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OUR MISSION

*At Knox Presbyterian Church,
we seek to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ
and be led by the Holy Spirit,
in worship, in daily life, and in serving God
as we serve our community and beyond*

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THE STORY

**Read the story.
Experience the Bible.
Know God's Story and your own.**



Sunday, September 24, 2017
“IDENTITY CHECK”

** please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in song

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” (Founds)

“Cornerstone” (Mote, Myrin, Morgan)

We Prepare to Worship...in silent prayer

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship *from Psalm 63*

One: O God, You are my God, and I long for You.

ALL: My whole being desires You;

**like a dry, worn-out, and waterless land,
 my soul is thirsty for You.**

Let me see You in the sanctuary;

let me see how mighty and glorious You are.

One: Your constant love is better than life itself,
 and so I will praise You.

ALL: I will give You thanks as long as I live;

I will raise my hands to You in prayer.

and I will sing glad songs of praise to You.

Response *“Living Water”* (Getty)

*Prayer of Approach, Confession; The Lord’s Prayer

The Good News of God’s Mercy and Forgiveness

*Hymn of Praise *“Our Great Saviour”* (Chapman)

The Basics of our Faith *The Apostles’ Creed*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

For Younger Worshippers

*Song *“He Knows My Name”* (Walker)

We Prepare to Hear God’s Word

Scripture *Isaiah 43:1-7 (p. 586)*

Psalm 23 (p. 450)

with refrain “Shepherd Me O God” (Haugen)

Luke 3:21-23a; 4:1-19 (p. 833)

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Hymn *“You Are Mine”* (Haas)

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

*Hymn *“Be Still My Soul” v.1 (von Schelgel)*

“He Will Hold Me Fast” (Getty)

We Receive God’s Blessing

Song *“Go Now in Peace”* (Besig & Price)



AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE

This month and next, Contact House is in need of any of the following items:

canned fish, tuna, salmon, canned meat, canned fruit, jellos, puddings, soda crackers. On the non-food side: toilet paper, shampoo, empty dish soap/laundry soap containers.

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WATCH OUT ... IT'S SURPRISE BAPTISM DAY

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We're so glad you're here today! If it's your first time, or first time in a long time, or you're here all the time, know you are welcome here! You'll find more about worship on the next page – if you have any questions, please ask the person who greeted you at the door! At KPC, you are among friends...God's grace and love abide...so come as you are, and come to know something about the life and love of the Risen Lord Jesus and the presence of God's Spirit with us always and everywhere!

*We are in a series of messages called **THE STORY**, which covers the major events and themes of the Bible. We're looking at the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, and today at the start of that ministry, with Jesus' baptism and wilderness test...both of which were an important **IDENTITY CHECK** for Jesus, and for us.*



A Word About Worship...

WELCOME

You are welcome here. Really. You are among friendly people who care, who aren't perfect, but are on a journey of faith. If you are a guest, we don't expect you to give an offering; if you wish to do so, we're grateful. Join us for refreshments downstairs after worship. We hope you are blessed by being here, and that you'll come again!



KID CONNECTION welcomes all children! Come up front for the children's time; parents welcome, too! Then join the group and head downstairs after the children's song. Children will rejoin us for the closing song. Feel free to accompany your child downstairs and then return for the message once they are settled. **NURSERY** ministry for those under school age is available downstairs as well.

Washrooms are at the back entry and in the downstairs hall; **baby change stations** are located in the back entry washroom and just off the front entryway.



We have hearing assistance devices available. Just ask a greeter or the staff at the sound booth at the back.

Please join us for refreshments and conversation following worship! Head downstairs after the service – You'll be welcome! Apple juice and bottled water are available on the back table by the front entry door.

Hospitality is important for everyone who comes to KPC! Be sure to welcome one another! As one wise pastor said, "On Sunday morning at church, greet your friends and visit with the visitors!"

GREETERS

**THIS WEEK: Peggy Smith & Josie Ansems;
Mary Lou Glenn, Shirley Jamieson**

**NEXT WEEK: Ron & Mary McCordic;
Dianne Rice, Karen Alberti**



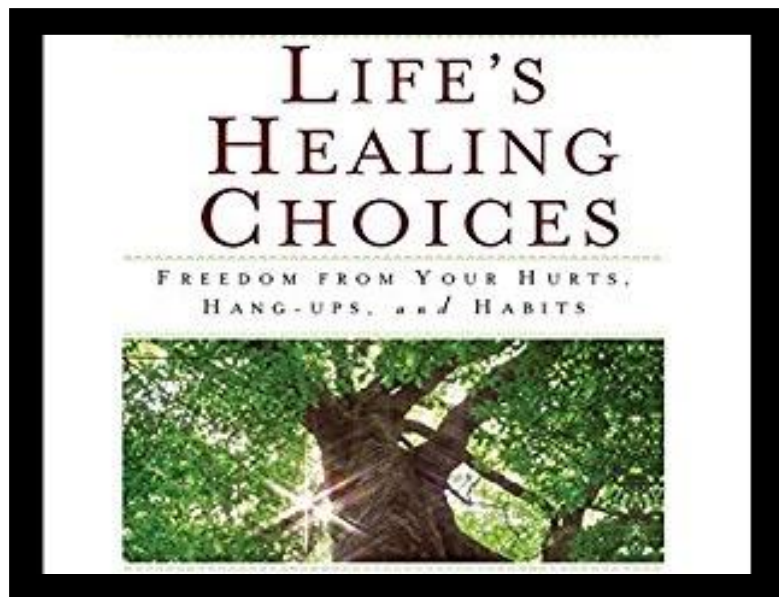
SIGN UP SHEETS
FOR
Children's greeter, snack
providers
and nursery ministry are available
today. Really, they are! 😊



NEWS & NOTES

* **The Forest Fair** has asked us to look after the gates on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.. We will earn \$500 towards our building project as we serve. A sign up list is available today. Dianne Rice is coordinating the volunteers; you can sign up today, for blocks of 2 – 4 hours. We had a lot of fun last year, and it is a great way to serve the community! You can also contact Dianne at 519-243-2628 or email dianr@execulink.com.

*WATER'S EDGE, our weeknight house church, resumes October 4, with "LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES" . We will also offer this program on Wednesday afternoons, 1.30-3.00.



What's Happening

Pastor Chris is away on retreat Monday - Thursday

Tuesday 1:30 -3:30 Knox Knitters

4.00 – 5.30 Junior Youth Grades 6-8

Saturday 6 p.m. Spanish Workers Ministry

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship and KID CONNECTION



THE STORY:

Chapter 24 in THE STORY Bible
PREACHER, TEACHER,
HEALER, REVEALER
World Wide Communion Sunday

Study Group

Wednesday, October 3 1.30 p.m.

Water's Edge – House Church
Wednesday, October 4 7.00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
begin meeting Thursday, October 5
4.00 – 5.30 p.m. Join us for pizza!



HALLELUJAH!

Architect drawings – check. Done.

Submission to Lambton Shores – check. Done.

As soon as Lambton Shores approves, we are ready to go! Thank you for praying, supporting, and our encouragement throughout this aspect of paperwork. Soon a shovel will be in the ground, and construction will begin!

Thank you to those who have put in hours of time already to ensure the paperwork is done and submitted.



Grounded in Faith.
Growing to Serve.



In 1862, Knox was established as a church, located in the hamlet of “Widder”. The first inducted minister was Rev. Peter Goodfellow. A church

building was erected in 1862, on Lot 182, about 2 miles west, across the Aux Sauble River from Sylvan. the area was widely known as “Pinehill”, with sandy soil and large pine forest.



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We’re 140 years old this year!

This fall we will be marking this milestone in several ways:

*weekly historical moments in the bulletin

* a special old fashioned anniversary service

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 2017

9.30 a.m.

You are invited to dress according to the decade of your choice
– from 1877- 2017 -

We will follow worship with a good old fashioned
Sunday after church dinner!

* We will have an old fashioned Lord’s Supper(communion) service with historical “tokens” that you will receive and have as a keepsake.

* during Advent we’ll have a church family gathering with carol singing, horse drawn hay ride and caroling around town, supper and fun with readings, songs and skits!

*To God be the Glory
for the Things He Has Done!*

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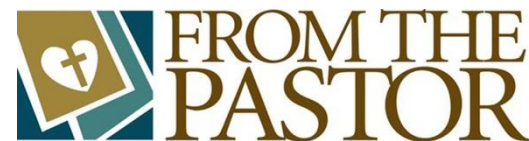


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