



John 16:33

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

April 28, 2020

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

I trust that you are all keeping well and have found plenty of things to do during this time of Social Isolation. Even though we cannot meet together, the elders of both congregations are endeavouring to keep in touch with everyone. Should you need assistance or just want to chat, please email at revsvclarke@yahoo.ca or call me 226 369 0131.

Services

Weekly sermons and children's stories continue to be available online at www.knoxelora.ca (link to Facebook page) and on the Knox Elora Facebook page. Loretta posts them on Saturdays. Special thanks to John, Malcolm, Jim, Christine, Jane and Erik for assisting with music and to Loretta and Malcolm for their assistance with the production of each week's service. In the weeks to come we will be taping from the St. Andrew's and Bon Accord Cairns.

Butter Tart Festival

The Tarts Galore Butter Tart Festival scheduled for the Saturday before Mother's Day has been postponed until May 8, 2021.

Naomi Bristow tickets

If you purchased tickets for the Naomi Bristow concert, please let the Knox-Elora church office know so they can issue you a refund. We would appreciate it if you can wait until we are out of isolation. Jean is only in the office briefly on Tuesdays and Fridays. Thank you for your patience.

Ring the Bells

Loretta and Jim have continued to call God's people to worship by the bells at Knox and St. Andrew's on Sunday mornings. Our neighbours have expressed their appreciation hearing their (the bells) familiar sound. Knox is joining with our neighbours on Tuesdays to show our appreciation of our front line workers.

The Happiness File

Happy 50th Anniversary to Marilynne and Brian Adams on May 4. Congratulations!
Happy Birthday to Lenora who will celebrate the big 85 this month

KnECT News

We are thankful for the continuing witness of KnECT to the Centre Wellington Community. At their last meeting (by messenger), they approved donations to PAN, the Centre Wellington Foodbank and "Lunches with Love" (Community lunch program run out of the Elora Cafe. Check out Facebook for their Thank you post) Great Job KnECT!

KnECT's annual Glen Jackson Memorial Golf Tournament has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 8, 2021. The Spring Road Cleanup will be next year. KnECT looks after cleaning the roadside on Highway 7 from McNab to the Second Line.

Knox Box

Our Knox Box has seen a dramatic increase in use. Our supply of books is getting down. We are in particular need of children's books. If you have books or grab and go food to donate for the box please call me to make arrangements for drop off or pick up.

CMHA

CMHA WW has been sharing mental wellness tips daily on facebook. They also have a new site called Resiliency during COVID19: Here4You. <https://www.here4help.ca>

Givings

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 and online donations through our website at www.knoxelora.ca. Like you, many of our expenses like hydro continue during the pandemic.

Our Daily Bread

The June/July/August edition of Our Daily Bread is now available. There are copies in the Knox Box. If you are not able to access a copy there, please contact me and I will see that you get one.

When this is over

When this is over, may we never take for granted, a handshake with a stranger,
Full shelves at the store, Conversations with neighbours
A crowded theater, a Friday night out.
The taste of communion, a routine checkup, A school rush each morning,
Coffee with a friend.
A stadium roaring, each deep breath. A boring Tuesdays. Life itself.

When this ends, May we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be.

And may we stay that way better for each other because of the worst.

Laura Kelly Fanucci

And finally, the funny

The Coronavirus has turned us all into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We're told "no" if we get too close to strangers and we get really excited about car rides.

My dad's cousins, Cheryl and Donna are missionaries through the Missionary Church in Nigeria. They run a home for widows. As part of their compound, they also operate a school. I have included their last newsletter, so that you can get a first hand view of life during the Pandemic in Nigeria.

If you have anything you would like to include in an upcoming newsletter, please contact me through by phone or email as previously shared. Susan