

Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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ELEVATE

Love in Motion

Deanery News and Announcements

TOMORROW NIGHT: SPRING TEA: St. Alban's in Capreol is hosting their annual Spring Tea the evening of Thursday May 14th from 6:30 – 8:00pm.

ELEVATE SUDBURY: In 2005 a number of churches in Greater Sudbury launched an event called 'Celebrate Jesus', an outdoor worship service with the intent of bringing together various churches for an evening worship service at Bell Park.

In 2014, a number of Christian and community leaders came together to imagine a weekend of unity and mission, combining acts of service in the community, with a worship service.

On the weekend of June 7-8, 40 churches working alongside community action networks and other volunteer groups embarked on community service projects across Greater Sudbury. Hundreds of volunteers came together to accomplish various projects adding value neighbourhoods across the city.

The weekend culminated with a Sunday evening celebration service where stories of what was accomplished and the relationships cultivated were celebrated together.

Elevate 2015 will take place over the weekend of May 23-24. Several churches and volunteer groups will unite across Greater Sudbury to perform acts of love and service in various neighbourhoods throughout the city.

The Epiphany, Ascension, and Christ Church in Lively are all involved in projects in their area (that I know of, there may be more).

The Epiphany is partnering with the Louis Street Community Association to host a yard sale, Christ Church is holding a Children's clothing swap (see attached poster), Ascension is working with the Twin Forks Park Community Garden.

Check out <http://www.elevatesudbury.com/> for more information.

ACW DIOCESAN ANNUAL MEETING: For all Ladies of the Sudbury-Manitoulin Deanery, The ACW Annual takes place in Thunder Bay from June 1-3. An information sheet and registration forms have been circulated. The Thank Offering collected prior to, and at this year's Annual is being directed to Mission to Seafarers. Attached is a poster you can use to help promote the Seafarer's as an important mission in our Diocese. If anyone wishes to make a cheque out instead of a cash donation, the cheque must be made out to " **Diocese of Algoma ACW**" with a note that it is for the "**Thank Offering**".(Please note no income tax receipt can be given.)

All donations to for the Thank Offering from each congregation must be given or mailed to Beverly van der Jagt by **May 22, 2015**

DEANERY QUIET DAY: Archdeacon Anne is planning a Quiet Day for the Deanery on Wednesday June 10th ~ 9:00am - 1:00pm Church of the Ascension. A poster is attached with more information.

SEMINAR IN THE SOO: Rev. Dr. John Harvey is leading a seminar in Sault Ste. Marie this summer. **Living in the Upside-down Kingdom...where the first are last, riches are impoverished, failure is success, and weakness is power.**

The Rev. Dr. John Harvey will be leading a group through various obstacles of discipleship in Jesus and how such obstacles might be overcome.

- Wednesday, July 22nd and Thursday, July 23rd from 10:00-3:30 daily.
- Zion Lutheran Church, 89 Upton Road (corner of Wellington and Upton Road).
- To register, call Bob Wheelan at 705-736-2828.
- The suggested cost for the seminar is \$20.

In preparation for this seminar, you might read John's book, *Born Again and Beyond*. An easier read is *The End of Religion* by Bruxy Cavey.

Both books are available at amazon.ca.

LOOKING AHEAD....WAY AHEAD: Have you wondered what Messy Church is about? Come experience it at ***MESSY FIESTA*** *a day to experience and learn about Messy Church*. To find out more about Messy Church, visit www.messychurch.ca and look for the video!

Messy Fiesta takes place on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 10 am – 3:00 pm at the Church of the Ascension, 1476 Sparks St. The cost (includes lunch, crafts, handouts and a fun day) is \$25/person. A poster is attached.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA FACEBOOK PAGE: The P.W.R.D.F is accepting donations for Earthquake relief in Nepal. You can find more information [here](#).

READINGS FOR THIS COMING WEEK:

Taken from <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

Ascension of the Lord (May 14, 2015)

- First reading
 - Acts 1:1-11
- Psalm
 - Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
- Second reading
 - Ephesians 1:15-23
- Gospel
 - Luke 24:44-53

Seventh Sunday of Easter (May 17, 2015)

- First reading
 - Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
- Psalm
 - Psalm 1
- Second reading
 - 1 John 5:9-13
- Gospel
 - John 17:6-19