



Psalm 107: 29-30

*He stilled the storm to a whisper, the waves of the sea[b] were hushed.
They were glad when it grew calm and he guided them to their desired haven.*

May 28, 2020

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

The summer weather is finally here. I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy it.

There has been much talk in the media about when churches will resume public worship. The sessions of St. Andrew's and Knox are carefully monitoring information as it becomes available. The health and safety of our members is our primary concern.\

Even though we cannot meet together, the elders of both congregations are endeavoring to keep in touch with everyone. Should you need assistance or just want to chat, please email me 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.

I had a wonderful response to my request for volunteers to read the scripture lessons on Mother's Day (Christian Family Sunday). So much so that we are continuing to include this in the service. If you would be interested, please contact me. The readings are taped at a location of your convenience and I observe social distancing practices.

With the purchase of a new software program, Loretta is able to add music to the service. With the ability to include more hymns in the service, we have needed to call on John's services. By applying to the government's wage subsidy program, we are pleased to announce that we have been able to hire him back.

We are grateful to many talented people in our congregations who have shared the gift of music. Special thanks to John, Malcolm, Jim Y, Christine, Jane, Jim M., Brenda, Carol, Dave, Erik and Alma Men's Chorus for assisting with music and to Loretta and Malcolm for their assistance with the production of each week's service.

Robert Gilbert

It is with sadness that we received word of the passing of Robert Gilbert, elder and former Clerk of Session of Knox. A celebration of his life will be held on April 6, 2021 which would have been Robert's 92 birthday. Please remember Lorraine and family in your prayers. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to

Lorraine Gilbert The Village of Erin Meadows
Suite 21121, 11th Floor, 2930 Erin Centre Boulevard, Mississauga, ON L5M 7M4

The Happiness File

Happy 65th Anniversary to Lloyd and Betty Scott on May 21th. Congratulations!

Hootenanny

No decision has been made in regard to the Hootenanny on the Manse Lawn. It is scheduled for August 2, 2020. The decision will be made in July

Flowers

Every summer a dedicated group of volunteers at each congregation, looks after our beautiful flowerbeds. Throughout the Covid 19 outbreak, we are trying to maintain these gardens while practicing social distancing. The volunteers at St. Andrew's will continue to look after the Reflective Garden. At Knox, the number of people able to look after the flowerbeds has been restricted. So if you see a weed or two on your way by, please pull them. Thanks to everyone who is helping to keep our grounds beautiful. Special thanks to Brent(St. Andrew's) and Malcolm(Knox) for cutting the grass.

Knox Box

We have added children's activities packs that are linked to our on line children's stories to the Knox Box. We still need books to replenish our supply. 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 via email and online donations through our website at www.knoxelora.ca.

Our Daily Bread

Copies of the June/July/August edition of Our Daily Bread are 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.

Prayer for a Pandemic (Author Unknown)

May we who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors, remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home, remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our own children when their schools close, remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips, remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market, remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home, remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen

And finally, the funny

A Sunday school teacher asked her children on the way to service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

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