



Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before.

Joel 2: 23

September 29, 2021

Autumn Greetings

It is hard to believe that we are entering our second autumn under Covid. Unlike last September some of our long time programs and groups are returning. At Knox, the Thursday evening Pathfinder group has expanded to include a new Ranger group and the Sparks group has been re-established. On Monday evenings, we are pleased to welcome 1st Elora Guides. AA has been meeting since July. We hosted two weddings (September 18 & 25) with another scheduled for October. Apple Pie Day is back, as well as the Glen Jackson Golf Tournament. We hope to see the Service Club, Thursday morning Bible Study and the No Name Band back soon. At St. Andrew's, the very successful Drive Through Ham Supper is back.

There are a few activities which will take a little longer to return; Sunday School Classes, Monday Night Live (soon to be renamed), the community dinners and the Clothing Hamper. We are none the less very thankful that some things have returned to the new normal. Your continued prayers for the ministries of our congregations is much appreciated.

Worship

In-person services resumed the beginning of September. Hallelujah. It is wonderful to see so many of you out each Sunday.

Communion Dates

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on October 3 and December 5. You are reminded to bring your own bread and grape juice (Covid Protocol)

Anniversary

Knox: Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 11:00 am. We will have a special offering in support of Aboriginal Ministries.

St. Andrew's: Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 9:30 am.

The Sessions of both congregations have decided not to have joint services for anniversary Sundays. On Oct. 17 and Nov. 7, there will be a service of worship at the opposite church.

Memory Stick ministry

If you are interested in participating in this program or would like information on how the program works, please contact the Knox office at 519 846 0680 or 226-369-0131 (the Manse). This program is available to members in both congregations.

St. Andrew's Fall Drive Through Ham Supper

Tickets are now available for the Drive Through Ham Supper on Saturday, October 16. We have three time slots 5:00pm – 5:30pm, 5:30pm – 6:00pm and 6:00pm – 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15 and are available by leaving a message on the Knox office answering machine, by emailing revsvclarke@yahoo.ca or by contacting Beth or Nick.

KnECT News

The **Glen Jackson Golf Tournament** has been rescheduled for October 16th. The Beaverdale Golf Course experienced extensive flooding the last week of September forcing the change of date.

Apple Pie Day is back. Mark your calendars for November 13th. You can place your order for pies or crisps by leaving a message at the Knox Office or through KnECT's Facebook page. If you would like to help assemble pies, make a donation of supplies or towards supplies, please contact Jim or Jen M or through the above contacts.

The deadline for the 42nd (yes 42nd) **Coat Drive** is November 13th. We are looking for gently used coats, mitts, hats and boots. Please call the Knox office to arrange a drop off or pick up. Winter will be here before we know it. We all know how brutal it can be. Imagine how tough it will be without a decent coat.

Presbytery Pandemic Fund

St. Andrew's: St. Andrew's has received the full \$10,000 in grant money to purchase a new church sign. This will replace the static sign that is in front of the church now. Over the summer, Jo-Anne has been compiling quotes and a decision should be made shortly. Construction to begin in late fall.

Knox: We still have \$5,000 in grant money left to use on projects. The first \$5,000 was used to upgrade recording equipment and the Memory Stick Ministry. If you have suggestions of how we could use the remaining money, please let your elder know or call the office.

Prayer Chain

A quick reminder that our prayer list is first names only. If you have a prayer request, please let me know. (At your request, the person's name will appear on this list.)

Brian	Bob	Richard	Don	Laura
Stephen	Donna	KnECT	Farmers	Jeff
Carolyn	Lynn	Richard	The Alma Optimists	Cathy
Ann	Elora United	CW Food Bank	Alma United	Robert
Lois	Front line workers	School Children	Anthony	Mark
Teachers	CW Meals to Go	St. James Anglican	Alma B Chapel	

Session Meetings

The next Session meeting for St. Andrew's is October 13th at 5:00 pm and Knox is October 6 at 7:00 pm. If you have an item that you would like added to the agenda of either Sessions please contact their respective Clerk of Session, Shelley Maitland (Knox) or Jo-Anne Hall (St. Andrew's).

Knox Door Keys

We have several new groups using the Church Hall this fall, all of whom need side door keys. Our supply of keys is at a premium and we are not sure where some of our keys are. In an effort to update our records, if you have a side door key, please let the office know the number on your key. We are not asking for the key back. We are just trying to establish where our keys are before we consider making more.

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. Knox also accepts e-transfers via email and online donations through our website at www.knoxelora.ca (via CanadaHelps).

And finally, the funny

At the end of Sunday School little Joey asked his teacher a question: "There's something I can't figure out."

"What's that?" asked his teacher.

"Well, according to the Bible, the Children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, right?"

"Right."

"And the Children of Israel beat up the Philistines, right?" "Right."

"And the Children of Israel built the Temple, right?" "Again you're right."

"And the Children of Israel fought the Egyptians, and the Children of Israel fought the Romans, and the Children of Israel were always doing something important, right?"

"All that is right, too," agreed his teacher. "So what's your question?"

"What were all the grown-ups doing?"

If you have anything you would like to include in an upcoming newsletter, please contact me at revsvclarke@yahoo.ca or minister@wightman.ca or call 226 369 0131. Our next newsletter will be November 1, 2021

Susan

Fall Craft **Cupcake Liner Owl**

Grab some extra cupcake liners from your kitchen pantry and turn them into a pair of cute owls.

1. Start by flattening out the cupcake liners to get circles. Be careful not to tear them.
2. Fold the liners inward from both sides, leaving a narrow gap in the center. The gap should be narrower at the top and wider at the bottom.
3. Make a small fold from the top facing downward. Bring out your chalk markers and go nuts decorating the owls' wings and tail.
4. Cut out small triangles from the orange and yellow craft paper for beaks. Then cut out a branch from the brown paper so our owls have a place to sit on.
5. Time to put everything together! Attach the googly eyes and beaks on the owl's head. Assemble the branch and leaf embellishments on a blue background and finally fix our owls on the branch. All set!



My Thanksgiving List

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4 (NIV)



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FOOD	FRIENDS	FAMILY	FLOWERS	HAPPINESS
SUNSHINE	PRAYER	HOUSE	SCHOOLS	BIBLE
COUNTRY	CLOTHES	RAIN	HEALTH	LOVE
CHURCH	PEACE	FREEDOM	TEACHERS	PETS
MUSIC	PARENTS	SALVATION	TREES	JESUS