



# Our Response To COVID-19

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# The God Who Is Near

## Sermon Series

May 31 - "God Shepherds", Psalm 23  
Pentecost Sunday



## A Note From Pastor Pat

I'm thankful for a lot of things in these strange and challenging days. My gratitude in the big picture moves toward federal, state and community leaders in government and public health who seek to guide us to what is best. Frontline workers in medical and care facilities, factories, grocery stores, restaurants, first responders and countless other sectors put their lives on the line for us. I am grateful for them. The list could and should go on and on. You are likely already building a mental list of those for whom you are grateful.

I want to remind us of the gratitude we should have for one another at Knox. My list includes:

- every single one of us who reaches out to care for someone in the fellowship of Knox and among all the people we know and notice in our larger lives
- all of us who remember that ministry continues in and through Knox in substantive ways and give financially to support all that God is doing to the best of our ability as we can
- leaders of ministry and outreach who serve us all, not only with all the normal things but keep looking for new ways we can make a difference inside and outside Knox
- those among us who really struggle in this time and stay the course as best we can with God's help and the help of others
- our facilities staff who have cleaned our building from top to bottom, gone through every nook and cranny to eliminate unneeded items and taken on maintenance items inside and outside the building so everything can be ready for our return whenever that will be
- our Deacons for their wonderful care for all

## Ways To Help



### Loaves & Fishes Needs

Select Virtual Food Drive

[Donate online](#) - on Knox website and select fund Loaves & Fishes

### Hesed House Updated Needs

View current needs or [donate directly](#)

Please Pray for everyone preparing and delivering food, as well as for the guests

[Donate online](#) - on Knox website and select fund Hesed House

### Wayside Cross

Coming soon, Fill A Truck Sunday

[Donate online](#) - on Knox website and select fund Wayside Cross



### **Drive & Drop - Fill A Truck Sunday!**

Put your items in your trunk, drive to Knox and drop them off without leaving your car.

of us in so many areas and in so many ways

- our Elders for their steadfast leadership as they guide us into the uncharted waters regarding how and when we step back in our facility on a regular basis
- the many elements of an expanded presence that Knox now brings electronically to so many people of all ages near and far
- our amazing staff who shoulder service and leadership in dynamic and steadfast ways
- everyone who is not currently serving in the ways we once were in our pre-pandemic life who continue to look for new ways to make a difference
- all who have or will sign up to be part of the "Let's Talk, Knox" conversations about what we value and want for Knox and to let Laura and me spend time with you and you with us
- for everyone who calls Knox home, whether for decades or in these most recent days
- anyone or anything that comes to your mind that I should list in this piece but I haven't

I am most grateful for God who is present in, among and through us as we continue down this path. What a gift to travel together as people who remember to turn our hearts to gratitude every chance we get!

Pat

## Summer Sermon Theme "Church Re-Discovered"



Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7

The world as we know it is not the way it was meant to be. There is always a tension between the now and not yet, the way things are and the ways things should be.

This is particularly true for us as we move through this summer with the world as it has

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Updated every Saturday

**Send prayer requests to:**  
[ourprayers@knoxpres.org](mailto:ourprayers@knoxpres.org)

### Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are here to serve you during this difficult time. They are lay people trained in Christian caregiving. They are available to any person experiencing a wide range of needs or crises. They offer encouragement and support through times of both joy and concern. It's a one-on-one listening and praying time. Please call Pastor Cindy 630-369-9197 or email [ckaris@knoxpres.org](mailto:ckaris@knoxpres.org)

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep praying for all the Lord's people." *Ephesians 6:18*

## Ways To Stay Connected



### Pray For Others

#### Zoom Bible Study

Contact [info@knoxpres.org](mailto:info@knoxpres.org)

#### Zoom Kids Bible Study

Contact [ehartman@knoxpres.org](mailto:ehartman@knoxpres.org)

been, and still is, being shaped by pandemic, economic and societal realities. As we look back on what was real prior to the coronavirus and look at what seems real now, what comes to mind? Are things very different for you or not so very different? Did your things shift like a 7.2 magnitude earthquake or more like a 1.7 tremor? With any shifting and every level of challenge, were you aware that it offered a time to take stock of life in a fresh way?

When Jesus stepped on the scene in Roman-occupied Judea in the 1st Century, he came to point out how warped the world was for his fellow Jews and for all people. His words and actions revealed that their assumptions about life and godliness might have been largely, if not totally, mistaken. That can be true for us, too, whether we recognize it or not.

On a mission of compassionate correction, Jesus began to teach with the hope that they were ready to listen. His teaching wasn't just about information. It was meant to inspire and transform each person. It was meant to bring about God's deepest best for the people of God then and now.

Jesus' words are a hard-hitting manifesto and imploring invitation at the same time. They call us up short and also encourage us to live increasingly in the ways of Jesus. This isn't just a message to individual followers of Jesus. It is a message to the Church of Messiah Jesus world-wide and to us as Knox Presbyterian. This is not an easy message. It challenges every single assumption we've had about what makes a great congregation and about the mission of God in the world.

There's no better time for us as Knox to consider who we are as a congregation and what God is asking of us all. Let's consider, then, what we have right, what we have wrong and how we can be more fully who God calls us to be. Join in as we step up close to Jesus for "Church Re-Discovered."

June 7 - "The Stellar Life"  
Matt. 5:1-12

June 14 - "We Can Shine"  
Matt. 5:13-20

June 21 - "We Are Reconcilers"  
Matt. 5:21-26

June 28 - "True to Our Word"  
Matt. 5:27-37

July 5 - "The Giving Life"



## Zoom Young Adult Bible Study

Contact [dnettleton@knoxpres.org](mailto:dnettleton@knoxpres.org)

## G3 Virtual Gathering

Interested in joining?

Contact [ehartman@knoxpres.org](mailto:ehartman@knoxpres.org)

## Scripture Readers For Worship

If interested in reading scripture for Worship please contact

[ehartman@knoxpres.org](mailto:ehartman@knoxpres.org)

## Other Resources For Kids

[Knox Kids Group On Facebook](#)

[Children's Day Out On Facebook](#)



## Welcome New Babies

Katie and Bryan Palazzola welcomed **Cai Joy** on April 20. Grandparents are Tom and Debbie Cloke.

Emma and Jonathan Cramer welcomed **Osher Thomas** on March 11. This is the great grandson of Margaret Thomas.

Mattie and Chas Holder welcomed **Henry Daniel** on April 27. Grandparents are Neil and Julie Goltermann.

Matt. 5:38-48

July 12 - "The Generous Way"

Matt. 6:1-4

July 19 - "Spiritual Integrity"

Matt. 6:5-18

July 26 - "Our Hearts' Desires"

Matt. 6:19-34

Aug. 2 - "A Perfect Point of View"

Matt. 7:1-6

Aug. 9 - "The Essence of Life"

Matt. 7:7-12

Aug. 16 - "A Productive Life"

Matt. 7:13-23

Aug. 23 - "A Foundation That Lasts"

Matt. 7:24-29



The entire Knox family is invited to gather remotely for a very special visit with Pat & Laura Smith, our pastor and his wife.

What we learn will be the start of our exploration of all that God wants to show us about our ministry and mission in preparation for the search for our next pastor. We want **YOU** to be part of this important first stage of this transitional journey! **Let's talk, Knox!**

[Click here to register](#)

**SW Parish: June 7**

**Times are at 11:00 am or 7:00 pm**

If you have not signed up we encourage anyone interested to register for any of those dates regardless of what Parish you are in. There will be more dates available in June.

If you need assistance, please email Bev Mayer at [bmayer@knoxpres.org](mailto:bmayer@knoxpres.org) or call



## Knox Families Moving

**DeeAnn and Ed Crabill and their daughter Ellie**

**Stephanie and Mike Aul and their 2 daughters Sydney and Kaylee.**

"We give you thanks O God, for these families as they make their journey to new homes and churches. We pray your blessing of love and strength and healing to be upon them as they travel to new communities that they will be a blessing to others, as well. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen."

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

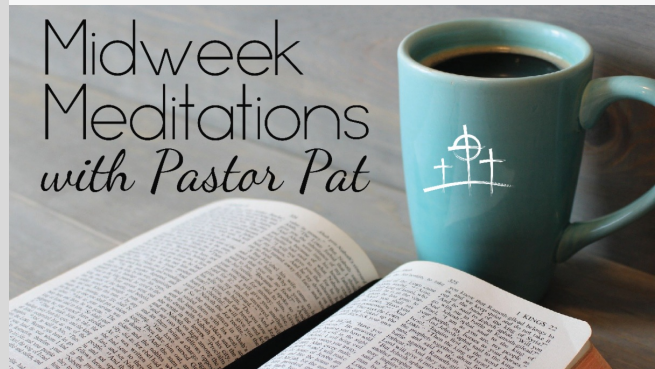


## Agape Love

A box has been set up outside of the main doors of Knox. Everyone is welcome to put notes, pictures or little crafts in the box that will be given to various members in our congregation that may need more love right now and something to make them smile.

You can sign your name on them or leave them anonymous.

Let's spread the love of Christ to each other and be God's hands and feet during this

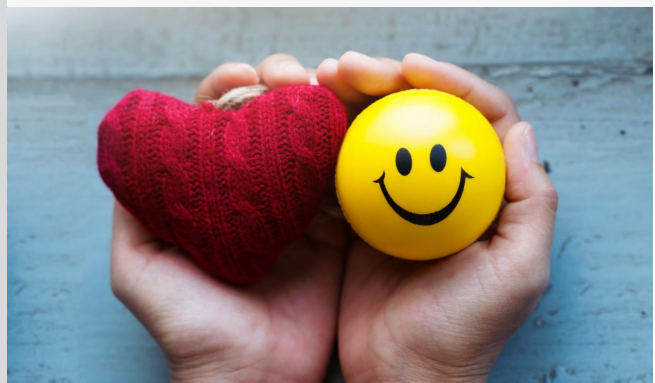


[Click Here to view Midweek Meditations](#)



## Knox Thanks Edward Medical Personnel

On Thursday May 20, Knox delivered a catered lunch from Q-BBQ in downtown Naperville to a special group of x-ray technicians at Edward Hospital. We wanted to say thank you to them from Knox and let them know how much we appreciate all their efforts and care during these difficult times. They were so appreciative!





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**The church office is closed but  
if you need assistance please  
call the church office  
630-615-4324 or email  
[messageknox@knoxpres.org](mailto:messageknox@knoxpres.org)**

## Need Assistance?

Deacons are reaching out to parishioners regularly to touch base and see how the congregation is faring during this time. If you haven't heard from your deacon, please let Knox know if your contact information has changed. If you'd like additional outreach from Deacons, please contact Deacon moderator Shannon Adcock at 480-239-7175 or email [happyhelpers@knoxpres.org](mailto:happyhelpers@knoxpres.org)



**Worship  
TOGETHER**

**SUNDAYS ONLINE @ 9AM**

CLICK HERE TO VIEW OUR LIVESTREAM  
REPLAY ANYTIME AFTER 9 AM

The banner features a warm, orange-to-yellow gradient background. On the right side, there is a white line-art illustration of three crosses of varying heights. The text is in a mix of blue, white, and yellow fonts.

**Other places to view is [Facebook](#) or  
Knox Presbyterian Church [Youtube](#)  
Channel**



Each Week we will upload a new Bulletin, Prayer Card and Sunday School Activities to [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org) and also send info through an email blast on Saturday.

# Tithes & Offerings



**Text**  
**73256**



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Check**



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**knoxpres.org**



**Legacy  
Gift**

## Contributions Can Still Be Mailed To Knox

We are still collecting incoming mail at Knox, so if you normally send in your contributions by mail please continue to do so.

**Contribute Now**

## Happenings at Knox



### **Virtual VBS, June 15 - 19** **"Jesus' Power Will Pull Us Through!"**

Come join with us for a week full of fun, fellowship and learning! Each day will start with our favorite furry friend Chadder the Chipmunk and an introduction with Ms. Ann, who will help introduce the daily theme.



Click the graphic to visit [knoxblog.org](http://knoxblog.org) for the most up to date info for the youth and young adults.



A bag of goodies will be dropped off on the porch for each child participating in VBS which will include the VBS CD, at home craft ideas, snack ideas, and some other VBS goodies that you might need or want for the week.

Each day will consist of videos, activities, game ideas and fun activities to help kids learn that "Jesus' Power will Pull us through." What a great message for us all during this time!

[Register Here](#)

**Registration \$25**  
**Each additional child \$10**

**We will NOT be accepting  
registrations after June 5**



[Register Here](#)  
For Family Camp  
Sept. 25 - 27

[Register Here](#)



Enjoy Some Uplifting Songs For Your Week

[My Defender](#) by Jeremy Camp

[Father's House](#) by Cory Asbury



[Shepherd](#) by Amanda Cook

[Psalm 23 - Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy](#) by Shane & Shane

[Holy Spirit](#) by Francesca Battistelli

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