours along with other members of the community. Thanks to all who volunteered including Carline Scoville, Matthew Pope and the ACW who all donated their time and energy to make the space look and feel so bright and cheery. Thank you also to Michael Wagenman, who is a vital part of our Luke's Place Board, and a Professor and Chaplain at the University of Western Ontario, for donating some wonderful furniture.

Prior to our recent lockdown, Luke's Place was not only hosting a weekly Coffee House, but we also started a Tuesday night Jam Session for Western Students. Every Tuesday for the Months of November and December, Luke's Place hosted Western Students who spent the evenings in our shared sacred space, playing music both upstairs and down. Even now, as students have been working on-line for the most part, we continue to trust God, awaiting their return and new opportunities to host and engage our neighbours.

I am also excited to report that we now have a new partner in this journey. On January 1, 2021 St. Luke's became a Worshipping Community of St. Aidan's Anglican Church. Also, on January first, I began working fifty percent of the time at St Aidan's. We are looking forward to seeing where God will lead our Worshipping Community, Luke's Place and St Aidan's, as we partner to spread the Good News. I cannot thank Ann Jarvie enough for taking on the role of transitioning the books and bank accounts. This is a huge task, and Ann works in the health care system, so you can imagine the extra time she spends at work, given the pandemic we are living through.

I would also like to thank St. John the Evangelist for initially partnering with St Luke's Worshipping Community. The willingness to allow us to partner with you helped us to establish, and gain our footing, both at St Luke's Worshipping Community and at Luke's Place.

Looking ahead to 2022 I believe that both Luke's Place, as well as St Luke's worshipping community will do well to follow God's call, as we root ourselves in the five marks of mission:

1 – Proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom

An awareness of God gives rise to an increased self-awareness, which is important. In order to proclaim the Good News, it helps to be cognizant of how our words and actions are aligned with our knowledge and experience of God, and to be conscious of how others may be affected, by what we say and do. In fact, St Francis of Assis famously remarked, "preach the Gospel in all you do and if necessary use words." As we continue to support our neighbours at UWO we must be mindful that we have opportunities through our interactions to show them the living Christ through our actions, and our words.

I believe that now more than ever people need to find grounding in their spirituality. It is important therefore to make room for those without a faith, who are searching, and are beginning to ask some serious questions about life. Luke's Place aims to provide a safe place to welcome students from Western and others from our neighbourhood. I trust that their time being involved at Luke's Place will give them pause to find God, in the context of Christianity.

2 – Teaching, Baptizing and Nurturing New Believers

Spiritual growth, regardless of where we are in our faith journey needs to be nurtured. Growth implies change, and sometimes change is difficult, and we experience growing pains. As we begin to see restrictions lifted, I would like to continue with in person book studies, and introduce a weekday Bible study. Together we can address questions and issues pertaining to our faith both as a community, and as individuals. This attention to spiritual growth will be beneficial for current believers who are a part of St Luke's worshiping community, as well, as for new people who are exploring issues of faith. Luke's Place will also hold an Alpha Leadership Program running the first few days in May for people trying to expand their faith horizons.

3 – Responding to Human Need by Loving Service

With Western being our primary mission field, it is imperative that we continue to respond to the needs of the staff and students associated with Western. Food insecurity affects some five thousand students attending Western, and our help is clearly needed. This past week it was brought to my attention that Western programming is shutting down until the fall. This means that their food bank will close even though students are still attending classes. Other Food Bank locations in the city can be hard for students to locate and access. Luke's Place has opened its doors to respond to the needs of students. We are having student volunteers distribute food and gift cards to those who appeal to us for assistance. I have further made myself available, along with our partner in chaplaincy at Western, Michael Wagenman, if anyone needs an ear to listen. This winter we are also continuing to collect coats and blankets for people who are struggling to protect themselves from the harsh realities of winter and homelessness. St Luke's

worshipping community will continue to work in partnership with St Aidan's to respond to the needs of those in the larger community.

4 – Seeking to Transform Unjust Structures of Society

Looking around us each and every day, we see a world filled with injustice. Like Jesus, we are called to walk into these situations and flip a few tables over while demanding change. My role at St Aidan's involves being the Director of Community Engagement. This position will pull into focus much of what is going on in the London Area. I will therefore be able to bring critical issues to the attention of both communities, as we strive to reach out and be the hands and feet of God.

5 – Striving to Safeguard the Integrity of Creation Sustaining and Renewing the Life of the Earth:

For decades scientist have been warning us about climate change and the devastating impact it will have on people all over the world. The first World Environment conference was held in 1979. Finally, the need to safeguard our environment is being taken much more seriously. As a community of faith we are called to protect the created world, and recognize God's presence in it. We must seize opportunities to change, not ignore existing narratives about the further destruction of our planet. Through our actions in response to a very real climate crisis, we will begin to introduce a more hopeful narrative about growth and renewal. Many efforts have been made in this direction at Luke's Place, which is evidenced by our continued efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle, our existing bee garden, and our greenhouse where we will be growing food for Western Students. I am truly grateful to be a part of a community that understands the importance of nurturing God's creation, and is willing to act.

Although these are anxious times we will do well to follow the prophet and FEAR NOT as we forge ahead with our mission. And so we pray...

God of glory, immerse us in your grace, mark us with your image, and raise us to live our baptismal promises, so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we may follow the example of Christ your beloved in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Martin

SLWC Champion Reports for 2021

ACW -- Sharon Riley and members

Because of Covid19 St Luke's ACW has not met for meetings in 2021. However, with e-mails, Zoom, phone calls and a few small outdoor gatherings we have kept in touch. St Luke's was host in March to our area's World Day of Prayer and we have to thank Brittany Cartwright for her technical expertise. All area church members were able to join in the prayers and story of Vanuatu.

Our Bazaar carried on in November using a link to photos and descriptions of goods for sale and a convenient on line order form developed by our amazing technical expert Ann Jarvie. Thanks to all who participated by making, baking, offering goods. And thanks also to our wonderful customers who with their support we raised over \$2,000. to add to our funds. All our efforts will go towards paying the church's insurance bill plus various community outreach programs we support.

In 2021 we were able to pay the church insurance bill that was over \$5000. Plus we contributed to the community groups. This year we now have over \$6,000. When we learn how much the insurance cost is, we will discuss as a group what more we are able to do.

Thanks to the St Luke's Worshipping Community for your wonderful support. We look forward to when in person meetings, dinners and social gatherings are permitted and safe.

Altar Guild -- Sharon Riley and members

Due to Covid there have not been any meetings. However, flowers from donors have been gratefully received for the beauty of the altar on many Sundays through 2021 and delivered to shut ins.

Ann Jarvie our treasurer and member has kept track of our supplies and our accounting. Thanks to Nancy Beaumont for ordering the flowers for our donors on the Sundays requested.

Garden for Bees -- Carol Gauvreau and team Sharon Riley, Jan Moore, Wendy McLaughlin, Josephine, Jason and Jordan Gemson, Victor Berryman, Maureen Coleman, Carline Scoville

Many folks helped to dig and weed and plant and water. Carline helped get us new hoses and made the job much easier and thankfully we don't need to wear a raincoat to water anymore. Carline also had the benches set up for a welcoming place to sit surrounded by God's beauty.

Luke's Place Greenhouse Program

Luke's Place has partnered with **the London Foodbank in their Community Greenhouse Program** and the students at Western. The greenhouse is a gift from the London Foodbank...part of their London Cares food drive's new initiative to provide more fresh and local produce for those in need.

Thanks to Jason, Victor and Brittany the irrigation system was installed.

Thanks to Brittany Cartwright, Marcel Van Helden, Victor Berryman, Britney Kinyanjui, Andrew Kang and his brother-in-law, Jan Moore, Wendy & Phil McLaughlin for all your hard work to get the beds set up and planted.

A huge thank you to Fisher Landscaping in Hyde Park for the donation of 6 cubic yards of soil! Thanks for Wendy McLaughlin, Matthew Pope & Wyatt Gibson for the plants. Thanks to Adèle Miles & John Montgomery for the chicken wire and pegs. Thanks to the folks at St. Aidan's for the wood and cardboard.

We will use the greenhouse to grow vegetables for the Foodbank's mobile food distribution centres and to support food security for students in the Western University community. Michael Wagenman has led the ongoing work and he has recruited several students who want to do some gardening.

Music -- Dr. Matthew Pope

Though we continued to face uncertainty in 2021 in regard to worship, one thing that has been certain was the delivery of music for worship. Due to the hard work of our choir and the use of technology, we were able to deliver 4-part harmony with piano and organ while worshipping online in addition to our regular musical offering when worshipping in-person. I would like to thank our choral scholars, Leah and Max Arvidsson, Taylor Burns, and Carol Gauvreau for their dedication to the delivery of music for the membership of St. Luke's Worshipping Community.

In April, 2021, we thanked Max Arvidsson for his work at St. Luke's Worshipping Community as a Choral Scholar. Max began singing with us in September, 2019 and finished in April, 2021 when he graduated with his MMus degree from Western University. However, we have been very fortunate that Max chose to continue to sing in our choir as a volunteer. I am also very thankful to Max and Leah Arvidsson, who voluntarily continued to offer their musical talents through the summer of 2021.

I am very pleased that the worshipping community continued its support for the student community through our Choral Scholar program for the 2021/2022 year. In September, 2021 we were very pleased to welcome Taylor Burns as a choral scholar. Taylor is a soprano, and in the midst of completing her BMus Voice Performance degree at Western University. We are also pleased to have Leah Arvidsson continue in her choral scholar position as well.

While we were able to worship in-person, we were very happy to welcome back trumpeter, Amy Gallant, to play for our Remembrance Day service, where the choir also performed *I Believe* by Mark Miller. At Christmas, the choir worked hard to provide a shortened version of Lessons and Carols, which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Through the 2021 pandemic, we at St. Luke's Worshipping Community have been very fortunate in our music program. While many churches have not been able to have music, or have been limited in their musical offerings, we have not only been able to continue a standard of excellence in our music program, but be able to offer this to our community, regardless of our worship location. Again, I offer my greatest thanks to our choir and choral scholars, and the worshipping community at large.

With greatest thanks,
Matthew Pope

Outreach -- Sharon Riley and Carol Gauvreau

Earlier in the year we provided support to the Western community to put together care packages in our building and we added a letter with suggestions on how to care for yourself and information about Luke's Place.

In September we welcomed back the students moving in with **Lemonade on the Lawn** handing out free packaged snacks and a sheet with information about Luke's Place including the Coffee house.

When possible we have continued to support Luke's Place Coffee House for the students. We welcome the Music in Community students doing their placements in our Coffeehouse through Western University's **Community Engaged Learning Programme**. The music students who have been assigned to Luke's Place have shown extraordinary dedication and creativity during Covid to welcome students virtually using Zoom and on line games. One of these students in the fall commented that coming to the Coffee House was his favourite time of his week and he really enjoyed the time at Luke's Place.

We have cared for the student's food cupboard keeping the shelves stocked with groceries and other necessities that they are welcome to take for free. Our hospitality breakfast and Study hall times for students have been suspended indefinitely during the pandemic.

Worship Champion and Parish Council Representative - Wendy McLaughlin

Canon Adele Miles retired Sep 26 2021. We are thankful for her ministry and leadership for 9 years as our parish priest. On her last Sunday, we celebrated all that she had done for us and especially her guidance to become St Luke's Worshipping Community and Luke's Place with a service and a gathering on the lawn.

Rev Matt M started in October 20 2021.

He started a book club in November with a book about Johnny Cash. It was greatly enjoyed and well attended until the last evening when Covid shut our doors again.

Matt shares his gift of music with us and his homilies are relevant and inspiring.

During 2021 we have had some in person worship but have had Zoom services when we were not in the church

Many volunteers have cleaned the church every 2 weeks while we were open.

I have attended monthly Parish Council meetings at St John's the Evangelist to share what we were doing at St Luke's. They welcomed me and showed great interest in what we were doing and welcomed us to share as we could in their Parish life. The two-year Covenant with St John's finished Dec 2021.

St Aidan's has taken over as our mother community as Rev Matt is connected to St Aidan's. Bishop Townshend felt it made the most sense for St Aiden's to be our parish with Rev Matt working there.

St. Luke's Worshipping Community Financial Report 2021

This past year saw our community continue to provide support through donations; we continued to grow, and donations exceeded our expected budget projections!

We have now transitioned to partner with St. Aidan's Anglican Church, and we thank the Wardens at St. John the Evangelist for their support over the past two years with our banking.

The trust funds held at the Diocese of Huron continue to grow and we had earnings over our expected budget forecast.

Thank you to our "counters" who help with counting the donations and making bank deposits – Sharon Riley, Wendy McLaughlin, Carol Gauvreau and Scott Chamberlain. We are always happy to accept new volunteers!

A detailed report is provided to note the income and expenses incurred this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Jarvie, Financial Champion

ST. LUKE'S WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021

INCOME		EXPENSES	
ACW		ACW	
ACW:Bazaar	2,772.00	Donations	1,440.00
ACW:Donation	1,550.00	Insurance Premium (2020 & 2021)	5,090.05
TOTAL	4,322.00	TOTAL	6,530.05
Calendars	168.92	Apportionment	10,444.92
Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy	351.21	Bank Charges	381.35
Chancel Guild Income		Chancel Guild	
Donations	1,120.00	Altar Supplies	255.78
Chancel Guild Trust	1,489.82	Flowers	712.45
TOTAL	2,609.82	TOTAL	968.23
Estate Income	1,000.00	COVID - 19 (masks cleaning supplies)	197.26
Gifts and Celebrations		Gifts and Celebrations	
Adele Miles	950.00	Adele Miles	980.00
TOTAL	950.00	Al Gimpel	50.00
Interest	33.98	TOTAL	1,030.00
Music Fund Donations	300.00	Music Expenses	364.22
Parish		Rent	14,700.00
Collection Plate Donations	22,293.00	Salaries and Benefits	
Canada Helps Donations	625.63	Choral Scholar	2,915.00
Christmas	315.00	Clergy Replacement	1,200.00
E-Transfer	14,250.00	Musician	100.00
Easter	70.00	Organist Coverage	600.00
Open	156.50	Preist and Music Director	38,264.64
PAP Donations	12,514.00	TOTAL	43,079.64
TOTAL	50,224.13	Building Costs	329.33
Julia Hunter Fund Donation	500.00	Calendars	131.08
Police Check	142.53	Laptop, webcam	926.76
Sunday School	55.00	Outreach	486.00
Trust Funds		Photocopier	652.61
Trust Funds:Bastow Trust	9,773.95	Telephone and Internet	636.31
Trust Funds:Rectory Trust	13,611.49	Website	117.25
Trust Funds:Stonehill Trust	384.89	Zoom Membership	113.00
TOTAL	23,770.33	Sunday School Supplies	179.11
		Staples: COVID-19 supplies and office supplies	1,078.80
TOTAL INCOME	84,427.92	TOTAL	82,345.92
SURPLUS	2,082.00		

ITEM	WORK TO BE DONE	COST (APPR)	NOTES
Electrical - Elway Electric	ceiling lights replaced in hall with LED strips/ceiling fans in hall removed and replaced with LED dimmable lights/ replace lights in lower level of lift addition with LED strips/ clean up electrical deficiencies in Boiler Room. (includes cleanup and proper disposal of old units and all permits necessary for work done)	\$3,495.94	This is the balance of quote # 2170 which has had some work done on it already and one financial draw done in November 2020. The lights need to be replaced as the ballast covers are broken/ missing, and as they are so old we can no longer get replacement covers. The ballasts are starting to fail and are becoming a risk.
A/C - Wall Mounted Units (3)	installation/replacement of 3 units	\$20,000 - \$30,000	current units are freezing up, not working properly. Have been temporarily repaired once.
Foundation repointing	repoint foundation wall at north garden area, and anywhere else needed	?	***walk through notes - there could possibly be other areas needing repointing
Chimney cut down	cut chimney down to 2 feet above roof and close with metal	\$9,000 - \$12,000	*** walk through notes from Doug Hazen, Murray Hunter, David Warren dated August 13, 2019
Kitchen Counters	Replacement of kitchen counters and backsplash	?	The countertop around the sinks has deteriorated due to water seepage. The opposite counter would need to be replaced for matching and longer durability
Kitchen Tap	Kitchen tap at triple sink needs replacing	\$100.00	kitchen tap has been repaired multiple times, still leaks when in certain positions
Floors in hall	refinishing of original hardware floors in main hall	?	according to the files I have found on the floors, they should be refinished approx every 10 years to keep them from deteriorating. It has not been done according to the files since September 2010.
Repair of Tower	Repair of tower roof /bellfry/ stabilization	?	removal of bats, etc from bellfry, repair of ceiling to stop any leaking/ any necessary work
Painting	Painting of main hall/ stairways / washrooms/ kitchen/ lower office area / rector's office/ chancel area	?	to refresh all the rooms - this will make it brighter and encourage hall & lower office rentals
Select Elevators	quarterly inspection of lift	\$995.00	yearly maintenance contract
Elgin Fire	inspection of all fire extinguishers and emergency exit signs	\$175.00	yearly inspection
Men in Kilts	gutter cleaning	\$300.00	yearly gutter cleaning
INPS	signage for fire extinguisher & first aid kits	?	for public knowledge of where safety equipment is located
Repair of NE door	repair veneer and repaint / add brass kickplate and lock plate	?	for security purposes add kick plate and lock plate/ repair veneer and paint for aesthetics
Windows for lower doors	add 10x12 inch windows in both lower office doors	\$150.00	safety reasons for when children are in class
Misc Repairs / tools	as stated	\$500.00	anything that comes up during the year not listed