## Calendar

14 July - Katheryne Lumgair, Stewardship leads worship

18 July - Fundraiser for the Women's Centre 11 am-1 pm, Princess Park

18 July - Spirit Kids' Club Pool Party 6:30 pm

21 July - Renewal of Baptism

26 July - Celebration of life for Heather Morrison

19-22 August - Healing the Generations

#### **NEW: Mission & Service**

Climate Justice through Cultural Movement

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### **NEW: Birthday Celebration!**

The family of Norma Lowe is extending an invitation to celebrate her 90th birthday with a come and go tea on Saturday, July 20th from 2 pm to 4 pm in the auditorium at Knox.



## **Congratulations Grads!**

Twin Granddaughters' of Elaine Gibson graduated from Algonquin College in Ottawa - Claudia from nursing and Chelsea from graphic design.

Emma Bromley, daughter of Josh and Melissa Bromley and Bailey Bromley, daughter of Bevan and Regan Bromley Graduated Grade 12 from Crocus Plains School. These two ladies will be headed to

the University in Saskatoon this fall. We wish them well in their further endeavors! Emma and Bailey are the grandaughters of Irene (Barry) Bromley.



# A Celebration of life for Heather Morrison

Knox United Church
Friday, July 26 at 11:00 am
Luncheon at Knox to follow.







# NEW: Opportunity to Learn About Food Security with Canadian Foodgrains Bank

An exciting invitation from our friends at the Canadian Foodgrains Bank! Are you concerned about climate change and the global food system? Have you wondered about Canada's role in improving food security for people around the world who experience hunger? Would you like to make a difference?

Apply today to participate in our Fall 2024 Hunger on the Hill (**Parliament Hill that is!**) training and advocacy event, from Saturday, October 19th - Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024.

#### What can you expect?

Connect with people from across the country for this global mission; dig deeper into learning materials sent right to your home in advance of the event; participate in 2 virtual training sessions so you're prepared to advocate well; discover how you can be an advocate for change, and learn how to effectively communicate with elected officials about global hunger; learn more about how climate change, gender inequality and food insecurity are connected to our food systems.

Participants will work in small groups to meet face-to-face with MPs during the live and in-person event in Ottawa.

Raise your voice in the debrief session about what you learned and where things can improve. We cannot guarantee participation for everyone who expresses interest, but all applications will be reviewed when received. Priority will be given to applicants who are Canadian citizens, or permanent residents.

Applications are due by August 31st, 2024.https://foodgrainsbank.ca/hunger-on-the-hill/

#### NEW: JAGM - Let's NOT Ax the Tax Without an Alternative

Some of you may have received a newsletter from the Honorable Larry Maguire our Member of Parliament for Brandon-Souris. His main message seemed misleading and it's important to provide another view.

According to MP Maguire, the Liberal government's carbon taxes "have directly caused gas and grocery prices to skyrocket." According to leading economists in Canada, Canadian carbon pricing has a negligible impact on overall inflation. The inflation we have seen in the last couple of years was caused by the Covid-19 pandemic (disrupted supply chains, pent up demand), and the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on commodity prices. Many countries around the world are dealing with inflation issues regardless of their carbon pricing regulations.

Interestingly, economists say that carbon pricing is the cheapest and most effective way to address climate change and it is the most democratic as the government is not dictating how each business should lower their emissions. Instead, it is offering incentives for both industry and consumers to choose options that lower greenhouse gases.

The idea that the carbon tax has made life unaffordable is far from the whole story. According to the parliamentary budget officer, eight out of 10 families receive more in rebates than they pay in carbon taxes. One study analyzing public support for carbon pricing in Canada found people don't know about the rebates they are getting and tend to underestimate their value.

What Mr. Maguire neglected to mention, was the cost of climate change. According to the Canadian Climate Institute, Canadians can expect to see \$25 billion in annual losses from climate damage as early as next year. Individual households will bear most of the cost.

Admittedly, "Ax the Tax" is a wonderful slogan. It is a short dynamic phrase that rolls easily off the tongue and looks good on protest signs. It is the advertiser's dream. But, like most advertising slogans, it is trying to sell you something for more than it is worth. Most economists and climate analysts agree that carbon pricing is an effective, market based and fairly equitable way to change behavior toward CO2 reduction. Federal carbon rebates mean that most Canadians receive back as much as they pay on their fossil fuel purchases. When asked what alternative they would offer Mr. McGuire and his colleagues don't have much beyond praise for carbon capture and sequestration - considered by most climate experts to be the least developed and most expensive of available climate solutions.

Time is getting short for the kind of change we need. It is time for evidence based solutions. There are plenty of solutions available. Let's encourage all members of Parliament to begin the serious work of lowering our country's GHG emissions

## Reminder: Knox Flower Beds

There are still opportunities to take a turn at caring for the flowers. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Thank you!

## **Reminder: Church Office Hours**

Summer office hours for July and August are:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 1-5 pm.

# Sunday Morning Worship on YouTube

Sunday morning worship can be found each Sunday at 10:30 am on our YouTube channel, https://www.youtube.com/c/TheKnoxKonnexion

You can also search for, "The Knox Konnexion" on YouTube to find our channel. The bulletins will be posted weekly on our website.