

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Greetings from your friends at St. Andrew's, Alma and Knox, Elora

Over these last few weeks, Christians have had to find new ways of being the church during a pandemic. The Sessions of Knox and St. Andrew's are carefully considering ways we can continue to be a witness to our communities without meeting for worship. In response, we are trying something old and something new.

The new:

Weekly sermons and children's stories are now available on line at www.knoxelora.ca and on the Knox Elora Facebook page. They will be posted on Saturdays.

The old:

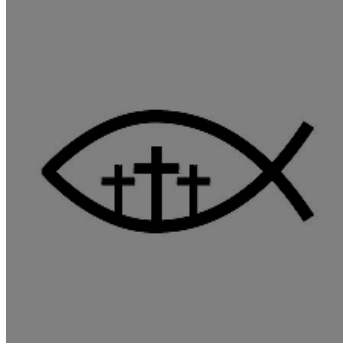
Starting this week, we will periodically produce a newsletter. We are encouraging people to send cards and call friends and neighbours to stay in touch and to let us know if there is anyone in need of assistance.

Please let us know if you find these initiatives helpful, or if you have suggestions of other things we could be doing.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours in Christ

Susan V. Clarke



Isaiah 7:4a

Say to him, 'Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid.

Greetings;

Even though all regular church activities have been suspended, there are still a few things happening in our community which I would like to draw to your attention.

While the Community Dinners and the Wednesday Ladies Luncheon at St. James Anglican Church, Fergus have been canceled, a courageous group is gathering to prepare take out meals at St. James Anglican Church on Wednesdays. Bungalow 55 is also preparing take out lunches on Monday from the Crepiere Cafe. Friday the Centre Wellington Food Bank is preparing take out meals, Call them for pick up locations 226 821 4461. If you would like more information on volunteering or to make a donation, please contact Corey at Central Pentecostal 931-937-7167 or email cwmealstogo@gmail.com.

For those who haven't heard, Friday March 20th was Vanessa's last day as bookkeeper administrator at Knox. She starts a full time position on the 23rd. Ian presented her with a beautiful plant on behalf of the congregation. We wish her all the best at her new job.

The Canadian Bible Society has canceled its April Dinner to have been held at the Alma Bible Church. They ask that you consider making a donation on line to assist them with operations. <https://biblesociety.ca/appeals>

A reminder, that both St. Andrew's (8 Peel Street, Alma) and Knox (51 Church St. E, Elora), are able to accept donations by cheque or Knox also accepts e transfers or you can donate through their website www.knoxelora.ca. Like you, many of our expenses like hydro continue during the pandemic.

And finally, A joke

Three Pastors were having lunch (no doubt sitting 6 feet apart). One said "Ya know, since summer started I've been having trouble with bats in my loft and attic at church. I've tried everything, noise, spray, cats, nothing seems to scare them away.

Another said "Me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry and in the narthex attic. I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away."

The third said, "I baptized all mine, and made them members of the church... Haven't seen one back since!!!"