

A Note From Pastor Pat



An Autumn Full of Celebration and Growth!

What a privilege we have to be part of our greater Knox family of faith at this time! The Knox life gives wonderful evidence that our whole ministry and mission is built around Jesus and is being built up by him into all God wants us to be and do. Everything encourages our devotion to Christ, and everything flows from Christ to us on its way to every person and situation. We have a lot to celebrate!

Some of our greatest strengths are in the very areas that have been sorely tested during the often physically-distanced pandemic chapter of this past year and a half. Right now is a great time to build on these strengths that Knox officers and staff have identified as (1) Christ, (2) Connection, (3) Care, and (4) Community. All together, they reflect the heart of God for all of us. Your investment in each of these truly makes a difference!

We sense it is the perfect time to expand and deepen these elements of our communal life and witness as we build up our relationship with Christ through faith, enhance our Connection to one another and Knox as a whole, make sure everyone within our congregation knows we Care and deepen our understanding of our larger Community needs to see how we can make a greater impact for the good of others.

This month we will begin to turn our full attention to this “4C Kingdom Life.” We will see this reflected in worship, in existing and new small groups through study, conversations and practical action steps, in our individual lives and in every ministry and mission throughout the congregation. We celebrate all the ways this life is already ours and will be in the months ahead.

Please pay attention to information in this issue of Knox News about this all-church invitation and investment. Let’s all do all we can to help Knox grow into all that God desires at this particular moment in our congregational life and witness. It’s a great time to be Knox!

Pat





The 4C Kingdom Life: Christ, Connection, Care, Community

August 29 - Established in Faith
Hebrews 10:32–11:1
“the evidence of things we cannot see”

September 5 - Established in Hope
Romans 15:1-13
“overflow with confident hope”

September 12 - Established in Love
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
“the greatest of these is love”

September 19 - “Great News!”
Colossians 1:1-14

September 26 - Christ 1 (smaller groups
study/discuss)
“At Peace”
Colossians 1:15-22

October 3 - Christ 2 (smaller groups act)
“Rooted”
Colossians 2:6-7

October 10 - Connection 1 (smaller groups
study/discuss)
“United”
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

October 17 - Connection 2 (smaller groups act)
“Focused”
Philippians 2:1-11

October 24 - Care 1 (smaller groups
study/discuss)
“Compassionate”
1 John 3:11-24

October 31- Care 2 (smaller groups act)
“Doers of Good”
James 2:14-26

November 7 - Community 1 (smaller groups
study/discuss)
“Neighborly”
Luke 10:25-37

November 14 - Community 2 (smaller groups act)
“Invested”
Matthew 9:35-38

November 21 - Thanksgiving
“Thankful”
Psalm 117



Connect



FUN FOR ALL!

September 19

10am - 1pm

Let's come together for one Service at 10am to kick off the Fall season with a new Sermon Series, Small Group Bible Studies and a Neighborhood Block Party with food, fun and music by Station Wagon Dogs!

Come and visit our neighbors and enjoy time together!



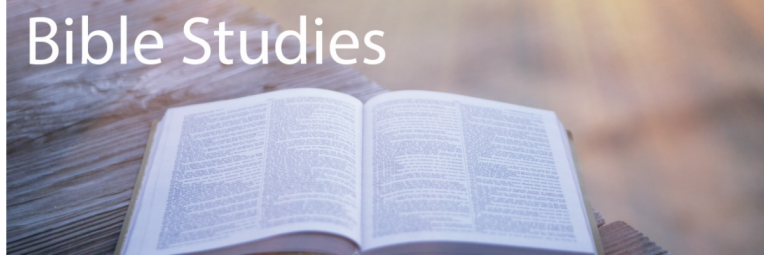
Coming Soon!

Bible Study Small Group sign ups for the Fall will be available soon.

Keep a look out on knoxpres.org and social media for a small group to join and connect with your Knox family.



Bible Studies



The Evening Book Club is still finalizing its book selections for 21/22 reading. They will be posted on the Knox website, when ready.

We plan to begin meeting again on the second Wednesday, beginning September 8, 7 pm.

It is yet to be determined if we will be able to meet safely in person, or will continue to Zoom. If you already receive the book club emails, you will be kept up to date.

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 back at Knox Church!

We are so excited that we will be able to meet back at Knox Church when we start up again on September 15th with a new study of Genesis.

WOW meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-11:15 and includes coffee, Bible study, large and small group gatherings and prayer. All ages and Bible knowledge are welcome and there is childcare for infants and toddlers. Registration is open and we can't wait to see new and returning women soon!

Due to our software conversion registrations will open again on Friday. Please sign up then at knoxpres.org.

Questions?

Please contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com or Margaret Lambka at mllambka2@gmail.com

Hall of Famers' Luncheons are being planned!

Knox has a long-time tradition of hosting the members of our senior population for lunch followed by a program planned especially for them. We're planning to meet four times this year beginning on Thursday, October 14 from 12:00 p.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m. Everyone is

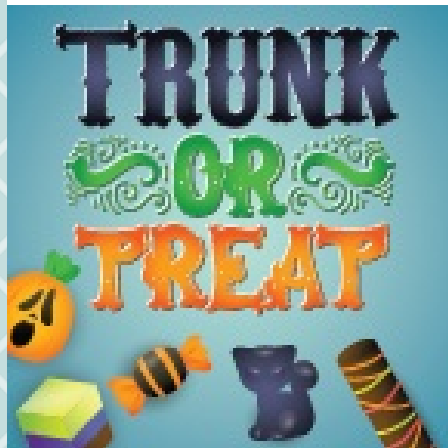


welcome whether you meet the criteria of senior citizen or not.

In order to help us with our planning, we'd appreciate it if you could let us know if you are interested in participating this year. Look for further details regarding the October Luncheon in the October issue of Knox News.

We sincerely hope you will consider joining us this year as we expect to have a good time!

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Save The Date!

It is never too early to mark your calendars for our annual Trunk or Treat. Knox will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 23rd from 6-7:30pm.



Calling all 3rd Graders!

Are you in 3rd grade this year? It is the special time where you can receive your bible, gifted to you from Knox.

We will be presenting the bibles to our 3rd graders on Sunday, October 3rd during our 10:30am service. 3rd graders are welcome to stay after the service for a luncheon and "Get to know your bible" event.

Please contact [Erin Hartman](#) if you would like your child to receive a Bible to make sure we have a cover ready for them.

Wednesday Nights: September 15!

Wednesday Nights for grades K-8th grade will begin on September 15.

Look for registrations coming soon at knoxpres.org.

We look forward to welcoming you back and details will continue to be sent out to families.



High School Youth Wednesday Nights are back!

Wednesday nights continue, with dinner from 6-6:30 and fellowship from 6:30-7:30. Open to all current high school students, we hope to see you there! Dinner costs \$5 each week, or you can prepay for the semester for \$50 (saving you over 50% per week!)

Sunday Night Bible Study will begin on September 12 at 7-8pm in the Basement! Come ready to discuss and debate the topics we choose together.

Due to our software conversion registrations will open again on Friday. Please sign up then at knoxpres.org.



High School Youth Activities Permission Slip 2021/2022

Please fill out the activity permission slip for the school year. We will be asking all of the emergency contact, insurance, medical information only once, in this form.

For each event throughout the year (Tubing, winter retreat, etc) we will not ask this information again so it is imperative that we collect it from you here. Hopefully this will make for easier registration overall!

PERMISSION SLIP



Young Adults

Save the Date for our Winter Mission Trip! From December 27-31, we will drive out to Camp Restore in Michigan for a week of work and fun! Expected cost is around \$300, and we will be doing our pie sale fundraiser in November.

Registration will come later in the fall, so keep those dates open!



It's time to sign up for Family Camp!

Family Camp is held at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and will take place September 24th-26th.

It is a wonderful getaway with some structured activities and some downtime. You can register online here and we hope to have a good turn out.

Please reach out to Erin with any questions at ehartman@knoxpres.org.

Space is limited, so claim your spot now!

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"A Musical Afternoon" October 3 at 3PM

You're invited to join organist and pianist Tim Sleep and mezzo-soprano Anna Board for an afternoon of music on October 3rd at 3pm in the sanctuary.

Tim and Anna will perform pieces from a variety of genres including musical theater, sacred, and opera. From Mozart to Rodgers and Hammerstein, there is something for everyone!



DID SOMEBODY SAY "COOKIE WALK"?

Yes, somebody did say there will be another Knox Cookie Walk!! This year it will be on Dec. 4, from 9-2 (or sold out). We're pulling our CW committee together and will be asking for your help in the near future.

If you know what slot you would like to fill, let Doris Walker or Kay Sullivan know and we will save it for you. It's all easy and fun so you don't want to miss out.



Not Your Mother's Circle loves to keep it simple! NYMC is an informal gathering of ladies who enjoy fellowship the 2nd or 3rd Saturday of the month. This month you will find us at Stephanie Hild's backyard for fun, food & lots of laughter! We will also be discussing our recent summer read, *The Getaway Girls*. If you would like more information, contact Sue Goll, sgollcci@gmail.com or Sue Lies, suelies3231@gmail.com.

Mary Martha circle will meet Tuesday, September 14th at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Susan Burns at sbburns@comcast.net.

Rachel Rebecca Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 9:30 AM. Kathi Olson will be sending out more information nearer the time. New Members are always welcome. Contact Kathi Olson for more information.

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 16 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.

Care



Hunger Sunday September 5

Help support Loaves and Fishes and bring some items to Knox on September 5.

For more detailed information about Loaves and Fishes, visit www.loaves-fishes.org.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

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Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk Stepping Out To End Hunger

Also in 2021, participants in the local CROP Hunger Walk are looking to make a difference in our own community and around the world. Walkers and donors will continue to raise awareness and funds to help end hunger and poverty.

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through meals for today and sustainable food security for tomorrow.

The committee organizing the annual Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk is very hopefully that again this year we can walk in person. Preparations are being made accordingly, in compliance with the COVID regulations. In cooperation with Loaves and Fishes, we plan to pack Easy Meals before and after the walk for their Naperville and DuPage County clients.

The 39th annual Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 17 at 1 pm. The Knox Team Captains trust we can represent our church with another great team. This is an event for all ages. Walkers can choose to walk the 1K or 5K, starting and finishing at Grace United Methodist Church in Naperville.

Feel free to sign up and join the CROP Hunger Walk Team of Knox. www.crophungerwalk.org is the site to go to. Once you 'arrive' there, type *Knox Presbyterian Church* in the upper right search bar. The next screen will give you the opportunity to join our team (see blue bar halfway through the screen).

More info to follow.

Knox Team Captains Ineke Pelella and Rachel Koritala



Presbyterian Women's Garden Walk

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we announce that Garden Walk 2021 was a great success, netting nearly \$6000 for Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Hosted by Presbyterian Women of Knox Church, the Garden Walk featured the landscapes of six extremely generous and talented gardeners.

Nearly 370 admissions were purchased this year, a record for the Walk, which has been held four times since 2017.

People were extremely generous with donations above and beyond the admission price. Additionally, we were very touched by the number of people who reached out to say how much they enjoyed strolling through the varied and beautiful gardens.

Thank you, Knox Church, for your generosity. Thank you, Naperville and surrounding community, for helping to support hunger relief in our area. One dollar can purchase \$8 worth of groceries by the Food Bank, which stocks food pantries across Northern Illinois.

Co-chairs Nancy Whitmer, Janice Wiles and Sue Johnpeter are retiring from this vital mission and hope someone in the Knox community will consider taking over the leadership. An ability to be organized – and a heart for mission – are all that is necessary. (Everything else is written down!)

Please reach out to Nancy at n.w.whitmer@gmail.com for details.



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Hesed House August Support

A Food & Supply "Drive Thru, Drop-Off" at Knox
Saturday August 28th, 4:00-4:30 pm

- Taco Dinner, Hot, Ready-To-Serve
- Sausage and Biscuit Breakfast, Ready-to-Reheat
- Brown Bag Lunches
- Supplies for Homeless Moving Out of Hesed House
- Drivers with Vehicles for Drive By Loading or Store Pick Up & Delivery to Hesed House
- Servers for Dinner or Breakfast at Hesed House

Any questions, email [Bruce Burkelman](mailto:Bruce.Burkelman@knoxpres.org) or call 630-209-1421.

Thanks so much for your continued support for the homeless in our community.



The Grief & Loss Workshop will take place in the Parlor from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Beginning Thursday, September 16 - Thursday, November 4 for 8 weeks.

The workshop will cover the stages of bereavement, as well as, other handouts and will be led by Pastor Cindy Karis. Please call Pastor Cindy on her direct line 630-615-4308 to register or email ckaris@knoxpres.org.

Community



Sorrows

Dick Griffith's Memorial Service is still scheduled for Saturday, September 11 at 10:00 am

Court Kenaston's Memorial Service is still scheduled for Friday, September 24 at 11:00 am

The Pettit family would like to extend a warm invitation to attend Blanche Pettit's Celebration of Life Service for Sunday, September 26 at 2:00 pm in the Knox Sanctuary



Sisseton Backpacks

Thank You was a common response from the kids and adults in our Dakota partnership in Sisseton, SD when they picked up a backpack. We gave out the 224 backpacks that were supplied from Knox Presbyterian Church. Each of the 111 kids who requested backpacks picked their favorite backpacks from the multitude. Additional children from the community also picked.

As a special joy was giving the remaining backpacks to the PTAYA OWOHDAKE-MISSION Meeting. The meeting, starting in 1872 is a gathering of Presbyterian churches and



UCC churches from North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Montana. It celebrated its 150th anniversary this year. Cancellation of services has only occurred twice in the Fair's history; once for a smallpox outbreak and last year's COVID pandemic.

Rev. Lehman played a vital role in this meeting every year. What a beautiful thought that for the 150th we were able to help them celebrate this date with backpacks that are being sent across the Midwest to help Native Americans get ready for school. On behalf of the Dakota Partnership we want to thank you all the people, who were a valuable part of this mission. Beginning with the people, who gave backpacks, money for the trailer and gas to run it, and all the supporting prayers. A successful program was accomplished through everyone's effort. Thank you!



Update from your Pastor Nominating Committee

Your PNC is meeting every week and is currently working on the Ministry Information Form (MIF) which is the document that informs potential candidates about Knox and what qualities we desire in a new head of staff.

This critical document will be used by Presbytery to attract and match us with candidates who could be a fit for our congregation. We ask for your continued prayers as we work to complete this important document.



Nursery Care

Do you love working with little ones? Knox CFM is looking for nursery care workers during our worship services, Wednesday Night program and other programs that Knox has. If interested, please contact Erin Hartman at ehartman@knoxpres.org



The Worship, Music, and Arts Council is looking for someone to join the council as Communion Coordinator. This role would include preparing, or scheduling people to prepare, the elements for communion and setting the communion table.

If you are interested in being the Communion Coordinator or in helping with communion preparation, please contact Kim Lynn mskim.littleblessings@gmail.com or Chris Jachcinski cjachcinski@gmail.com.

Greeters are needed to welcome people to Knox at both the front doors and at our welcome desk. Greeters are needed at 9 and 10:30, but especially at the 9:00 service.



Greeters are invited to sign up to greet using a shared google document. If you are interested in greeting you can contact Carol Pfeiffer at 630-854-1657 or through email at carolericp@yahoo.com.



Are you looking for a way to serve?

Our Tech Team needs volunteers to assist in the tech booth on Sunday mornings. Potential tasks range from helping manage slides, to working with the audio and video equipment.

No experience is needed! If you are interested, please contact Patrick Schwarz, pschwarz@knoxpres.org.



Knox Chancel Choir: All singers over the age of 10 are invited to join the Knox Presbyterian Chancel Choir!

The choir is a great way to use your talents and to develop life-giving relationships.

Rehearsals begin Thursday, July 29th from 7:30pm-9:00pm in the sanctuary. please contact Anna Board, aboard@knoxpres.org.



Calling all guitarists, bassists, vocalists and drummers!

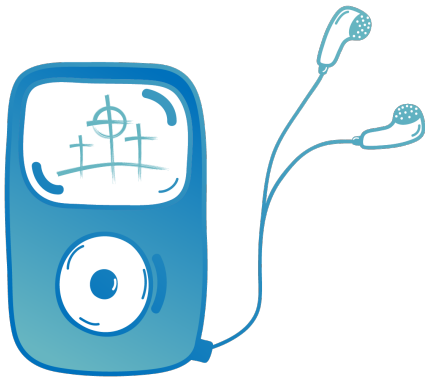
The Knox Praise Band is looking for individuals who have a heart for worship and experience playing/singing contemporary music.

If you are interested or know of someone who might be perfect for this team, please contact Anna Board, aboard@knoxpres.org.

A few songs to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus!
(click the song title to view & listen)

[Faithful God](#) by I AM THEY

[Stand In Faith](#) by Danny Gokey



[Faithful](#) by Ryan Stevenson (feat. Amy Grant)

[Faithful Now](#) by Vertical Worship

[Your Nearness](#) by Shane & Shane

Worship Together Saturday @ 5PM, Sunday @ 9AM or 10:30AM

Links for Sunday Livestream

[SUNDAY 9AM](#)

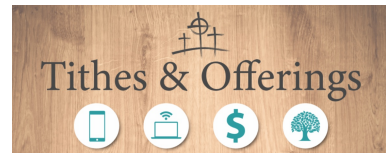
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