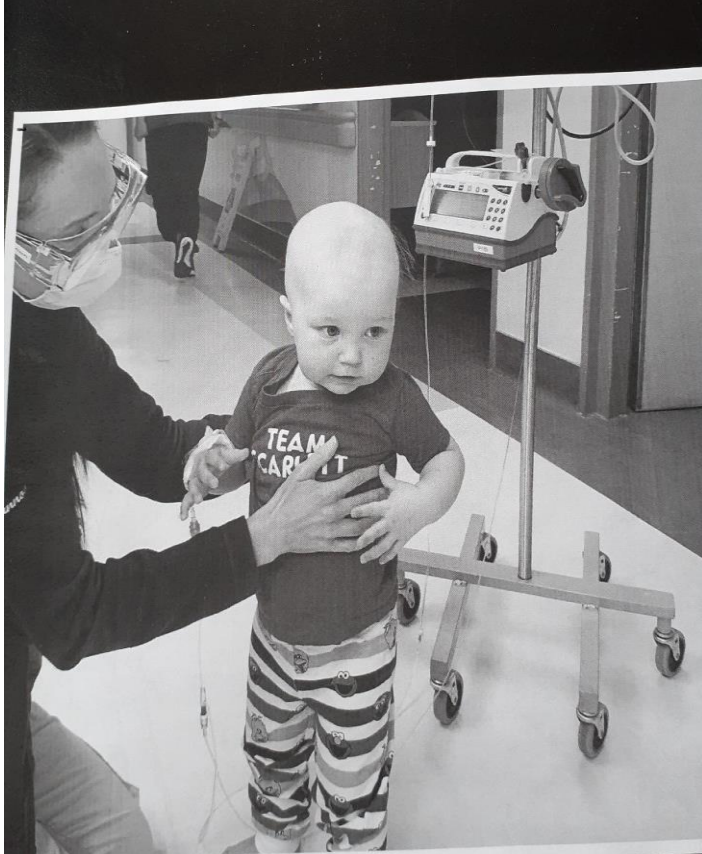


Coop's Scoops # 201 Tuesday May 11, 2021



Just when I really needed it, along came some great news! I hope that it lifts your spirits as much as it did mine, and also moves your hearts to keep praying for this lovely little girl.

Scarlett Rose is the great-daughter of Joe Nicason and granddaughter of Ed. She's been on this page before and we have been praying for her for many months. She has cancer and has been undergoing chemotherapy and radiation and all sorts of blood work and, well you folks who've had cancer treatment will

know much more about that than me. HERE IS GOOD NEWS, written for us by Grandpa Ed and Great Grandma Jo.

“ Scarlett Rose's surgery to remove the tumor was on Friday and Mom and I sat on pins and needles waiting for the news. There were so many “What ifs?” the surgeon was concerned with including the possibility of taking one of her kidneys. I am so happy to report that they were able to remove 95% of the tumour and save her kidney. She is recovering well and we are all so relieved. She still has more chemo to go through to wipe out the cancer. On behalf of all of our family THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! for all your prayers...God has truly reached out and blessed us! “

There is a Go Fund Me page if anyone wishes to help the family out with expenses, which are many, for travel and accommodation and many other things. You can get the page information by calling the office and speaking with Tracy or

Cathy on Wednesday or Friday mornings. Glory to God and all the caregivers for little Scarlett Rose!

News from the Churches:

Actually this is news for both Lake of Bays and St. Thomas. Our planning leader Susan Abell is hoping to begin her work with both groups individually as early as next week. Her outline for sessions by Zoom includes assessment of issues and capacity, facilitation of discernment process, congregational work plans in the short term, and development of recommendations to the Archbishop. With lots of work in between, no doubt. We are grateful that the Diocese is covering all the expenses related to her work! The Parish Council of St. Thomas, as I've previously reported, has already developed a task sheet which no doubt will be much altered by this wonderful quick response, and one in keeping with Susan's guidance will be made. Thanks be to God for more great news!

WATCH FOR: An on-line service for Pentecost on Sunday May 23rd will be provided for worship at home. Print copies will be available for those who need them.

Please remember that on-line worship is always available Sunday mornings from All Saint's in Huntsville with Archdeacon **Kelly Baetz**, and from St. Luke's in the Sault with Archbishop **+Anne** or Dean **Jim McShane** and from Muskoka Lakes with many participants under the leadership of Rev. Dr. **Gail Marie Henderson**. A mid-week Taize service is also available from St. Stephen's Parish with Rev. **Peter Simmons**. There is also a weekly email sermon in Coop's Scoops along with prayers, as you no doubt already know!

Regional Dean Heather Manuel sent out a Mother's Day Gnome for our enjoyment in her bi-weekly message to Deanery Council members. It was designed by Diocesan Lay Reader **Nancy Houghton** who is celebrated by everyone for her fabulous art work. I've posted it a little late for our wider mailing list along with live link to the web-page where you can find lots of other interesting videos which Rev. Heather+ has recommended. www.muskokachurches.com



On the Lighter Side: (from Alva today)



Scripture for Today: James 1: 17

Every good and perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Homily:

This Scripture is an encouragement and also cause for great praise to our God. I felt it was really appropriate given the good news contained in our Scoop's today.

I want to begin at the end of the verse. James is telling us that God is the Father of all Lights, God indeed IS Light, and that His light has no shadow or variation. Consider what we know of our biggest earthly light...the sun. We see it burning in the day, but shadows do come and night descends even though we know the sun is burning brightly on the other side of the world we just can't see it. Even in darkness we know there is Light.

Unlike our sun, there is no shadow or variation in the Light of our God which burns brightly in the Heavens where we can "see it" even in times when our own lives are going through shadowed and difficult circumstances. How? By faith. In what?

That God sends us every good and perfect gift. That is easy to understand in good times, when we are up on mountaintops and rejoicing! Yet even in circumstances where we are sad and discouraged and wondering if things will ever change (sound familiar these days?), God can and will bless us and turn our hard times into good in His time. The gift may be that we are transformed somehow, or find we have more strength in Him than we thought, or be convicted of something that needs to change so that our joy can be full...but God is working things out for good somehow. Remember that God does not necessarily SEND us awful things... most of the grief and darkness we bear is common to humanity and often the result of generational sins against our planet and our social structure. As I've often said, I do not believe that God sent this pandemic upon the world and grieves with us. Yet even in this, in time some good and perfect gifts will arise for His children who live by faith and trust in His good purposes.

May God's Light shine brightly for you every day, just as it has yesterday, and will in every tomorrow. And remember to holler for help from others when the human darkness gets too dark!

-Judie+

Prayer:

Father of Light, giver of every good and perfect gift, give us faith to see You working for good and shining brightly in all circumstances. When evil darkens the earth, when hope is diminished, when clouds form and threaten, when we come to think things will never get better, turn out minds through the Holy Spirit to the truth of Your Word and your promise to work all things for good in ways we cannot fully comprehend. May our faith be our gift to You, and our praise of determined trust. We pray always in the name and power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessing: May the Light of Christ shine upon you and in you and through you, as the Gift of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, amen!