

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

May 24th, 2015

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, walking together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen.

In the Parish This Week

TONIGHT at 6pm Glad Tidings Church: Elevate: Love in Motion - Ecumenical service in the spirit of Pentecost to celebrate our unity as Christians and to give thanks for the community projects each of the churches in various wards in the city have been involved with.

Tuesday 26th May: 9:30am Stand Up!

Wednesday 27th May; 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Bible Study. This is the final Bible Study until September.

Thursday May 28th at 7pm: Choir

Coffee for the Elgin Street Mission

Guests to the Elgin Street Mission enjoy a cup of coffee with their friends. The Mission is hoping to get 1000 cans of coffee from Sudburians so they will never have to run short. If you're out buying groceries, please pick up a can of coffee and bring it to the church. We'll make sure it gets to the Mission.

Diocese of Algoma Youth Synod

Youth Synod is a gathering of youth and young adults (13-24) from the Anglican Churches across our diocese and is often considered to be a spiritual highlight in the lives of many people who attend. This year marks the 30th Anniversary of Youth

Synod and happens from Sunday June 28th - Wednesday July 1st at beautiful Camp Manitou. The theme for this year's Synod is " Faith Unlimited" . We are called as Christians to be witnesses to the Gospel of Christ in our communities and the world. But how do we share our faith today in a way that is both meaningful and respectful to those around us? This is what the youth and young adults will be exploring at youth synod. If you are interested in attending youth synod (okay....that means you have to be between 13 and 24) please talk to Rev. Anne and she will tell you how the parish will support you so you can attend. This is an all expenses paid opportunity to hang out with other youth and deepen your faith.

Rededication of gifts from St. Mark's Garson

This morning we will be rededicating memorial items given by members of St. Mark's in Garson to the Ascension, following the closure of their church. We honour the memories of loved ones and give thanks for these gifts. A special welcome to members of the Bate, Lee and Paquette family.

The Christus Rex Cross is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stephen Moorhouse, dear brother of Sue Bate. The cross is given by the Moorhouse and Bate families. May Stephen's soul rest in peace and rise again in glory.

The Christus Rex cross portrays a very different figure of Christ than the one we are used to seeing. If you look carefully at the figure of Christ you will notice that the crown of thorns is gone, as are the nails in his hands and feet. Christ is now robed in the royal clothes of a king - our king. Yet we remember that Christ's kingdom is not of this world, and that we are called to live in Christ's kingdom in a way that is giving, serving others and loving, as Christ loved us.

The Lord's Prayer carved tablet is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of grandfather Joe Lee, and father Joe Lee, by the Lee family. May Joe (Snr.) and Joe (Jr.) rest in peace and rise again in glory.

Mr Joe Lee (Snr.) carved the letters of The Lord's Prayer on this wooden tablet when he returned from work in the evenings. This wall hanging first hung at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Skead Rd. and when it closed down it was taken to St. Marks Church in Garson.

The purple and white woven wall hangings are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tom Armstrong, dear father of Sandra Paquette, by the Paquette family. May Tom's soul rest in peace and rise again in glory.

These two wall hangings once hung at the front of St. Mark's in Garson. They will now find a new home in our chapel space where they will remain permanently. Purple is the colour of penitence or royalty and white the colour of celebration and thanksgiving.

The silver breadbox originated at the Church of the Resurrection. When it closed, it found a new home at St. Mark's Garson. It was given by members of the Altar Guild. We give thanks for the faithful ministry of members of the altar guild for so many years - at the Church of the Resurrection, St. Mark's and the Church of the Ascension.



Twin Forks Community Garden Thanks

Thank you to everyone for your help at the Twin Forks Community Garden on Wednesday and Thursday this past week. Together with members of other congregations in New Sudbury, we built some raised garden beds, filled them with soil, and planted several fruit trees. The seedlings that you have been nurturing at home will be planted in these beds in early June. Please return your seedlings to the church by Sunday 31st May. We will be tending this Community Garden over the summer months. Your enthusiasm and generosity

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

of time and muscle was hugely appreciated. A two minute testimony of our presentation will be given this evening at the Elevate: Love in motion closing service.

Terry Ames Care Fund

Established to assist families going through cancer treatments, the Terry Ames Care fund has a special fundraiser this summer. Please see the notice for details and give hope and support to families in Greater Sudbury.

ACW Thank Offering and Closing Dinner

The ACW wish to thank everyone for their generous donation of pennies, nickels, and dimes. Your nickels and dimes realized \$400! The thank offering has been sent to Thunder Bay. All thank offerings from parishes across the Diocese will be presented at the ACW annual meeting in June to the Mission to Seafarers.

The ACW would like to invite ALL Church Women to join them for their closing sup-

Thought for the Week

"Anything that endures for a shorter time than the soul does is incapable of satisfying the soul." - Dr. Ravi Zacharias

per on Thursday June 18th in the Fellowship Hall. This dinner will be catered and we hope you will set this evening aside and plan to attend a time of food, fun and fellowship.

At the Board meeting this week.....

We talked about #22 Days and how the members of the Ascension will participate in the countdown to the ending of the TRC on June 21st. There will be a presentation on the TRC at the Ascension by Prof. Brock Pitawanakwat on Tuesday June 23rd at 6:30pm.

We heard stories of the wonderful work that is being done by the Monarch recovery services for those in treatment for alcohol or drug addiction. We voted to fund a telephone line for one year for Monarch recovery services from Outreach funds.

We gave \$200 to PWRDF for the work being done in Nepal following two earthquakes in the last six weeks. This gift comes from the Outreach Fund.

Thank you for your generous Christmas donations which helped fund these two worthwhile causes.

We had a conversation about the role of young people in the church and voted to license Maggie Leigh and Pippa Howard as Eucharistic assistants.

We gave thanks for the success of the Senior's lunch and for those who helped with this event.

We voted to purchase a shed for the back

yard in which the new BBQ and other garden items will be stored. We were given a presentation on new photocopier options, and voted to lease a new photocopier which will have wifi connection from the office and the ability to fold, staple and collate documents. The existing copier will be given to St. Alban the Martyr Church in Capreol.

We heard from Matt Walchuk on this year's Out of the Cold dinners in downtown Sudbury. This year the five teams served a total of 4292 meals on Friday evenings.

BCP Service Next Sunday

Sunday 31st May - BCP service at 9am and a family service at 11am. Jennifer Ames will be leading the sermon time with a Godly Play story for us on the Parable of the Leaven.

St. James Closing Service

St James closing service takes place at 2pm on May 31st at its present location in Southridge Mall.

OOTC dinner program

The wardens, clergy and parishioners at the Ascension would like to thank Matt Walchuk and Stephanie Doveton for leading the parish in another year of providing dinners to those in need on Friday evenings during the winter months. We prepared and served four meals this winter and they were enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone for your support of this outreach into our community.

Matt and Stephanie will not be leading us this coming winter, and we are hoping that a new team will step forward to help with this program. We believe that God has called us to this ministry and that it is an important part of who we are as members of the Church of the Ascension.

If you feel called to help provide any form

of leadership for this dinner program in the winter of 2015/2016, please let Rev. Anne know. We will be holding a meeting for anyone interested in joining the leadership team as soon as we have names of new members.

Grief Discussion

The Bereavement Foundation of Sudbury is holding an evening of discussion around grieving. It will be held at the Margeurite Lougheed Centre on Wednesday 9th June at 7pm. The facilitator will be Mr. Norm Blanchard, Director of Supportive Care at the Maison Vale Hospice.

Community Awareness Network

The New Sudbury Ward 12 Community Awareness Network (CAN) meeting will be held on Wednesday May 27th at Carl Nesbitt School at 6:30pm. Help us make our community beautiful and safe.

Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat comes to Sudbury.

The Jubilation Youth Choir from St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Bloomington will be performing Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat on Friday 12th June at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Copper Cliff. It all begins at 7pm and the cost is a free will offering.

60 Youth will sing the story of Joseph, a hero from the biblical book of Genesis. Joseph, the highly favoured son of patriarch Jacob, receives a beautiful coat from his father. Joseph's brothers are so jealous that they take the opportunity to sell Joseph into slavery in Egypt. However, Joseph manages to rise out of slavery to power. Now his brothers depend on his help for survival. Will Joseph take revenge or enter the path to reconciliation? Find

out on June 7th. This is a one time performance.

ACW Strawberry Tea

Tickets are on sale for the ACW Strawberry Tea on Thursday June 11th at 6:30pm. Your crafts and baking would be greatly appreciated. If you can help on the evening of the tea in any way, please speak to Cathy Dionne or members of the ACW. Don't forget the ACW's loonie and twoonie Thank offering jar which is located outside the church office. This year's thank offering will be taken to Thunder Bay to the ACW Annual meeting and given to the Mission to Seafarers.

Summer Will Soon be Here

Please keep the week of August 10 - 14 free as we will be celebrating our 15th VBS at the Ascension. This year the theme is "Everest" and we invite all children ages 3-12 to join us for a week of awesome bible stories and adventures, learning, growing in faith, games, crafts, and songs and snacks. Pre registration will take place on Sunday May 31st at the Sunday school BBQ and games day, and at the June Messy Church on June 3rd from 4:30pm - 6:30pm. We want to order the tshirts for VBS so hope you'll pre register your children and grandchildren so we know what

sizes to buy. The cost of the tshirts are \$6 each.

Forgot your envelope? Want to know more about the parish? Want a visit from the rector? Kath Greenidge has designed some great Ascension envelopes so that we can stay in touch with you, and you with us. You'll find them in the pocket where the service and hymn books are located, right in front of you.

Morning and Evening Prayer at the Ascension

Brent Leigh will be leading occasional services of Morning and Evening prayer. Please check the bulletin and monthly calendar for details.

Quiet morning in June

You are invited to join us for a Quiet morning on Wednesday June 10th from 9am - 1pm. Mrs Eva Black, who lives in North Bay and who offers spiritual direction in the Ascension Chapel will facilitate this morning. The theme will be "Life in the Spirit" based on Romans 8. The cost of the morning will be \$20, including lunch. If you would like to register, please let Rev. Anne know.

Upcoming Dates for Spring/Summer 2015

Children's service on May 31st at 11am.

BCP Eucharist on May 31st at 9am.

Quiet Day on Wednesday June 10th 9am - noon: Eva Black facilitating.

ACW Strawberry Tea Thursday June 11th from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

Joseph and Technicolour Dreamcoat at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Copper Cliff: June 12th at 7pm. Performed by the Jubilation Youth Choir from St. Stephen's Lutheran Church Minnesota. Freewill offering.

Barrydowne College Graduation ceremony on Wednesday June 17th at 5pm.

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

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

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