

## A Note From Pastor Pat



Facebook reminded me this week of something I posted a year ago. Often these anniversary notes elicit joy or meaning as intended, something to which Facebook users will then look forward as part of the Zuckerberg empire. That's exactly what I felt when this particular reminder popped up.

The post was several lines from a book I had just finished, the memoir by Raynor Winn titled The Salt Path. It is her account of the unexpected trek she and her husband took after they literally lost their farm, lock, stock and barrel. Basically penniless, they start walking along the coastal path that follows the southwest coast of England that stretches 630 miles from Minehead in Somerset to Poole Harbour in Dorset.

Because these vagabonds have next to nothing in their possession, their journey is done mostly wilding, a term that describes sleeping out of doors with little or no provision. They do this one day and then another and another never knowing what lies ahead or how they will make it or if they will make it. Uncertainty fills each day. Each day melds into the next.

Yet there is more at work, more than they can understand when they start or in any given period of time along the way. Ms. Winn later looks back and writes, "If we hadn't done this, there'd always have been things we wouldn't have known, a part of ourselves we wouldn't have found, resilience we didn't know we had. . . . Most people go through their whole lives without answering their own questions: What am I, what do I have within me? The big stuff."

Having been reminded of this, thanks to Facebook, I invite us all to take some time to consider these same questions. What is God showing you about yourself? What are some things you have come to discover? Have you seen resilience you didn't know you had? Who are you as a child of God? What has God planted in you that gives you value and purpose?

These are key questions for us individually, and as a congregation, as we come to the last weeks of summer. You'll read more in this Knox News about the ways our leaders want us to zero in on Christ, Connection, Care and Community as the people of God during the rest of 2021 and beyond. Starting August 29th, we will delve into a several month long, deep exploration of these vital elements that hold out the promise of God's rich goodness in life giving ways.

My guess is that no matter how you answer the questions posed above, those answers will spring from, and lead to, the heart of God in meaningful ways to mark a path worth the journey for us all, one step, one day at a time. After all, they reflect the timeless mission of God who loves us all and wants us to experience life to the fullest. Who knows what we will come to know and what we will find as we walk by faith right now and in the days to come!

Pat

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## 4C's Transformation Paths

As we prepare for and anticipate the arrival of a new pastor, **now** is the time to take stock of how the spirit is shaping

Knox for ministry through the coming years. In an effort for our congregation to more fully live out the Christian life as described in the book of Acts, a small group of Knox leaders has developed a model to move us further along the paths that lead to living in the “Way” of Jesus.

**The 4C’s Transformation Team** identified four “paths” that are essential to the life of our church and its ministry.



#### **4C Paths:**

**Christ:** Each person develops a meaningful relationship with God.

**Connection:** Every Person has a meaningful relational connection within the Knox family.

**Care:** Every person knows that Knox cares about him or her personally.

**Community:** Respond to the greatest needs of the Naperville area and to the communities beyond Naperville.

Each area of ministry, the councils, staff, and deacons, have all been asked to consider how what we do in ministry aligns with these paths. Each group is considering how it is possible to move further along the paths through creativity and dreaming new ideas for Knox. Because we care deeply for Knox, this is an excellent time to consider what we **do** not only as ministry teams but also as individuals. How do we as individuals help others to be connected to Knox? How do we help to care for one another? What are we doing to consider and respond to the needs in our community? Finally, what are we doing to make our lives Christ Centered?





## Connect



### SAVE THE DATE September 19!

Let's come together for one Service at 10am to kick off the Fall season with a new Sermon Series, Small Group Bible Studies and a Neighborhood Block Party!

**More details to come...**



### Knox is getting a software upgrade!

We are excited to announce that the system we have used for 15+ years is finally going to be upgraded to Realm. This is short for Real Life Ministry, which is what Knox is all about. Realm is going to help us connect with each other in new ways.

Our upgrade was postponed due to Covid but now is scheduled for the end of August. This

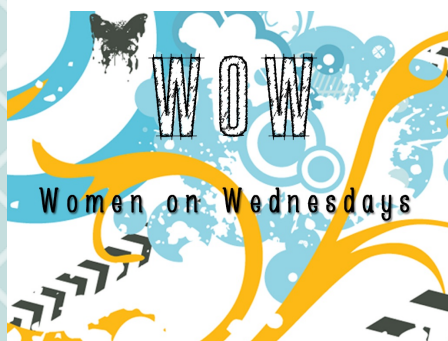
new program will give everyone easier tools, applications and registrations that benefit our Knox community. We will be able to connect with each other in new ways by creating our own groups, say for Bible studies or volunteering. You will have access to your online giving and can also change all of your personal information much easier than we could before. You can even upload a selfie!

All of the information will transfer over from our current system so there is nothing that you need to do now. Once we do convert over you will need to create a new password for your Knox Connections account but everything else is done behind the scenes. Details will be available in the coming weeks – so watch for our updates regarding – Realm.



**The Evening Book Club** will not be meeting this month. Future books will be selected in August. Please check the Knox website to find the list for 2021/2022. We will begin our monthly meetings September 8, 2021. These will likely be a hybrid of in-person and Zoom.

If you would like to receive emails about book club plans, please contact Janice Wiles at 630-310-4197 (mobile) or [wilesjan@gmail.com](mailto:wilesjan@gmail.com) to be added to the list.



### **Women on Wednesday is back at Knox Church!**

We are so excited that we will be able to meet back at Knox Church when we start up again on September 15th.

There will be a new Bible study and hopefully both new and returning women. WOW meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-11 am and includes coffee, Bible study, large and small group gatherings and prayer.

All ages and Bible knowledge are welcome and there is childcare for infants and toddlers. Watch the website and newsletter for more study and registration information and plan to join us in September.

Questions?

Please contact Robin Kolar at [skolar7227@aol.com](mailto:skolar7227@aol.com) or Margaret Lambka at [mlambka2@gmail.com](mailto:mlambka2@gmail.com)



### **Youth Tubing the DuPage River**

When: Sunday August 15. Please arrive no later than 12:45pm. Floating can take up to 3 hours, so we expect to be finished around 4:00 pm but that is subject to change. Where: West Electric Park on Countryman Drive, Plainfield IL 60544. Please drop off and pick up at this location.

How Much: \$10

What to Bring:

- Wear a bathing suit or equivalent...you will get wet!
- Shoes that will stay on...water shoes, gym shoes, etc.





- Cell phone only if you have a watertight splash bag. Adults will have cell phones in case of emergency
- Water bottle
- Watertight splash bag for phone, keys, wallet, etc.
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray

Life Jackets are optional - please indicate in the registration if you desire your youth to wear one. The average depth of the DuPage river is 5 feet.

**REGISTER**



### **Save the Date!** **G3 Escape Room** **Rescheduled for August 15, 2-3PM.**

G3 Youth (6th-8th Grade), come join us for an escape room of our own August 15 from 2pm - 3pm!

The event will take place at Knox and we are planning to have the event outside. In case of inclement weather, we will be in the Middle School Room. Come ready to solve some clues, bring your friends and see if you can escape! We will start our event in the Children's Garden.

We also invite youth and their families to stay for our 5:00 service on Saturday after the G3 Event

**SIGN UP**



### **Knox Family Picnic** **August 14, 12-3 pm**

Please join us in the Knoch Knolls Picnic Grove, behind the nature center, for a simple time of fellowship and fun. We encourage you to come with your family and bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy. Please feel free to invite other families as well!

We will provide dessert, courtesy of our Knox Deacons. You do not need to register for this event and we hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please reach out to Erin Hartman [ehartman@knoxpres.org](mailto:ehartman@knoxpres.org).

### **It's time to sign up for Family Camp!**

Family Camp is held at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and will take place September 24th-26th.

It is a wonderful getaway with some structured activities and some downtime. You can register online here and we hope to have a good turn out.



## Family Camp



SIGN UP

Please reach out to Erin with any questions at [ehartman@knoxpres.org](mailto:ehartman@knoxpres.org).  
Space is limited, so claim your spot now!



### Kids Ministry Wednesday Nights to start back up this Fall

Please watch the email blasts for more information as we continue to make plans for moving forward.

If you are interested in helping serve on Wednesday Nights, please reach out to Erin at [ehartman@knoxpres.org](mailto:ehartman@knoxpres.org).



### High School Youth Wednesday Nights are back!

Summer break is drawing to an end, and Youth Ministry at Knox is gearing up for our kickoff events! We have a wonderful semester planned, and we are excited for what is coming up.

Wednesday night Youth Group begins on Wednesday August 4th! We will meet for dinner from 6-6:30pm, with events and activities to follow from 6:30-7:30pm. Dinner costs \$5 each week, or you can prepay for the semester for \$50 (saving you over 50% per week!)

DINNER PAYMENT



### High School Youth Activities Permission Slip 2021/2022

Please fill out the activity permission slip for the school year. We will be asking all of the emergency contact, insurance, medical information only once, in this form. For each event throughout the year (Tubing, winter retreat, etc) we will not ask this information again so it is imperative that we collect it from you here. Hopefully this will make for easier registration overall!



## Not Your Mother's Circle

We love to keep it simple! NYMC is an informal gathering of ladies who enjoy fellowship the 2nd or 3rd Saturday of the month. On August 14 you will find us at Stephanie Hild's backyard for fun, food & lots of laughter! We will also be discussing our recent summer read, *The Getaway Girls*.

If you would like more information, contact Sue Goll, [sgollcci@gmail.com](mailto:sgollcci@gmail.com) or Sue Lies, [suelies3231@gmail.com](mailto:suelies3231@gmail.com).

**Rachel Rebecca Circle is not meeting in August.**

## Care



### Hunger Sunday August 1

Help support Loaves and Fishes and bring some items to Knox on August 1.

For more detailed information about Loaves and Fishes, visit [www.loaves-fishes.org](http://www.loaves-fishes.org).

**MOST NEEDED ITEMS**

**WAYS TO GIVE**



### Backpacks for Sisseton Due August 7

Dakota Partnership is again collecting filled backpacks to help the students in Sisseton, SD get off to a good start for the 2021-2022 school year. The backpacks will be driven and delivered to the Native American children in this community a week prior to school starting.

What a joy to the family and to us to know that the kids will be equipped to learn for the new school year. This one more symbol of our constant presence, caring and God's love. Thank for all your contributions.

**SIGN  
UP**

Sign up to select the grade and number of backpacks you would like to contribute.





## Knox Blood Drive August 23 2PM - 6 PM

Every day, Versiti Blood Center of Illinois needs to see at least 600 donors to meet the demands of our hospitals.

SIGN  
UP



## Hesed House

Knox supports the guests at the Hesed House homeless shelter in Aurora on the 4th Saturday of the month. We provide a hot dinner, a hot breakfast, lunch bags and other supplies. In 2021, we will be serving all 12 months. For more information, see the Hesed House page.

Knox Donors make and purchase food items & supplies and bring them to a “drive-thru, drop off” at Knox with Knox Drivers then delivering the items to Hesed House. In addition, Knox Volunteers enter the shelter that evening and the next morning to prepare and serve the dinner and breakfast that we delivered.

The signup to bring items to the “drive-thru, drop off” at Knox and volunteer in the shelter will be posted here approx. 10 days before the 4th Saturday. In addition, the sign up will be included in a Knox Wednesday email to the congregation and in a SignUpGenius email sent to those who have volunteered in the past.

Any questions, email [Bruce Burkelman](#) or call 630-209-1421.

Thanks so much for your continued support for the homeless in our community.



**The Grief & Loss Workshop** will take place in the Parlor from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Beginning Thursday, September 16 - Thursday, November 4 for 8 weeks.

The workshop will cover the stages of bereavement, as well as, other handouts and will be led by Pastor Cindy Karis. Please call Pastor Cindy on her direct line 630-615-4308 to register or email [ckaris@knoxpres.org](mailto:ckaris@knoxpres.org).

## Community

### Sorrows

Dick Griffith's Memorial Service is still scheduled for



# Sorrows

Saturday, September 11 at 10:00 am

Court Kenaston's Memorial Service is still scheduled for Friday, September 24 at 11:00 am

Blanche Pettit's Memorial Service is still scheduled for Sunday, September 26 at 2:00 pm



## Scripture Readers

If your child/children are interested in reading scripture during our worship services, please reach out to Erin Hartman at [ehartman@knoxpres.org](mailto:ehartman@knoxpres.org).

The scripture is sent out the week before so that the children have time to practice their reading. Scripture readers are typically third grade and older.



## Calling for Sunday School Teachers

Do you like working with children? We are looking for Sunday School teachers for the fall. Sunday school is held during both the 9am and the 10:30 service.

If you have served in the past, please let us know if you are still interested. If you have not served in the past, but are feeling called to teach in the fall, we would love to have you join our team.

If you are interested, please contact our Children and Family Ministry Coordinator, Jennifer Ryle at [jryle@knoxpres.org](mailto:jryle@knoxpres.org).



## Childcare Team

We are looking to fill some childcare positions on our Childcare team. We offer childcare services during all of our worship services. We also offer childcare at various events that are held at Knox throughout the year.

To work in the nursery, you need to be 16 years or older, because it is a paid position. If interested, please contact our Children and Family Ministry Coordinator, Jennifer Ryle at [jryle@knoxpres.org](mailto:jryle@knoxpres.org).

## Are you looking for a way to serve?

Our Tech Team needs volunteers to assist in the tech booth on Sunday mornings. Potential tasks range from helping manage slides, to working with the audio and video equipment.



No experience is needed! If you are interested, please contact Patrick Schwarz, [pschwarz@knoxpres.org](mailto:pschwarz@knoxpres.org).



### **Knox Chancel Choir: All singers over the age of 10 are invited to join the Knox Presbyterian Chancel Choir!**

The choir is a great way to use your talents and to develop life-giving relationships.

Rehearsals begin Thursday, July 29th from 7:30pm-9:00pm in the sanctuary. please contact Anna Board, [aboard@knoxpres.org](mailto:aboard@knoxpres.org).



### **Calling all guitarists, bassists, vocalists and drummers!**

The Knox Praise Band is looking for individuals who have a heart for worship and experience playing/singing contemporary music.

If you are interested or know of someone who might be perfect for this team, please contact Anna Board, [aboard@knoxpres.org](mailto:aboard@knoxpres.org).



The Knox Mission Council is so grateful and wishes to thank Erin Hartman and the wonderful VBS kids for crafting 150 beaded book marks (along with a verse from Matthew 13:23:) to be used with Wycliffe Bibles.

These are the Bibles that our Mission partners, Jake and Gina Anderson, fly into the Amazon Jungle to distribute to the remote tribes in their native language. Jake and Gina, along with their 4 kids, live on the edge of the Amazon. Jake is a pilot who regularly flies into remote Amazon villages to transport missionary doctors and Wycliffe Bible translators to provide Bibles in the native tribal languages.

Jake and Gina have made a 20-year commitment to this vital work of spreading God's love. Jake and Gina and their 4 kids stream the Knox Sunday Service from Brazil. Jake said they have declared it their favorite and the kids love Erin! The bookmarks are now on their way to Brazil!



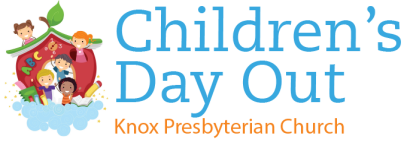
### **Go & Serve 2021**

The week of June 13-19, 50 adults and youth worked in the community of Detroit, Michigan at Camp Restore. Four



teams worked on two work sites installing windows, hanging siding, building a rain collection roof, planting and landscaping a community garden, building a market stand and by doing so changed lives.

The Go & Servers were the hands and feet of Jesus while they worked, prayed, and worshiped. Thank you to all of those who supported Go & Serve with prayers, cookies, donations (\$15,000!), and love. We could not have done it without you!



### Children's Day Out is hiring!

We are seeking candidates for teaching, assistants and substitutes. Our staff has a deep love for young children, is nurturing, patient and thrives in a collaborative setting. Part-time positions starting late August are available.

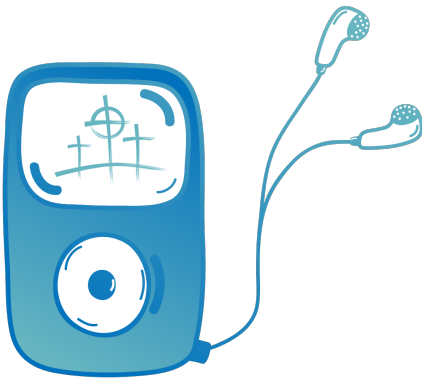
Childcare and or early education experience are a plus. Please contact Beth Burner at [bburner@knoxpres.org](mailto:bburner@knoxpres.org) for more information about current openings.

### Registration for CDO is open!

Children's Day Out is gearing up for the fall! We're excited to welcome back all the children and their families. Space is available in our Monday and Wednesday classes.

Please contact Beth Burner at [bburner@knoxpres.org](mailto:bburner@knoxpres.org) for more information.

A few songs to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus!  
(click the song title to view & listen)



[Order Disorder Reorder](#) by Jason Gray

[Build My Life](#) by Pat Barrett (feat. Cory Asbury)

[House Of The Lord](#) by Phil Wickham

[Joy](#) by For King & Country

[Amen](#) by Micah Tyler

[Joyful Noise](#) by Matt Maher

Worship Together Saturday @ 5PM, Sunday @ 9AM or 10:30AM

Links for Sunday Livestream



SUNDAY 9AM  
SUNDAY 10:30 AM



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