

Knox News

July 2021



Worship WITH US IN PERSON

Worship on Sunday

Starting Sunday, July 4 the Contemporary Worship Service at 11 am will move back to its previous time at **10:30 am**.

The current health protocols no longer require us to wipe down the entire sanctuary so the services can return to their former time. This time will continue through the rest of the year.

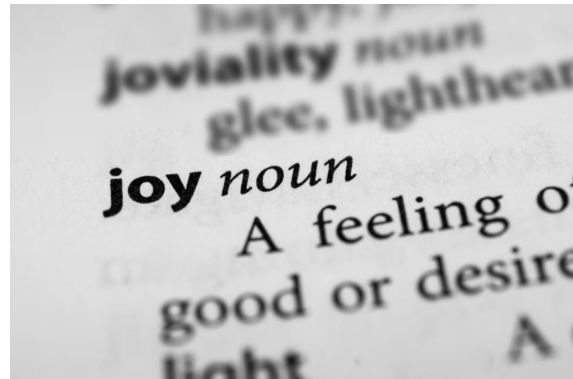
Services at Knox

Saturday @ 5 pm,
Sunday @ 9 am & 10:30 am



Kid's Ministry

A NOTE FROM PASTOR PAT



What a Morning!

There was an incredible amount of excitement around our Knox home base on Catalpa Lane on Sunday. Several factors contributed to a very real sense of joy and celebration. Whether you were “in the room,” be it the Sanctuary, Commons or anywhere else for worship or the children’s class, the congregational meeting, or you were invested virtually, I’m confident the impact of the morning was palpable.

When the Congregational Nominating Committee informed Session they had their slate ready to present to the congregation for election of our Pastor Nominating Committee, Session called a meeting of our members for June 27. As soon as that was known, the idea developed to bring all of Knox together for one worship experience prior to the meeting.

The 27th happened to already be on the

There will be NO Sunday School or Godly play on July 3rd/July 4th.



FELLOWSHIP HOUR RESUMES IN JULY

Join us for a time of fellowship beginning Sunday, July 4 in between services.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

for Sunday, July 11 for a "Welcome Reception" for Anna Board our new Director of Worship, Music & Arts.

We are looking for folks to jump back in serving in hospitality. We want to welcome so many people back and offer a place to connect or reconnect. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please contact Bev Mayer bmayer@knoxpres.org or Kim Lynn mskim.littleblessings@gmail.com.

9 am SUNDAY LIVESTREAM

10:30 am SUNDAY LIVESTREAM



BULLETIN

church calendar as the Sunday to give witness to some of the work God did through the Go and Serve youth and adult mission trip to Detroit and Vacation Bible School. As it happened, attending worship had also just become easier for everyone with no registration needed and the allowance for full room capacity.

Tim Sleep, the Worship Arts Council, the Staff Worship Planning Team and our Media Staff helped make sure all details were covered for a warm welcome for all and that worship would be meaningful to us and glorifying to God. Some of these same folks made sure the congregational meeting would allow all participants, in-person and virtual, to be fully invested.

The results were wonderful! There was a fantastic, palpable joy to being together in a way that we have not been for 15 months. The sanctuary felt packed as worship got underway. Official attendance was 330 in the room with about 112 live-streaming. At the meeting, Elder Neil Goltermann gave the CNC report and the vote was 181-0 for the slate as presented. Praying for our nine PNC members closed out the morning. Those members are Lisa Wilkins, Karin Glenn, Andy Meeks, Renee Hicks, Josh Weir, J.V. Krol, Karen Van Iten, Jeff Hild and Taylor Bird.

We have been traveling through a transition time literally like never before in Knox's history. A page has now been turned that propels us forward in a fresh way. The PNC will meet as soon as possible to learn all about their responsibilities. The members of the committee will then begin to write the documents that, once approved, open the door to receive resumes perhaps in a few months.

The great work of discernment then begins in earnest for an unknown period of time until they are ready to present a candidate to the congregation. Please pray for them, and pray for all God has in store right now for Knox. This isn't a time to sit back and wait, but a time to keep pressing forward. God is on the move! Thanks for your full investment toward all of God's best at this juncture of our journey!

Hopefully,
Pat

"Restore"
Summer '21 Sermon Series
Knox Presbyterian Church

Prayer MINISTRY

PRAYER CARD

 **Tithes & Offerings**

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 Online knoxpres.org	 Legacy Gift

GIVE



NEED ASSISTANCE

Knox can help!

CARING MINISTRIES



"Restore"

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



Greetings sisters and brothers!

It is a privilege to join the staff of Knox Presbyterian as the Director of Worship Arts. It has been a long, Spirit-led journey that has brought us here, and I am grateful for the opportunity to join God in His work at Knox. My husband Brandon and I are looking forward to getting better acquainted with you all soon!

We will move into new home on June 26th and my first day will be July 6th. Brandon and I would appreciate your continued prayers in this transition, and we also ask that you please continue to pray for the choir, the praise team, and Tim Sleep as we step forward into this new season together.

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

Anna

WAYS TO CARE

Tornado Relief



As all of us have now lived through a tornado threat, we have learned 130 Knox families have actually been in the area of the tornado's path. We would like to share the three initiatives Knox has undertaken to provide support.

First, thankfully, our wonderful Deacons have been able to contact each of the 130 families and have determined they are doing well, despite some tree damage.

Second, we know there are other less fortunate families who have been displaced from their homes or who are living in homes in need of extensive repairs. We are happy to share that that Knox presented a \$1,000.00 check from the Knox Pastors Discretionary Fund to Little Pops Pizza on Wherli Road. A number of us received an email from Little Pops announcing they are 100% matching donations and will hand out gift cards to the families affected for free Little Pops meals. Mission Elder Kim Williams and her family know the Nelson family, who own Little Pops, and can vouch for their integrity and their fantastic food! We love knowing Little Pops is actually in the affected area and can provide immediate relief with comfort food.

Third, Knox, the City of Naperville, and the Chicago Presbytery, are recommending that anyone wishing to donate monetarily, do so through the Illinois Region Red Cross. You can find their website at www.redcross.org/local/illinois.

We extend our blessings to all those affected and thank you for your support.



Worship Music & Arts Council

As Knox returns to the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Sunday service schedule in July the Worship, Music and Arts Council would like to encourage all members to prayerfully consider assisting in Communion preparation and Ushering/Worship Steward tasks.

For more information on what is involved please contact [Sandi Hurford](#) (Communion preparation) or Brian Smith (Ushering/Worship Steward) or [Kim Lynn](#) or [Chris Jachcinski](#).

Loaves and Fishes Drop Off at Knox



**MOST NEEDED
ITEMS**

Hunger Sunday, July 4

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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Lifespring



Urgent Need For Childcare @ Lifespring Ministries

Lifespring has recently been blessed with 6 kids who, along with their mothers, reside at the facility. There is an urgent need for childcare workers to work on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10-noon. High school-aged kids with experience are welcome to volunteer, as are adults. There is also an opportunity to serve from 6-7 pm in the evenings.

Lifespring, a division of Wayside Cross, is a Christ-centered recovery and long-term transitional living program which offers safe shelter for women and children who have lost their housing due to addiction, abuse or financial crisis, with the support and reaffirming care they need. Housed inside a refurbished convent, this ministry provides a safe and loving environment where women learn the necessary skills to make new choices, live independently and build strong support systems while they encounter Jesus Christ. The ladies are encouraged to face their problems, plan their future, and work towards self-sufficiency. More over, children find a safe place to play and grow while moms get the help they need.

At Lifespring, leaders minister to the whole person through Bible studies, biblical guidance classes in parenting, finances, cooking and nutrition, GED tutoring, computer skills and more.

In addition, they connect residents with individual mentors and local churches to build new support systems and healthy friendships.

Those interested in volunteering should reach out to Dana Kemp, Director, via email -- dkemp@waysidecross.org. She can also be reached via phone at 630-952-1104.

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.

On Saturday, July 24 we will be supporting Hesed House. Catered 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. For more information, see the [Hesed House page](#).

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.

There will now be some limited opportunities for fully vaccinated individuals to serve.

Any questions, email [Bruce Burkelman](#) or call 630-209-1421. Thanks so much for your continued support for the homeless in our community.



Dakota Partnership Sisseton, Fort Peck update.

I hope everyone's summer is off to a great start! As you know, the uncertainties around Covid, the wishes of the Native American Tribal leaders and the lead times needed to plan the VBS trip to Sisseton regrettably forced us to cancel the Sisseton trip for 2021.

The good news is that the trip to Fort Peck Montana is still a go, leaving on July 11th, beginning the return trip July 16th. If you would like details on the Fort Peck trip, please contact Rachel Bednar at 630-688-1524, rbednar_308@yahoo.com.

More good news! The Fall backpack and the Christmas gift program for Sisseton are still on. Please look for details on the program mid/late July.

Finally, thank you for your continued support of the Dakota Partnership mission. Our friends in the Native American community we serve look forward to our trips as much as we do. The relationships we have formed over the many years are important to all of us. We look forward to 2022, and a return to interacting with our friends face to face.

Missions at Knox

WAYS TO CONNECT

Garden Walk 2021



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

Sign up online or in person to attend. Cost is \$15. When you sign up, you can download a garden brochure and optional maps.

Please have a mask available.

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

**SIGN UP TO
ATTEND**

For more information, contact Nancy Whitmer at n.w.whitmer@gmail.com.

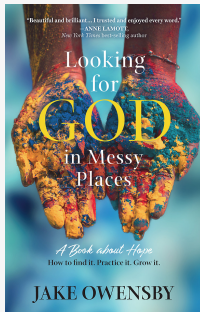


Knox Connects

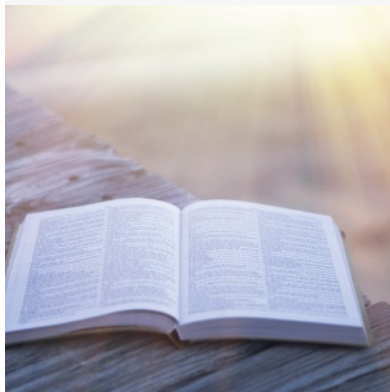
Wednesday, July 14 at 7:00 pm

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



Scripture Readers

We are looking for families that would like to read scripture during our services. If your child or children are interested, please contact our Director of Children and Family Services, Erin Hartman ehartman@knoxpres.org.

G3 Save the Date!

Middle Schoolers, we hope you can join us on July 10th for an in-person event. Mark your calendars and watch the email blasts for more detailed information soon.



Families- Save the Date!

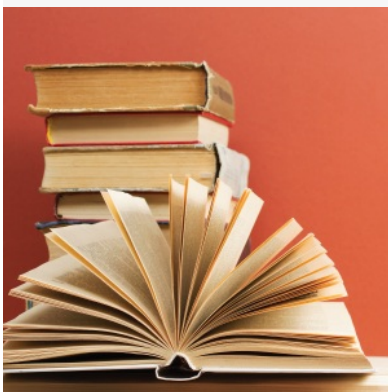
Families, please mark your calendars for August 14th! We will be gathering at a local park where families can bring their own picnic food and we will provide dessert.

It will be a time to get together and catch up. We hope you can join us! More information to come soon!



Thank you for a great week of VBS!

We had a wonderful week of in-person and virtual VBS. This year, the kids learned that they are PRICELESS to God. We praised God through song, listened to stories from the bible, played some fun games, watched videos about kids just like us and even got to see our furry friend, Chadder, again this year. It was a great week of fellowship and fun! Thanks to all who joined us in-person and virtually!



The Evening Book Club will not be meeting in July or August of 2021.

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



Women on Wednesday is taking a 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 mlambka2@gmail.com

PW Circle's



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

We love to keep it simple! NYMC is an informal gathering of ladies who enjoy fellowship the 2nd or 3rd Saturday of the month. June 12 we met in Stephanie Hild's backyard for fun, food & lots of laughter! If you would like more information, contact Sue Goll @ sgollcci@gmail.com or Sue Lies @ suelies3231@gmail.com.



The Church Life App

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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!

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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!

[Full Knox Calendar](#)

MUSIC TO INSPIRE YOUR SOUL & KEEP YOUR EYES FIXED ON CHRIST

[Order Disorder Reorder](#) by Jason Gray

[All In](#) by Matthew West

[Come Together](#) by Third Day

[Together](#) by King and Country feat. Kirk Franklin & Tori Kelly

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

[Revival](#) by Cain

