

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

February 14, 2016

In the parish this week

Tonight at 6:30pm - Youth Alpha - join Rev. Jeff and youth leaders Erma, Cora and Megan for conversations about faith. Dinner will be served. The evening ends at 8:30pm.

Tuesday 16th February: Clericus in Lively.

Wednesday 17th February: 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Bible Study
11:30am : Aboriginal Women's Working Group at the N'Swakamok Centre invites you to join them to attend teachings on the 8 pointed Star Teaching and History of the Drum. Lunch is served and the afternoon will continue until 4pm. For more information speak to Cathy Jewell.
7pm: Holy Eucharist and Lenten reflection.

Friday 19th February 10am - VBS Planning meeting with Bev Vanderjagt.

Pancake Supper

Thank you for supporting the pancake supper on Tuesday evening. Your help with setting up, making the pancakes, serving, and cleanup was greatly appreciated. We served over 90 people and the freewill offering raised \$500 after expenses for the Samaritan Centre. Don't forget that Paul Murdock is walking for the Samaritan Centre on the Coldest Night of the Year Walk on February 20th and is looking for supporters.

Parish Retreat

The first Ascension parish retreat was held at Villa Loyola this weekend. It was a time of refreshment and fellowship; of reflection and relaxation. Over the course of the 24 hours 18 members of the parish joined in the retreat. Thank you to the lay leaders for leading Evening, Morning and Noon day prayer, and to EK for providing the music.

We hope you'll think about joining us next year!

Barrydowne College Invited Us for Lunch

On Thursday 20 + members of the Ecumenical community in New Sudbury joined the Barrydowne College staff and students for a 'thank you' lunch. It was great to visit the school and meet the staff who take such excellent care of the students every day. Once again the teachers thanked us for making a difference to their lives by providing them with non perishable food items. There is always a need for peanut butter, sidekicks, spaghetti sauce and pasta.

Lent 2016

You'll notice that we have a new Gathering Rite for Lent. Please leave the sheets in the pews so that we can use them each week. There is a Lenten Handout - 40

things to give up for Lent. Keep it handy and let it speak to your life.

Youth Ministry Update and Confirmation Class

Rev. Jeff, Cora, Erma and Megan will continue with Youth Alpha on Sunday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm for the next six weeks. If any youth are interested in confirmation this year, Youth Alpha is a great way to begin a deeper journey of faith. Formal confirmation classes will begin on May 1st after church. If you have a youth 11 and up in your home interested in confirmation, please speak to Rev. Anne.

Rev. Jeff Hooper

Rev. Jeff Hooper will be installed as the Honourary Assistant at the Ascension on Sunday February 28th. We welcome Rev. Jeff in this capacity and assure him and his family - wife Michelle Taylor and children

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

Kaitlyn, Ellen and Joanna of our prayers and support.

Meetings, Meetings, Meetings

- ◆ Outreach Committee meets on Wednesday 17th February at 11:30am.
- ◆ VBS Planning meeting on Friday 19th February at 10am.
- ◆ Property Committee meets on Tuesday 23rd February at 7:30pm
- ◆ Worship Committee meets on Thursday 25th February at 7:30pm

Tables Setup

Jennifer Ames would like to hear from anyone who is able to help setup the tables in the Fellowship Hall before church on the

Thought for the Week

Contentment is the understanding that if I am not satisfied with what I have, I will never be satisfied with what I think I want.

first Sunday of the month when there is coffee hour. In the past Harley has been doing this job but would like others to give a hand. Please speak to Jen if you can help.

Vacation Bible School

Looking ahead to the summer and Vacation Bible School - "Cave Quest" - SAVE THE DATE

The dates have been set for "Cave Quest" our Summer vacation Bible School. The week will be August 8th - 12th 2016.

A planning meeting will be held with Beverly Vanderjagt on Friday 19th February at the Ascension at 10am. All volunteers are invited to attend.

Bev has set up a SudburyManitoulin Vacation Bible School page on Facebook and also on Pinterest where you can view the Child and Youth Ministry Deanery Sudbury Manitoulin posts on the Cave Quest Board

There will be a **fundraiser for VBS** held at Boston Pizza on Monday, April 11th from 5 to 8 p.m. If we can get 100 people to attend and to say that they are there as part of our fundraising event we will get 10% of their food and non alcoholic order. It is hoped that this will help pay for the resource material.

ELEVATE 2016

You're invited to lunch at KFM Radio on Lasalle Blvd. on Tuesday February 23rd to

listen to Lee Beach, author of, "The Church in Exile: Living in Hope after Christendom". At this lunch information will be released about ELEVATE 2016 and each church will receive a media kit and material to help with publicity of this event. A free will offering will be taken to cover lunch costs.

Your weekly offering

Gladys Abigail has the 2015 Tax Receipts ready to be handed out. Thank you for your generosity to the Ascension last year in your weekly/monthly/ occasional offering. We give because God first gave to us. Your offering makes full time ministry pos-

Hope

We who follow Jesus Christ are called above all to be purveyors of hope. Into a world which is so often cynical and despairing, bring a word of hope. Always be ready, says St. Peter, to speak of the hope that is in you. Perhaps today you could think of one person to whom you can bring a word of hope.

-Br. Geoffrey Tristram
Society of Saint John the Evangelist

Refugee Fund

We are so grateful for your support of the Refugee family we will be bringing to Sudbury. Thank you for the donations of money and your promise of assistance when they arrive. Please note that the ARK (Refugee group) finances are kept in a separate bank account to the church funds. If you are making a donation to ARK please write a dedicated cheque to "Church of the Ascension refugee fund". We cannot separate funds on one cheque.

Coldest Night of the Year Walk

February 20th - The Coldest Night of the Year Walk. Once again Paul Murdock will be participating in this walk in downtown Sudbury. If you wish to support the Samaritan Centre through your financial gift, please speak to Paul. The proceeds, after expenses, from the Pancake Supper on February 9th will go to the Samaritan centre.

sible. If you wish to sign on for, or alter your Electronic Offering through the Diocese, please take a copy of the form at the back of the church. Gladys Abigail has served as the Envelope Secretary for 35 years and is now giving up this role as we are going to electronic receipting. Thank you Gladys for your faithfulness in this regard for so many years.

Your 2016 Offering

If you usually give your offering by monthly cheques, this is a gentle reminder that they are now due in the office. If you wish to receive weekly envelopes for your donations, please speak to Gladys Abigail. There are a number of people who now make their offering through the electronic program set up through the Diocese of Algoma. If you wish to make your donation this way, please speak to Rev. Anne and she will give you the necessary forms. Thank you for your generosity in 2015. We had a number of new donors and every gift is appreciated. It is what makes ministry possible at the Ascension and God loves

cheerful givers.

Happy New Year from Zawadi la Tumaini Children's Home!

February 20th 2016

The 4th Annual A Night In Africa Gala is the largest fundraiser of the year for Zawadi la Tumaini – Gift of Hope Children's Home, and will feature the flavors, rhythms and culture of Africa. By purchasing a ticket for February 20th's dinner you are helping to raise funds to cover operating expenses throughout 2016 as well as ensuring the children of Zawadi la Tumaini continue to have a home, and a family, to call their own.

Your support is a gift of hope. A gift that means a child who has only known fear,

abandonment, severe abuse, hunger and hardship in their young life, can now believe in the possibility of a bright future – one that includes proper nutrition, an education, healthcare and unconditional love. This gala event includes live African entertainment. This year we will be joined by Caramel Latte Dance Crew from Ottawa, ON. To enjoy a sneak peak of their incredible routines you can visit, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBcs8bRdHvU&list=PLMOIQUckbWWvBIGJBiXVh3rv3bL3DQ_kv. In addition to live entertainment A Night In Africa will feature a silent auction with authentic African items, a message from the founder of Zawadi la Tumaini, and a menu inspired by food from across the African continent.

Recipe For Bird Feeder Feed

Outgoing People's warden, Anne Trimmer, shared this great 'make it at home' recipe for bird feeders.

2 cups rolled oats	2 cups corn meal
1 cup flour	1/2 cup sugar
1 cup lard (they love bacon fat)	1 cup crunchy peanut butter.

Melt lard and peanut butter. Mix in other ingredients. Put into tinfoil lasagna pan and freeze. Cut into blocks and tie with rope on branch.

ARK~ Church of the Ascension Refugee Steering Committee Invites You to a: Pot Luck ~ Volunteer Fair

Please join us to learn about direct and indirect ways that you can VOLUNTEER to assist with our sponsored family.

Presentation and information provided.

RSVP by email to:

Darlene.lennox@sympatico.ca Or by telephone to: 705-524-2970

Thursday February 25th at 5:30 p.m.

Church of the Ascension Fellowship Room



After You

I was at the drug store to pick up my prescription. The line wasn't clearly formed, and there was an old man with a cane nearby me. It was unclear as to who was next.

When we got to the front of the line, the man gestured to me and said, "After you."

I smiled at him and said, "No, please, after you. I have all day."

Then he said, "No. You go ahead. My doctor says I have at least six months."

It's All in Your Perspective

Being rather bald, I comfort myself on a visit to the hairdresser with the opening gambit. "Grass doesn't grow on a busy street."

However, I was not prepared for the joke of one barber: "We always say there's no sense in putting a roof on an empty barn."

Sunday Lectionary for February — April

21 Feb 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17 Philippians 3:17-4:1-18

Psalm 27

Luke 13:31-35

or
Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

28 Feb 3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9

1 Corinthians
10:1-13

Psalm 63:1-8

Luke 13:1-9

6 Mar 4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

2 Corinthians
5:16-21

Psalm 32

Luke 15:1-3,
11b-32

13 Mar. 5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:4b-14

Psalm 126

John 12:1-8

20 Mar Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:28-40

20 Mar Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Psalm 31:9-16

Luke 22:14-23:56

or
Luke 23:1-49

27 Mar Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

or

Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm 118

1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians

15:19-26

or

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

or

Luke 24:1-12

3 Apr 1st Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 118:14-29

or

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

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!

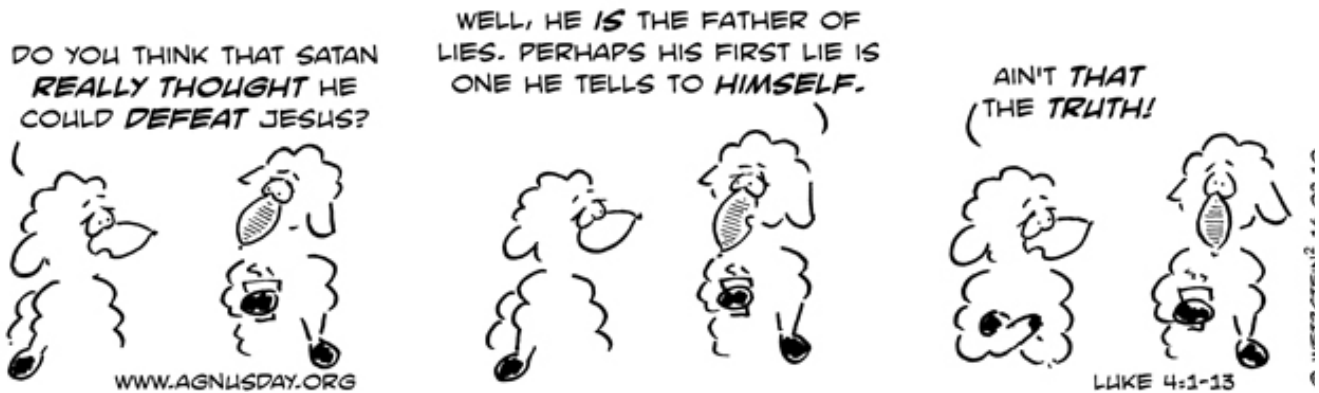
We have a team of parishioners who are licensed by the Bishop to bring the Reserved Sacrament to individuals or couples who are unable to make it to church on Sunday mornings.

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 parishioner's 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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