

Epiphany 2024



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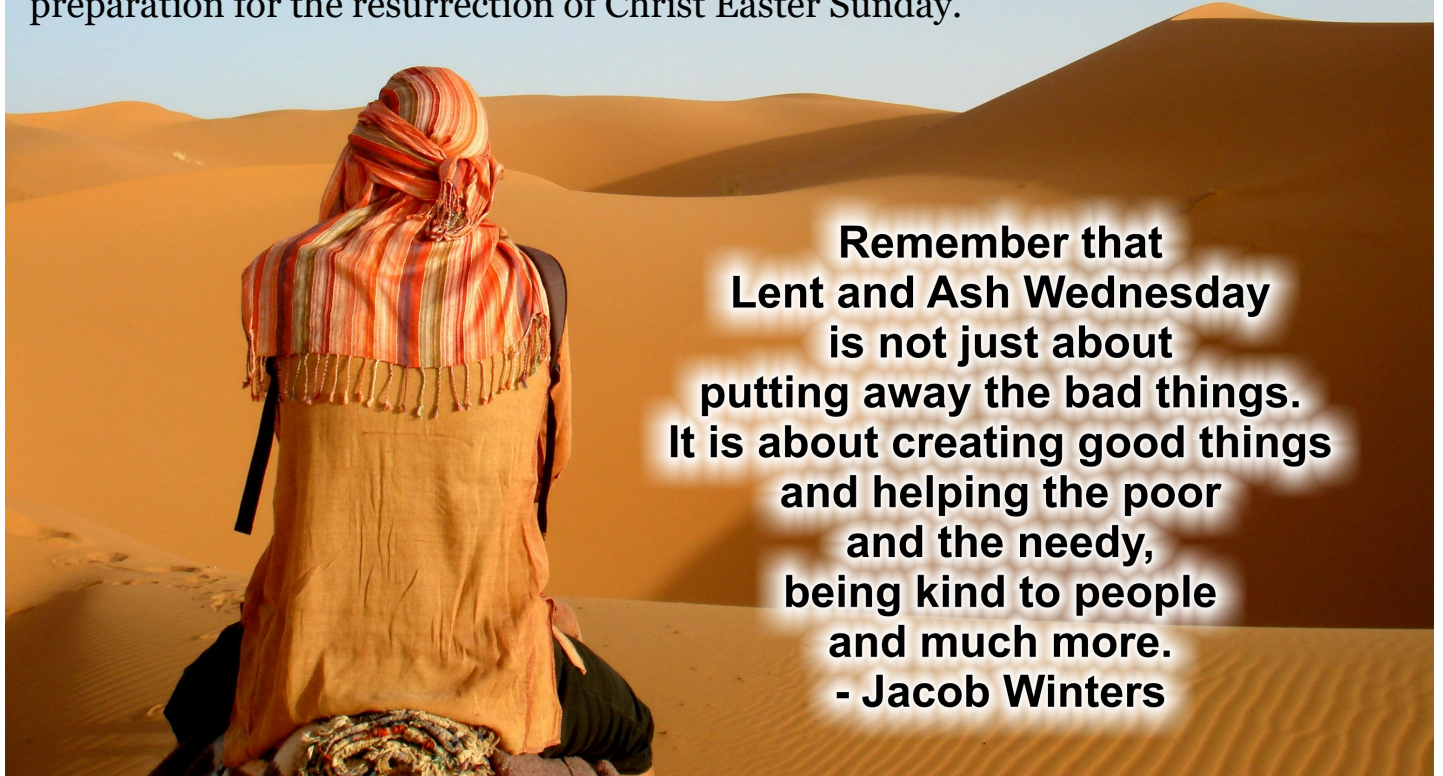
Knox-Elora & St Andrew's Alma



Lent 2024 begins Ash Wednesday, February 14

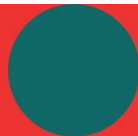
Good Friday March 29 ~ Holy Saturday March 30 ~ Easter Day March 30

Lent is an annual Christian period that starts on Ash Wednesday lasting for 40 days (not Including Sundays) representing the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. This 40 day period for Christians is a time to reflect, fast, and give penance in preparation for the resurrection of Christ Easter Sunday.



**Remember that  
Lent and Ash Wednesday  
is not just about  
putting away the bad things.  
It is about creating good things  
and helping the poor  
and the needy,  
being kind to people  
and much more.  
- Jacob Winters**

## Knox Futures Group



Knox Futures held a very successful Euchre Afternoon on Jan 27 filling 11 tables for fun and fellowship.

Their popular chicken and beef meat pies are returning this month.





## Holy Week

### Good Friday Services

Knox and St. Andrew's will join with our brothers and sisters from Hope Springs United Church for Good Friday Observances.

The Elora service will be at Knox at 11:00 am on March 29th. The Alma service will be at St. Andrew's at 7:00 pm

**FEB 4 SUN** Food Bank Sunday—"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."

1 pm - Property Committee meets in the Fellowship Hall—Contact L Fox **FEB 6 TUE**

**FEB 13 TUE** St. Andrew's Annual Pancake Supper from 5-7. Cost: by donation.

5-7 PM Knox Service Club and Brighton Chapter of Eastern Star Spaghetti Supper **FEB 24 Sat**

**FEB 25 SUN** Both congregations are holding their Annual meetings following their services of worship

KnECT Committee @ 7:30 pm **FEB 28 Wed**

**MAR 5 & 19 TUE** Lenten Lunches Details elsewhere in newsletter

Good Friday Services Knox at 11:00 AM Alma at 7:00 PM **MAR 29 Fri**

**MAR 9 SAT** Euchre Party

Alma Easter Sunrise Service 7:00AM **MAR 31 SUN**

**MAY 11 Sat** Glen Jackson Memorial Golf Tournament

**FEB 10 SAT** "Back to the Future" Presbytery Event

"Back to the Future" a Presbytery Event on Saturday February 10th 2024 10am to 1pm, at Gale Presbyterian Church in Elmira

A critical conversation for ministers and elders. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings about what is going in your church, our Presbytery and the Church in Canada.

The event will include lunch, coffee, tea and a morning snack. \$15 per person will cover the cost of food.

RSVP by Feb 3rd: Scott, Pres. Clerk [presbyteryww@gmail.com](mailto:presbyteryww@gmail.com)

Questions: Jeffrey, General Presbyter [wwpresbyter@gmail.com](mailto:wwpresbyter@gmail.com)

**They're Back**

The Futures Group's now legendary Meat Pies are back in February. Avoid disappointment and call the Knox Office (519 845 0680) to place your order.





So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.— Galatians 6:10

## Volunteers Needed

**NOW!**

Knox is looking for volunteers to act as greeters (before the service) and elevator attendants (before and after the service) No experience required. Please speak to Shelley, Rev. Clarke or John H.

Looking for volunteers to lead the Responsive Psalm at both worship services. Please speak to Rev Clarke anytime.

## Communicants Classes

Any young people (over the age of 12) who would like to become a member of Knox or St. Andrew's, Rev. Clarke will be running a four week communicant's Class.

Date and time to be determine by participant interest.



The Brighton Chapter #201 Order of the Eastern Star and the Knox Service Club are holding a Spaghetti Supper on February 24 from 5-7.

Tickets are:

- Adults: \$15
- Children 5-12: \$8
- Children 4 and under: Free.

Tickets are available at:

- Knox church office 519 846 0680,
- Any member of the Knox Service Club
- Rev. Clarke.

## Welcome to Our Family

On Sunday January 28, both congregations welcomed new members.to their fellowship.



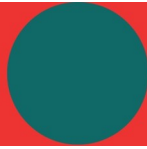
St. Andrew's were blessed to welcome Deanne, Marie and Bob.



Knox, was blessed to welcome Cindy, Tony, Pat and John.

If you are interested in joining either of our church families please contact our minister, Rev Susan Clarke at 519-846-0680 or [minister@wightman.ca](mailto:minister@wightman.ca)

## Be a Better Person



Don't we all wish that everyone would be a better person? Do we not hope that some bad people would turn their lives around and start doing good? Do we wish our neighbor

would treat us better than before'? Do we hope that the people we meet each day would show us respect and treat us fairly? If we expect others to be nicer and fairer, should we not make the effort as well? The Golden Rule is that we should treat others the way we would want them to treat us.

Be a better person now. Do not wait until next year and make a resolution about it. Do not put it off until next week or even tomorrow. Start right now. Look at the person closest to you and show them love. Pick up the phone and call someone who would appreciate a thoughtful consideration. Help someone who needs it, and even if they do not need help, help them anyway. Perhaps they will return the favor and help someone else. If we would just try, we could turn our society around and make it a pleasant adventure each day to interact with others. Smile. Wish someone a nice day. Be courteous. Encourage others to be good. Tell people about God and His promises. Read 1 John 3:17 and meditate upon it.

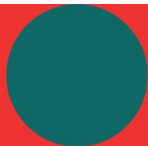
"My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18). Don't just talk the talk, but walk the walk. Show your love to others.

"If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?" (1 John 4:20).

One way to turn your life around is to change your focus. When you focus upon God you become a better person. When you focus upon helping others, you become a better person. Our goal is to get people focused upon God and become people that are better. Our community would be much better if more people were better.

*Carey Scott*

## Would you like to make a donation to Knox-Elora?



Knox-Elora Presbyterian Church is a not-for-profit organization with the Canada Revenue Agency (#118985274RR0001)

You can donate any amount you want to Knox-Elora – securely – through Canada Helps. Donations are tax-deductible. You will receive a tax receipt for donations over \$20.

It's easy!

1. Scan the QR Code - then click on the link that appears
2. Decide on any amount and what Knox "fund" you want to
3. Pay with your Credit Card, Paypal, Google Pay, Gift Card

