

September 2019

A Letter From Pastor Cindy



"And God will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is God's treasure." Isaiah 33:6

When I was a young girl before the age of 11, I sailed across the ocean 16 times! I love the sea, its wonders, and the adventure of a new horizon each day, the rise and fall of the ship on turbulent waters. My Dad said I learned to walk like a sailor, from side to side, to keep from falling. But I also loved when we finally reached our destination – whether it was New York City as we passed and waved at Lady Liberty or Pireus, the port of Athens with the magnificent Parthenon in the distance.

You see I knew the 4 huge anchors of the S.S. Constitution, the S.S. Independence or the S.S. Atlantic would finally drop and the ship would be secured and stable again! I was blessed to sail on all 3 of these grand vessels!

Perhaps that is why I remain confident today as we sail through this time of transition. I know Christ is our anchor and we shall continue to grow and flourish and be nurtured by the power of the Holy Spirit. I urge each of you to walk like a sailor from side-to-side. Keep a good balance of love, patience and forgiveness for one another and for our trusted Elders and Deacons and Staff. Christ is the Anchor of our faith, as we lean into the future.

With love – your sister in Christ,

Pastor Cindy

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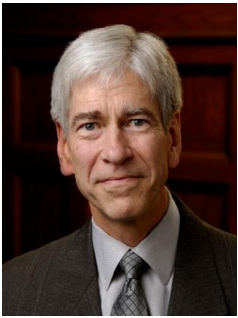
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Church News

A Note From the Interim Pastor Search Committee

Dear Knox Congregation,



We are pleased to announce that the Knox Session has approved the Personnel Council recommendation to appoint Reverend David (Dave) Handley as the Knox short-term Interim Pastor effective September 2, 2019. Dave retired after many years as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston and since that time has served as an interim pastor for several congregations.

He will serve full-time as Head of Staff providing spiritual and administrative leadership for the congregation. In addition to leading worship and administering the sacraments, Dave will provide pastoral care for the Knox congregation and all those who seek comfort and guidance through the church.

During his time at Knox, the Personnel Council will work to identify and recommend a long-term Interim Pastor.

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Dave as we begin our next chapter of Knox's journey.

Interim Pastor Search Committee



Knox Fest Tables Up until September

In the Commons there are opportunities to sign up for: Bible studies, volunteer for missions, work behind the scenes, activities for all ages and more!

Come check it out, get connected and use your gifts!



**Sunday, September 8 begins
the Fall Worship schedule at
9:00 am and 10:30 am**

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Do you know a Knox visitor? Invite them to our next Knowing Knox session.

As members of Knox, we all play a key role in welcoming visitors and helping them learn more about Knox Presbyterian Church. Knowing Knox is a class where we can learn more about our guests and they can learn more about us. Please be invitational and welcoming and share this information with them about our upcoming sessions.



Please join us for two informal informative discussions:

- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 from 10:30-11:30AM and**
- **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 from 6-7:30PM (food will be served)**

Those interested in joining Knox may do so the following weekend during one of our three services.

If you have any questions or if you have specific guests in mind, please contact Josh Weir, Elder - Outreach & Membership at weir.josh@gmail.com



Children's Day Out is so excited to start another school year!

A few dates to note:

Tuesday, Aug 27th is teacher work day. Children's Day Out teachers will be here for meetings and working in their classrooms.

Thursday, Aug 29th is Open House. Families will be visiting their classrooms and meeting their teachers. There will be a buzz of activity from 9-12 pm.

Tuesday, Sept 3rd is the first day of Children's Day Out! I anticipate that doors will lock at 9:45 am and reopen at 12:30 pm Monday-Thursday.



Knox Handbells Begins Rehearsals Starting September 20 @ 6:15 pm In The Music Room

Interested in learning to play, contact Marilyn Wilgocki at 630-971-1594 mew6617@sbcglobal.net



Grief & Loss Workshop

Beginning Thursday, September 19 - Thursday, November 14 for 8 weeks the Grief & Loss Workshop will take place in the Conference Room from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. The workshop will cover the stages of bereavement, as well as, other handouts and will be led by Rev. Cindy Karis and co-lead by a Stephen Minister. Please call Pastor Cindy on her direct line 630-615-4308 to register or email her at ckaris@knoxpres.org



Do You Like To Decorate? The Worship Council Would Like Your Help!

Happy September to our Knox Family! It's only September, but that means that the holidays are just around the corner and your Worship, Music and Arts Council will be planning decorations for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. This is a special time in our Knox

church season, and if you would like to be a part of our Council we would love to include you in bringing those special touches and decorations to the Commons, Sanctuary, and the rest of the church. If you are interested please reach out to the Knox Office Staff, or to the WM&A Elders Dawn Pakkebier and Chris Jachcinski at the email addresses listed below. Thank you!

Dawn Pakkebier dawn_pakkebier@ipsd.org
Chris Jachcinski, cjachcinski@gmail.com



Cookie Walk Talk!

Christmas Cookie Walk is closer than we think – Bakers Needed!

The fifth annual Knox Christmas Cookie Walk will be **Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm** in Lehman Hall. Come find a huge assortment of fancy homemade cookies and candies, hostess trays, stocking stuffers and gift tins.

Knox parishioners and others in our community can get freshly baked cookies for their holiday gatherings right here at Knox.... more bakers are needed to make our selection the best in Naperville.

If you enjoy making holiday treats for a good cause, please contact **Stephanie Hild at hildsj17@gmail.com or (cell) 630.210.6597** to sign up to bake or to answer any questions. Sign-up will also be available after Saturday and Sunday church services in the coming weeks. Bakers who submit receipts to one of the Deacons will be reimbursed for their ingredients (use our tax id), if desired. All the proceeds support the mission of Knox Presbyterian Deacons.



Part time custodian help needed – join the team!

If you would like some extra spending money and can help us to keep Knox look welcoming – we need you! You would be scheduled on an as need/on call basis and help fill in during vacations, large events or other times when an extra hand is needed.

This could be weekdays or weekends and the tasks could be duties inside and outside our church. You will help to set-up and take

down furniture and equipment for both church and community events that take place at Knox and also to help maintain a clean environment for all our members and visitors. For more information please contact **Ron Mobley at 630-615-4305 or rmobley@knoxpres.org**.



Important Alert

The Federal Trade Commission has issued a warning for all churches regarding gift card scams. Now, scammers are pretending to be pastors, rabbis, priests and even members of their own congregation asking worshipers for gift card contributions for a worthy cause. They are making their requests by email, texts

and some even phone calls. For example, the email address isn't the one normally used by the church, and maybe the name or extension on the email is a little different. There also may be spelling errors, including the pastor's name.

Knox staff will not send you an email asking you to purchase a gift card for another member. Please do not purchase a gift card for someone at Knox when asked via email or text. If you are unsure about a request call the Knox office at 630-355-8181. If a Knox member has a financial need the pastors have several ways to assist them and do so throughout the year through your generosity. .

For more information - click on this link. from the Federal Trade Commission.

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2019/07/worshipers-targeted-gift-card-scam>



Session Highlights

Knox Councils are in the midst of planning for the upcoming new church year which kicked off with Knox Fest. This planning will lead us into a vibrant fall season with activities and study opportunities to learn and grow together in Christ. Clint's parting

thought to the Session was the assurance that God has great plans in store for Knox Presbyterian Church.

As a first step in the transition process, the Knox Session approved the Personnel Council recommendation to appoint Reverend David (Dave) Handley as the Knox short-term Interim Pastor effective September 2, 2019. Dave retired after many years as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston. He will serve as Head of Staff providing spiritual and administrative leadership for the congregation. In addition to leading worship and administering the sacraments, Dave will provide pastoral care for the Knox congregation and all those who seek comfort and guidance through the church. During his tenure at Knox, the Personnel Council will work to identify and recommend a long-term Interim Pastor.

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Missions at Knox



TEEN PARENT CONNECTION

The calendar is being finalized for another exciting year supporting our Teen Parent Connection families who meet at Knox each Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm. We will begin on September 10th and continue through the second week of May.

We are looking for groups/circles/individuals who would be willing to provide one pre-planned, simple meal (sloppy joes, tacos, hot dogs, etc.) to approximately 15 young moms and dads and their toddlers. Someone from our Knox team will be present each evening to assist with set up and help as needed. Paper products are supplied so clean up is easy. In fact, you should be able to finish by 7:30!! Reimbursement for expenses is available through the Knox Mission council budget. If this sounds like something you would like to do once or twice during the year, **please contact Lori Rose at 630-244-2090 for details.**



Knox needs you to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus at Hesed House!

Be a part of Hesed House's mission to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and give people the chance to hope again.

Date: Saturday, September 28th

Time: 4 possible shifts (6-9:30pm, 9:30pm-12, 3am-7am, 5am-7am)

Sign up online or contact Jill Wittwer at jillwittwer@yahoo.com.

If you are unable to travel to Hesed House, please sign up online to prepare food at home and drop at Knox.



Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is September 1.

Donations can be left on the cart in front of the Commons or in the bin next to the Mission Council table. **Thank you!**

Most Needed Items Include:

Low/no sugar cereal & canned fruit, Gluten-free items, Whole grain pastas, Low sodium canned veggies, Detergent, Toilet paper, Toothpaste, Diapers & wipes, Household cleaning agents, Shampoo and more.

[Click Here to See Most Needed Items](#)

Crop Hunger Walk- Sunday, October 20, at 1 pm

1969-2019, 50 Years of Walking

50 Years of Ending Hunger Together



Is there still a need for CROP Hunger Walks in 2019? The simple answer is YES. In 1969 funds and awareness were raised to help End Hunger and 50 years later the need is still there.

Please join us on Sunday, October 20th at 1pm for the 50th annual CROP hunger walk! Join other walkers from Knox and the Naperville community for a beautiful walk with a purpose. Money raised goes to Loaves & Fishes, Northern Illinois Food Bank, and Church World Services hunger programs around the world.

You can sign up online to walk or sponsor a walker at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/napervilleil> and then register as a Knox walker!!

Please contact Ineke Pellele or Rachel Koritala with questions.



Birthday Party for Sisseton Kids at VBS

That was one of the final activities of the week for the Kids at Sisseton. The excitement generated by a beanie baby and a cupcake was overwhelmingly fun. The Bible lessons, the singing the recreation and the pool were all appreciated by the kids and the parents. The books donated were all taken and so appreciated. Who got more out of the program the people from Chicagoland or the Sisseton kids is always the question? Thank

you for all the support that Knox has given Dakota Partnership both at Fort Peck and Sisseton.

Consider being part of it next year.

Tentative dates for next year are June 21-26 for Sisseton.



Backpacks for Sisseton

Backpacks were sent all over the reservation this year thanks to Knox. We were able to give all the kids at the homeless shelter one. A blessed event in these kids lives. Adults and kids were able to pick out unique backpacks at Family Life. Westside Elementary kids will be greeted with theirs when they go to the open house. Others were delivered personally by Dane and myself to houses on the reservation. TZ, the other school, was added this year by having a teacher take some. 204 backpacks were delivered, hugs given and many thanks from everyone. A big thank you for all the money, backpacks and support you have given the Backpack program. Robret Sparkman needs special recognition for taking the trip with us and being a tremendous help.



Dr. Anne T. Sherren Scholarship

Do you want to have a career in Full Time Christian Service? Do you know someone who wants a career in Full time Christian Service? If the answer to either question is yes, please consider a Dr. Anne T. Sherren Scholarship. For more information contact Anne Sherren, 630-932-0481



Mission Highlight

We are very excited to announce the addition of a Wayside Cross donation bin outside of the Northwest corner of Knox (Gartner Road side)! Please bring your clothing donations to help support Wayside Cross Ministries.

Each donation helps support their three shelters in Aurora and Elgin. Wayside Cross provides Bible-based Christ-centered recovery programs and support after-school programs for at-risk youth, and a jail ministry that reaches every prison or jail throughout Illinois. Clothing donations represent 30% of their ministries' total operating budget.



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Women's Ministries

Women On Wednesdays



Women On Wednesdays Ladies! Are you wondering what to do on Wednesday mornings? Why not come to Women on Wednesdays and join with other women for a morning of Bible Study and fellowship? Women on Wednesdays will begin Wednesday, Sept 11 with a brand new study - "Relying on the Power of the Holy Spirit" by

Elizabeth George. This is a study of the Book of Acts and we welcome new members! We meet from 9:15 - 11:15 and the morning includes coffee, fellowship, Bible Study and prayer. We welcome women of all ages and Bible knowledge and childcare for little ones from birth through age 5 is available. You may sign up online or just come on Sept 11!

Questions? Contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com or Margaret Lambka at mllambka2@gmail.com.

Evening Book Club- All Are Welcome!



Evening Book Club will next meet Sep. 11, 7:30 pm to discuss Janesville: an American Story by Amy Goldstein. This nonfiction book tells the story of the Janesville, Wisconsin community, after the GM plant shut down during the Great Recession, 2008. We meet in the Knox Parlor, second Wednesdays, and new readers are always welcome. For our October 9 gathering, we will be reading Educated, an award winning memoir by Tara Westover.

New readers are always welcome. Future book selections can be found at knoxpres.org under groups. Please contact Janice Wiles with any questions at 639.416.9537 or wilesjan@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Treats and Treasures November 2 & 3

Helping Hands are needed for Donations and Set Up.



Donations Needed

Baked goods: cakes, pies, candy and bread(no cookies please and also label if there are nuts or gluten free)
Jars: pickled food, jams, jellies
Handcrafted Holiday and All Occasions Greeting Cards
Handcrafted or like new ornaments
Previously treasured jewelry

Look for more details coming soon. Contact Sandi Hurford 630-355-6794 or Carolyn Lorenz 630-888-8060 with questions.



PW Circles

Deborah Circle - Contact Ann Beran Jones annberanjones@comcast.net

Mary Martha Circle - will meet Tuesday, September 10th at 9:30 a.m. For more information contact Susan Burns at sbburns@comcast.net

Not Your Mother's Circle - resumes its regular schedule **Saturday morning September 14. 9:30 -11:00 am at the home of Diana Newby.**

Looking ahead we will have a fall breakfast and walk in the autumn woods Saturday October 19. We are a vibrant, warm, fun group of women, if interested in checking us out please contact **Lisa Dorr (630) 803-3074**

Ruth Circle - Do you work during the day or have other responsibilities and can't join a Circle that meets in the day? Please consider joining the PW Ruth Circle that meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. **Beginning Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 pm we will gather in the Parlor.** Come for a time of fellowship, study and prayer with a great group of ladies. If you have any questions, please contact Bev Mayer at 630-615-4325 or bmayer@knoxpres.org

Rachel Rebecca Circle - will meet on **Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30 am** at the home of Mary Ellen Kelly. Her address is 1447 Swansea Ct. Naperville. Call her if you need directions: 630-357-8597. If you have questions about the Circle call Eileen Engstrom at 630-369-1774. Please study Lesson One in the Study Book and bring your Bible. New Members are always welcome.

Welcome to this season's Chick Flick "Hot Topic" - Immigration.

We will be viewing immigration to America from four different countries. These high-quality films, worth seeing, will expand our views on this issue. As our country was built by immigrants - and as we, as Christians, find Jesus' command to love our neighbors often conflicts with our country's foreign policies - this will be a thought-provoking series.



Friday, Sept. 6: Gran Torino, starring Clint Eastwood.

Dinner 6:15-7:00 and Movie and Discussion 7:00-9:00 in the Senior High room. "Disgruntled Korean War veteran clashes with his Hmong teenage neighbor who tried to steal his prized possession, a 1972 Gran Torino. Challenging themes of immigration and racism are addressed in the award-winning movie."

Sign up and pay online or in the Commons. Cost is \$10 for dinner (payment due in advance); the movie is free. Upcoming movies: 11/8/19,

2/7/20 and 4/3/20.

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

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Men's Ministries



ManKind golf outing September 22 at Arrowhead Golf Club

Grab your clubs and join your ManKind Men's Ministry buddies for an afternoon of golf, fellowship and food at Arrowhead Golf Club in Wheaton on Sunday, September 22, beginning at 1 p.m.

Put together your foursome with friends, family or kiddos and register online at Knoxpres.org by Friday, September 13. Tee times will be assigned once

registration closes. Cost is \$61 per person for 18 holes of golf, cart included, and will be paid day of, at Arrowhead. As an added incentive, our beloved Chicago Bears are a Monday night matchup, so you won't have to miss cheering them on!

Each foursome may play in a format most comfortable to them, including best ball or individual play. You will enjoy fun hole contests such as longest drive and closest to the pin. And, follow-up your round with a 19th hole gathering in the clubhouse, where you can continue fellowship, grab a bite and a drink, contest winners will be announced, and where you can catch a football game or two.

A special thank you to Knox member and Arrowhead director of golf, Bruce Stoller, for coordinating the event for ManKind Men's Ministry.

[**Click Here to Register For Golf Outing**](#)

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Children's & Family Ministries



Sunday School Calendar

September 1: No Sunday School

September 8: First day of Sunday School. Sunday School classes will be available at both services for children age 3 (potty trained) through 7th Grade.

Questions & Volunteering: Contact Erin Hartman, Sunday School & Family Ministries Coordinator, 630-615-4303, ehartman@knoxpres.org

What's New?

Throughout the year, in conjunction with the curriculum, we will be focusing on worship and laying a foundation of worship in the lives of the children and youth. For our younger children, we will continue to use the Deep Blue curriculum, which focuses on the overall theme of "Loving God, Loving Neighbor." For Middle School, the curriculum we will be using is LinC (Living in Christ), which has real life applications and links back to scripture.

Note from Erin

I am looking forward to the fall and continuing to get to know more families here at Knox. We are still in need of teachers to make the Sunday School program possible during service. Please contact me directly for more information and to volunteer, we would love to have your help and devotion to teaching the children of Knox about Christ.

Wednesday Nights begins September 11!

From September to March, Knox offers a program that will enhance your child's faith and fellowship with their peers for kiddos entering Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

Evening includes

- *Bible Study
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[**Click Here to Register For Wednesday Nights**](#)

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G3-Middle School Ministries



Confirmation for all 8th Graders

September 8th - 10:30-1:00 First day of Confirmation!
Please go to knoxpres.org to sign up

[Click Here to Register Online](#)



G3 - Middle School Fellowship camping trip September 14 - 15

Activities will include games, bonfire and s'mores, making dinner and evening vespers.
Greene Valley Forest Preserve – Drop off at the camp site #7 at 3:30 pm – Pick up at the camp site at 8:00 am. We will need tents and parent help with tent set up and take down.
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Children's singing in Worship schedule



During each Wednesday Night, the children have an opportunity to learn new songs for morning worship services. We work hard on the music and also gain perspective on how it fits into the worship service. The children learn how to contribute their talents (no matter what size!) to the worship of God. A worthy and valuable lesson!

**We appreciate your effort in reserving these dates on your calendar.
Primetime (K-2nd grade) & Jam (3rd-5th grade)**

September 29

Prime Time - 9:00 am

JAM - 10:30 am

October 27

JAM - 9:00 am

Prime Time - 10:30 am

November 24

Prime Time & JAM at both services combined with Chancel Choir and Praise Team

December 8

JAM - 9:00 am

Prime Time - 10:30 am

December 15

Prime Time and JAM at "Carols and Candlelight" at 4:00 pm

Save the Date



Trunk or Treat - Oct 19

Volunteers and Decorated Trunks needed – If you would like to pass out candy from your decorated car trunk then contact Ann Smith at anncorinnesmith@gmail.com



Third Grade Bibles – Service, September 29

We will be presenting our 3rd Grade Class with their very own Bibles at the 10:30 am worship Service on Sept. 29. Please register your child online so we will be sure to have a Bible and cover ready for them. Third Graders are invited to stay after for lunch with Jenny Hubbard and Erin Hartman. We will also have some activities to teach them about their new Bibles.

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

Safe Haven Trainings

All volunteers helping with Children and Youth Ministries are required to take a 20 minute safe haven training as well as have a background check.



We are offering trainings the following times...

**Sunday, August 25 - 10 am and 11:30 am
in the Parlor**

**Sunday, September 8 - 10 am and 11:30 am
in the Parlor**

**Sunday, September 15 - 10 am and 11:30 am
in the Parlor**

**Wednesday, September 18 - 7:00 pm
in the Conference Room**

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Youth



High School Ministries

Sunday Night Bible Study starts September 8th

Sunday Bible study from 7-8:30 pm begins on the 8th! Come for a time of worship and study of God's word.

High Ropes Course, September 21st, 9:30-3:30

Cost: 20\$

All high school students are invited out for a day of team building, fear facing, and fun at the Lincoln Marsh high ropes course! Arrive at Knox at 9:00, and we will head up to the Marsh for the afternoon. We will pack lunches at the church; please bring a water bottle with your name on it, wear close-toed shoes and clothing you can be active in.

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

[For More Info Click Here to Visit **knoxblog.org**](#)



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Young Adult



Fellowship & Bible Study

Young Adult Fellowship is a small group of adults in their early twenties who meet regularly for Bible study, service and fellowship.

If you would like to participate in our YA Fellowship, email or text

**Darin Nettleton, dnettleton@knoxpres.org
(425)530-0009**

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For upcoming Bible Study Groups visit

Knoxpres.org

Weekly Groups Studying A New Playlist - Open To All

Sunday

Led by Brooks Reid – 9:00 am, Room 202 - Co-Ed Bible study

Led by Frank Mayer – 7:00 pm, Middle School room – Co-Ed Bible study

Led by Darin Nettleton – 5:00 pm, Conference room - Co-Ed Bible study

Tuesday

Led by Frank Mayer – 9:00 am, Middle School room – Men's Bible study

Led by Jenny Hubbard - 1:15 pm, Deb's office- Women's Bible study

Wednesday

Led by Luise Warren & Arlene Beslic - 7:30 pm, Conference room - Co-Ed Bible study

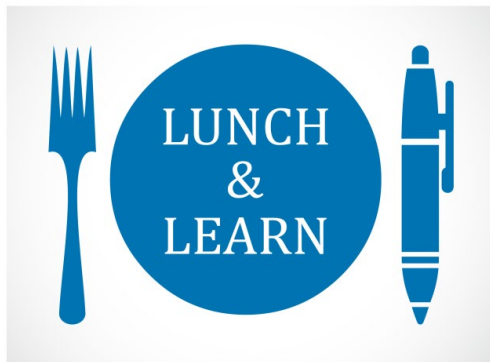
Led by Rev. Eric Heinekamp(First Pres. Church of Dupage) – 7:30 pm – Co-Ed Bible study

Thursday

Led by Rev. Cindy - 9:30 – 11:00 am, Middle School room- Co-Ed Bible study

Led by Darin Nettleton - 7:00 pm – Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month – Young Adult Bible study

Many more groups and activities will be added frequently and are on the website.



Sunday, September 15

"Generation Z"

By Evan Roberts, LCSW

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

We've all heard about the millennials– but what about Gen Z? How does the generation born after 9/11 view the world? Business and Society? Education and Vocation? Marriage and Family? Come learn from a public school social worker who works alongside them every day.

11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday, September 29

Hope Happens

By Kenneth Elisapana

k.elisapana@southsudanhope.org

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

Founder and Executive Director of South Sudan Voices of Hope will present the history of South Sudan, background information, and details of the current humanitarian situation facing the men, women and children of this country. He will also present some of the work of his organization in representing hope in the midst of such dire need.

11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Save the Date: October 20 and 27 "All's Well That Ends Well" multiple presenters.

Curious Christians



October 5 2nd Presbyterian Church & The Glessner House

The Curious Christians are planning for another Chicago outing! We will visit the Glessner House, stroll along Prairie Avenue with our guide, and view the Tiffany stained glass windows of Second Presbyterian Church which is located on South Michigan Avenue. The Chicago Tribune named Glessner House one of the top twenty architectural gems in Chicago. Built in the 1880's, the 17,000

square foot residence was a radical departure from the fussy Victorian taste of the time. It is located on Prairie Avenue, once home to Marshall Field, George Pullman, and other business and social leaders of the 19th century.

Departure from Knox: 8:30 a.m.

Return: 4:00 p.m.

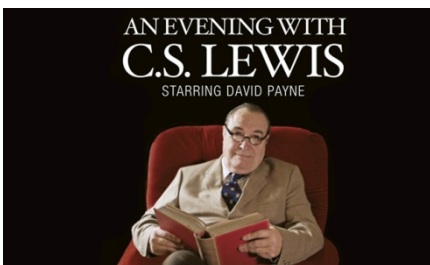
Lunch: Kroll's South Loop (burgers, salads, sandwiches)

Price: \$42. This includes guided tours of Glessner, Prairie Avenue, and Second Presbyterian, and transportation by van from Knox. It does not include the cost of lunch.

NOTE: Glessner House is not handicapped accessible. There are 15 stairs to enter and a stairway to the second floor. We will also walk along Prairie Avenue. Kroll's Restaurant and Second Pres are within a block or two.

For more information: Contact Sue Pollard (swpollard1973@gmail.com) or Julie McLean (mcleanqs1@gmail.com)

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Save the Date November 3

An evening with C.S. Lewis

An evening in the home of this famous author is recreated as he recalls the people and events which shaped his life. How he came to embrace Christianity is a prominent part of this inspiring play.

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Ministry To Seniors



Hall of Famers Lunch - Thursday, September 12 "Rails, Rogues and Wrecks"

Featuring: Rick Pickren, vocals, guitar and harmonica!

Rick will weave a tapestry of history and song about the evolution of the railroad system in America; from east to west and from steam to diesel locomotion. (He presented our Derby Days program last May.)

Our menu will include Sloppy Joes, coleslaw and dessert

Cost: \$8.00

You are invited to join us for worship in the chapel at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. Please call Diane Heintz at 630/615-4324 by Monday, September 9, for reservations.



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Thank You



A BIG Thank You to all our volunteers at the Work Day! Many hands made light work as we spruced up our outdoor campus on Saturday August 3. Thank you to those who gave of their time & talents: Ruth & Gary Dispensa, Suzanne & Bill Harris, Randy Johnson, Bev & Frank Mayer, Julie & Dane Milldrum, Ron Mobley, Gina Schneider and Cheryl Skov.

Well done; The grounds look beautiful!



“Thank You” Doesn’t Even Come..!

My Dear Knox Family,

Deb and I were overwhelmed by the outpouring of affection toward us and our family on my last Sunday in worship, August 18th. I found myself laughing out loud--or in tears--pretty much the whole morning—often both at the same time! No pastor could be more greatly blessed than to have a congregation such as you to serve and to love.

For the amazing job done by the Chancel Choir (the last time I will hear you singing “Go Ye Now in Peace” blurred my vision walking down the aisle), the energy and passion of the Praise Team, the beautiful prayer by Pastor Cindy, Jenny’s leading of the children to offer me prayer and the laying on of hands (I lost it totally), the outstanding contributions of Tim Sleep and the Parry’s—What can I say? Thank God Darin was there to MC with his customarily crisp panache to hold us all together!

I am deeply and abidingly grateful for the Program put together by so many talented folks after the Benediction. The compositions and songs by Cindy and Curt, the “Newscast” with Thomas Parry, the gift (and even more, the words) from Barbara Silverman and the roasting from Steve Bennett of Personnel (Yes, it’s true! Daybreakers does write my sermons!) was capped off by the presentation of a beautiful new Pulpit Robe and the singing of my favorite song from my favorite movie, “Sweet Home Chicago”. Wow. You all “hit it” indeed.

Thank you also for the many hands who made possible an amazing feast of fried chicken and sides, cherry pie (my favorite!) and all those beautiful sailboats (the ones named after my mother and wife are on my table)! I didn’t actually get to sit down and eat, but I was fed by all the expressions of love offered me in person for almost three hours..! My heart is overflowing with gratitude.

After all was cleaned up and everyone had gone home, I found myself alone in the building. I walked back into the silent Sanctuary one last time to kneel down and say, “Thank You” to the One who, as Cindy often says, “makes all things good—and all things possible.” And then I climbed into Ed Wile’s loaner car (his 1950 Chevrolet) and drove slowly and thoughtfully home... “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

***With all my heart,
Clint***

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Care Ministries

Congratulations:

Paula & Casey Martin on the birth of their daughter,
Maelin Lovisa on May 13.

Kelly & Chris Bratsos on the birth of their son, **Dylan James** on May 22.

Grieving:

The friends and family of:

Justin Wegner on his death (neighbor of Robin Kolar)

John Foy on his death (friend of Charlie and Carol O'Neill)

Steve Macaluso on his death (neighbor of Jeff and Sara Egan)

James Ferguson on his death (father of Zack Sullivan)

Eleanor Kyncl on her death (sister of Margaret Thomas)

Emily Bever on her death (aunt of Carol Hilton)

Pete Johanknecht on his death (father of Lori Rose)

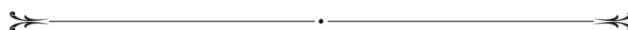
John Martin on his death (friend of Byron Burns)

Minna Dugdale on her death

Joe Becia on his death (formerly with Boy Scout Troop 505)

Weekly Prayer Cards:

Pick up a weekly prayer card in the Commons for the most current list of our members who are in the hospital, at home recovering, nursing homes and home bound.



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