

## LENT

We have come to an end of Epiphany season. The season of Epiphany is ended by the Transfiguration Sunday which ushers us into the season of Lent. Lent focuses on fasting, almsgiving, prayer, and repentance as Christians seek deeper spiritual connections with God and one another.

Lent commences on Ash Wednesday, forty days before Easter, Sundays are not included in the count since each Sunday is a little Easter. We look forward for other significant events in this season Namely, Palm/Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, a reminder for our need to welcome and follow Jesus, Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus. I would like us to pause and ponder ways we can be individually and as a church become intentional during this season as we endeavour to enhance our spirituality as we reflect on stories about Suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Together we can advance these significant moments in our church Liturgy touching and refreshing people around us with generosity. Here comes wisdom of Solomon. He states, *“Some Give freely yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives will get water.”* Proverbs 11: 24-25 [NRSVUE].

“We are not alone; thanks be to God.”

Dorcas



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEAVERLODGE-WEMBLEY-HYTHE  
PASTORAL CHARGE  
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### The End of the Epiphany Season

### February 11 – Transfiguration Sunday

**Scripture Readings for those who would like to read them in advance:**

#### February 18 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

##### Genesis 9:8–17

The covenant between God and Noah.

##### Psalm 25:1–10 (VU p. 752)

Lead me in your truth, O God.

##### 1 Peter 3:18–22

Baptism now saves you.

##### Mark 1:9–15

The baptism, temptation, and mission of Jesus.

#### Minister information

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#### Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge

**Bible Study:** Regular Bible Study, in Wembley, every Wednesday, 12:00 to 1:00, bring a bag lunch and a friend.

**Cold Weather Policy:** When the temperature and wind chill is -35 or lower or the temperature alone is -35 or lower, church services are cancelled for both churches.

**Pastoral Charge Annual General Meeting:** Sunday, March 10, 2024, Beaverlodge United Church, Church **Service at 10:00 am, AGM at 11:00 am**, potluck lunch to follow. Beaverlodge brings for the main meal, Wembley for dessert.

**Confirmation Course:** Those interested in enrolling confirmation course are welcome to register with Neva as soon as possible. We will begin this February through Easter. Meeting date and venue will be confirmed after registration. Those that are willing to have their children baptized too may register as well.

**Shrove Tuesday:** February 13, Pancake Supper, Wembley United Church Basement. Doors open at 5:00, Supper at 6:00

**Ash Wednesday:** will be 12 pm on Wednesday, February 14, before the Bible study. Please bring a bag lunch and a friend.

**Soup for the Soul at 12 noon on Thursday 29th:** The Soup is back and will be going on last Thursday of every Month to extend generosity to our community. It is an informal social gathering. Those who are gifted in playing music and singing are welcome to make it lovelier. Please invite someone out there.

**Lent: Lent is here!** Think about giving something up and instead give up 1 dollar or extra coins every day for 40 days, starting from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday then bring your savings on Easter Sunday for Blessings. The saving is meant for charitable domination and church needs.

### Wembley United Church

- Wembley Sunday Service 9:30am
- **Wembley Thrift store:** Thrift store hours - **Second Saturday** of each month from 10:00am to 1:00 pm in the Church basement. Facebook Page is **Wembley**

**Thrift Store**, check out our page for updates and specials.

- **Wembley Annual General Meeting:** Wednesday, **February 28, 2024, 2:00 pm**; following Bible Study

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### Beaverlodge United Church

- Beaverlodge Sunday Service 11:15 am
- All are welcome to come for refreshments downstairs after the worship service. Thank you to the Ushers for helping with the Ushering and kitchen duties. Much appreciated.
- **Pot Luck Lunch** – February 25
- **Beaverlodge Annual General Meeting:** Sunday, **February 25, 2024**, Following Church Service
- **Fabric Sale: March 2**, 10 am to 3 pm. Dispersal of Fabric, lace, buttons etc Everyone welcome, invite crafters, sewers, friends

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