

March 17th Readings: Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 119:9–16; Hebrews 5:5–10; John 12:20–33

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March 17th For hundreds of years, roads have been providing important networks of connection and community. Not only in a physical sense, but by creating equal access to vital places like schools, churches and hospitals, and fostering a sense of community. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Life and Mission Agency and the Band Council on Mistawasis Plains Cree Reserve in Northern Saskatchewan are working together to create a road system through the reserve that will connect Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church with the rest of the community. In turn, it will open up the possibilities of new ministry opportunities by bringing together the community and creating a sense of hope and connectedness.

Reflection March 17th God is at work offering forgiveness, showing mercy, and giving knowledge of life, death, and salvation. Where is God enacting that new life within or around you? What in your life must die so that you may flourish? What must fall away so that you can rise again in Christ?

March 24th Readings: Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; Mark 14:1–15:47

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March 24th Following Christ's example to care for the broken-hearted and those crushed in spirit, Anamiewigummig Kenora Fellowship Centre provides care and support for people who have endured intergenerational trauma and profound loss and grief in their lives. The centre promotes healthy grieving practices that include sharing circles and memorial fires, creating a safe space for a time of prayer, sharing sorrow and mourning the loss of loved ones. The community has come to value the importance of the sacred fire teachings and the warmth and comfort it offers, welcoming all to come just as they are.

Reflection March 24th The passion of Christ is a story of terror in which love wins. How might this story re-shape your week, your life, our world? Where will you commit to letting love win? How will this change your life?

Good Friday March 29th Readings: Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16–25; 5:7–9; John 18:1–19:42

Easter Sunday March 31st Readings: Isaiah 25:6–9; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; Acts 10:34–43; John 20:1–18



Knox Book Discussion - We meet on the lower level of the church on Mondays at 12 noon (excluding holidays). The reading is a launching point for our discussions. Our current focus is *Shalom Sistas - Living Wholeheartedly in a Brokenhearted World* by Osheta Moore. All are welcome!



Check out the Bayfield Activities Website Calendar Look no further than the Bayfield Activities Calendar for community event information including our "little church" Knox Presbyterian. People are invited to refer to this website to learn what activities, from Pickleball to Mahjong, are happening and when:

→ <https://www.bayfieldactivities.info/>



St. Andrew's United Church welcomes their new minister Rev Sheila Macgregor!



Follow us on [YouTube!](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/@knoxpresbyterianbayfield8661>



Give it up for the Earth! A Faith-based Climate Justice Campaign. As a member of a faith community, *For the Love of Creation* invites you to **Give it Up**

for the Earth! during Lent. The Lenten campaign invites you to consider three actions:

- Making a pledge to reduce your personal and household greenhouse gas emissions.
- Commit to embracing eco-spirituality
- Add your voice! Send a letter to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Steven Guilbeault, urging him to set more ambitious climate action targets
 - ◆ <https://cpj.ca/minister-quilbeault-will-you-give-it-up-for-the-earth/>

PCC Decisions Regarding LGBTQI2+Inclusion Webinar:

- Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm (EDT)
- The webinar will be recorded
- Register here to attend or receive the recording:
 - ◆ <https://presbyterian.ca/2024/02/15/upcoming-webinar-pcc-decisions-regarding-lgbtqi2-inclusion/>

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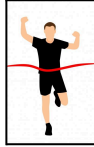
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with a great big heart!*



Announcements March 2024

DATES TO NOTE

10 March	Congregational Pancake lunch. All are welcome!
10 March	Daylight Savings time starts
10 March	Annual Congregational meeting
13 March	Webinar: PCC Decisions LGBTQI2+ Inclusion
24 March	Roy Price musical guest
28 March	Maundy Thursday
29 March	Good Friday 11 AM service
30 March	Holy Saturday
31 March	Easter Sunday



Directory for Knox Presbyterian Bayfield Church

The Directory has crossed the finish line! Thank you for your support these past few months in the building of our Church Directory for 2024. We hope our Directory will encourage relationships, continue to foster our family-like feel, and stay connected no matter what the circumstances.

Your prayer requests can be shared in several ways:

Contact Rev Lisa, or drop a note in the prayer box at the sanctuary entrance or on the offering plate.



Please remember to bring your clean outer milk bags that have been washed and dried, used stamps, empty egg cartons and eyeglasses into church for reuse and upcycling.

Your Generosity Is Changing Lives - The Bayfield Area Food Bank

There are currently 35 households accessing the food bank for a total of 80 people on a monthly basis, with 23 of these people being children and teens. The Bayfield Area Food Bank (BAFB) has been providing snack packs for children in their distribution, consisting of granola bars, crackers, tuna/cracker packages, juice boxes, oatmeal packets, hot chocolate, and fruit.

"We now have run out of these snacks and would really appreciate your support in helping children in our community," said Claire Trepanier, president of the BAFB.

There are also options available to support BAFB with a monetary gift. An e-transfer can be made through BAFB's gmail account listed below, cheques can be mailed to: Bayfield Area Food Bank, 10 Keith Cres., Bayfield, ON, N0M 1G0. or a donation can be received on-line through the www.canadahelps.org website.

- bayfieldareafoodbank@gmail.com
- BAFB, 10 Keith Cres, Bayfield [519-525-8286]
- www.canadahelps.org



Presbyterians Read For Lent! The Presbyterians Read selection this Lent invites Knox Bayfield church to reflect on the work of the 14th Century Christian mystic, Julian of Norwich. Using Lisa E. Dunhill's 40-Day Journey with Julian of Norwich, readers will be guided through different sections such as **'Biblical Wisdom', 'Questions to Ponder', 'Psalm Fragments', 'Journal Reflections'** exercises and prayers to encounter Jesus.

The Rev. Dr. Emily Bisset will facilitate sharing online. At least weekly, during Lent Emily will post on Facebook thoughts, suggestions for further reading and devotion, encouragement and additional questions to consider. Posts may be the catalyst for participants to share ideas, questions and to enter into discussion with people beyond their reading group and across the church. **Join the Presbyterians Read Facebook group:**

→ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2397226327195079>

As part of the Presbyterians Read series, the PCC offers an accompanying journal you can order (free) or download and print for your reflections. **40-Day Journey with Julian of Norwich** is available from major booksellers in print, including the Village Bookstore in Bayfield.

Housing Equity For All

Health, social and economic wellbeing diminish when housing is unstable. There are steps we can take to advocate for cooperative / social housing initiatives. **Please join the discussion held after Service most Sundays at 12:30 PM. What can you do?**

- Advocate that adequate housing is a human right.
- Get involved and support cooperative / social housing initiatives.
- **Speak with Rev Lisa** to join in the letter campaigns to elected officials: presbyterian.ca/resources/advocacy

Open Call for Photos: Planting Seeds of Hope

The National Church is asking for high-resolution photos taken horizontally (not portrait but rather landscape) for use in the 2025 calendar, the newspaper and other resources. The photos should depict how we, in the PCC, see the reign of God growing in the world as seeds of hope and potential. The photo submission form can be found here:

→ <https://form.jotform.com/220324249628960>



Did you know... The bible is available online:

→ www.biblegateway.com

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March 3rd As part of a Caring Community Initiative, the Presbyterian Music Camp piloted a Mental Health Workshop program during the summer of 2023. The program included mental health support and workshops run by a qualified health professional on the topics of anxiety, depression, ADHD, self-harm, suicide and other mental health topics. The opportunity for attendees to express themselves in a caring and safe environment with professional leadership took safety to the next level for the camp, and provided an opportunity for individuals to explore some of their struggles with support. The program continues to grow by providing Mental Health First Aid training to staff and volunteers as well as exploring ways that art and music therapy can be offered in a camp setting.

Reflection March 3rd The third Sunday of Lent focuses on the gift of God's law. John Calvin (1509–1564) described three uses for the Ten Commandments: First, they show us how to live before God and neighbor, and expose the ways in which we fail to live as God intends. Second, they instruct our civic life, showing us how to live responsibly in the freedom God gives. Third, rather than show us what we must do in order to receive God's grace and love, the commandments show us how to live as people who have already received God's grace and love in Jesus Christ. Does God's law restrict or enhance our freedom as human beings?

March 10th Readings: Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22; Ephesians 2:1–10; John 3:14–21

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March 10th "We are brave and strong because we learned important information about rights, feelings and participation." PWS&D supports a human rights program in Guatemala that not only empowers women by ensuring they know their rights but also equips them with essential skills and knowledge about food security and nutrition. Through education on when and how to plant vegetables, grow tree seedlings and how to care for livestock, women have more stable incomes and improve their family's access to nutritious meals. "We are happy for our project. We sell the trees in the town and use the money to buy food," shares one of the participants. This program provides women with the resources and skills they need to lift themselves out of poverty and create a more equitable society.

Reflection March 10th What does the light of God's truth reveal about your life? Are there parts of your life that you want to hide from God? Can you imagine what it would be like to live completely transparent to God's piercing light?