

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

St. Bede's Church is hosting a Saturday Breakfast Club for fathers and children. Grandfathers and children are welcome too. Participants cook the meal together and then sit down at large tables and enjoy! A story is shared and discussed during breakfast. The event is offered free of charge.

DAIRY WORKER DINNERS

Parishioners at St. Eddy's provide a weekly dinner for dairy workers during the two months around calving. The free hearty meals provide these farmers with welcome respite from the unrelenting demands of the season and a chance to get to know one another (supportive friendships). A grant from a non-profit agricultural association covers the expenses.

HOT POTATO EVENINGS

A monthly community gathering is hosted by the congregation of St. Aidan serving baked potatoes and a variety of delicious toppings. At each session a relevant 'hot potato' topic is introduced using a paper hand-out including a few scripture references. Participants are invited to share in a friendly debate. Topics could include immigration, suffering, climate change, human trafficking, etc. Admission is free as supplies were donated.

KEEPING THEM WARM

A parishioner at St. Julian's Church is donating several cords of dry firewood that he harvested off his private woodlot. A notice in the neighbourhood Facebook group advertises this free fuel source, inviting those interested to contact the church office. A group of parishioners offer to cut, split and transport the firewood.

SWEET GOODNESS

A number of gifted gourmet cooks from the Church of Saint Ninian are making batches of delicious homemade fudge to sell at the bi-weekly farmer's market. They set up a large sandwich board that says, "Fudge for sale. All proceeds are for Saint Ninian's Anglican Church."

GOOD COMPANIONS SUNDAY CLUB

An opportunity for people who are lonely or on their own to gather for caring companionship one Sunday afternoon each month for a couple of hours in St. Hildegard's Church lounge. The afternoon comprises of tea, cakes, entertainment and ends with songs of praise. There is no charge and everyone is welcomed. A donation basket is placed at the door.

BEZALEL ARTS & CRAFTS

Bezalel was chosen by the Lord (Exodus 31:1-3) and filled by the Holy Spirit with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts. The congregation of Holy Family Church holds a monthly 'Bezalel Craft Group' which gives members and their friends space and time to get together and work on individual or group art projects. Offered a no charge to participants.

CHRISTMAS COFFEEHOUSE

The youth group at Saint Crispin's Parish organize a festive evening of homemade sweets, hot chocolate and holiday entertainment. They perform songs, share poetry, tell jokes and act out short skits. Guests from the community are invited. Cost is a freewill donation. Proceeds are for the PWRDF food distribution program in South Sudan. The event is held at the community Fire Hall.

ODD JOB SQUAD

A number of retired tradespeople from Pleasant Town gather on Thursdays to share breakfast at the local McDonald's restaurant. The group, sponsored by Edward the Confessor Church, is led by four men, who take turns offering a simple devotional and prayer time. After an hour, the team takes part in a community project. Some of their odd jobs include planting flowers at the post office, painting the bleachers at the soccer field and doing minor repairs at the homes of elderly residents. Eight guys who are not active in a church have joined the group over the past year.

WALK THE TALK

Sally is 30 years old and recently baptized at Anselm of Canterbury Church. She is a stay-at-home mom with an active two-year-old. She has started a 'walking & talking' group with other parents on her street. They gather at the super-mailbox, walk for 20 minutes and then gather in Sally's living room to watch a Nooma (Christian, Rob Bell) video. Over coffee and cookies, the group discusses the theme. At the end of the session they pray for one another.