

A Note from Rev. Deb Roberts

August - A Time of Gearing Down and Gearing UP

Dear Friends,

August is a unique month. We realize, summer has almost whooshed by. In the Midwest, we long for its arrival and when summer comes slowly and stormily as it has this year, we long for it to linger.

Many of us fit 'last fling' outings, gatherings or travels into August. We want that last week of down time, of gearing down and relaxing. September hits all too soon and life takes on a different pace! Schedules return to full swing. We have to 'gear up'!

Knox will be switching gears as well with the wonderful anticipation of Robert Quiring and Catherine Langford's wedding. What fun and we're all invited to attend! Save the date of August 23rd and stay tuned for how we can help Robert and Catherine prepare for their big day.

During this summer we examined the Fruit of the Spirit and considered how to 'take them on' in our lives and relationships. Remember giving up all that 'bad stuff' during Lent? Wasn't it refreshing to think about how we bear and reproduce love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control? Did you add your stories to the Knox Family Fruit Basket in the Commons?

August will set us on the course of preparing for the Fall Church Wide Study and we are excited about this study! We think you will appreciate the book study, the small groups, the sermon series and getting involved. Don't miss meeting the author as he kicks off the sermon series on September 7th. Skye Jethani will introduce his book, 'With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God'. Save the date of September 7 now!

And last but not least, Knox will continue to increase our use of internet resources. The newsletter goes paperless next month. We have our new and improved Web site which is the best place for late breaking news and now our own Knox Facebook page! We are switching gears alright - into the 21st century. Contact the church office if you would like to receive a paper copy mailed to your home.

Somehow autumn will make its way into our mind's eye and spirit once again. We will receive the beauty of Indian summer and enjoy the bounty of the harvest. Before we know it, Thanksgiving will gather us around tables of family and friends with grateful hearts.

Psalm 65: 1, 11-13

Praise is due you O God...You crown the year with your bounty...the pastures, the meadows, the valleys...shout and sing together for joy.

Blessings to you and may you have time to gear down before gearing up!

Deb

FALL CHURCH WIDE STUDY 2014 Begins September 7

'WITH: Reimagining the Way You Relate TO God' by Skye Jethani

The Adult Education Council is excited about this study!

- Author, Sky Jethani, will preach at both services on September 7
- He will sign books as well
- Books will be available beginning August 3
- Small group sign ups also begin August 3
- People find this study life changing....a few quotes -

"This is the book that keeps on giving. You take something new away every time you read it."

"People should be prepared to forever think of their personal relationship with Christ in a whole new way."

"There are 'ah has' in every chapter!"

In this book, Skye Jethani uses four prepositions - under, over, from and for - to reveal the way many of us relate to God. With one final preposition - with - he lays out what it means to know and experience communion with God; to experience a life of faith, hope and love, which are the very things that we all desperately want and need.

Here are ways to jump in and participate:

- Join a current small group - note all the times and days which are available.
- Start a new group, your own group. We'll supply you with a Leaders Guide and books.
- Re-energize your current small group and invite new friends to join in.
- Check out the sign up wall in the Commons to see what will work for you.

The Knox Annual Church Wide Study is a great way to meet people, study, learn and share, and to get involved at Knox. Become part of this 8 week study as we examine together through the weekly sermons and the weekly studies, how we think about God and our relationship to God. You will find this a helpful, encouraging and inspiring study!

Adult Education

SUNDAYS:

A Study of Revelation Leader: Jim Clinton

10:30 am in Room 202

In August we conclude our study of Revelation. In September we will join the All Church study of the book "With".

- 8/3 Revelation in African American Culture
- 8/10 The Apocalypse and Social Progress
- 8/17 Awaiting the End in 1844 and Beyond
- 8/24 Rapture, Tribulation, and Armageddon
- 8/31 The Modern Apocalyptic Renaissance

TUESDAYS:

Tuesday Morning Men's Small Group Leader: Frank Mayer

9:00 am in the Parlor

This group is studying the book of Acts. New members are welcome to learn how the early church was founded. Contact Frank Mayer at fjmayerxge@comcast.net for details.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study – Leader Sue Curry

Our Bible study is on break for the summer but we will resume On September 16th at 9am. Check the coming newsletters and website for a new study to begin in September. Enjoy the summer and see you on Sept. 16!

Theology on Tap Leader: Eric Heinekamp

Our Tuesday evening "Theology on Tap" group is taking a short break for the end of summer. We will resume at Hopvine Brewing Company on Tuesday evenings September 9th at 7:30 pm and will be discussing the book "With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God". Watch the Sunday bulletins for more details.

WEDNESDAYS:

Women's Summer 'Come and Go' Bible Study: Leader: Rev. Deb Roberts

7 – 8:30 pm at Knox

All are invited and bring a friend. This summer's theme - A Prayer, a Proverb and a Psalm - The Drama, the Advice, the Emotion, the Joy!

Women on Wednesdays is on break for the summer. Check the coming newsletters and website for a new study to begin in September. Enjoy the summer!

THURSDAYS:

Daybreakers Leader: Rev. Clinton Roberts

6:00 am in the Coffee Bar

Missions at Knox

Back(pack) to School Time in Sisseton

Dakota Partnership is again collecting filled backpacks to help the students in Sisseton get off to a good start for the 2014-2015 school year. If you would like to help with this worthy cause:



- Supply lists can be found online – click on the rotating banner link on the homepage or go to Outreach > Dakota Partnership – bottom of the page (you can also pick up a tag in the Commons at Knox)
- Buy the backpack and fill it with the school supplies listed on the tag.
- Return filled backpacks to Knox with the tag on the outside of the bag.

This will help ensure that we get the backpacks to the correct age student. We have 312 students who will need backpacks so any help you can give will be appreciated. If you would rather not purchase the backpack feel free to donate supplies or cash to help get supplies needed. **All backpacks are due by August 10.**

Click here to visit the Dakota Partnership Page, the school lists are at the bottom of the page.

Sisseton Trip 2014 – by Julie Milldrum

GREAT AMERICA here we come. What? We are off to Sisseton!! Not Wisconsin! But we ARE the Great America theme park to these kids. Over the years I often wondered what makes these kids long for us to come back. Why, when they get older do they cry when we leave? I thought when you got older you stopped crying when people leave. I think I saw what it was that we give these kids. Unadulterated love. No strings attached. No hidden agenda. Isn't that what God's love is all about? When I go to the older group, the big Burly YMEN give the big kids bear hugs or more importantly big slaps on the back (we are older now remember).



Morning for the older Native American kids start with YMEN circling the vans, shouting and getting the kids out. The first timers are afraid but then they grow to want the YMEN to come and circle the bus. Doesn't this represent God's love encircling all of us? They get out of bus and everyone makes sure that those kids feel special. They are unique and very special for that week. I do not think that they feel that way very often.

The little kids are given food, encouragement and lots of hugs. We are more subtle over there. I describe the swimming pool to the first timer volunteers; if you do not want to be a Christmas tree don't get in the water. It is for the intrepid that is for sure. The kids cling to you; you become a Christmas tree decorated with kids as ornaments. Some of us older people used to get in but now bad backs prevent us from doing this. That is for the younger people. We will just watch and cheer when the kids do their somersaults in the water, like God who cheers for us in our victories.

If you haven't already, click here to check out the trip blog with testimonies and great photos at dakotapartnership.weebly.com



Crop Walk 2014

For those of you who are planning fall activities, please consider adding the Naperville Area CROP Walk to your October calendar. This family and dog friendly event will take place on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at 1 pm. Start and finish will be at Grace United Methodist Church on Gartner Road. CROP Walk funds collected will be used for families in need. Examples of where the CROP \$\$ go are Loaves and Fishes and the Northern Illinois Food Bank, 2 local beneficiaries. CROP Walk also supports refugees, hunger programs worldwide and provides disaster assistance where needed.

More information on when you can pick up your donation envelope will be available in the September newsletter.

Knox CROP Walk recruiters

Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **August 3**. The most needed items this month are:

Tuna, pinto beans, black beans, chili, cereal, pasta, rice, crackers and oatmeal

Donations can be left in or near the Loaves & Fishes bin next to the Mission Council table.
Thank you!



Hesed House



Please join other members for service and fellowship by signing up for a shift or providing a dish. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Commons.

Next Volunteer Night: August 23

Please sign up in the Commons to bring food or to work one of the three shifts:

6:00 pm 11:00 pm 3:00 am

Children's Ministries

At Sunday School, all participants, children and adults, learn to SHINE!

SHINE as unique creations of God.

SHINE clearly with God's love.

SHINE brightly with others.

SHINE long with certainty.



Sunday School Calendar:

Aug 24: Summer SS continues through Aug 24 with classes at both services for children age 3 (potty trained) to entering 5th grade.

Aug 31: Sunday School does not meet.

Sept 7: Sunday School's school-year program begins on Sept 7 with classes at both services for children age 3 (potty trained) to Middle School.

Education Ministry Fair and Ice Cream Social

Sunday August 24 - Back-to-School at Knox

Come to see the different **Educational Opportunities** that begin in September!

* Sunday School * Fall Spiritual Emphasis Study*

* Wednesday Nights at Knox: Prime Time and J.A.M. and G3 *

Brought to you by the Children's Ministries Council, the Adult Education Council, and the Knox Deacons.





Get to Know Your Bible Sunday - September 21

At 10:30 Worship Service, Gift Bibles will be presented to all children in **3rd Grade**

At 11:30, following the worship service, children in **3rd, 4th, & 5th Grades and their families** are invited to:

Get to Know Your Bible, a Lunch & Educational Event for Families, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Registration will begin in September.

Wednesday Nights at Knox

begins September 10

Prime Time (K – 2nd) ~ J.A.M. (3rd – 5th) ~ G3 (6th – 8th)

Registration and information about the program will be available online starting Aug 1st.

****Discount for early registration****

Contacts:

JAM & G3 - Jenny Hubbard

jhubbard@knoxpres.org 630-615-4318

Prime Time - Jane Burkelman

jburkelman@knoxpres.org 630-615-4303



[Please click here for Online Registration](#)



Frozen Family Sing-a-Long

Sunday, August 10 ● 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Join us for some snow cones on the lawn and a sing along while we watch the movie in the sanctuary. It's sure to be a fun way to cool off in the summer and have fun with family and friends.

Girls for Girls International is back!



Our next meeting is August 3, the first Sunday of the month, after Sunday school. We will be creating some new crafts for the back to school season and getting ready for a holiday season sale!

High School Youth Activities

Youth Kick-Off Cook-Out in RTQ's Backyard - Aug. 20

We will have burgers and hot dogs in RTQ's backyard (behind Knox) to kick-off our Youth Ministry year on Wednesday, Aug. 20 from 6:30-7:30!



8th Grade Confirmation Parent Kick-Off Meeting - Aug. 24 - 11:45 Lehman Hall

Our Confirmation Parent Kick-Off Meeting is Aug. 24 at 11:45 AM in Lehman Hall. Everyone should be signed up for Confirmation at this point via Knox Connections. Contact Pastor Robert with any questions - rquiring@knoxpres.org.

WWW.KNOXBLOG.ORG



High School Ministries

Wednesday Fellowship
In the Basement
Fellowship from 6:30-7:30 pm

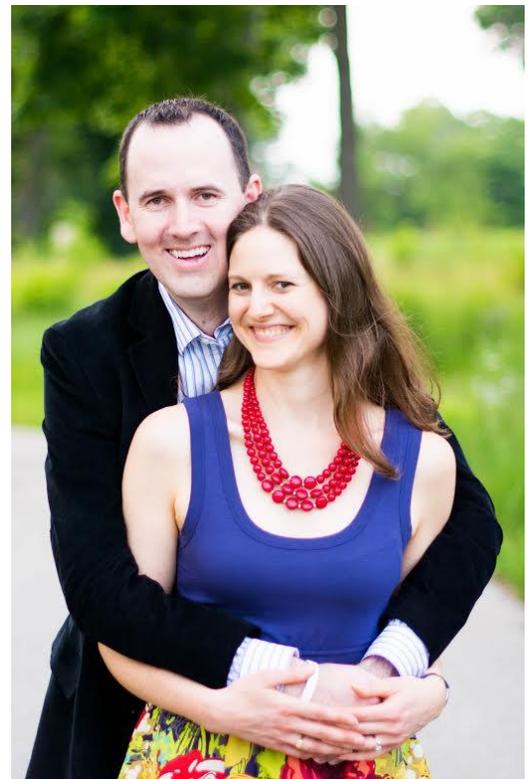
Young Adult Discussion on Tap

Quigley's Irish Pub
Downtown Naperville
Wednesdays
8-9:30 p.m.
Usually the first room on the right.



Church News

Robert and Catherine are Getting Married!
And you are all invited.



Robert and Catherine are registered at: Sur la Table, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon.com

They would also appreciate donations towards the purchase a new King Size Bed and money for their honeymoon (www.honeyfund.com/LangfordQuiring.)

Visit their website at www.theknot.com/wedding/Langford-Quiring.

You may also leave contributions to the new king size bed or honeymoon at the Church Office with Rita, the

Church Financial Secretary (clearly marked for Robert and Catherine).

Mark your calendars for Knox Fest 2014!



On Sunday, September 7 our Knox family will gather for a picnic lunch on the grounds after the second service. Dress casually and bring your picnic blanket and lawn chairs. (Senior seating will be provided.) Join us for lunch, live music, a bounce house, crafts and fellowship. Please sign up on-line or in the Commons beginning on August 17 so that we will have enough food for everyone. Sign up to bring fruit or dessert and to help at the event too!

Questions? Contact Jan McCombs jmcombs4@wideopenwest.com or Jan Reid at janreid219@gmail.com.

Knox News Goes Paperless in August!

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This will be your last paper copy of the Knox News unless you call or have called the Knox office to have it continued. If you prefer a paper copy, **You must notify the church office at [630-355-8181](tel:630-355-8181) before August 15.**

We will continue to send the link out monthly for the newsletter via email and it is always available online on our website under Resources / Knox News and now also on our Facebook page.

If you currently do not receive these emails please contact Joan Tanck at jtanck@knoxpres.org to sign up.



New Member Class - September

The class will take place on Sunday, September 14 and join on Sunday, September 21 at 10:30 am.

Knox Men's Retreat – Save the Date



Camp Quarryledge

in Oswego, Illinois.
September 27 9:00 am - September 28 1:00 pm
Sign up August 17 - September 21 online or in the Commons.

Ministry to Seniors

Seasoned Citizens join us for:

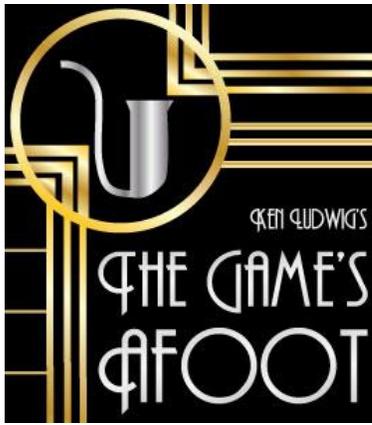
Joint Naperville Municipal Band/Big Jazz Band Concert
Thursday August 7
at 6:30 in Central Park

(Bring chairs and an appetizer or dessert to share)

Sign Up at Knox July 27 or August 5

or RSVP to Rev Cindy Karis 630-615-4308 ckaris@knoxpres.org





**"The Game's Afoot"
at Drury Lane**

Thursday, September 4

Dinner 6:00 pm Show 8:00pm

Tickets \$61

Sign Up at Knox Aug 17-Aug 31

or RSVP to Rev Cindy Karis 630-615-4308 ckaris@knoxpres.org

Care Ministries

Illness/Health Concerns:

Bob Kirk (brother of Thera Leigh)
 Peg Little
 David O'Leary (uncle of Lin and Pat Carter)
 Joe Bitsky
 Peter Pfeiffer (Eric Pfeiffer's brother)
 Pat Carter
 Evelyn Ireland (Sherry Berk's mother)
 Ken Stewart
 Ruthie Reece (aunt of Chloe Wieczorek)
 Larry Trimnell
 Michael Banko (Debra Dunne's brother)
 Jennifer levans
 Cari Shanahan (friend of John and Susan Lies)
 Scott Tambling
 Betty Truitt (Linda Gerner's mother)
 Drew Mastrino
 Angie Deatrick
 Bob Casper
 Steve Clinton (Jim Clinton's son)
 Becky Schaefer
 Grace Moss (Doris Moss' mother)
 David Banko (Debra Dunne's brother)
 Dede Gruenberg (Dave Massaro's daughter, Lori Dicken's sister)
 Richard DeVries (Diana Oshiro's cousin)
 Geoffrey Banta (nephew of George and Jo Banta)
 Debbie Eggum (cousin of Robert Slayton)
 John Gray (Jo Banta's father)
 Marie Chmelik (cousin of Helen Souta)
 Rudy Barbabas (father of Helene Schaefer's friend)
 Ruthie Reece (aunt of Chloe Wieczorek)
 Jack Ekblom
 Jeff Jackson (son-in-law of Carol Brand)
 Dave Sackett (Erin Hartman's father)
 Dan Veitkus (brother-in-law of Ed Crylen)
 Gene Ash (Erin Lehman's uncle)
 Aaron Georges (Arlene Beslic's grandson)
 Matthew Gill (friend of the Morten families)
 Cecil Inman
 Sandy Velino (Gloria Velino's sister-in-law)
 Leslie Elliott
 Leona Haworth
 Sam Nelson
 Larry Sieczynski (Tom Sieczynski's brother)
 Jenny Payne
 Gaston Sacramento (Robert Sacramento's brother)
 Linda Gerner
 Judy Bartlett (Lisa Bonomo's sister)
 Mary Jenkins
 Logan McElhinney (grandson of Pat and Rick Warren)

Grieving:

The Coleman family on the death of Bette Coleman
 The Goll family on the death of Ann Bailey (Sue Goll's sister)
 The Kamenjarin family on the death of Len Kamenjarin (Ken and Ann Kamenjarin's nephew)
 The McClure family on the death of Jack Crosier (Joyce McClure's brother)
 The Elefsen family on the death of Ed Elefsen (family friends of the Elliotts)
 The Stone family on the death of Minnie Stone (Gary Stone's mother)
 The Visser family on the death of Frank Skrepak (Anne Visser's father)
 The Siczewicz family on the death of Milton Fillman (Mariette Siczewicz's father)

Congratulations to:

Colleen Reilly & Shawn McElhinney on the birth of their son Logan Clyde on June 2. Proud grandparents are Pat & Rick Warren
 Nicholas & Angela Parry on the birth of their daughter Gianna Nicole on June 18. Proud grandparents are Curt & Jan Parry.
 Sarah & Mark Focken on the birth of their daughter Addison Paige on June 10. Proud grandparents are Ron & Sherry Gee.
 Taemy & Todd Mander on the birth of their son Lucas Ronald on June 20. Proud grandfather is Ronald Mander.
 Rich & Laurie Fiore on the birth of their daughter Rose Mary on January 24.
 Josh & Jill Blacksmith on the birth of their son Isaac Joshua on June 9.
 Andrew & Grace Gould on the birth of their son Simon Harris on June 9. Proud grandparents are Ben & Nancy Whitmer.
 Gary & Amy Schiltz on the birth of their son Benjamin Gary on July 14.
 Scott & Crina Copenhaver on the birth of their son Ayden Nicholas on July 21. Proud grandparents are Bob & Linda Copenhaver.

Military:

Jonathan Ballew
 Adam Barns
 Matt Concotta
 Matt Krempel
 Andrew Whitmer
 Morgan Plummer
 Calvin Warren
 Scott Zwiers
 All military personnel & their families.