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News and events:

Remember that this afternoon, from 2:30 - 4:00 pm at St Augustine's, Danville (73 rue du Carmel) is the **Going Away Party & Celebration of Ministry With Lynn Dillabough**. The short worship service will be followed by cake and ice cream. There is no need to bring anything or to confirm your attendance. Please just come and enjoy a last time together before Lynn moves on.

Our best wishes for a happy birthday to Arthur Cuming on Wednesday, Dennis Chapman, Erwin Watson, Sylvia Aulis, and Stephen Aulis on Friday.

Next Sunday, July 3rd, our one-point parish service will be a Service of the Word in St. Peter's Church Cookshire at 10:30 am led by lay reader Lydia Judge.

Fort McMurray Benefit - The Rev. Ruth Charleau is selling "Scentsy Buddys" which will be sent to the children of Fort McMurray. They are currently 40% off for a price of \$29.80, tax and shipping included. This offer is until the 30th of June. All profits will be used to purchase additional Buddys. Contact Ruth at grbtcharleau@gmail.com

Bury – Canada Day celebrations begin Friday evening, July 1st with an amateur hour followed by Tim Brink entertaining with his band in the park and continue on Saturday, July 2nd. The annual Pancake Breakfast beginning at 8:00am will be in the carriage house at St. Paul's Rest Home of Bury, a fundraiser for the seniors' residence, followed by the parade at noon, and day-long activities to enjoy.

Altar Linens, Cruets, Palls, and Burses Available - Canon Lynn had dozens of these items from churches that have amalgamated into the new model, and they are available to any church who needs them. They were on display at the new model meeting June 16 and have been left with Archdeacon Simonton. Most need washing and/or repair but there are a lot of treasures, too.

Sentence: *Speak Lord, for your servant is listening: you have the words of eternal life. See 1 Samuel 3.9; John 6.68*

Collect: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

- **We pray for God's people** throughout the world; for Bishop Dennis, Bishop Bruce, for all clergy, and for all in leadership, both lay and ordained. Grant them the gifts of wisdom and courage as they lead the church. We pray for Canon Lynn as she moves on

- **In our Diocesan Fellowship of prayer**, we pray for The Parish of St. James the Greater, for St. John the Divine, Thetford Mines, Christ Church, Lower Ireland, St. Mark's, Kinnear's Mills, Holy Trinity, Maple Grove, St. James', Leeds and Church of the Ascension, Inverness, for The Ven. Pierre Voyer and The Ven. Garth Bulmer and for Lay Readers Delphis Dorion and Aline Visser; for our Companion Dioceses of Moray Ross and Caithness in Scotland and Bishop Mark Strange, and for Bujumbura in Burundi and Bishop Eraste Bigirimana.

- **In the Provincial Prayer Cycle** we pray for Bishop Mark McDonald, the National Indigenous Bishop and for the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for The Church of Pakistan (United), for The Most Revd Samuel Robert Azariah Bishop of Raiwind & Moderator of the Church of Pakistan.

- **In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** we pray for Christian faith communities in Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay. We pray for families and friends of those who were murdered or disappeared in Argentina and Uruguay, for guidance to those in the government of Paraguay as they work to remove corruption and bring justice to those who have abused power, for those who experience poverty and struggle for daily bread, who live without security, safety and shelter.

- **We give thanks for** our families, friends, and communities, and we ask blessings for all the fathers, and for Arthur Cuming, Dennis Chapman, Erwin Watson, Sylvia Aulis, and Stephen Aulis on their birthdays.

- **We pray that God may reveal the light of His presence** to the weak and the sick, that they may be comforted and strengthened, and we pray especially for Joan Dougherty, The Ven. Robert Bryan, Sandra Hurd, Maria Garcia, Wanda Sylvester, Audrey Dougherty, and Erwin Watson.

- **We pray for** our country, Canada, for the leaders, and especially for the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. We pray for an end to gun violence. We pray for peace and justice in the world. **Amen.**

Chuckles: A student went and visited his old school 20 years after his graduation, and met an old Science professor of his. The professor happened to be grading exam papers, and the student was surprised to notice that the questions were exactly the same as they were two decades ago. He asked the professor about the possibility of the leakage of the exam paper such that the students would have known the questions in advance.

The professor smiled wryly and answered, "Don't worry about that, my dear boy. I've changed the answers every year."

Questions to ponder... Do people in Australia call the rest of the world 'up over'? Does killing time damage eternity? Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard? Why is it called lipstick if you can still move your lips? Why is it that night falls but day breaks? Did Noah keep his bees in archives?

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings...Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said.⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments.⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'"¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. *2 Kings 6:1-14*

Psalm 30 (BAS page 739)

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians...(My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted.²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves.⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride.⁵For all must carry their own loads.⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.)

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow.⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up.¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand!¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh.¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.¹⁵For

neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything!¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. *Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke...After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!'⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'¹⁶"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!"¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." *Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*

Reflection: Over the last few weeks we've been looking at what the Gospel of Luke has to teach us about faith. It should come as no surprise to us that any study of faith leads inevitably to the call to discipleship. That's what Jesus did—he called people to faith by calling them to follow him in discipleship. And we should also not be surprised that any study of Jesus' call to discipleship also leads us to the Kingdom of God. The heart of Jesus' message was that God's Kingdom, which is defined by justice, grace, and compassion, was a present reality for those who responded in faith to his call.

Jesus sent out seventy disciples to do what he had been doing--spreading compassion and mercy and telling people who respond in faith that "God's kingdom is right on your doorstep!". But there were competing kingdoms and contradictory loyalties in Jesus' day, as well as those we face today, and he knew that some would not be willing to give up. And so they were to say: that the Kingdom of God was right on their doorstep (Lk. 10:11)!

We are called to follow Jesus in discipleship, practicing the values of the Kingdom of God among a people who have given their loyalty to a lot of other kingdoms (money, possessions, fame, etc.). And we are called to proclaim the message to one and all: the Kingdom of God is right here. Like Jesus' original disciples, we should not be surprised that some will respond with faith and some will not be willing to give up their allegiance to those other kingdoms.

It is the testimony of the Scriptures from the very beginning--especially in the Psalms--that God's reign of compassion and justice is the truth that defines our lives. All the other "kingdoms" may promise to make us happy, but only following Jesus in living out the values of the Kingdom of God can bring true fulfillment to life. God's reign of grace and truth and love and peace is the ultimate reality before which all other competing loyalties will eventually fade. – Alan Brehm



