

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

February 22nd, 2015

In the parish this week:

Monday 23rd February: Friendship Quilting and Crafting at 10am

7pm-9pm: Contemplative Prayer at the Church of the Epiphany

Tuesday 24th February: 9:30am Stand Up!

Wednesday 25th February: 9:30am Holy Eucharist followed by Lenten Study - To the Cross and Beyond.

Thursday 26th February: 1:30pm: North Eastern Ministerial meets at St. Stephen's on the Hill

7pm: Choir

7:30 pm: Worship meeting in the Board room

Friday 27th February: Family Fun night from 6pm-8pm

Pancake Supper thanks

A big thank you to everyone for your support of the Pancake supper. A great evening was had by all, and the funds went to help The Coldest Night Walk on February 21st. A cheque in the amount of \$500 will go to the Samaritan Centre via Paul Murdock. Special thanks to those who gave a helping hand with the preparation of pancakes and the setup and cleanup.

Lenten services

Please join us for worship on Wednesday morning during Lent at 9:30am. Following each service we will be having a study written especially for Lent by the Rt. Rev. Terry Dance of the Diocese of Huron called, "To the cross and beyond."

Family Fun night at the Ascension

Bored with winter? Looking for something to do with the kids on a Friday evening? Don't want to spend another Friday alone? Come out to the Games Night at the Ascension on Friday 27th February from 6pm -- 8pm. Bring your favourite board

game and meet some new friends. Snacks will be provided. For more information, please speak to Jen Ames or email her at jenames10@yahoo.ca

Zawadi La Tumaini

Jacqueline Villeneuve, founder and director of Zawadi La Tumaini, an orphanage in Kenya, will be our guest after the 9am and 11am service on Sunday March 8th.

Come and here Jacqueline's stories and how our gifts of money are making a difference.

Being Christian:

Baptism, Bible, Eucharist and Prayer

Come and join the Lenten Lunch and Learn series on March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. We will be having conversations

around Rowan Williams new book from 1:15pm - 2:15pm. Copies of the book have been ordered and are \$10 each. If you can only come to one or two Sundays, we would love to have you.

If you wish to order a book to read on your own, please sign the sheet in the office, or speak to Rev. Anne to register.

The Ascension is striving to be a nut free and scent free parish, due to the many nut and scent allergies.

It's not too early to start thinking about summer time!

Camp Manitou is a residential camp that fronts the North Channel of Lake Huron, 12 kilometres west of the town of Whitefish Falls. With the La Cloche Mountains as a backdrop, the setting is rustic, yet majestic.

Leaders and youth and families have been sharing summer experiences there since the 1920s. Programs take place in a friendly atmosphere and include camp fires, swimming, hiking, kayaking, canoeing, crafts and much, much more. Skilled and screened volunteers provide leadership for youth and family camps.

The Camp season is as follows:

Youth Camps are \$280 per week. Bursaries are available from a number of sources.

Girls Camp ages 12 and up: July 4th - July 11th

Girls camp ages 8-11: July 11th to July 18th

Boys camp ages 8-11: July 18th - July 25th

Boys Camp ages 12 and up: July 25th - August 1st

Leadership Training: Boys 14-16 July 18th - August 1st.

Nature camp: August 1st - August 8th (for families, individuals who love nature
Maximum of \$830 per family for the week)

Family Camp 1: August 8th - August 15th
(\$270 per adult; \$145 for youth under 16; Max of \$830 per family)

Family Camp 2: August 15th - August 22nd

Family Camp 3: August 22nd - August 29th.

For more information, or to register, check out the flyers in the hall on the way to the Fellowship Hall. Featured in the flyer is our very own Robyn Chmilar!

Rev. Anne is a member of the Camp Manitou board and Dave Cole, the Fowlers, Jane Cox, Thelma Smith and Stephanie Doveton can all share great Manitou stories and experiences with you.

Mark your calendars

- A family fun night is in the works for Friday 27th February.
- The next Out of the Cold dinner is on Friday

Thought for the Week

"Our calling and purpose as followers of Christ is to love God completely, to love self correctly, and to love others compassionately."

- Kenneth Boa

March 6th.

- A clothing swap is planned for March 28th.

Exploring a Lenten Desert

Looking for another way to live Lent? "Exploring a Lenten Desert" is a six-session course that introduces participants to the desert as an image of spiritual dryness and refreshment and to the tradition of contemplative prayer that emerged from the practices of a fascinating group of 4th century men and women who fled the cities to seek closer relationship with God in the Egyptian desert. We will explore their pithy and paradoxical wisdom as we learn about (and practice) a variety of forms of contemplative prayer, including using psalms as prayer, awareness reflection, Ignatian imaginative prayer, centring prayer, lectio divina, and shared silence. If you've never heard of these, it's ok—that's part of the exploration! We will meet on Mondays through Lent, starting on February 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Church of the Epiphany (85 Larch St.). For more information and to register, please contact Patti Brace (pbrace@fibreop.ca, 705-673-1216)

Our Stories: A Lenten morning

We are made of the stories we have told and been told. When we repeat an important story in a place and time set aside for it, we learn something new about the story, ourselves, and the values that guide us. On Wednesday, February 25th at the Church of the Ascension, during the time normally devoted to Bible Study, we will share stories of the Spirit together. The event will give us an opportunity to practice listening as well. Using methods of spiritual direction, we will respond to one another.

Services of Worship at the Ascension

Sunday morning: Holy Eucharist at 9am and 11am. Sunday school takes place at the 11am service and there is also a nursery for babies and toddlers.

Wednesday morning: Holy Eucharist at 9:30am followed by Bible Study. All welcome!

We have a team of parishioners who are licensed by the Bishop to bring the Reserved Sacrament to individuals or couples who are unable to make it to church on Sunday mornings.

Please call the church office at 705-566-2790 and we will be happy to make arrangements..

Membership at the Ascension

We love it when people say that they are a member of our church, and we want to keep track of our parishioners so that we can send you mailouts, newsletters, and keep you posted on parish events. If you are a new member and wish to be on our parish list, please fill out the form at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to the office, or put it in the offering plate today. If your address, phone number or email address has changed, please fill out the form. Your email address is also important as we have an enews group. We do not give out parishioners emails to any other group.

Agnus Day



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Your privacy

Every week the church bulletin and news and announcements is posted on the Church of the Ascension's website. Sometimes these items include names of individuals within the parish. If you prefer not to have your name on the website, or photos of yourself posted, please let Rev. Anne know so that she ensures your privacy.

The church website address is www.churchoftheascensionsudbury.ca

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New

Person 1 _____

Person 2 _____

Change of
Address

Address Family As _____

(John & Mary Smith, Mr. & Mrs J. Smith, The Smiths)

Address _____

City _____

Postal Code _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ (Please include all 10 digits)

Email address: _____