



Knox News

June 2021



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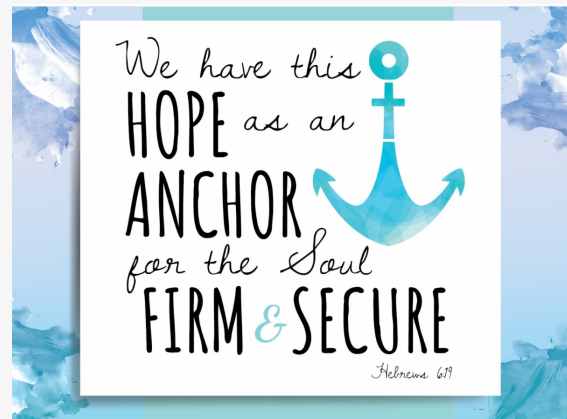
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A NOTE FROM PASTOR PAT



I'm feeling hopeful and hope-filled. Are you catching glimpses of it for yourself? I hope you are.

Maybe it will help to remember what hope means. "Hope (noun): (1) the belief that what one desires can be had or will turn out for the best; (2) a feeling of trust." The word itself is made up of four letters, a very simple word. The concept is deep, complex and almost alive in how it ebbs and flows.

I'm feeling hopeful and hope-filled. Being in touch with good-hearted, faith-centered people helps, like all of us who are part of Knox and colleagues and friends I know in different parts of the country and the world. I have recently cherished the opportunity to visit with people face-to-face without masks. That's one of the biggest small changes I've ever experienced! Maybe you have, too, or soon will, another reason for hope.



WAYS TO CONNECT

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[G3 Virtual Bible Study](#)

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NEED ASSISTANCE

Knox can help!

[Caring Ministries](#)

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.

There are few well-worn adages that come to mind: "Hope is the anchor of the soul." "Hope is the confident expectation of what God has promised." "Hope is the only thing stronger than fear."

It seems to me that fear is running rampant in our world. It can even rear its head among those to whom Jesus says, "Don't be afraid." That's us, by the way. Hope is spoken of in Scripture as a gift, a reality, something that is ours "in Christ Jesus," who is declared to be our hope.

I encourage us to enter into the month of June looking for hope, nurturing hope inside us and displaying it increasingly for other people to see. Our world could sure use a bunch of people who are wired to hope and who will let hope shine for all to see. When people think of hope, I hope they will think of you and me. It may be more important this summer than ever before.

In this newsletter, I hope you will find plenty of reason to see why I'm feeling hopeful and hope-filled. I hope you are, too, or will, as you read and invest in all that is part of our life and witness as the people of Knox.

Hopefully,
Pat

"Restore"
Summer '21 Sermon Series
Knox Presbyterian Church

"Restore"

Times can be tough. Things we think will be one way end up going a completely different way. Where we expect good, bad shows up. We think the way will be smooth, and things get really rough. Life throws curve balls when we expect something right up the middle that we can hit out of the park. Things can, and do, go haywire and leave us in places of need.

Catholic contemplative Fr. Richard Rohr offers that life is all about this constant trinity: order, disorder and reorder. All of us know our seemingly ordered lives were turned inside out and upside down by the COVID 19 realities of the past 12-15 months. If there was ever a clear sign that disorder can come, this is it. In any season of disorder, reorder is always on the way for those who can see it, welcome it and invest in it with God's help.

The people of God found themselves in a place like this in the Fifth Century B.C.E.



PRAYER CARD

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



GIVE

Knox Protocol Update

- For fully vaccinated persons - masks are optional but encouraged in all settings.
- For unvaccinated persons - masks are required in all indoor settings.
- Masks are required when working with children and youth regardless of vaccination status.
- Social distancing of 3 feet is encouraged.
- Registration remains in place for all events.
- Capacity of 60% in all walled areas.

They found themselves in circumstances that felt about as far from normal as possible. Their lives had been ripped and torn and dislocated. God had not forgotten them. God had a plan, one that would allow for the reordering they needed, one that would restore what had been lost.

This summer we'll look at what happened when they began to understand that change was underway, when circumstances, openness to God and their own determined steps brought them into position to a deeper and richer life as God fully intended. This is the story of Nehemiah and the people of God. It can be our story, too. As we enter into their story, may we experience God's gracious power to restore and bless beyond measure.

June 5 & 6 - "In a Tight Spot"
Nehemiah 1:1-3

June 12 & 13 - "Seek God"
Nehemiah 1:4-11

June 19 & 20 - "Step Up"
Nehemiah 2:1-10

June 26 & 27 - "Assess and Reveal"
Nehemiah 2:11-20

July 3 & 4 - "Everyone In"
Nehemiah 3:1-2, 18-32

July 10 & 11 - "Immovable"
Nehemiah 4:1-6, 21-23

July 17 & 18 - "Integrity"
Nehemiah 5:1-7, 16-19

July 24 & 25 - "Done"
Nehemiah 6:1-4, 15-19

July 31/August 1 - "Relief and Joy"
Nehemiah 8:1-6, 16-18

August 7 & 8 - "Ownership"
Nehemiah 9:1-5, 38; 10:28-29

August 14 & 15 - "Celebration"
Nehemiah 12:27-43

August 21 & 22 - "Re-Forming Again"
Nehemiah 13:15-22

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.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS MONTH


**WE ARE
HIRING**

**JOB
DESCRIPTIONS**

Children's & Family Ministry Coordinator

Knox Children and Family Ministries is seeking a Christ centered and passionate leader to fill the part-time position (16 hours/week average) of our Children and Family Ministry Coordinator.

Responsibilities will include the overseeing of Knox's Sunday School program, nursery care, and supporting other aspects and programs of Children and Family Ministry. In collaboration with the Director of Children and Family Ministries, as well as other staff, the coordinator will help in creating and engaging children and families in fun-filled, grace-filled and child friendly programs, where children can LEARN, GROW and SERVE as followers of Jesus Christ.

Social Media Specialist

The social media specialist is responsible for creating social

media campaigns and the day-to-day management of all of the platforms for Knox Church social media.

Your knowledge, commitment and passion for social media as a communications tool will result in the implementation and improvement of social media best practices across all social media channels. You must be skilled in analyzing the effectiveness of each platform by reviewing page and campaign performance In order to improve our members' engagement and determine the best practices for Knox Church.

Please send your resume to knoxchurch@knoxpres.org to apply for either of these positions.



Lost & Found Table Free Items Table

There will be two tables up at Knox in the Commons. One is Lost and Found and the other are Free Items. Stop by to see if anything is yours or could use any of the free items.



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.

ANGEL KEYCHAIN AND BRACELET FUNDRAISER

Make a \$5 donation for a Prayer Angel Keychain or Bracelet and pray for a Go & Serve participant. Keychains and Bracelets are available May 23rd - June 6th before and after services.

GIVE

WORK SITE PROJECT FUNDRAISING

Looking to support Go & Serve through project support? Check out the project posters that include the properties we will be working on in Detroit. The posters will be on display in the Commons. If you would like to view the Projects please click [HERE](#).



TREATS

Send the Go & Serve Teams off with a sweet treat by purchasing PRE-WRAPPED treats or by supplying homemade goodies. All treats should be nut-free. Please place cookies in a disposable plastic container marked Go & Serve and drop off in the kitchen by the end of the day on Friday, June 11th.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to the members of the congregation for supporting us through fundraisers, prayers, etc. We could not make this trip happen without your help!



GO & SERVE COMMISSIONING

Join us Sunday, June 13 at the 9:00AM service as we commission our Go & Serve Team. Send us on our way with prayers as we will be hitting the road after the service.

Important Dates

June 8th – Mandatory Adult Leader Meeting – 7:00 PM

June 13-19 – Go & Serve Trip to Detroit, Michigan

June 23rd – Go & Serve Pizza Party – 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

June 27th – Go & Serve Celebration Sunday



**MOST NEEDED
ITEMS**

Loaves and Fishes Drop Off at Knox Hunger Sunday, June 6

For more detailed information about Loaves and Fishes, visit 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](#)

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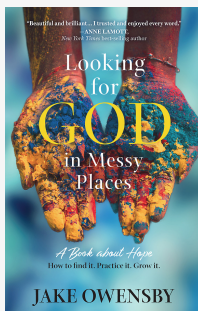


Knox Connects

Wednesday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome! Attend when a topic sparks your interest. This month's connection topic: review of Looking for God in Messy Places by Jake Owensby.

This book discussion will be offered as a hybrid, with an in-person option and a zoom option. Books are available in the church office. Please sign up to receive the Zoom link.



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,

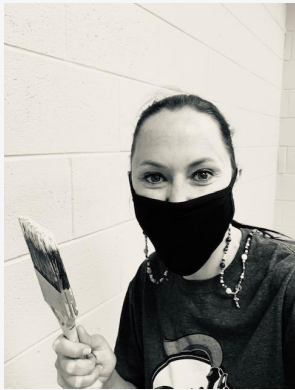


a hot breakfast, lunch bags and other supplies. In 2021, we will be serving all 12 months.

During Convid-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.



Exciting things are happening in our Sunday School rooms!

Come check it out when you are comfortable!



VBS (Virtual & In-person) June 21 - 25

We hope that you can join us in whatever setting is the most comfortable for you, either in-person or virtual.

Registration is open now and will be open until June 18th.

You can register online through our Knox events page.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Erin Hartman at ehartman@knoxpres.org.

[REGISTER](#)

Thank you Families!

Thank you for the families that attended both in person and at home in our Birdhouse Making Event on May 4th. Thank you to Mr. Dave for providing the supplies for this event and your guidance as we built these homes. 33 House Wren families now



have new homes!



Upcoming Safe Haven Trainings

Would you like to work with our Knox children and youth in any capacity? We would love to have your support and help. We ask all volunteers working with our children, youth and young adults to complete a 30 minute Safe Haven Training. We have some upcoming training scheduled on June 6 and June 13. These trainings will take place either in-person or on zoom and we ask that you please register for these trainings.

[REGISTER JUNE 6](#)

[REGISTER JUNE 13](#)



G3 Save the Date!

G3 Middle schoolers, our bedtime prayers and midweek meetups are all done for this year. However, we want you to mark your calendar for two upcoming in-person events! These events will take place on **July 10th** and **August 14th** and will take place in the early afternoon. We are still working out the details, but hope you can mark your calendars now and we will send the details out soon! These events will be posted on the Knox Events Page.



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!

Registration will be posted soon on the events page.

Children's Day Out



With joy and sadness Children's Day Out announces that Ms. Judi Ryan is retiring. She joined our family in 2006 and has been an enormous influence on so many children in the Blue 3's class! Please join us in celebrating her time with us and wishing her every joy and blessing on this next chapter.



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. 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.

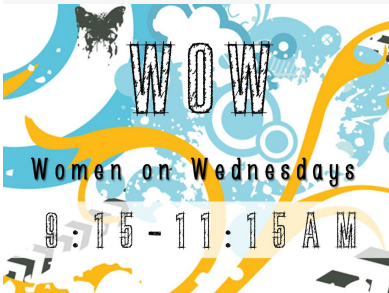


The Evening Book Club Zoom meetings will continue on the second Wednesdays, 7 pm, for the duration of the pandemic. Our summer schedule will be as follows:

Wednesday, June 9 will be book selection for the upcoming year. Please come with a suggestion for titles. No meetings in July or August. See you September 8!

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

Visit knoxpres.org and click on Events to view Evening Book Club



Women on Wednesday will be finishing a study on Mark in early June. We will then break for the summer. Watch the newsletter for a new study to begin in September.

Questions? Please contact

Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com or

Margaret Lambka at mllambka2@gmail.com

PW Circle's

Mary Martha Circle will not be meeting in the summer. For more information contact Susan Burns at sburns@comcast.net.

Rachel Rebecca Circle Contact Kathi Olson at 630-420-1953 to learn more.



Ruth Circle

Questions? Contact Bev Mayer bmayer@knoxpres.org or 630-202-5097 cell.

Not Your Mother's Circle

NYMC is an informal gathering of ladies who enjoy fellowship the 2nd or 3rd Saturday of the month. June 12 will find us in Stephanie Hild's backyard for fun, food & lots of laughter! If interested in joining us, contact Sue Goll @ sgollcci@gmail.com or Sue Lies @ 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 is 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



We wish to express our deepest gratitude to our Knox family for everyone's cards, thoughts, and prayers on the recent loss of Daryl's Father and Doug's Mother.

Your kindness has touched us and helped us through this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Daryl, Doug and Jeanine Varney

MUSIC TO INSPIRE YOUR SOUL

[Holy, Holy, Holy](#) by Audrey Assad

[God So Loved](#) by We The Kingdom

[Here I Am to Worship](#) by Anthem Lights



Music
Inspires The Soul!

[Here I am Lord](#) by Chris Bray

[Holy Water](#) by We The Kingdom & Tasha Cobbs Leonard

[Holy](#) by Red Rocks Worship

[Order Disorder Reorder](#) by Jason Gray

[Authority](#) by Elevation Worship

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