

A LETTER FROM REV DEB

The Wonder of Worship

Why I Should,
Why I Don't,
Why I Could,
Why I Won't,
Why I Might.....Worship.....?

I wonder.....

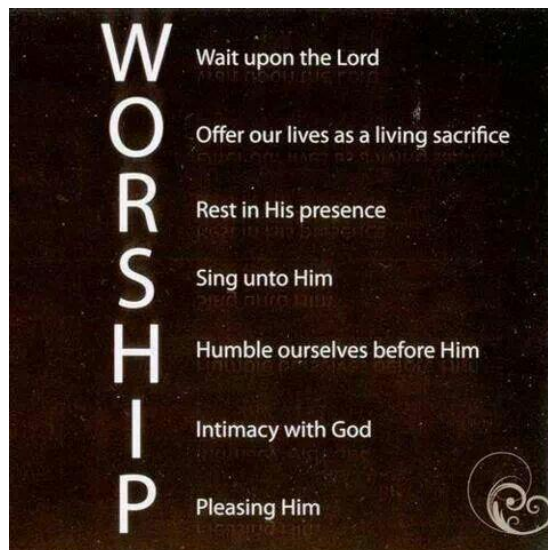
Is it a matter of time?
Is it a matter of priority?
Is it a matter of expectation?
Is it a matter of convenience?
Is it a matter of competition?
Is it a matter of obligation?
Is it a matter of technology?
Is it a matter of disbelief?
What keeps people from worshipping?

Psalm 111: 1-3

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the...
congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord!



There are times when I go into our sanctuary and sit on the steps of a very quiet, unoccupied worship space. Often the room is dark but light streams through the stained glass window in the center wall. I sit and reflect....upon sacred space and I wonder about the need for such. I imagine all the voices of praise and proclamation that fill this sacred space time and again; voices with life and hope, devotion and praise, comfort and challenge. I believe there is a need for "sacred space", for worship, that interrupts the busy demands and preoccupations of a 24/7 world.

I reflect on the Holy Spirit who stirs hearts and draws the bearers of those hearts into an experience of God's nearly forgotten presence, into a remembrance of God's gifts of grace and goodness, into a unity of spirit, against all the disruptive powers at work in the world. There is a longing of the soul that unites with the guiding of the Spirit and a desire "to praise God in the congregation" with singing and with prayer. There are always surprises for a dusty mind or a thirsty soul when we worship God together. It may be found in a prayerful whisper of peace as God's forgiveness is declared or the sound of hope as God's timeless promises are offered to each and to all. We are then "God-sent" into our world once again - released and renewed.

Special Summer Worship Opportunities

Saturday's @ 5: Monthly Saturday evening worship services for one and all, families and friends. In fact, bring a friend, a neighbor, a colleague. Mark your calendars. Come as you are.

June 18, July 16, and August 20

2nd Annual Outdoor Worship Service

August 14

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 dessert 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.

ADULT EDUCATION

All classes welcome newcomers at any time!

Sunday

9:00 am - Study on Paul using the book, *The Call* by Adam Hamilton; study runs through June 5; led by Brooks Reid in Senior High Room

10:30 am - *Skeptics and Believers: Debate in the Western Intellectual Tradition*; today's lecture is *Religion and Modernity*; led by Jim Clinton in Room 202

6/5 Scientific Revolution and Descartes

6/12 Descartes and Modern Philosophy

6/19 Enlightenment and Religion

6/26 Natural Religion and Its Critics

Tuesday

9:00 am - a study led by Frank Mayer in the Middle School Room

Thursday

6:00 am - Men's Daybreakers Group; facilitated by Rev. Clinton Roberts at the Coffee Bar

Pastor Cindy's Summer Bible Study -

Irene Spaetzel has graciously offered to host us on: **Thursday, July 21** from 9:30-11:00 am; Hosea 1:2-10. Her address is: 2960 Chevy Chase Naperville, 60564 out in Carillon west of Route 59 at 95th Street.

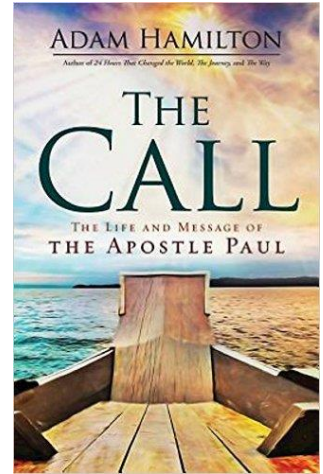
Anne Sherren has graciously offered to host us on: **Thursday, August 18** from 9:30-11:00 am; Jeremiah 1:4-10. Her address is: 555 Foxworth Blvd. Apt. 630; Lombard, 60148 off Finley Road north of Butterfield.

Adult Education Opportunity

A new, 6 week Adam Hamilton study, "The Call," dealing with the life and message of the apostle Paul, will be the topic of discussion on Sunday nights, starting June 5, at 7pm in the Knox Chapel. Please contact Frank Mayer at atfjmayerxge@comcast.net if you wish to participate. All are welcome.

The same material will be utilized for a Men's study starting May 31. We will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 9am in the Middle School room. Contact Frank as listed above.

Books for this study will be available for \$13. All are welcome to join these studies.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Knox Garden Walk

Saturday, July 9, 10 am to 4 pm

You are invited to take a stroll through six Naperville gardens this summer during the Knox Garden Walk on Saturday, July 9 from 10 am to 4 pm. Hosted by Knox Presbyterian Women, the event is open to all.

Tickets, \$15 each and \$13 for each additional, will be available in the Commons on Sundays beginning June 5 and online at knoxpres.org. On the day of the event, tickets may be purchased at the individual houses for \$20 each.

All proceeds will benefit Oikocredit, a global microfinancing agency. You can learn more about this empowering organization at www.oikocredit.coop.



Women on Wednesdays Women on Wednesdays concluded their study of Ephesians and will take a break for the summer. Watch upcoming newsletters for announcements of our new Fall study. WOW welcomes women of all ages and Bible knowledge and includes childcare and activities for infants

through Kindergarten. For more information see the WOW link or contact Robin Kolar at skolar7227@aol.com.



Knox Book Club

Our evening book club will continue to meet throughout the summer months. So, pack along one of our selections for vacation or beach reading and plan to join us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, in the parlor, 7:30 p.m. Our June 8 book is The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. Contact Janice Wiles with questions at 630-416-9537 or wilesjan@gmail.com.

MISSIONS AT KNOX

Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **June 5**. Donations can be left in or near the Loaves & Fishes bin next to the Mission Council table. Thank you!

Most Needed Items



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Young Family Picnic

Sunday, June 5th

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Families with kiddos in 5th Grade and younger are invited to enjoy a BBQ picnic in Revs Deb and Clint's backyard. Hamburgers, hot dogs and chips will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Activities will include: crafts, games, bonfire and s'mores & water activities (weather permitting). Contact Jenny Hubbard at jhubbard@knoxpres.org with questions.



Pre-school Play Group at the Park this summer...

We are taking the fun outside!

Families of Toddlers and Preschoolers

Want to get out of the house and meet other young families of Knox? Meet us at Riverwalk Park near Centennial Beach from 10:30 am to Noon. Bring a picnic lunch if you would like. For more information contact Betsy Anderson at jump4it82@aol.com or call 630-865-8708.

- Thursday, June 9
- Monday, July 11
- Monday, August 1

Family PICNIC

Family Picnic and Movie Night

Sunday August 20 – Inside Out

Immediately following the Saturday Evening Worship Service

Bring a picnic and join us on the lawn for dinner and crafts for the kids followed by the movie – **Inside Out** in the Sanctuary. Bring blankets, pillows or sleeping bags to get comfy on the pews!

Ms. Marcia is Retiring



The Children's Day Out school year has come to an end and we've said good bye to our Pre K classes. Off they go to kindergarten. We could not have done so without our Ms. Marcia. After 18 years of lovingly guiding our young children Ms. Marcia Meier is retiring. She has truly been a part of our CDO family in every way, from making lesson plans in her classroom to helping our entire program grow and thrive over the years.

Her love and service to the children of our program is beyond compare. The number of children's lives she has touched is immeasurable. Her ability to show God's love to them is boundless. The staff of Children's Day Out and Knox church send her off on her next adventure with the most sincere thanks and gratitude. We will certainly miss you Ms. Marcia and wish you many more blessings!



Important Sunday School Dates

Sunday School does not meet - May 29 – Memorial Day Weekend

Summer Sunday School - June 5 – August 28

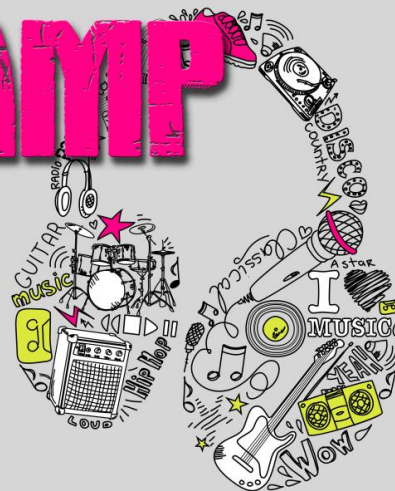
Summer Sunday School does not meet – July 3 (holiday weekend) or August 14 (outdoor worship service)

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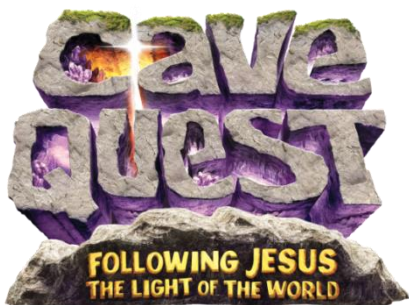
JULY 11-15

10 am-12 pm
4th - 8th grade

Knoxpres.org



Register Online



Vacation Bible School June 13 - June 17

Register Online

Age 3 by June 13 (Potty trained, no pull ups) –
Entering 5th Grade

Last day to register is June 9, don't miss the fun!



CHURCH NEWS



Summer Special Music

Looking for a chance to sing a solo or duet? Do you play an instrument and are seeking the chance to help lead worship musically this summer? Please contact Jan Parry at jparry@knoxpres.org to reserve your time to shine on a Sunday morning. We welcome both vocalists and instrumentalists!

“What are you doing a year from October?”

**The Knox Reformation Tour
Martin Luther's 500th Anniversary
Tour of Germany
October 8-15, 2017**

Join Co-Pastors Clint and Deb Roberts for 7 nights and 8 days in Germany as we follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther, kindler of the Protestant Reformation. We will travel to Berlin, Wittenberg, Leipzig, Erfurt and Frankfurt by motor coach and stay at hotels such as the 5 Star Adlon Kempinski in Berlin. The fellowship afforded by a Knox Tour is uniquely gratifying, as is the educational and spiritual focus of the itinerary. Scrupulously planned by Scorby Travel, this will be a memorable experience to be treasured for a lifetime. Space is limited. Contact Nancy Scorby at scorbytravel@sbcglobal.net or at (630) 712-7702 for more details.



Did you know that Knox Church is a Military Caring Church?

A Military Caring Church is one that welcomes those in active military service, guard, reserves, veterans and their families. These churches are committed to providing spiritual support and practical care to all military members and seek to exemplify Paul's command to his friends in the young church in Rome: "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves...Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." (Romans 12:10-13)



Congratulations to Je Lee on his graduation from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago on Saturday, May 7, 2016. It was a wonderful day as Je and Hannah were surrounded by both their families. Je received 2 Awards upon graduation: 1. The Nettie McCormick Fellowship Award for study in Hebrew; and 2. The Academic Excellence Award. Well done, good and faithful servant!

July 3 – Veteran's Recognition Sunday

We will celebrate our many freedoms, especially the freedom to worship, July 4th weekend. We also want to honor all of our veterans for their service on July 3 during both worship services. We will have a boutonniere and name tag for each of our veterans. Please contact Bev Mayer, Pastor's Asst. at 630-615-4325 if you will be able to join us. There will be cake and coffee during fellowship time between services to continue our celebration.



Last Call to be included in the church directory! Sign-up NOW!

We have a limited number of dates and times still available and we want to include you!

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 photo for their help in making our book complete. Help us make this a great directory, which will be available as both hardcopy and online. The photo sessions will take place at Knox these dates and times:

Tuesday, June 7 - Thursday June 9, 3:00 - 8:30

Friday, June 10, 1 pm - 7 pm

Saturday, June 11, 10 am - 4 pm

Sign-ups are now available by clicking [HERE](#)

Questions? Email Joan at jtanck@knoxpres.org.



Facility Group Welcomes Donovan Cortright

The Facility Group wants to extend a warm welcome to Donovan Cortright who has joined the Custodian Team. Donovan will be working part-time as Assistant Custodian while attending the College of DuPage, he will be a sophomore this fall. The Cortrights have been members of Knox for over 20 years. His primary responsibilities will be maintaining the outside grounds of the Church and supporting the many events plus activities conducted at Knox. Please congratulate Donovan on being on our team.

THANK YOU



Misericordia's 31st Candy Days

On April 29 and 30, 2016, the annual fundraising event for Misericordia took place throughout the Chicagoland area. Our local efforts include Aurora, Bolingbrook, Lisle, Naperville and Woodridge. In spite of the chill on Friday and persistent rain on Saturday, our dedicated volunteers still came out knowing how important our mission was to the future of the children and adults who call Misericordia home. Our son, Adam, has had the privilege to live and enjoy the Misericordia campus since 1992. We wanted to thank the 38 volunteers from our Knox family who participated in helping us raise over \$38,000. Also many thanks to those who donated at a street corner or at a grocery store. We could not have done it without your generosity. We also had a personal First Giving page for our family which raised \$3,868 and appreciate the support of many Knox contributors. Our heartfelt thanks for your friendship and support on behalf of our entire family.

Frank and Bev Mayer

Thank you from Harold, Cindy & Jackie...

We extend our heartfelt "thank-you" to our Knox family for the loving kindness given through your cards, calls and prayers on the passing of Harold's mother, Margaret Allen.

In Gratitude, Harold, Cindy & Jackie

Thank You for Serving Communion

The first Sunday of every month, Knox enjoys the holy sacrament of Communion at both services. We have a volunteer list of servers and are always looking for other members to join in this rewarding experience. Heartfelt thanks to those who have enjoyed serving.

If you would be interested in being added to our list to be called throughout the year, please let Bev Mayer know. She can be reached at 630-615-4325 or bmayer@knoxpres.org.



"Thank you for your ongoing support of the **Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program** of the PCUSA! Through your prayers, financial support, and sharing about this ministry with others you help make possible a life-changing year of service for young adults. Faithful partners like you helped me during my two years of service and my life continues to be transformed by that experience."

- Rev Richard Williams (Philippines, Nashville '99, 00', 01') Coordinator, Young Adult Volunteer program



TPC (Teen Parent Connection) celebrated the end of this year with a Pizza Party on May 17. We are pleased to say that it was another successful year for teen-age participants (both Moms and Dads) and their young families who enjoyed a meal together along with group discussions and educational programs. The participants and the TPC Staff often comment about the generosity and hospitality of our congregation. Many Knox organizations and individuals have contributed their time, food and love to these young people each Tuesday evening and we wish to give a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all of you. We are also sincerely grateful for the support and guidance of Pastor Cindy, the Mission Council, Ron Mobley and staff and our helpful office personnel.

In Christian Service, Nancy Azzaro, Anne Kingsbury, Dotty Mobley and Bonnie Olson - TPC Hosts

We would like to thank **the Chancel Choir and the Praise Team** for their outstanding musical contributions Sunday after Sunday. Their commitment and dedication is inspirational as well as their hearts for serving and using their gifts to glorify God. Please take a moment and let them know you appreciate them.

Chancel Choir:

Alan Fry
Alice Snelgrove
Bill Langham
Bob Ellig
Brianne Smith
Carol Boals
Carol Brand Price
Connie Janke
Maggie Nelson
Margaret Lambka
Mary Ellen Neumeister
Mike Komma
Mike Loftus
Nancy Fry
Patti Tweeto
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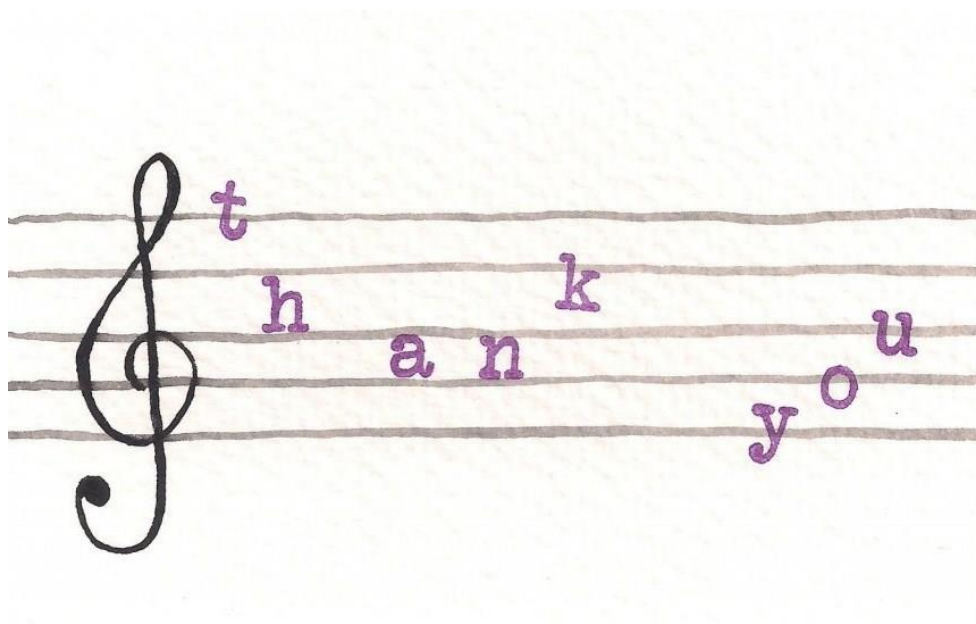
Curt Parry
Dick Wheeler
Ed Wiles
Gordon Friday
Harriet Friday
Janice Wiles
Jerry Johnson
Jill Poskin
Ruth Browne
Sharon Niemann
Sue Pollard
Susan Weiner
Tim Sleep
Wayne Bunker

Jim Clinton
Jim Snelgrove
Jo Ann Sault
Joanne Hsu
Judy Loftus
Karen Van Iten
Kim Lynn
Liz Bradley

Praise Team:

Candice Sunblade
Corey Richier
Curt Parry
Jack Dunphey
Jeff Foltz
Karen Elmgren
Keith Hoggatt
Kevin Wray
Lenny Richier

Lisa Bennett
Matt Sunblade
Pete Elmgren
Scott Solenberger
Sue Goll
Taylor Hubbard
Thomas Parry
Tim Sleep



CARE MINISTRIES

Illness/Health Concerns:

Donovan McCoy (Tom Sieczynski's grandson)
 David Wayne (friend of Mark and Pam Guth)
 Karen Hryciuk (friend of the Heath Family)
 Lynn Berg
 Winfred Stamp (Janice Wiles' father)
 Bunny Cox
 Carole Mickelson (friend of Diane Charles)
 Anja de Leeuw (friend of Ineke Pelella)
 Marlene Parker
 Patricia Renggli (mother of Anne Renggli)
 Liz Lawrence
 Brent Fry (friend of Carol and Charlie O'Neill)
 Don Stewart (friend of Helene Schaefer)
 Ken Chapek
 Stephanie Siczewicz (Pete Siczewicz's aunt)
 Pat Carter
 Marilyn Cortright (Bob Cortright's mother) (hospice)
 Theresa Inman
 Larry Sieczynski Sr. (Tom Sieczynski's brother)
 Gerry Cornett (friend of many Knox members)
 Nancy Fry
 Mark Scoughton (friend of Diane Charles)
 Amy Bratsos
 Steven Obremski (son of co-worker of Kevin Williams)
 Margie Kasper (friend of Carol O'Neill)
 Diane Terry (Anne Sherren's cousin's wife)
 Barb Stewart (friend of Helene Schaefer)
 Shirley Sichel (aunt of Mariette Siczewicz)
 Jack Romine (father of Jill Poskin)
 Bob Stout (co-worker of Kevin Williams)
 Elijah Georges (Arlene Beslic's grandson)
 Laura Armstrong (family friend of Gary and Ruth Dispensa)
 Jo Ann Allen (good friend of the Du Chanes)
 Michelle Sutton (friend of Bob and Jean Casper)
 Jack Mathison (Brent Mathison's father)
 Marisa Kruger (friend of Lisa Bonomo)
 Ryon Degenhart (relative of Pam Guth)
 Charlie Hall (Harrisonburg, Virginia)
 Tom Stone (brother of John Stone)
 Cliff Preston (father of CDO teacher Marcia Meier) (hospice)
 Marleen North (friend of Betty Barcheski)
 Dede Massaro (sister of Lori Dickens)
 Betty Bohlander (friend of Diane Charles)
 Larry Ley (Rita Eagleson's brother)
 Susie Ley (Rita Eagleson's sister-in-law)
 Barb Eagleson (Rita Eagleson's ex-husband's wife) Haroldine Chandler (Deb Roberts' mother)
 Denise Dugas (friend of Bob and Diane Charles)
 Ryan Schmidt (friend of Jonathan and Tara Charles)
 Larry Trimnell (Wynscape Rehabilitation)

Hospital

Mel Gould (Loyola Hospital) (friend of former member Bill Miller)
 Susie Ley (Rita Eagleson's sister-in-law)

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.

Home Recovering

Matthew Gill (friend of the Morten families)
 Peg Little
 Jack Parker
 Becky Schaefer
 Carol Tice (Rosemary Park's daughter)
 Anneliese Schultz
 Mike Mascal (son-in-law of Norah Johnson)
 Mark Hopf
 Daisy Trimnell
 Mark Bickler
 Alan Fry
 Abby Swanson (Tabor Hills)
 Katie Klyce
 Linda Ley (Rita Eagleson's sister-in-law)
 Paul Gartner (Rosalie Gartner's son)

Grieving:

The friends and family of:

Dr. Paul Parks on his death (former head of Samaritan Interfaith)
Mary Ann Sacramento on her death (Robert Sacramento's sister-in-law)
Bob Sharp on his death (Linda Pekala's brother)
Bob Owensby (friend of Dave and Bonnie Olson)
Genevieve Shelton on her death (friend of Jennifer Ievans)
Carl Paloian on his death (uncle of Missy Heitz)
Pat Gislain on her death (Jenny Hubbard's mother)
Brandon McKenzie on his death (husband of Kathi Olson's niece)
Lauren Lorenz on her death (Ross Lorenz's sister-in-law)
Margaret Allen on her death (Harold Bullard's mother)

Congratulations:

Katie and Jethro vanAardt on the birth of their daughter Ivy Swan Elizabeth on April 29 in Cape Town, South Africa. Proud grandparents are Gary and Beth Elmen.

Military

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