



Our Response To COVID-19

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Resources & Updates

During this time please visit
knoxpres.org or click on the above
graphic for updates on events.

Ways To Help



Loaves & Fishes Needs

Select Virtual Food Drive

[Donate online](#) - on Knox website and
select fund Loaves & Fishes

Hesed House Updated Needs

View current needs or [donate directly](#)

[Donate online](#) - on Knox website and
select fund Hesed House

Wayside Cross

Check out the Many ways to support
Wayside Cross

[Donate online](#) - on Knox website and



A Note From Pastor Pat

In my mind, August is associated immediately with just one thing. Before I get to that, however, let's do a little context. We might remember August is short for Augustus, the first Roman emperor. The Roman Senate honored the emperor by putting his name in place of the month Sextilis. Of course, everyone knows that. Not likely! The root meaning of the word augustus is venerable or auspicious.

That's not the word with which I immediately associate the month of August. My immediate association is the word "hot" as in really, really suffocatingly warm and supremely uncomfortable outdoor temps. We might remember the concept of the dog days of summer, the hottest days, when in ancient times dogs and people were thought to easily be driven mad by the heat.

I'll invite us to transform this into a time, not to go mad but to be glad. In the midst of all that challenges us on so many fronts at a national and personal level, there are aspects of our ministry that are being shaped to create joy, celebration and connections. When the temps go high and the humidity rises, Knox is reaching for the new and good and faithful!

You'll see this reflected in this Knox News. Behind the scenes ideas are taking shape as we go to press that we hope will have us all more and more aware of the richness of our life as a congregation. Here are a few bits of evidence regarding what is on its way:

- A Vespers @ 5:00 pm Saturday evening outdoor worship will be held each week

select fund Wayside Cross

Dakota Partnership



The drop off for Sisseton backpacks are this weekend!

Please drop off by the front doors:

Sunday, August 2, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Monday, August 3, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Tuesday, August 4, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

[Click here](#) to get the school supply list and tag to print and attach to the backpack. You can also pick up a list and tag in the box outside Knox's front doors.

Please [click here](#) to visit the Dakota Partnership page for more info.

If you are not able to drop off at church please call Julie Milldrum at 630-470-7044. or email EducateRead1@gmail.com to make alternative arrangements.



Towels, Bedding, & Gently Used Clothing for Sisseton

We will again be collecting towels, bedding, blankets and gently used clothing for the homeless shelter and our Sisseton community. Used or new would be fantastic.

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starting August 15. It will include communion, a short devotional message, prayer and music. All state outdoor distancing protocols will be followed. Be on the watch for more details.

- People have shared ideas about ways to feel more connected with our neighbors, our small groups, ministry teams, councils, study groups and friends right in the midst of our still-largely-distant life. Be on the watch for these ideas about possible Connecting Points.

- Leaders of our Children and Family and Youth and Young Adult ministries are not only staying invested this summer. They are preparing for the fall with dynamic, meaningful ideas for how we will continue and expand ministry as we head into September. Be on the watch for . . . you guessed it . . . more details.

- Starting August 4, Knox groups of ten or less can re-engage in in-person gatherings in our facility under our Restart Knox plan Stage 1 while practicing all Session-adopted health protocols. After several weeks for adjustments and evaluation, we anticipate more slots will be available as we move into Stage 2. Please contact Ron Mobley to schedule a meeting.

- Our worship on Sunday, September 6th will honor Knox's 60th anniversary! It will include special reflections on all that God did in our beginning and what God has done over these six amazing decades. Whether worship remains virtual only or not, you won't want to miss it.

- Children's Day Out is gearing up for a September 8 start in service to families throughout our larger community with full health practices in place. Pray for Beth and all staff as they prepare for their full investment in the lives of these children.

- A congregation-wide fall worship and discussion group emphasis begins September 13th. We are very close to the time we can share more details. Please stay tuned!

I am so grateful for all that each of you do to make Knox such an amazing ministry and mission for us and for all people. These highlighted elements are only a portion of all that is underway in this sultry month of August. It's all geared to help all people of all ages and all backgrounds know and love and serve the God who is truly good. I can't wait to see all the details come together in the weeks ahead.

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[Click Here for Prayer Ministry Card](#)

Updated every Saturday

Send prayer requests to:

ourprayers@knoxpres.org

Stephen Ministers

Our Stephen ministers are still here for you. They are meeting through phone and we zoom for our monthly meetings. Our Stephen ministers provide countless hours of care, ministry that we as pastors are not able to provide on our own in a large congregation.

Stephen ministry empowers laypeople to follow Jesus' model of love and compassion.

If you are interested in having a Stephen Minister, Please email Pastor Cindy at ckaris@knoxpres.org or Pastor Pat at psmith@knoxpres.org

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep praying for all the Lord's people." *Ephesians 6:18*

Ways To Stay Connected



Pat

Summer Sermon Theme "Church Re-Discovered"



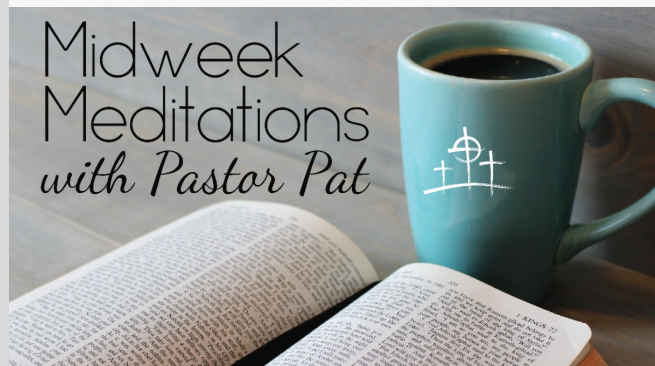
Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7

Aug. 2 - "A Perfect Point of View"
Matt. 7:1-6

Aug. 9 - "The Essence of Life"
Matt. 7:7-12

Aug. 16 - "A Productive Life"
Matt. 7:13-23

Aug. 23 - "A Foundation That Lasts"
Matt. 7:24-29



[Click Here to view Midweek Meditations](#)



Pray For Others

Zoom Bible Study

Contact info@knoxpres.org

Zoom Kids Bible Study

Contact ehartman@knoxpres.org

Zoom Young Adult Bible Study

Contact dnettleton@knoxpres.org

G3 Virtual Gathering

Interested in joining?

Contact ehartman@knoxpres.org

Scripture Readers For Worship

Have you enjoyed seeing families read scripture during our service?

We would love to have your family read for our upcoming services. If you are interested, please reach out to Erin Hartman for more information at

ehartman@knoxpres.org

Knox Kids Group On Facebook

Interested in joining? Contact

ehartman@knoxpres.org



Cooking For Others In Christ

Kids in the Kitchen Recipe Share!

Have you enjoyed seeing our family recipes each week? Kids in the Kitchen would like to feature your family's recipe!

You can send your recipe to

ehartman@knoxpres.org along with a little story behind the recipe. We will feature it on our Knox Kids Facebook group page as well as on the kids website for the week.



Let's Talk Knox Continues...

If you weren't able to register for one of the previous groups, please register for any date & time that fits your schedule.

We value your thoughts and ideas to help Knox continue its mission & ministry now and for the future.

Pastor Pat and his wife, Laura look forward to meeting you.

Dates to sign up:

Thursday, August 6 at 7:30 pm

If you need assistance, please email Bev Mayer at bmayer@knoxpres.org or call 630-202-5097

[Register Here](#)



Need Assistance?

Deacons are reaching out to parishioners regularly to touch base and see how the congregation is faring during this time. If you haven't heard from your deacon, please let Knox know if your contact information has changed. If you'd like additional outreach from Deacons, please contact Deacon moderator Shannon Adcock at 480-239-7175 or email

happyhelpers@knoxpres.org



WOW is looking forward to starting up via Zoom in September with a new Bible Study

We hope many women will be able to join us virtually on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-11:00 until we are able to meet in person.

Please watch the newsletter and website for details of the new study, update your Zoom App and start planning on where you will sit to join with other women to fellowship and study God's Word together! We hope to "see" many returning women and some new in September.

**Questions? Contact Robin Kolar
630-369-4539 or Margaret Lambka
630-420-7885**



CALL TO 2021 DEACON MINISTRY.

The Deacons of Knox Presbyterian Church answer the call of Christ, seek to reach out with hands and heart, and minister with love to welcome, encourage, comfort, and uplift the people of this community of faith.

Each member of Knox Church is assigned a dedicated Deacon who communicates and ministers to their parishioners throughout the year. It is an important part of keeping a connection to the Knox community, especially given the effects of Covid-19 on our lives. Starting in March, Deacons assessed any critical needs within their parishes and reached out first to parishioners with the greatest vulnerabilities and then all active members. From phone calls and handwritten letters to car rides and hand-delivered meals, Deacons are always at the ready to minister! Not only do we provide support and encouragement, but we also celebrate the joyous occasions shared by parishioners. The relationships built within this ministry are filled with many

Agape Love

A box has been set up outside of the main doors of Knox. Everyone is welcome to put notes, pictures or little crafts in the box that will be given to various members in our congregation that may need more love right now and something to make them smile.

You can sign your name on them or leave them anonymous.

Let's spread the love of Christ to each other and be God's hands and feet during this time!



Osher Thomas Cramer, born March 11 to and Jonathan and Emma Cramer (great grandmother is Margaret Thomas)

Cai Joy Palazzola, born April 20 to Bryan and Katie Palazzola (grandparents are Tom and Debbie Cloke)

Henry Daniel Holder, born April 27 to Chas and Mattie Holder (grandparents are Neil and Julie Goltermann)

Amara Anne Fang, born June 3 to Derek and Melanie Fang (grandparents are Ken and Diane Noreen)

Oliver Anthony Mayer, born July 8 to Kevin and Michelle Mayer (grandparents are Frank and Bev Mayer)

James Russell Morten, born July 9 to Chris and Melanie Morten (grandparents are Gary and Judy Morten)

Colton James Beran, born July 13 to Cody and Melissa Beran (grandmother is Ruth Wiechmann Browne)

memorable moments as joy is found in both giving and receiving.

According to the Book of Order, "It is the duty of Deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless and to any who may be in distress." To answer this calling, the Deacons commit themselves to prayer and service in care giving, train themselves in the skills of care giving, and build support and teamwork among the Deacons to better minister to the people of Knox. *Please pray and consider joining the Board of Deacons for 2021 ministry. If you are interested or know a parishioner who would be, please contact Deacon Moderator Shannon Adcock with questions or inquiries at 480.239.7175 or shannon@shannonaphotography.com*

The church office is closed but if you need assistance please call the church office 630-615-4324 or email messageknox@knoxpres.org

**Worship
TOGETHER**



SUNDAYS ONLINE @ 9AM

CLICK HERE TO VIEW OUR LIVESTREAM
REPLAY ANYTIME AFTER 9 AM



Each Week we will upload a new Bulletin, Prayer Card and Sunday School Activities to knoxpres.org and also send info through an email blast on Saturday.

Tithes & Offerings



Text
73256



**Cash/
Check**



Online
knoxpres.org



**Legacy
Gift**

Contributions Can Still Be Mailed To Knox

We are still collecting incoming mail at Knox, so if you normally send in your contributions by mail please continue to do so.

Contribute Now

Happenings at Knox



Congrats 2020 Seniors! Please click [here](#) to view a slideshow of our Knox Seniors!



38th NAPERVILLE AREA CROP HUNGER WALK

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
VIRTUAL WALK**

It will be a different CROP Hunger Walk this year. The Naperville organizing committee has decided that with the safety of all walkers in mind, we will go VIRTUAL this October.

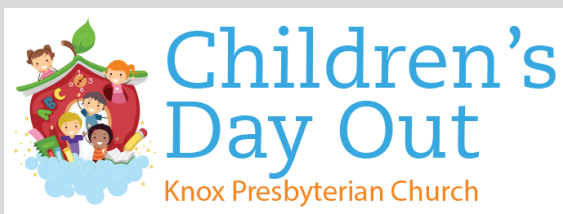


Book Club will be meeting via Zoom for the remainder of 2020, due to the Pandemic. Our next book is *The Moment of Lift* by Melinda Gates, which will be discussed Thursday, August 20, via Zoom, 7 pm.

We will be switching to the second Tuesday of the month, beginning in September. All readers are welcome, but you will need to email Janice Wiles so your name can be added to the list to receive the Zoom link. Our reading list for future months can be found on the Knox website.

Please contact Janice Wiles with any questions at 630.416.9537 or wilesjan@gmail.com.

[Book List](#)



Children's Day Out is Hiring!

Children's Day Out is moving forward and planning to resume September 8! We are hiring Teachers, Assistant Teachers and Substitutes.

Love being with young children? Children's Day Out will be calling on volunteers to help in the classrooms this fall. If you've completed Safe Haven training and have an interest in guiding little ones Tuesday-Friday mornings **please contact Beth Burner at bburner@knoxpres.org for more information.**

Limited registrations are still available.

However, families and communities close by and worldwide need our support more than ever. Therefore, also this year, we will form Team Knox in the hope that we will be able to raise funds thus assisting people in need.

Team Captains are working on a number of options on how to best rework the 2020 CROP Hunger Walk for Knox walkers.

More details will be available in the September Knox newsletter.

**Knox CROP Hunger Walk Team Captains,
Ineke Pelella and Rachel Koritala**



Save The Date Knox Garden Walk July 10, 2021

Knox Garden Walk, benefitting the missions of Presbyterian Women.

Until then, please enjoy this highlight reel of gardens that have been featured on our earlier walks.

[Click Here To View Video](#)



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[Registration Form](#)

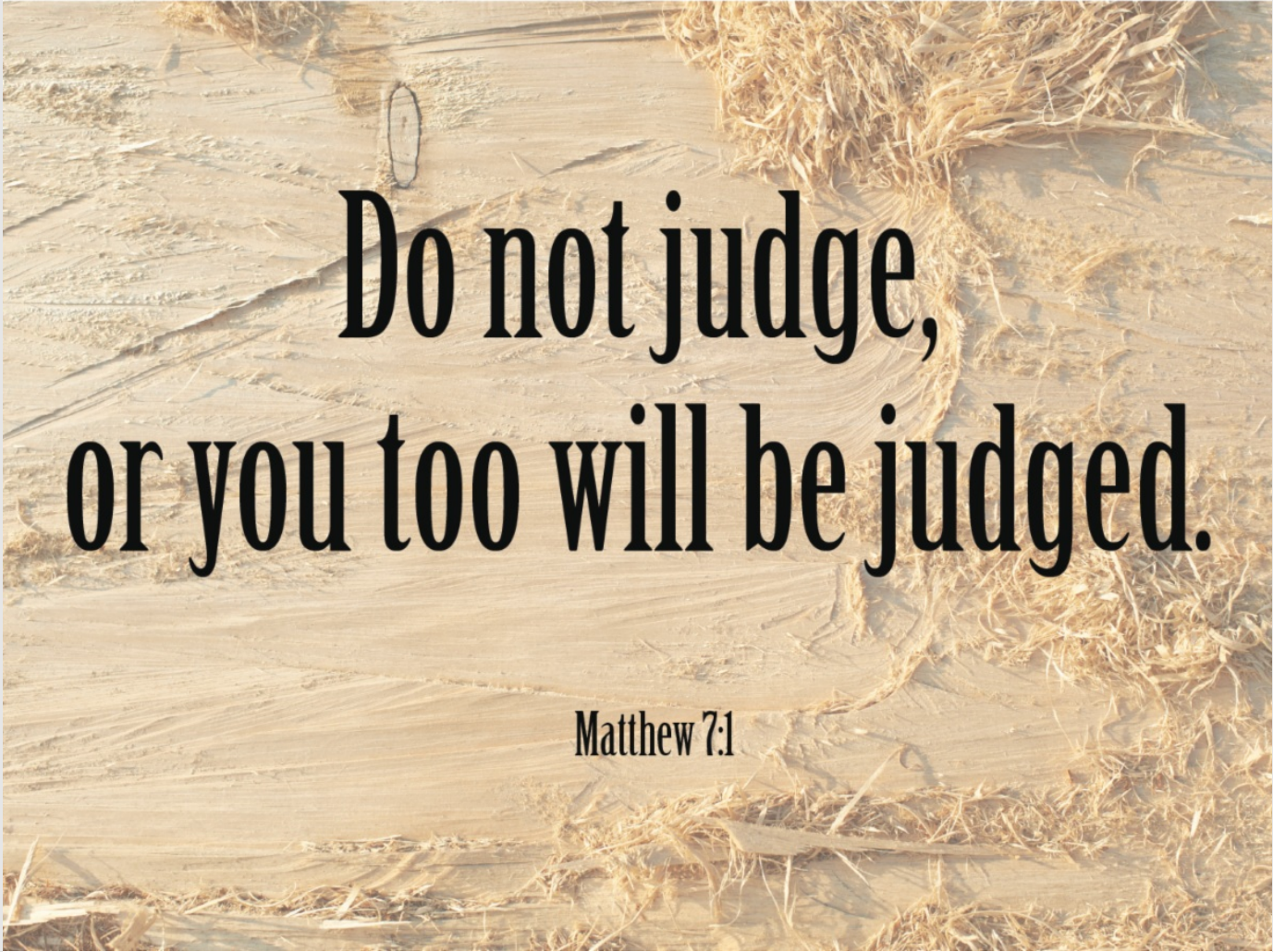
Reach out to us for more information at www.knoxpres.org.

[Visit our website](#)

the most up to date info for the youth and young adults.



Thank you Knox for providing food, tents & water for our sisters & brothers at Hesed House in July!



Do not judge, or you too will be judged.

Matthew 7:1

Enjoy Some Songs For Your Week!

[Start Right Here](#) by Casting Crowns

[Walking Free](#) by Micah Tyler

[Be The Moon](#) by Chris Tomlin (ft. Brett Young, Cassadee Pope)

[Less Like Me](#) by Zach Williams

[Jesus Friend of Sinners](#) by Casting Crowns

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