



# Knox News

May 2021



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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR PAT



A year ago I wrote here about being a road trip kind of guy. I zeroed in on the need to know one's destination, that without such clarity, heading out is just an aimless meandering. This life we've been given, as sojourners on the way of Jesus increasingly in the ways of Jesus, does have a destination. The apostle Paul writes of it this way:

"I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me," and "I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us" (Philippians 1:12,14).

When we read this passage, the word "perfection" rears up and almost confronts us with the realization that this is a goal that can never be achieved. We likely know ourselves well enough to know we are not, and never can be, perfect.



## WAYS TO CONNECT

[Pray For Others](#)

## [G3 Virtual Bible Study](#)

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### **NEED ASSISTANCE**

Knox can help!

[Caring Ministries](#)



### **KNOX SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS**

Gatherings of 100 or fewer can resume at Knox. Please contact [Ron Mobley](#) at [rmobley@knoxpres.org](mailto:rmobley@knoxpres.org) to schedule date, time and location to make sure we do not have overlapping meetings, Thank You.

Here's the thing, however, in two parts. First, in and of ourselves, we cannot be perfect. We just can't. Second, faith in Jesus immediately, fully, places us in perfection in the perfect One who loves us, calls us and give us life without equivocation. The Bible lets us know our being and our life is all suffused into God's amazing grace where "perfection" is ours because it is ours in Messiah Jesus. It is already ours. We get to welcome it, let it seep into us, more and more.

A year ago, I pointed us to what we do as we press toward all that God is and all that God provides. I mentioned we are to give ourselves to:

- Everything in the life of Knox that deserves our full continuing investment
- Everything that allows us to explore what God might have in mind that will be new or different to build our ministry to even greater faithfulness
- Everything that we need to understand about our neighborhoods and larger ministry context
- Everything that helps us grow as Jesus' apprentices

In this past year wrenched by pandemic, I see plenty of signs that God has led us into each of these important aspects of life and witness as people of God, and I'm grateful for that. There's more to come. Session and other leaders among us have moved into new levels of discernment related to all that builds Knox into who God desires us to be now and in the future.

We will share more with you in the next Knox News. Stay tuned. God is fully on the move, and we are on the move with God. What a vital, compelling journey this is that takes us into "the heavenly prize" right here and right now! Thanks for being part of it all. Pat

"Good News for All"

Spring '21 Sermon Series  
Knox Presbyterian Church

Jesus' public ministry years came to a seemingly disastrous end when he was betrayed and crucified. Before that, the movement that he and his apprentices precipitated had its highs and lows. They experienced waves of immense popularity and also of unbridled opposition. There were people who adored Jesus and those who hated him. The haters win out.

Then, the totally unexpected happened.



# Worship WITH US

## IN PERSON

### In Person Worship Adding A Third Worship Service

On May 2 we will add a second Sunday morning service at 11 am. At 11am we will offer a Contemporary Worship Service to compliment the Traditional Worship Service at 9am.

Worship Services will be offered on Saturday @ 5 pm, Sunday @ 9 am and 11 am through the summer.

Godly play will be offered during our Saturday service and Sunday school will be offered on Sundays. The nursery will be open during all services.

Singing will be welcome in worship with all distancing and masking protocols in place.

Also starting May 2, both morning services will be livestreamed and those services will be available for viewing at [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org) Sermon Page.

Registration is required and opens up every Monday for the next weekend.

Go to the Events Page at [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org).

If you tried to register for an in person church service but found registration was full, please check back later in the week or the day of the service.

Jesus rose from the dead. His followers, as surprised as anyone, saw him, talked with him, walked with him and shared meals with him over a period of several weeks. At the end of that time, those who knew Jesus as Rabbi, Master and Messiah, began to share this belief with others.

Over the next few weeks, we will look at some of the pivotal moments as the Good News of God's life-giving love begins to take hold back in the First Century. We need this news, the presence of the life-giving love of God, just as much now as people did then.

We not only need Jesus and the life he brings. We also need to step up and do our part to spread the word about Jesus and his ways. After all, this is a movement that has been at work for 2,000 years, and it shows no sign of slowing down. What is God asking of us right now as part of this sweeping, world transforming work? Let's find out together as we explore God's "Good News for All."

May 2—Every Moment Availability  
Acts 8:26–40  
Psalms 22:25–31

May 9—God Prepares the Way  
Acts 10:34–48  
Psalm 98

May 16—In the Right Seat  
*Ascension Sunday*  
Acts 1:15–17, 21–26  
Psalm 1

May 23—Bewilderment Gives Way  
*Pentecost*  
Acts 2:1–21  
Ezekiel 37:1–14

May 30—God Fully Present  
*Trinity Sunday*  
Isaiah 6:1–8  
John 3:1–17



Often there are spaces due to last minute cancellations.

[REGISTER](#)

[9 am SUNDAY LIVESTREAM](#)

[11 am SUNDAY LIVESTREAM](#)



[BULLETIN](#)

The bulletin is updated every Thursday on the website at the top of the Sermons Page.



[PRAYER CARD](#)

The prayer card is updated every Thursday on the website at the top of the Prayer Page.



## Communion Worship Services May 1 & 2

Saturday, May 1, 5pm Communion Service

Sunday, May 2, 9am Confirmation Service

Sunday, May 2, 11am Communion Service

**There will be no drive up Communion**

## Report from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has respectfully and joyfully accepted the charge put forth by the Session to nominate a slate of 9 Congregation members to serve as our Pastor Nominating Committee. Consistent with Knox's recent practice, the PNC must include both an Elder from the current Session and a youth member of the Congregation.

Visit [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org) to read more and the procedure to suggest someone or yourself for consideration to be on the committee.

[READ MORE](#)

## Midweek Meditations with Pastor Pat



Join Pat each Wednesday for a quick look into Scripture that will also be the text for our upcoming weekend worship.

**Click the play button to view the meditation.**

**John Bergesen Memorial Service**  
May 15 - 9:30-11:00 am visitation at Knox  
11:00 am service at Knox



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**Andrew Bratsos Service**

Friday, June 4 - 4:00-8:00 pm visitation at  
Friederich Jones

Saturday, June 5 - 10:00-11:00 am visitation at  
Knox

Saturday, June 5 - 11:00 am service at Knox

## HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS MONTH



### **The Upper Room is now available at Knox MAY/JUNE Edition**

You can pick one up outside in the box by the front doors at Knox  
or inside at Diane's office.



**DONATE**

### **Legacy Giving Weekend at Knox**

The first Sunday of May has been designated as the time at which we give ourselves a reminder that we can make a promise to the future through Legacy Giving. Legacy Giving is a reflection of our actions during our lifetimes to serve and financially support the ministries and missions of Knox. We not only can provide for Knox's present needs but can also build a solid financial foundation for the future through the establishment of an estate plan that includes a bequest to the Knox Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund (the "Fund").

Through generous gifts from our Church members over the years and growth in investment value, the Fund presently exceeds \$600,000, and income distributions provide funds each year to augment support for our facilities and missions.

To hear more or if you have questions about Legacy Giving at Knox, you may contact members of our Legacy Giving Committee at the following e-mail address: [legacygiving@knoxpres.org](mailto:legacygiving@knoxpres.org) and one of the Committee's members will respond to your e-mail.

### **New Sanctuary Flower Schedule**



[ORDER ONLINE](#)

Starting on May 1, 2021, as we come back to in-person worship services, it is my pleasure to invite all those wishing to celebrate or honor special days in their lives, to place an order for a fresh flower arrangement for the Sanctuary for Worship Services.

Each flower arrangement cost is \$45.00. Please make checks payable to "Knox" and write "Sanctuary Flowers" on the memo line. If ordering online you may use your credit card.

You can order at [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org) or email all requests to "Elizabeth Nelson - Flower Orders" at [flowers@knoxpres.org](mailto:flowers@knoxpres.org)

Please provide the following information:

1. your name (First and Last)
2. phone number
3. email address (unless calling in)
4. flower date (Saturday & Sunday's date)
5. reason/call for celebration or tribute details, including person(s) celebrated/honoring
6. your pick-up date if you want the flower arrangement afterwards
7. if unable to pick up, your delivery address

No email or internet access? No Problem! Kindly call Elizabeth Nelson @ 630-420-0979 (home phone) with your order info ready.



[REGISTER](#)

## Knox Go & Serve 2021

Please consider supporting our youth Go & Serve mission trip to Detroit, Michigan in any of the following ways. Watch our fundraising progress on the thermometer located in the Commons area.

### Register for Go & Serve

Registration is now open for Go & Serve! All adults, young adults, and youth can register on the Knox website now through May 12<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on our trip this summer June 13-19!

### Mandatory Meeting For All G&S Youth Participants & Their Parents

Wednesday, May 19, 7 pm in Lehman Hall. Call Greta Williams with questions at (630) 606-1280 or email at [gretawms@aol.com](mailto:gretawms@aol.com) **\*\*Don't forget that the Policy Forms are due\*\***

### Go & Serve Kickoff Sunday

Sunday, May 23 at the 9 am service.

### Angel Bracelet and Keychain Fundraiser

Make a \$5 donation for a Prayer Angel Bracelet or Keychain and

pray for a Go & Serve participant. Bracelets and keychains are available May 23 and 30 after the 9:00AM service.

### Work Site Project Fundraising

Looking to support Go & Serve through project support? Check out the project posters that include the projects we will be working on in Detroit, Michigan. The posters will be on display in the Commons area in May.

## Go & Serve CAR WASH



### Time to wash away winter from your automobile!

Have your car hand washed and dried by our Go and Serve youth on **Sunday, May 2 from 8:30 a.m. - 12 pm.**

**You will need to stay in/with your car as we will not be entering and moving cars this year due to COVID safety procedures.**

Donations welcome.



**MOST NEEDED  
ITEMS**

### Loaves and Fishes Drop Off at Knox Hunger Sunday, May 2

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

Also, a virtual food drive, if anyone prefers, it is available via this link: [Virtual Food Drive](#)

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



### Knox Connects, May 12 at 7PM on Zoom

**All are welcome and attend when a topic sparks your interest.**

#### **This month's connection topic: Antarctica Exploration**

Please join your Knox family for an evening of exploration of Antarctica. Ed Wiles and Jeff Hartman will transport our Zoom night South to Antarctica. We will learn about the continent where 70% of the World's Water is frozen. They will bring the beauty of God's creation to our eyes.

Discussions will include considering the factors that threaten a disruption in the climate.



Please visit the Knox website under events to register to receive the Zoom link.

[SIGN UP](#)



## The Annual Presbyterian Women's Flower Sale

New date in 2021, Friday May 14 from 10 am - 5 pm

You may pre-order your flowers for the best selection, or you can purchase extras on that day.

Contact [Dee Dee Porter](#) with any questions.

The new greenhouse is in Michigan as well. Our old vendor has ended their fundraising events but our new vendor is sure to please!

[ORDER FLOWERS](#)



## Save The Date For Fill-A-Truck May 16

8:30 am - 12 pm

Spring is here and I hope you've all been safe during this pandemic year.

Our **13<sup>th</sup>** annual **Fill-A-Truck Sunday** will be on **Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** Knox will host the Wayside Cross Ministries truck from **8:30 am - 12 pm**. Our Knox family has been faithful servants to the residents of Wayside Cross and filled the truck every year for the past 12 years.

[READ MORE](#)

In fact, last year may have been the best event ever as we filled 2+ trucks. Note that this event has always been "drive through" so we will be fully in compliance with safe distancing and masking protocols. Donations will also be accepted at Knox during the week of May 10. Please check in at the Church office so our janitorial staff can stage these donations in Fellowship Hall.



## *But wait there's more!*

Melanie Corcoran and I had the good fortune to meet with the WCM team on-site in Aurora yesterday. What a great visit. We learned of needs that they have coming out of the pandemic and I hope we can generate some "hands-on" mission support as time goes on.

-First, a new service they've launched in the men's ministry washing and detailing automobiles. Wow. This not only brings in

revenue, but teaches a very usable skill. They provide an exterior wash and wax service in addition to an interior service. I've attached a copy of their marketing brochure. I don't believe you can wait on-site, but there are lots of coffee shops and places in downtown Aurora that can provide a place to kill time while your car is beatified.

### HOPE ON WHEELS

-Second is a need for volunteers in the Hope Chest resale shop or new shops they've opened in Aurora on Montgomery Road and in Elgin .

### HOE CHEST



## 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.

During Covid-19, we are catering the meals with Knox Volunteers making food and bringing the items to a “drive-thru, drop off” at Knox with Knox Drivers delivering the items to Hesed House. It is hoped that sometime in the 4th quarter we will be able to return to serving inside the shelter. For more information, see the [Hesed House page](#).

***During Covid-19, the signup will be posted on the website approx. 10 days before the 4th Saturday. In addition, the sign up will be included in a Knox Wednesday email 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.



## Knox Outside Work Day

The Knox Building and Grounds Council has scheduled a work day on Saturday, May 22, 2021 and requesting anyone who would like to help to spruce up outside of our church to sign up.

We will be working from 9 am to 12 pm to edge the shrubbery beds, weed, do some minor trimming, spread mulch and possibly add some plants. We will be masked and work in various areas to maintain social distancing while we restore the beauty of our property. Bring your own gloves, and maybe a water bottle;

**SIGN UP**

needed tools will be available unless you prefer your own.

If you can help, please email Ron Mobley at [rmobley@knoxpres.org](mailto:rmobley@knoxpres.org) or call at 630-973-0652.



## Knox Family Time

Families can find a weekly devotional and activities to do throughout the week. They can be found in the weekly email, in our Knox Kids Facebook Group and on our Website.

**VISIT WEBSITE**



## Upcoming Safe Haven Training Dates:

May 2nd at 10:30am

**REGISTER**

May 2nd at 12:30pm

**REGISTER**

\*If you are unsure if your Safe Haven is up to date, please reach out to Erin Hartman or Joan Tanck.



## May Family Activity Bags

Our Children and Family Ministry Council will be putting together Family Activity Bags for the month of May. You can sign up for one on our website.

We will do the Drive Thru pick up like we have done in the past, which will take place on May 1st from 10am-11am. Thank you for your participation and we look forward to sharing these with you!

**REGISTER**

## VBS June 21 - 25

VBS Registration will be opening up soon. We hope to see you there either in-person or remote June 21st - 25th! If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Erin



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



## Family Camp 2021

**Mark your calendars now for September 24th - 26th!**

The weekend will include many fun activities provided by the camp as well as Bible Study, games, art activities and Sunday morning worship. Downtown Lake Geneva is a 15 minute walk away along the lake shore which also offers many fun opportunities. If you would like to help us plan group activities for the weekend please contact Erin at [ehartman@knoxpres.org](mailto:ehartman@knoxpres.org)!

Registration will be posted soon on the events page.



## Youth

### Spring Retreat

High School Spring Retreat is May 15-16! This retreat is open to all current High School students, as well as all 8th graders! We will spend two days up at Stronghold in Oregon Illinois, enjoying fellowship, worship, games, and all kinds of activities.

We will all be tested on Friday before we leave, so plan to come to the church by 3pm for a quick saliva test before we gather Saturday morning at 8am to head up to Stronghold.

[SIGN UP](#)



## Baccalaureate

All high school seniors are welcome to participate in the Knox Baccalaureate Service on May 29th at 7:30 pm. Please, seniors, send a brief biography, along with a photo, to Joan Tanck at [jtanck@knoxpres.org](mailto:jtanck@knoxpres.org) by May 1st. You are welcome to send in a photo and bio even if you cannot attend the service!



## What's Happening With Sisseton This Summer

Dakota Partnership Sisseton with little joy and reluctance are not going to South Dakota this summer. The tribal chairman has shut down the tribal government numerous times this year. Last month, they shut down for a time period making all workers work from home. They did not allow any of their tribal workers off the reservations without them having to quarantine for two weeks upon their return. COVID has hit the Native American population very hard. With that in mind the board decided it would not do a VBS this summer.

We do intend to send up VBS packages filled with VBS supplies for an at home VBS for them to do as a family. We hope to leverage the 2020 VBS program that Knox used, and are working to see if that is a viable alternative.

Both the Native American community and our team are disappointed that we cannot go to Sisseton this summer, but we are optimistic that we can maintain our presence with our Native American friends. We will be doing our fall back pack program, so keep an eye out for that update. Of course, we will also be doing our annual Christmas gift program. Your continued support for both of these greatly appreciated programs is critical to our efforts.

The Fort Peck team is planning their trip for the week of July 12th, subject to COVID-19 protocols. The team holds a VBS and does work on the Ft Peck reservation in Northeast Montana. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Deb or Brian Beaird 630.640.0055.

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

Blessings, The Dakota Partnership.



## Garden Walk 2021

Presbyterian Women of Knox will host a Garden Walk from 9.30 am – 3.30 pm on Saturday, July 10.

Tickets, which are \$15, may be purchased online this year at [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org). When you buy your ticket, you will download a garden brochure and optional maps. Tickets also will be available in the office beginning June 1.

Masks will be required on each garden property.

Proceeds from the Walk will benefit the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

For more information, contact Nancy Whitmer at [n.w.whitmer@gmail.com](mailto:n.w.whitmer@gmail.com).

**The Evening Book Club** Zoom meetings will continue on the second Wednesdays, 7 pm, for the duration of the pandemic.

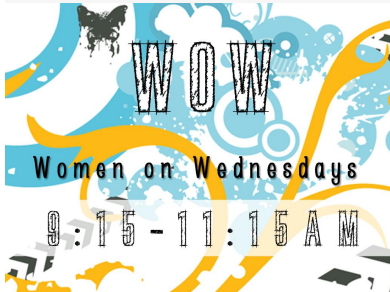


Our discussion **May 12** will be on *Caste the Origin of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson.

All readers are welcome, but if you are new to the group you will need to email Janice Wiles, [wilesjan@gmail.com](mailto:wilesjan@gmail.com) so your name can be added to the list to receive the Zoom link.

Visit [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org) and click on Events to view Evening Book Club

[READ MORE](#)



[GET ZOOM LINK](#)

**Women on Wednesday** concluded the Jeremiah study and will now begin a new 6 week study on April 21. We will use a 40-Minute Bible Study called ***Jesus: Understanding His Death and Resurrection*** by Kay Arthur & David Arthur. We continue to meet on Zoom from 9:15-11:00 on Wednesday mornings as well as in person at Knox. WOW welcomes women of all ages and Bible knowledge so if this time frame works for you it's not too late to join us!

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



### **CREAM of the CROP** **Ending Hunger One Step at a Time**

Good CROP Hunger Walk news to report: In 2020, the Naperville CROP Hunger Walk ranked #26 in the top 100 of all national CROP Hunger Walks. Our local walk raised over \$36,000. Many thanks to our Team Knox walkers and their donors for being part of this annual event!!

This year, on Sunday, October 17, walkers and sponsors will have another opportunity to walk for/support people in need of food, clean drinking water, shelter, compassion and more.

What has happened with your CROP \$\$ since the 2020 walk? Here are some highlights of where CROP funds have been distributed to:

**Our own community:** Loaves and Fishes and the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

**Asia:** Programs in Cambodia and Vietnam concentrating on providing clean water, reliable sanitation and hygiene.

**South America:** Improving raising livestock/cultivating vegetable gardens and introducing new ways of making a living such as keeping bees in the Gran Chaco region of Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay.



**Africa:** The Nyarugusu Refugee Camp in Tanzania which is home to tens of thousands of Burundian and Congolese refugees.

**Where needed:** emergency assistance

Let's make 2021 another great CROP Hunger Walk year!  
Knox Team Captains  
Ineke Pelella and Rachel Koritala

### PW Circle's



**Mary Martha Circle** will meet **Tuesday, May 11 at 9:30 am**. For more information contact Susan Burns at [sbburns@comcast.net](mailto:sbburns@comcast.net).

**Rachel Rebecca Circle** **Tuesday, May 11 at 9:30 AM** on Zoom. Kathi or Eileen will be sending details to members. This Circle always welcomes new members. Contact Kathi Olson at 630-420-1953 to learn more.

**Ruth Circle** We hope to meet on **Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 pm** outside weather permitting. Come join us and enjoy a time of devotion, fellowship and prayer. We'll know by Monday, May 17 where we will definitely meet. Questions? Contact Bev Mayer [bmayer@knoxpres.org](mailto:bmayer@knoxpres.org) or 630-202-5097 cell.

### Not Your Mother's Circle

NYMC is a casual gathering of ladies who enjoy fellowship the 2nd or 3rd saturday of the month. May 8th, we will meet at Sue Goll's-- hopefully the weather will allow a brunch in her backyard! If interested in joining us, contact Sue Goll @ [sgollcci@gmail.com](mailto:sgollcci@gmail.com) or Sue Lies @ [suelies3231@gmail.com](mailto:suelies3231@gmail.com).



### The Church Life App

Church directory online! Stay connected with Knox Members

The most up to date information for address, phone numbers and emails is by using the Church Life app. You can easily download it from your app store and it is updated daily. You can even get directions to people's homes with the click of a button!

[DOWNLOAD APP](#)

Your log in as the same as your login to Knox Connections. If you are unsure, we can help you! Call the church office at 630-355-8181. Go ahead and try it, you will be glad you did!

Click [Here](#) For The Full Knox Calendar

**Thank You**



Dear Knox friends,  
Thank you for the birthday greetings for my ninetieth birthday. Your thoughtfulness helped make it my best birthday ever. I hope that we will all be able to greet each other in a future church service.  
Thank you again,  
Jean Casper



Our heartfelt THANK YOU to Jill Wittwer, and Steve and their family for serving faithfully as the Coordinator of our Hesed House Team.

Jill & Steve and their family have volunteered since 2015. We are grateful for the years they have given this capacity. They all did a tremendous job!!

And we are very thankful for all their time and talent to this vital ministry  
Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Our Mission Council



## MUSIC TO INSPIRE YOUR SOUL

[The Commission](#) by Cain

[Best News Ever](#) by MercyMe

[Jesus Happened](#) by Baylor Wilson

[Your Words](#) by Third Day (feat. Harvest)

[Word of God Speak](#) by MercyMe

[Authority](#) by Elevation Worship