



KNOX E-NEWS For the week of August 30, 2019

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**A warm Knox Welcome to all! Wherever you find yourself on the faith journey: a long time member OR a visitor or maybe exploring the possibility of joining a faith community OR simply pausing for a moment with us to know the warmth of God's love; wherever you are at, know that you are welcome at Knox! Please join us following the service for food and fellowship!**

## **THIS SUNDAY AT KNOX**



Scripture Reading: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

### **"Blessed Be"**

This week we consider what it means to be blessed. What does it mean to receive and to give a blessing? When have you felt blessed and what did you do with that feeling? These are just a few of the questions that the scripture brought to mind. Luke gives us a few clues to the answers to these blessed questions: hospitality and humility. Luke is clear that meals are of profound theological significance, bread was important; in fact, where some eat and some do not eat, the kingdom is not present. The real test of whether the church included persons who were different was not at the point of baptizing them but of eating with them. And eating with them as equals, taking a humble stance, recognizing one's humanity alongside that of another, "for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." This is Kingdom behaviour.

## **Upcoming services & liturgical readings**

- September 8 - Regular Service- Luke 14: 25-33 – Understanding Discipleship
- September 15 - Healing Service – Luke 15: 1-10 (Covenanting Service in the evening)

## **AROUND KNOX**

**A Covenanting Service** with Lesley and Damber will be held on **September 15**. It will begin with a **potluck supper at 5:00 and be followed by a worship service with the Regional Council participating at 6:00**. What is a covenanting service? It is an official welcome, but even better than that, it is a chance to recognize what Lesley and Damber bring to Knox as minister and student and what we offer them as a congregation. There will be promises given and received as well as symbols of the ministry offered to

each of them. It will be very important that we have a good representation of the Knox congregation so plan ahead to be there.



**The Church Office and building** will be closed on Monday, September 2 for Labour Day and we will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, September 3.

**The 7 Napali speaking Youth** from Knox will be attending the Youth Conference at Lethbridge, Alberta organized by Napali Christian Youth across Canada from August 31 to Sept 1, 2019.

**The Board Meeting** has been scheduled for Thursday, September 19, gathering at 6:00 pm in the Board Room.

**Senior New Comer Group** – any new comers to Canada, 55+ are invited to join us every Saturday, from 4:30 to 6:30 for cultural conversation, learning about Canada and some fun and food.

**Mission & Service Givings** – The National Office of our United Church has passed on thanksgivings for our generous donations to The Mission & Service Fund of Canada. Knox is being recognized for our donation of \$1639.00. Please continue to give generously to The Mission & Service Fund. Please take a moment to read the letter of thanks from The National Church:

“You have blessed God’s mission with generous gifts. We give thanks! Your gifts for Mission & Service truly make a tangible difference in people’s lives. Your generosity makes possible a strong annual Mission & Service Fund. In 2018 we will enable:

- 94 global partners in 22 countries acting for peace and justice
- community and justice work across Canada with 64 community ministries and 36 chaplaincies
- theological education and ministry support at 7 theological schools and 3 education centres
- faith formation and leadership support, including dozens of grants for youth groups
- grants for 84 pastoral charges to support worship, pastoral care, education, and mission

**Friday Bible Study resumes on September 13 at 6:00**, followed by supper at 8:00. Contact Sergio Banaga to find out this week’s location (which rotates) 204-697-3389. Everyone is welcome to join in discussion and reading (in English), sharing life experience and faith, and reflection on our life in light of the Bible in order to discover God’s wisdom and mystery.

**PRAYER OUTREACH** Join us on Thursday evenings, now at 7:30pm, for Prayer Outreach. Look for our foldable benches in Central Park. Come see what happens and join us if you like. We offer our neighbours an ice-cold water bottle, and if they want a prayer. As the Holy Spirit provides, the ones for whom we offer prayers feel loved, something special in this world full of challenges.

**Hour of Power: A New Gathering**

The Hour of Power is a new meeting designed to help us grow spiritually over the summer. We were created to do life together, to work in fellowship and to have grace come to us. God finds us right where we are, and connects with us right where we are.

We will discuss scripture readings focused on God's vision for us, and daily practices of spending time with God. We will explore how God initiates a relationship with us, and reveals gifts of the Spirit and grace. We will explore how we make time to encourage and equip others, and how we make time to offer praise. We will encourage each other to grow and to reach out to others who are growing. Our growth occurs when our vision and values match. With growth, we become better people. Come join us each Saturday at 4pm in the Board Room.

### **Knox Herb and Vegetable Garden**

The concept of the Knox Herb and Vegetable Garden at the Rainbow Community Garden at the University of Manitoba started a month ago. We have over 40 rows of herbs and veggies! It has grown with the assistance of Raymond, Lahki, Sabry, Duku, Natalia, Damaso and Cynthia. The Ryerson Boys & Girls Club is collaborating with us to water, weed and harvest our crop. Each day our plants need attention. We hope to feature your recipes made with our produce, and to give you an opportunity to make them in our kitchen. If you would like to participate in any way, individually or as a group, please call Cynthia at 204-894-5430.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS/NEWS**

**The Winnipeg Central Global Market** will be open on Saturdays from 11-3p.m., please come out and support locally made goods and foods. The final date will be September 14.

**Manitoba Night Market and Festival** will take place on Saturday, September 14 at 3975 Portage Ave. Join us for unique local artisans, crafts, jewelry, clothing and so much more! The track will be loaded with the best food trucks Manitoba has to offer. Plus kid's activities, entertainment, beer gardens and more! Parking \$5, \$5 per person and children 5 and under are FREE! Please contact at 204.885.3330 for additional information.

**NOWAN Meeting** will be held on September 20 from 9 to 11, at 755 Portage Ave, Health and Social Services Centre, in the education room. For more information, contact Claire Meiklejohn at 204-803-9512 or email at [cmeiklejohn@wrha.mb.ca](mailto:cmeiklejohn@wrha.mb.ca).

**12th Annual Strangers in New Homeland Conference 2019** will be held on Wednesday, October 30 from 5 – 9 pm, Thursday, October 31 and Friday, November 1 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm at Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park. For more information, please visit [WWW.STRANGERSCONFERENCE.COM](http://WWW.STRANGERSCONFERENCE.COM)

**Men's drop-in, Indigenous Wellness Program** will be offering throughout the summer on Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, at Mount Carmel Clinic, 888 Main St. Food, drinks and bus tokens

**The Conversation Circle** will run every Saturday from 12:30 to 2:30 pm except long weekends at the West Central Women's Resource Centre and it is open for women and men too. Childminding and snacks will be provided. For more information, please contact at 204-774-8975 ext.233.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES



**Knox Employment Entry (KEE) Program** is a non-profit agency that assists clients in attaining entry level employment with a wide variety of employers in Winnipeg. Applicant Information Sessions are every Tuesday & Wednesday at 11 a.m. except holidays & closures. Please check [keewinnipeg.com](http://keewinnipeg.com) or phone 204-953-2453.

## OUR VISION



Knox United Church seeks to become a dynamic urban ministry committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and expressing his love through a variety of worshipping styles, outreach ministry and partnerships with community-based and community service organizations. We seek to be responsive to the neighbourhood and welcoming of a broad cultural spectrum.

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