

A Letter from Rev Deb

Dear Friends,

As a girl I loved to climb trees and to find a little niche just my size from which to perch. I marveled at the great trees of the Midwest every summer as we came east from California to visit my grandparents. Trees galore - a young climber's paradise.

My home state of California is not without its own forests and trees to be sure. But, where I grew up in Central and Southern California, the trees were generally shorter and more spread out. And somehow, climbing a saguaro in Antelope Valley where my Aunt lived, just didn't speak to me....

Psalms 1 has spoken to me of late...

Happy are those whose delight is in the law of the Lord..
On God's word they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted along streams of water,
Bearing fruit in season - their leaves never wither...

Here we have been deluged with rain and storm so that our streams are overflowing.
In California the land languishes with drought.

These strong images call to mind the reality that our spiritual lives have seasons - seasons of strength and renewal and seasons when we feel parched by challenges of life and the world around us. Who doesn't want to feel happy and delighted? Who doesn't want to quench a thirsty or restless spirit?

I hope you may find a spot of shade this summer season in which to remember God's shelter and provision. I hope you meditate, even day and night, upon God's law and good news, which tell of God's great family tree. For you and I are the branches of this vast tree and it is the very source of our life and renewal.

Blessings in Christ,
Deb



Summer Worship Emphasis - "The Best Story Ever!"

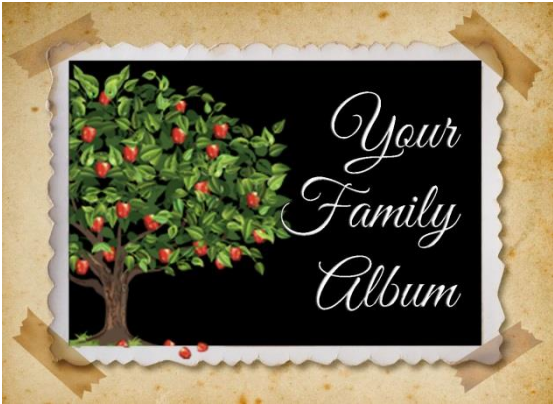
Discover how you are a part of God's continuing story of grace. We will enjoy meeting some of our biblical forebearers each Sunday morning, whose courage and faithfulness still inspire us today. As we learn how God was at work in their lives and through them, may we come to cherish our Biblical DNA.

This summer we will be inspired and challenged by our mission teams as they return to share the way God has been at work with them and through them. They will uplift us by sharing the good news in a bad news world.

The best story ever is God's story of redeeming love. May we be encouraged that God is at work in and through us as we seek to keep the story alive and ever going forward to transform lives.

So - don't miss Sunday morning worship this summer! It will be the best ever.

Adult Education



Rev. Deb's Women's Summer Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:30 in Rev. Deb's Office

"Meet the Family!" - Our Biblical Heritage

Get to know well known and lesser known biblical personalities from both the Old and New Testament. Learn about the contexts of their calling, how God was at work through them and how they can still offer us guidance today. We began with David, Abigail and Nabal and decided that Abigail was indeed a wise

woman. We sorted out all the biblical "Marys" one from another and marveled at Hosea the prophet, who was told to marry a prostitute. Lots more to come! Come as you are able and bring a friend!

All classes welcome newcomers of all ages and biblical knowledge.

Sunday

10:30 am - We are beginning a new unit: Great Minds of the Medieval World. This is a good unit for Summer as the lectures are pretty much stand alone and one can miss a week or two and not fall behind. The video lectures are by Dorsey Armstrong, a professor at Purdue University.

- 7/5 Ambrose, Jerome, and Gregory the Great
- 7/12 Boethius and the Consolation of Philosophy
- 7/19 Isadore of Seville and the Etymologies
- 7/26 Alcuin, Charlemagne, and Alfred the Great

This class is facilitated by Jim Clinton in Room 202.

7:00 pm - Beginning tonight - a study of "The Life and Writings of C. S. Lewis." C. S. Lewis was the premier Christian writer of the 20th century. Notable books include *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, and *The Chronicles of Narnia*. New members always welcome. Contact Frank at fjmayerxge@comcast.net for more information; meets in the Middle School Room.

Tuesday

9:00 am - Men's study of Gospel in Life by Timothy Keller; facilitated by Frank Mayer in Middle School Room. Contact Frank at fjmayerxge@comcast.net for more information.

Wednesday

7:30 pm - Rev. Deb's Summer Women's Bible Study; topic will be "Your Family Album - Bible Personalities Large and Small." Come and go as you can, and bring a friend; meets in Rev. Deb's office

Thursday

6:00 am - Men's Daybreakers Group led by Rev. Clint Roberts at the Coffee Bar.



A Divorce Workshop

Thursdays through August 6, 7:30 pm

We will use the workbook entitled: Fresh Start. Please contact Rev. Cindy if you are interested in attending or know someone who would like to attend 630-615-4308 or ckaris@knoxpres.org.

The Knox Book Club

Book club will July 14, 7:30 p.m. in the home of Fran Lukes. Our selection for July is Three Weeks with My Brother, an autobiographical story of humor, love, and travel by Nicholas Sparks. All readers are welcome. Contact Janice Wiles at [630-416-9537](tel:630-416-9537) or wilesjan@gmail.com for directions or questions. We will not meet in August. The September book will be Change of Heart by Jodi Picoult.



Missions at Knox

Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **July 5**. 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!



"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if man claims to have faith but has no deeds?"

If you have some time to spare and would like to make a difference in someones life, please consider volunteering at the Hesed House during our summer months. We are at the Hesed House every 4th Saturday. The months for the summer are: July 25th, and August 22nd. If you have some spare time on these dates, please consider helping the homeless by volunteering. Together, we can make a difference for someone in need.

The Hesed House is in also need of theses items: Cold Medicine, Cough Drops, Bath & Shower Gel, Towels, Wash Cloths, Deodorant, Athletic Socks, Twin fitted and flat sheets, Sunscreen, Sun Glasses, Reading glasses, and Multivitamins. If you would like to donate these or any other items, please place them in the Hesed House donation box.

If you would like more information about volunteering or about the Hesed House, please go to the Knox Presbyterian Church web site and click on volunteer donation opportunities, and then click on Hesed House, OR, you can email Diana Oshiro at ddoshiro@hotmail.com or Janet Gravel at janetgravel@gmail.com, and they would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Hesed House's next volunteering date is Saturday, July 25. Please sign up in the commons to bring food or to work one of the shifts at 6pm, 11pm, or 3am.

Next Volunteer Night: July 25

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

paint **act**

Arts Camp

sing **dance**

flash mob **wood work**

July 6-10

4th grade - 8th grade

Register online at knoxpres.org • 630-355-8181



Sunday School Calendar:

July 5: Sunday School will not meet. This is July 4th Weekend. Children are always welcome in the Worship Services

Summer Sunday School

Number of Classes & Ages in Classes

- Only two classes at each Session (9:00 and 10:30):
Sandbox Set: age 3 (potty trained) to children entering Kindergarten in Sept.
This class meets in room 14 (first floor, back hallway, at Noah Mural).
Playground Pack: children entering 1st to 5th grade
This class meets most often in the gym and Middle School room. If it's not in these rooms, check hallway poster for location.
- There isn't a class for 6th and 7th grade during the summer. It will resume in Sept.

Teachers

- We still have a few openings for teachers and helpers for the Playground Pack in August at both services.



Questions & Volunteering: Contact – Jenny Hubbard

Director of Children's Ministries, 630-615-4318, jhubbard@knoxpres.org



Family Movie Night

Sunday August 9

In the sanctuary

More details to come

Middle School Ministries

Dessert First

July 19

10:30 am – 1:00 pm

We will sit together at the 10:30 am Service and then enjoy ice cream at the Deacon's Ice Cream Social. After that we will have some Rocco's Pizza and play some all-church games.

Register Online

Church News



Ice Cream Social

July 19

after both services

Enjoy a bowl of yummy ice cream with multiple toppings and say hi to your Deacons!



Special Outdoor Worship Service

August 16

10 am Riverwalk Pavilion

(NOTE: There will not be worship services at River Glen or Knox on this Sunday.)

Knox will join with our sister church River Glen in a combined service in downtown Naperville at the Riverwalk Pavilion. This will be an engaging service for all ages. Come as you are. Bring the family or friends. We will also share lunch together following the service. Bring a lawn chair and a dish or desert to share.

Parking details will be passed along as we get closer to the event. If you need assistance getting to the service, let us know! There will be some carpooling from Knox. We will be glad to help you get there.

Knox New Member Class

August 9 at Knox from 8:45-10 am

The second class will meet Sunday, Aug 23 at 10:30 am at Knox.
New Members will join on August 30 during the 10:30 worship service.



Boomers are Back in August

August 8 6:30 pm

Join the fun at our own Hawaiian "Luau", poolside, hosted by RJ Miers and Wendy Smoger.

Enjoy the strains of favorite Hawaiian songs and a lovely evening of fellowship.

1255 Jasmine Ct., Naperville, IL 60540

RSVP to church office or Rev. Deb at droberts@knoxpres.org

Wear a Hawaiian shirt or dress or hat!

Bring a dessert, salad or appetizer to share.

Bring a lawn chair.

We look forward to seeing you there!

July 5th Veterans Recognition Sunday

We will celebrate our many freedoms, especially the freedom to worship, July 4th weekend. We also want to honor all our veterans for their service on July 5th during both worship services. We have a boutonniere for each of our veterans. Please let us know if you will be with us.



Scott Moreau Pastors Education Fund

NEWS FROM NAIROBI, KENIA - GRADUATION TIME

At the start of each academic year, students at the International Leadership University in Nairobi can apply for a scholarship at the Scott Moreau Pastors Education Fund. Since 1992 this Fund has sponsored over 30 students who are part of God's work in Africa. Once the applications are in, the Scott Moreau Fund Steering Committee selects a number of students who will receive a scholarship made available by the congregation of Knox. Recently, Knox received letters from all 5 recipients of the 2015-16 school year. Each letter indicated how important this scholarship has been. Below are 3 excerpts of letters of those students who will graduate in August 2015:

Eric Kanyungu King'ori

This scholarship enabled me to complete my last semester of school with peace of mind. I had a school fees deficit that the scholarship covered perfectly. It was a prayer answered and miracle. Now I can look forward to graduating in August and giving back to my local church even more dedicatedly. I am awed by God's goodness and blessed by Knox's kindness.

Titus Mutuku

*This scholarship from Knox has been a great help because I was able to clear for my third year course and prepare for graduation, surely it was the Lord's doing.
God is really preparing me for the ministry he has called me to serve him in, and I am ready to be used by him in whichever way he wishes. My prayer request is for the new churches we are planting so that the Lord may bring the vision to a reality.*

Davidson Mwangi

It has, without doubt, meant the world to me. It came at a time when I had to choose between my education and that of my son. I chose to give way for my son. Thankfully, this Knox scholarship came in at that time of need. Words can't suffice to express my gratitude.

Please pick up a Scott Moreau Fund brochure in the Commons area in case you would like to read more about this mission.
Thank you for your ongoing support,
Scott Moreau Pastors Education Fund Steering Committee

Ministry to Seniors

Seasoned Citizens Join us for:

Summer Place Theater Presentation
Monty Python's Spamalot
Friday July 10 at 7:30 pm

at Naperville Central High School Auditorium
Tickets \$14
Sign up Sundays, June 21, June 28, and July 5 in the Commons.



A Note of Thanks

Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy after Bill Sherren's death.
If you prayed, Thank you.
If you sent a card, Thank you.
If you sent a donation, Thank you.
If you came to the service to celebrate his life, Thank you
If you shared a hug, Thank you.
If you called, Thank you.
All of your expressions of love are deeply appreciated.

Anne Sherren and Family

Care Ministries

Nursing Home/Home Bound:

Pick up a weekly prayer concerns card in the Commons for a list of our members who are in nursing homes & home bound.

Illness/Health Concerns:

David O'Leary (uncle of Lin and Pat Carter)
Chuck Ward (friend of Linda Mast)
Cari Shanahan (friend of John and Susan Lies)
Anita Meyer (Carol Galen's mother)
Penny Clark (Diane Charles' mother)
Donovan McCoy (Tom Sieczynski's grandson)
Betty Bohlander (friend of Diane Charles)
Heidi Morgan (granddaughter of Norah Johnson)
Jeff Jackson (son-in-law of Carol Brand)
Kay Bledsoe (cousin of Janet Schletter)
Barb Stewart and Don Stewart (friends of Helene Schaefer)
Barb England (Kristy Cortright's mother)
Dave Godwin (Rita Eagleson's daughter's father-in-law)
David Wayne (friend of Mark and Pam Guth)
Robert and Carol DeYoung (Dawn Pakkebie's parents)
Suellyn Steigmeyer (friend of Anne Mair's daughter)
Carol Mickelson (friend of Diane Charles)
Dan Veitkus (brother-in-law of Ed Crylen)
Jean Banks and Nell Reinert (cousins of Norah Johnson)
Benny Kilman (son of friends of Jennifer Vollbrecht)
Helen Scheiner (Sarah Carlson's mother)
Barb Jones (Jim Jones' sister)
Kim Smith (Jim Jones' niece)
Anja de Leeuw (friend of Ineke Pelella)
Helen Hollenbeck (Lynn Bednar's mother)
Patricia Renggli (mother of Anne Renggli)
Brent Fry (friend of Carol and Charlie O'Neill)
Scott Abrams (friend of the Jones family)
Dorothy Charles (Diane Charles' mother-in-law)
Edie Brooks (friend of Rita Eagleson)
Laney Johnson (Randy Johnson's mother)
Larry Sieczynski Jr. (Tom Sieczynski's nephew)
Stephenia Siczewicz (Pete Siczewicz's aunt)
Kingsley Margaret Outzs (great granddaughter of Judy Powell)
Lou Daddezio (Kristina Mastrino's father)
Kari Erwin
Ken Chapek Carol Sieczynski Taff
Adalyn Rose
Andrew Moran (friend of Dave and Diana Newby)
Maria and Benjamin Mauloff, premature twins,
parents are friends of Carol and Charlie O'Neill
and Jennifer Vollbrecht and John Kroll)
Helen Souta
Matthew Gill (friend of the Morten families)
Jim Whitlock
Kim Mikko (Heidi Paulius' cousin)
Ella Wahl
Rob Clark (Diane Charles' brother)
Gaile Graves
Arlene Beslic
Marge Sleith
Al Pelella
Rhoda Wilson
Nancy Coonce
Jeff Rahn (Dave Rahn's brother)
Phyllis Schroeter
Dale Colby
Dick Walker
Joan Kolhaas (co worker and friend of Kevin Williams)
Abby Swanson

Grieving:

The friends and family of Dave Spaetzel on his death

The friends and family of Ardyth Davis on her death (Rose Smilgy's mother)

The friends and family of Thelma Parry on her death (Curt Parry's mother)

The friends and family of Bill Sherren on his death

The friends and family of Carl Milldrum on his death (Dane Milldrum's brother)

The friends and family of Bessie England on her death (Kristy Cortright's grandmother)

The friends and family of Geraldine Storcel on her death (friend of Helen Souta and Helene and Becky Schaefer)

The friends and family of Pam Graf on her death (close friend of Diana Jones)

The friends and family of Charles Porter on his death (Ruth Feightner's brother)

Congratulations:

Betsy & Dennis Anderson on the birth of their son Axel Henry on May 28. Proud grandparents are Charlie & Sue Johnpeter.

Sarah & Tim Haggerty on the birth of their daughter Evelyn Rose on June 13. Proud grandparents are Mike & Judy Loftus.

Christie & Garrett Kelly on the birth of their daughter Hailey Grace on June 1. Proud grandparents are Walt & Mary Ellen Kelly.

Military:

Jonathan Ballew
Matt Cincotta
Chris Hurford
Matt Krempel
Morgan Plummer
Jenna Hancock
Calvin Warren
Adam Barnes
All military personnel & their families.