

## A LETTER FROM REV DEB

### Prayers for the Height of Summer

Dear Lord,

We extend our thanks to you for this season of beauty and fruitfulness. Hear our prayers of gratitude and petition...

A - For the abundance of your creation in this season, which fills all our senses.

U - You are the one, true God, giver of life and all sustenance.

G - Grant us wisdom and encouragement in these days, that we would look upon your world in hope and expectation.

U - You call us by name to know you more nearly, dearly and clearly.

S - May we savor these summer days and seek sabbath renewal.

T - That our trust lies in you and because of you.

All our prayers we offer in the strong and certain name of Jesus Christ, Lord, Savior and Friend. Amen.

### Fall Spiritual 2017

*For you were called to freedom brothers and sisters...through love become servants to one another.*  
-Ephesians 5:13

*Called??* What does that mean to you as a follower of Jesus?

*Didn't know you were called?* God calls each person by name.

*And the Church is also called?* Now, this sounds confusing.



Our lives depend upon the calls we make and receive every day. In fact, this is something we take for granted. Discover God's role and plan in the "calling process".

September 10 is our annual KnoxFest kickoff for the Fall Spiritual Emphasis with the sermon series and small study groups. Save the date - BBQ picnic, games, old cars, surprises, fellowship

Don't miss the exciting biblical topic of 'Called' or the opportunity to study and discuss in a small group. Stay tuned for resources and sign ups.



## **Saturday Worship @ 5:00** **You're invited!**

**August 26** join us for a beautiful and intimate evening service. When life gets too hectic or Sunday sports get in the way of the family worshipping together, jump in just as you are. Mark your calendar. Bring a friend. You'll appreciate the distinctive character of this service.

## **Worship at the Riverwalk** **August 20 @ 10 am**

Summer Outdoor Service with River Glen  
**Riverwalk Grand Pavilion**

This annual, well-loved time of worship and fellowship is happening soon. Bring your chairs or blankets. Come as you are. Bring a your family and friends! Refreshments will follow the service. A 9:00 am shorter service will be offered at Knox for those who find getting to the River walk a challenge.



# **ADULT EDUCATION**

## **Curious Christians: Illinois Holocaust Museum**

**Saturday, September 23**

Join us for a very special program at the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

The excursion will include;

- a docent led tour
- exploration of the Righteous among the Nations (those who stood up to evil to save others) and how their efforts impacted the future of families right here in Chicagoland.
- interactive survivor experience
- a traditional Jewish Deli lunch



15 person vans depart Knox 8:30 am, returning approximately 3 or 3:30 pm.

**Register Online Soon:** \$38 per person. Kindly register each individual for correct head count.

# Adult Education Bible Study Opportunities

All classes welcome newcomers at any time!

For information on current Adult Education classes visit the website [here](#) or pick up a copy of the list of classes on a table in the Commons or the Information Desk.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



**Women on Wednesdays** is on a break for the summer. Please watch the newsletter for information on our new fall study and plan to join us in September. Women on Wednesdays welcomes women of all ages and Bible knowledge and includes childcare for little ones from birth through age 5.

Questions? Contact Robin Kolar at [skolar7227@aol.com](mailto:skolar7227@aol.com) or Margaret Lambka at [mllambka2@gmail.com](mailto:mllambka2@gmail.com).

### Knox Book Club

Evening Book Club will NOT have an August meeting. Plan to join us Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7:30 pm for discussion of *Before I Go to Sleep* by Steven J. Watson. We meet in the Knox Parlor and new readers are always welcome. Please contact Janice Wiles with any questions at 630.416.9537 or [wilesjan@gmail.com](mailto:wilesjan@gmail.com).



## 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 2016-2017 school year.

If you would like to help with this worthy cause:

- Obtain a Supply List(supply lists can be found online)
- or
- Pick up a tag on the Commons table at Knox (before and after the service on Sunday)
- 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.
- Drop off on Sundays in the Commons or leave them in the office anytime the church is open (Turn in by August 7)

Placing the tag on the backpack 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, backpacks or cash to help get supplies needed. Any Questions call Julie Milldrum 630-470-7044.

**Click [here](#)** for a school supply list.



## Knox Card Ministry

Just a reminder that the Knox Card Ministry continues to provide greeting cards for a suggested donation of \$1 in the Commons area. We have an interesting variety of birthday cards that you might want to “stock up” on. Who doesn't like to know they have been thought about on their special day? Take a minute and stop by. This Ministry is grateful for your caring participation.



## Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is **August 6**. 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

## Sunday School Calendar

- August 27:** Last Day of Summer Sunday School
- September 10:** No Sunday School due to the Knox Fest Celebration.  
We will be having one service at 10 am
- September 17:** First Day of regular Sunday School. Sunday School's school-year program begins on Sept 17 with classes at both services for children age 3 (potty trained) to 7th Grade.

Questions & Volunteering: Contact – Esther Moreno Sunday School & Family Ministries Coordinator, 630-615-4303, emoreno@knoxpres.org

## Wednesday Nights begins again September 13!

From September to March, Knox offers a program that will enhance your child's faith and fellowship with their peers for kiddos entering Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

### Evening includes:

- \*Bible Study
- \*Music opportunities
- \*Recreation and Games
- \*Woodworking
- \*Dinner
- \*Mission work
- \*Special worship services for the whole family

**Registration Online**





# MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

## G3 - Middle School Fellowship – Worship, Lunch and Games



**WORSHIP**



**LUNCH**



**GAMES**

Join us as we close out the summer with outdoor worship, lunch and centennial beach. Bring a bag lunch for a quick picnic before we head to the beach. You will also need to bring \$ for your entrance fee and any snacks you would like.

August 20 – Outdoor Worship and Centennial Beach

**Register Online**

# HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

## High School Ministries

Upcoming dates:

**Wednesday, August 2**

6:30-7:30pm High School Youth Fellowship resumes (no dinner)

**Wednesday, August 16**

6:30-7:30 Annual Kick-off Cookout, backyard of house next door to the church on Gartner

**Wednesday, August 23**

6:00-7:30 regular Wednesday nights with dinner begin

Hope to see you there!

# CHURCH NEWS



**Finding Your Band of Brothers**

## ManKIND Men's Ministry Fall Retreat

**Friday, September 15 - Sunday, September 17**

**Wonderland Camp & Conference Center - Camp Lake, WI**

Because no man ought to walk through life alone, Knox's ManKIND Men's Ministry invites you to join your brothers in Christ for a fall retreat in the beautiful Wisconsin woods. Revel in a weekend filled with opportunities to relax and unwind with like-minded men and learn how to rely on the

strength of your Knox "band of brothers." If you are looking for an enjoyable time of peaceful reflection while taking in the fall colors, team building opportunities that both challenge and amuse, and time for thoughtful discussion to better understand the nature of true male friendship for spiritual and emotional

support, please consider this wonderful occasion. **Register online here.**

For more information, contact Jeff Mach at [Jeffmach@me.com](mailto:Jeffmach@me.com) or Jeff Hild at [jahild62@gmail.com](mailto:jahild62@gmail.com). Suggested donation - \$125. Financial assistance available.

## Grief & Loss Workshop

Beginning Thursday, September 28 - Thursday, November 16 for 8 weeks the Grief & Loss Workshop will take place in Rev. Deb's office from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. The book by Ruth D. Konigsburg entitled "The Truth About Grief," along with other handouts on the stages of bereavement will be led by Rev. Cindy Karis and co-lead by a Stephen Minister. Please call Pastor Cindy on her direct line 630-615-4308 to register or email her at [ckaris@knoxpres.org](mailto:ckaris@knoxpres.org).

## Knox Bridge Group

The Knox Bridge Group is looking for some new players (couples and singles).

- All skill levels are welcome into this low (no) pressure environment.
- Play is normally on the second Saturday evening of each month at Knox. This is a social group that plays for fun.
- If you are interested or have any questions please contact Jerry or Char Johnson at 630-420-0561.



## Congratulations, Beth!!

Please join us on Sunday, August 6 as we celebrate Beth Burner's TEN YEARS of service on Knox's Staff.

Beth has served as Assistant Director of Children's Day Out and for the last 7 years as Director. Her committed leadership of our talented CDO Staff and her devotion to young children and their families has made Knox's Children's Day Out a shining part of our overall ministries as well as a means of outreach into the larger community. Come celebrate with Beth at a Reception in her honor from 10:00 to 10:30 am in the Commons on Sunday, August 6th.

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." -Matthew 19:14



## Do you like to plan events? Decorate? Meet new friends?

If so, consider joining the Knox Church Life Council and have a little fun while serving the Knox Congregation! Call Diane Noreen (630-253-4851) or Patti DeNichols (630- 464-0807) for more information.

## Faithful and Fit

"And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us."  
Hebrews 12:1

The church has a lot of work to do to make a positive impact in the world which has been set before us by God. Having a healthy heart and body will help us in our work. Listed below are many opportunities to help you and your family with your fitness efforts.

**Fitness Playgroup** – Come exercise with Esther while your kids play. Come exercise even if you don't have kids. All are invited



Thursdays, 9:15 am – 10:00 am

Aug 3, 10

Cost: Free

**Yoga** – Our own Sherry Harter is working towards her Yoga certification and is offering a free class during the summer. She has gone through training to become an instructor and loves how centered and balanced she has become since starting Yoga.

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Aug 2, 9

Cost: Free

Equipment Participants Need: Yoga mat, towel, water bottle, comfortable clothing but fitted shirt (People can get lost doing a downward dog with a t-shirt falling over their head. Bit embarrassing too.)

**Tai Chi** – Sherry Harter is a certified Tai Chi instructor.

Tuesdays, 9:00 am – 9:45 am

Aug 1, 8, 15

Cost: \$15

Equipment Participants need: water bottle, loose, comfortable clothing.

We will be continuing our classes in the fall so keep an eye out for new dates!

## Rene DeConing, Principal of Mustard Seed Insights, to Lead Workshops



With the Youth Pastor position now vacant, we enter this time of transition with hope and gratitude for the many hands that are continuing to minister to the children of Knox. This transition presents a great opportunity to reflect, discern and imagine how God is calling us to build upon past successes and grow this ministry moving forward. To this end, MustardSeed Insights will be conducting a series of workshops to capture the ideas and inspiration of our members and staff as we seek to shape the future of the youth and children's ministry. We may be reaching out to you to participate, please consider taking part as your voice will be a valuable contribution. Selection of participants will be on a randomized basis in order to capture the views of our diverse congregation. Information gathered during the workshops will be reported on collectively and all individual feedback will remain confidential. Please contact Rene De Coning [rdeconig@me.com](mailto:rdeconig@me.com)/630.210.1500 or Joan Tanck [jtanck@knoxpres.org](mailto:jtanck@knoxpres.org)/630.615.4309 if you would like more information or have any questions.

## MINISTRY TO SENIORS



### Seasoned Citizens

Join us for

### Wheaton Symphony Orchestra "A Cole Porter Celebration"

Saturday August 5 at 7:30 pm

Glenbard South High School

Tickets \$32

Sign up Sundays at Knox July 16, 23 and 30  
or online at [knoxpres.org](http://knoxpres.org)

# THANK YOU

Knox family, Catherine and I want to sincerely thank you for your generous love gift of \$3,855! We tremendously appreciate your continued love and support! God bless!

**Pastor Robert**

Presbyterian Women put the petal to the metal this month, hosting with great success the second Knox Garden Walk!

Thank you to our generous and very talented garden hosts: Deb & Clint Roberts, Jan & Curt Parry, Gary & Joy Stone, Glenda & Tara Rossolillo, Deanna Swauger & Sue Ann Lauzen, and Cathy & Terry Geers. Your landscapes were lovely and inspiring.

Some 180 tickets were sold, with nearly half purchased by non-Knox members. What a wonderful (and unforeseen!) outreach of the Garden Walk.

Approximately \$2650 will be directed to Kiva.org, a global microfinancing agency that helps people start or grow a business, go to school, access clean energy or realize their potential.

PW also would like to thank our wonderful greeters, weeders, chefs and servers. Many hands helped make the Garden Walk successful. The Master Gardener did a great job with the weather, too.

**Nancy Whitmer, Jan Wiles and Sue Johnpeter  
Garden Walk 2017**

We would like to extend a thank you to the congregation for the generous collective donation of \$300 to the Living Waters Bake Sale that was held on July 23, 2017! Living Waters for the World is a global ministry that provides clean water and fosters long-term relationships between the communities in need. LWW is a program of the synod of Living Waters Presbyterian Church USA. The generous donations are given to provide clean water wells and purification systems in impoverished communities, which would provide for better lives worldwide. We were thrilled with the thoughtfulness and kindness of our church; thank you again!

**Sincerely,  
Sarah, Hailey and Katie Kingsbury**

Robert and I would like to thank everyone here at Knox for all your help with our wedding! A special thanks to Pastors Clint, Deb, Eric, and RTQ. Bev Mayer, Ed Wiles, and Mike Williams for the use of the Bolingbrook Golf Club! As our 1 year anniversary is approaching at the end of the month, we would like to thank everyone who helped us celebrate our wedding day! It is always fun to talk about our memories of our wedding! We are enjoying the gifts in our kitchen and around our home! Thanks again!

**Robert and Beth Sacramento**

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and cards while I was undergoing treatment for Bone Marrow Cancer and Stem Cell Transplant. It is great to be back and feeling better.

**Sharon Powell**



# CARE MINISTRIES

## Illness/Health Concerns:

Patricia Renggli (mother of Anne Renggli)  
 Brent Fry (friend of Carol and Charlie O'Neill)  
 Steven Obremski (son of former co-worker of Kevin Williams)  
 Shirley Sichel (aunt of Mariette Siczewicz)  
 Ryon Degenhart (relative of Pam Guth)  
 Julian Sosa (son of friends of Joan DuChane)  
 Dede Gruenberg (sister of Lori Dickens)  
 Edgar Eloby (co-worker of Kevin Williams)  
 Nancy Carr (aunt of Kelley Brown)  
 Joel Staszewski (son of June Banks' cousin)  
 Debby Hunter (niece of Beverly Aper)  
 Marlene North (friend of Betty Barcheski)  
 Steve Macaluso (neighbor of Jeff and Sara Egan)  
 Kevin Pierce (former neighbor of de Conings)  
 David Hill (brother of Patty Reed)  
 Marjorie Stormer (mother of Mary Horek)  
 George Scherzer (brother of Robert Slayton's friend)  
 Donald Nietzel (uncle of Steve Reyes)  
 Phil Houston  
 Phil Banta (George Banta's uncle)  
 Athena Digrindakis (friend of Lin and Pat Carter)  
 Donovan McCoy (Tom and Margo Sieczynski's grandson)  
 Holly Delahoussaye (Anne Sherren's cousin's daughter)  
 Phyllis Wheeler  
 Pat Carter  
 Marlene Parker  
 Theresa Inman  
 Jinny Clayton  
 Karen Hargis  
 Paula Brady (Becca Hyde Goering's mother-in-law)  
 Virginia Burton (Brookdale in Lisle)  
 Wayne Zascoda (Shirley McDonald's niece's husband)  
 Linda Spear (Amanda Hartley's stepmother)  
 Skip Spear (Amanda Hartley's father)  
 DeeAnn Crabill  
 Earl Britton (Community Rehabilitation Center)  
 Mark Bickler  
 David Newby  
 Larry McCoy  
 Julie Eylander (Arlene Beslic's daughter)  
 Caitlin Ritenour  
 Don Nietzel (uncle of Steve Reyes)  
 Ron Champagne (Stacey Barrett's father)

## Hospital

MG Kotze (friend of Neels de Coning)

## Other

Tracy Maclean as she mourns the loss of two dogs and a cat in a house fire that caused severe damage to her home.

## Home Recovering

Jeff Egan  
 Carol White  
 Patty Rose  
 Karen Brigham  
 Bob Stout (co-worker of Kevin Williams)  
 Jean Donohue  
 Pat Neesley  
 Tim Dunne  
 Macy Evans  
 Peg Little  
 Kristin O'Brien  
 Harold Bullard  
 Jon Lim (friend of Nico de Coning)

## Grieving

### The friends and family of:

**Annabelle Eylander** on her death (Arlene Beslic's granddaughter)  
**Carol DeYoung** on her death (Dawn Pakkebie's mother)  
**Rosemary Elliott** on her death (Scott Elliott's mother)  
**Doug Shields** on his death  
**Mary Isley** on her death (Doug Isley's mother)  
**Mitchell Hild** on his death (Jeff Hild's nephew)  
**Peter Pfeiffer** on his death (Eric Pfeiffer's brother)  
**Alice Birzetis** on her death  
**Dawn Rouse** on her death (niece of Anne Sherren)  
**Larry Ebert** on his death (close friend of Gary McGregor)

## Congratulations:

**Amanda & Mike Gilkes** on the birth of their daughter Olivia Elle on April 30. Proud grandmother is Jane Gilkes.  
**Ali & Adam Barhamand** on the birth of their daughter Emaline Anne on June 30. Proud grandparents are Fari & Bard Barhamand.  
**Kelly & Chriss Bratsos** on the birth of their son John Bennett on July 8. Proud grandparents are Amy & Mike Bratsos.  
**Mairead & Jared Taylor** on the birth of their son Daineal Jackson on July 15.

## 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.