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News and events:**May we wish to each and everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.**

Our Happy Birthday wishes to Chester Cooper on Tuesday and to Pete Sylvester and Ed Jacklin next Saturday.

Next Sunday, October 18th, service at 11:00am in St. Peter's Church, Cookshire. Holy Communion will be officiated by The Rev. Dr. Patricia Peacock and The Rev. Canon Ron West. (Opening to the Spirit Retreat - October 16th at 5:30pm until October 18th at 4:00pm in Eastman.)

Starting in October: Canon Lynn will have "office hours" every Monday night from 5:30 - 7:30 at the 108 Restaurant in Birchton. Tongue in cheek, we are calling it "Prayer and Poutine". Please feel free to drop by to say hello and have a chat. (Thanksgiving Monday the restaurant is closed, but all other Mondays she will be there.)

Lectio Divina every Tuesday morning from 9:00 - 9:55 am in the Upper Room at St George's, Lennoxville, beginning in October. All are welcome to this gentle service of meditation on the Word. Be prepared for holy silence and an encounter with God. Led by Canon Lynn.

Saturday, October 17th, the annual Fall Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner from 4pm to 6pm at the Church of the Advent, 473 Bowen St.S., Sherbrooke. All are welcome to a home cooked meal of ham, potatoes, baked beans, salads, rolls, tea, coffee, and desserts.

Empty Bowls Lunch on Saturday, October 17th from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Third annual Empty Bowls Lunch at Hope Community Church, corner of Queen and College, Lennoxville. Come and choose your beautiful handmade pottery bowl and enjoy homemade soup. Tickets are \$25 and all the money raised goes to help feed the hungry in our own neighbourhood.

Sentence: Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. *Psalms 126.6*

Collect: Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Gifts: Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- We pray for God's people throughout the world; for Dennis, our Bishop, for Lynn, our Priest, and for all who are in leadership, both lay and ordained. Grant them the gifts of wisdom and courage as they lead the church. We pray that God will guide us in our search for a new Shepherd to lead us in the years ahead.

- In our Diocesan Fellowship of prayer, we pray for the lay and clerical members of Central Board of Church Society and the Diocesan Executive Council; we pray for our Companion Dioceses, The Diocese of Moray Ross and Caithness in Scotland and Bishop Mark Strange, and the Diocese of Bujumbura in Burundi and Bishop Eraste Bigirimana.

- In the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, we pray for Bishop Ron Cutler and the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt Revd Dr Jacob Ayebo of the Diocese of Tamale, Ghana - West Africa.

- In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle we pray for Christian faith communities in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal. We pray for a lessening of political unrest, violence and terrorism; for political leaders, that they will be guided by concern for all the people; for women, that they be respected and have dignity in their work; children who must work to help feed their families, and girls who have been kidnapped or sold into the sex industry; for strength for those Christians who live as a minority amid Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu brothers and sisters; for those affected by frequent flooding, landslides, tropical storms and earthquakes; and for those who live as refugees that they may find shelter, food and a means to make a living.

- We pray for our families, friends, and communities; we ask blessings for Chester Cooper, Pete Sylvester, and Ed Jacklin on their birthdays.

- We ask, O Lord, for your comfort and healing for all who are sick and suffering in any way, and for their families, remembering especially: Joan Dougherty and Robert Coleman.

- We pray for the refugee crisis in Europe; we pray for a world of peace and justice for all. **Amen.**

More News & Events:

There will be a meeting of all the Deanery churches which are members of the team ministry model on **Saturday, November 7th** at St George's Church in Lennoxville from 10:00 to 12:00. This will be an information and discussion meeting with an opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions. Treasurers and wardens are expected to attend, but the meeting is open to all interested members of the Deanery.

Used Book Sale, October 22, 23 and 24 Benefits the Bishop's University/Champlain RC Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee. The sale will take place at The Lennoxville United Church, 6 Church Street on the following days: Thursday, October 22 from 4 – 8 p.m.; Friday, October 23 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday, October 24 from 9 a.m. – noon with a \$3 bag sale from noon – 1 p.m. All proceeds go to supporting sponsored refugee students.

A Reading from the Book of Job... Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:^{2c}“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ^{4c}“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

(^{34c}“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you?³⁵Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, ‘Here we are’?³⁶Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind?³⁷Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,³⁸when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?^{39c}“Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,⁴⁰when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert?⁴¹Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?) *Job 38:1-7(34-41)*

Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b page 843

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews... Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness;³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.⁴And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. *Hebrews 5:1-10*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark...³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?”³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” *Mark 10:35-45*

A Thanksgiving Prayer: Gracious God, you who supply your people with every blessing in abundance, lift up our hearts in gratitude and thanksgiving this day. Help us, we pray, to thank you for the gifts we seldom notice, to praise you for the bounty we often take for granted, and to glorify your name for how you have watched over us through another year of seedtime and harvest. For all that you have done, for all that you are, and for all that you will ever do, we lift up our voices in praise to you. Hear our prayer and our song and help us to live as ones with eternally grateful hearts –we ask this in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

Chuckles: Bernard, who is noted for his gracious manners, was awakened one morning at four forty-four a.m. by his ringing telephone. . .

"Your dog is barking, and it's keeping me awake," said an angry voice.

Bernard thanked the caller and politely asked his name and number before hanging up.

The next morning at precisely four forty-four a.m., Bernard called his neighbour back.

"Good morning, Mr. Williams.... Just called to say that I don't have a dog."

An elderly lady was well-known for her faith and for her boldness in talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout "PRAISE THE LORD!"

Next door to her lived an atheist who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout, "There ain't no Lord!!"

Hard times set in on the elderly lady, and she prayed for GOD to send her some assistance. She stood on her porch and shouted "PRAISE THE LORD. GOD I NEED FOOD!! I AM HAVING A HARD TIME.

PLEASE LORD, SEND ME SOME GROCERIES!!"

The next morning the lady went out on her porch and noted a large bag of groceries and shouted, "PRAISE THE LORD."

The neighbour jumped out from behind a bush and said, "Aha! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries, God didn't."

The lady started jumping up and down and clapping her hands and said, "PRAISE THE LORD. He not only sent me groceries, but He made the devil pay for them. Praise the Lord!"

A nun who works for a local home health care agency was out making her rounds when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it there was a station just down the street. She walked to the station to borrow a can with enough gas to start the car and drive to the station for a fill up.

The attendant regretfully told her that the only can he owned had just been loaned out, but if she would care to wait he was sure it would be back shortly.

Since the nun was on the way to see a patient she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. After looking through her car for something to carry to the station to fill with gas, she spotted a bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, she carried it to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried it back to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into the tank of her car two men walked by. One of them turned to the other and said: "Now that is what I call faith!"

