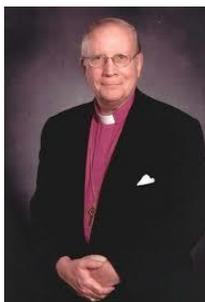




Parish of the Lower Laurentians Newsletter – November 2016 – Vol. 8

Welcome

The Parish of the Lower Laurentians extends a warm welcome to our interim priest, **Bishop Bruce Stavert**. Bishop Stavert will take up part-time residence in the rectory in Ste. Agathe and work with Father Nick to meet the needs of the Laurentian Regional Ministry until a permanent priest is installed.



Bishop Stavert was Anglican Bishop of Quebec and Metropolitan of Canada. He served as bishop of Quebec from 1990 to 2004 and as archbishop until 2009.

He was educated at Trinity College in Toronto and was ordained in 1964. He began his career at Schefferville, Quebec. He was a fellow and chaplain at his old college until 1976 and then the incumbent at St. Clement's Mission East, St. Paul's River in Quebec.

He was chaplain at Bishop's University from 1981 to 1984 and then Dean of Saskatchewan until his elevation to the Episcopate.

We are fortunate and grateful to have someone with such a wealth of experience to assist Father Nick in seeing us through this period of transition.

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Priest and Regional Dean
450-562- 2917

Bishop Bruce Stavert:
Interim Priest
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For funerals, weddings and baptisms:
Contact Revd. Pang or one of our Lay Readers: Gail, Hugh or Wendy

Lay Readers in the PLL:
Gail Turnbull: 450-533-4914
Hugh Mitchell: 450-562-9249
Wendy Crooks: 450-562-6381

Parish Wardens:
Joan Hudson –Rector's: 450 432-7572
Rob Percy –People's: 450 562-2700

If someone needs support, contact **Wendy** and she will arrange for a visit.



November 6
St. Paul's – 4 pm – EP
Family Service + Food & Outreach Drive

November 13
Christ Church – 11 am – MP

November 20
St. Aidan's – 11 am - HC

November 27
Holy Trinity – 11 am – HC
Holy Trinity – 7:30 pm – Classical Music

December 11
Christ Church – 11 am – MP

December 18
St. Aidan's – 11 am - HC

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve
Christ Church – 11 am
St. Paul's – 4 pm
Holy Trinity – 4 pm
St. Aidan's – 7 pm
St. Paul's – 8 pm

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day
Rectory Lachute - Time: TBA

January 8
Christ Church – 11 am – HC

January 15
St. Aidan's – 11 am - HC

January 22
Holy Trinity – 11 am - MP
Holy Trinity – 7:30 pm
Classical Music

January 29 - TBA

HC = Holy Communion, MP = Morning Prayer, EP = Evening Prayer

A Busy Summer

St-Paul's Annual 'Pray and Play' church and golf event took place on May 22. The community gathered - all to pray, some to play and some to enjoy a B.B.Q lunch, generously provided by Suzanne Albert and her IGA team. The day was beautifully sun-filled with a soft breeze to keep the spring flies away. We are grateful to the board of directors and the members of the Dunany Golf Club for kindly allowing us the use of the course for this event each year. Sincere gratitude goes to all the volunteers and to all who came out to support the event. (Wendy Crooks)



Sherman & Lee Fund Raiser: The production "Lost & Found", written and performed by David Sherman & Nancy Lee, proved to be a real success, not only in terms of entertainment value, but also in terms of financial benefit to the Syrian Refugee Project and to the Laurentian Regional Ministry Fund. This across-the-region effort resulted in more than \$650 raised for each cause.

Summer Session of Spiritual Reflection on "Women of the Bible": Throughout the summer, an enthusiastic group of people from the PLL gathered weekly to share supper and to learn more about some of the "Women of the Bible". Many took a turn to present: Martha, Mary-Madeleine, Elizabeth, Delilah, Eve, Sarah et Hagar, Ruth, Rahab, Jezebel et Deborah. Everyone participated - the discussion was entertaining and enlightening, a wonderful way to feel the love, grace, blessings and the presence of our God. (Wendy Crooks)



The PLL will offer another study/discussion series in November.
Watch for more information shortly.



PLL Beach Service: On a beautiful Sunday in July, with a bluebird sky, wispy clouds and gentle breeze the PLL worshipped our Lord and Saviour by the edge of Clear Lake at the home of Pierrette Gloven. Angelic song and music was lovingly performed by our own Dunany Glee Club. Mountain Steam -Bruce Blake, Bruce Macleod, Steve Roy, and Richard Hadley entertained all gathered with Bluegrass Christian hymns and songs. Rev'd Nick Pang welcomed the children of all ages, and led the inclusive family service with love and grace.



A light pot luck buffet was enjoyed by all - a truly blessed afternoon. (Wendy Crooks)

Laurentian Deanery Confirmation Service, Picnic & Retirement of Father Ralph:



Sunday August 28th was a very special day at Camp Weredale, where the weather was kind and the spirit soared, providing the perfect setting for a regional gathering, a confirmation service with Bishop Mary present, the awarding of the first Laurentian Deanery Grant to support a new children's ministry initiative at All Saints Anglican Church in Deux Montagnes and for a fond farewell to Archdeacon Ralph Leavitt and his wife Deborah as they move into retirement.



Photos by Janet Best



The Reverend Nicholas Pang, the Venerable Ralph Leavitt and the Right Reverend Mary Irwin-Gibson.



Confirmands L to R: Dwayne Connors, Tom Sassen, Matthew Parker, Bobbi Heatlie, Katie Heatlie, Devan Dixon-Smith and Jeannie Ryser (& Isabelle).

BBQ at Father Nick's:

On a lovely Sunday afternoon, September 25th, the Parishes of Lachute and the Lower Laurentians enjoyed a delightful B.B.Q. at the Rectory in Lachute. It was a great chance to catch up with friends and share many happy memories from the years of the Greater Parish of St-Andrew. Rev'd Nick was a charming host. Preparations and contributions from across the two parishes combined with some intense burger flipping by Drummond Hall and Bob Hay resulted in a delicious meal. Lots of smiles and chatting could be seen and heard everywhere at this most enjoyable gathering. As Rev'd Nick had just arrived home from his trip to Hong Kong, the wonderful evening of celebration ended early with a sharing of hugs, best wishes, and an echoing refrain of, "See you soon!" (Nick Pang & Wendy Crooks)



Theology in the Laurentians

Saturday September 24th, 2016 marked the launch of a new joint initiative between the Laurentian Regional Ministry, Montreal Diocesan Theological College and McGill School of Religious Studies. Forty three participants, from the Laurentian Regional Ministry and the Diocesan Lay Readers Association, attended the inaugural session of a book study aimed at rediscovering the meaning of life in community through exploration of the 'Neighbourly Covenant'. Held in St. Francis Hall in St. Sauveur and led by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Kirkpatrick (McGill), the Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

(Montreal Diocesan Theological College) and the Rev. Nick Pang (Laurentian Regional Ministry), the programme continued on Saturday October 8th and concluded on Saturday October 29th. If successful, it is hoped that this might lead to similar initiatives elsewhere and/or to an expansion of the programme in the Laurentians.

(Hugh Mitchell & Gail Turnbull)

