



OUR MISSION

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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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M13: KINGDOM STORIES

Jesus' Parables of the Kingdom in Matthew 13



Sunday, May 24, 2015
M13: KINGDOM STORIES
Jesus' Parables of the Kingdom in Matthew 13
“GIFT”

** please stand as you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in song

“Here I Am to Worship” (Hughes)

“Be Still for the Presence of the Lord” (Evans)

We Prepare to Worship...in prayer *the Bible is carried in*

TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship *Psalm 145:1-3, 21*

One: I will exalt You, my God and King,
and praise Your name forever and ever.

**ALL: I will praise You every day;
yes, I will praise You forever.**

One: Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!
No one can measure God's greatness.

**ALL: I will praise the LORD, and may everyone on earth
bless His holy name forever and ever.**

* Response *“Open Our Eyes, Lord” (Cull)*

*Prayer of Approach and Confession, The Lord's Prayer
The Good News of God's Grace and Forgiveness

*Hymn of Praise *“Blessed Assurance” (Crosby)*
We Profess What We Believe *The Apostles' Creed*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Children's Time

*Song *“Just Say Thanks” (Trad.)*

We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Prayer *“Speak to Me” (Walker)*

Scriptures *Jeremiah 32:36-41 (p. 641)*

Psalm 16 (p. 446)

Matthew 13:10-17 (insert – The Message)

Message

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*In Song *“My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness” (Getty)*

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE

*Hymn *“Open the Eyes of My Heart” (Baloche)*
“Step by Step” (Beaker)

*The Lord Sends Us with His Blessing

*Song of Blessing *“Go Now in Peace”*



AN EXTRA PLACE AT THE TABLE for MAY

salt, pepper, seasonings, household cleaning supplies

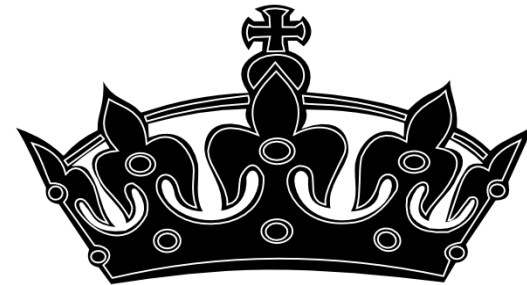


GOOD MORNING!

Welcome to worship with the faith family at Knox Church, Thedford. We're a friendly, community church and glad you're here! You'll find more welcome information on the next page, and if you have any questions, just ask the person who greeted you at the door!

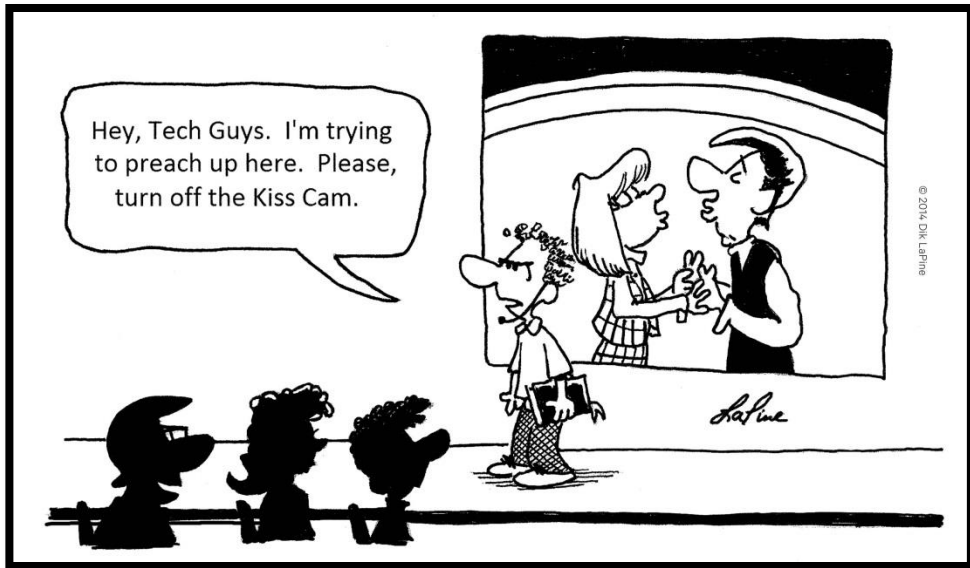
This morning we begin a new series of messages about some old stories...important stories Jesus told.

M13: KINGDOM STORIES will lead us through Matthew 13, a chapter in the New Testament that contains 5 of Jesus' parables or stories about the Kingdom of God – or what life lived in right relationship with God and with each other – looks like.



M13: KINGDOM STORIES

Our first message focuses not on one of those stories, but the story behind the story: why did Jesus tell stories? We'll discover that Jesus gave the stories as a gift...and that it is a gift to hear them, receive them, learn from them, grow through them, and live deeply with the Lord because of those stories.



A Word About Worship....



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.

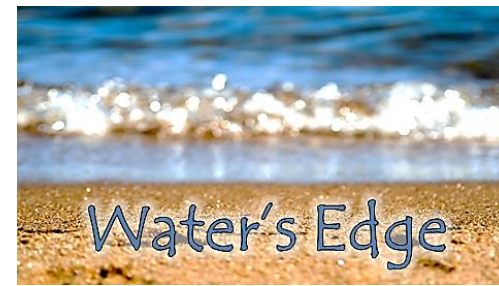
Washrooms are at the back entry and in the downstairs hall; **baby change stations** are located in the back entry washroom and just off the front entryway.



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! More information about worship and our church on the next page, and at our website

- *Orange juice and bottled water are available on the back table by the front entry door.*



an alternative, conversational gathering for worship, for those seeking God. Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. at Chris and Jesse's home, 7745 Alfred Street, Port Franks. All welcome!



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

Please sign up to serve in this ministry... as a children's greeter, nursery care, youth group snack provider...thank you! Sheets for sign up are available today.

Sign up today!

THIS WEEK:

Children's Greeter: Kim, Austin and Logan Arnel
Nursery Ministry: opportunity to serve
Youth Group Snack: Mary Turner

NEXT WEEK:

Children's Greeter :Anna Herrington
Nursery Care: opportunity to serve
Youth Group Snack: Julie Anderson



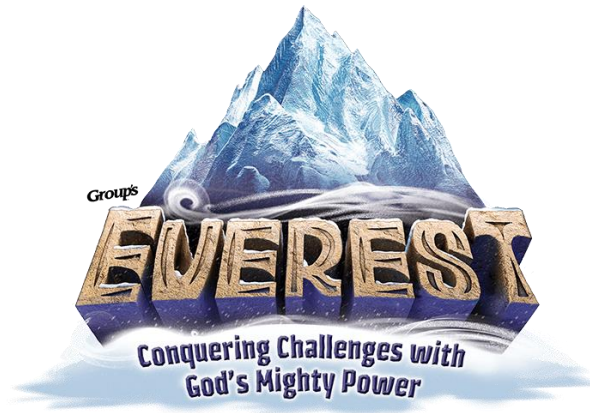
If you enjoyed
worship today,
why not invite a friend
to join you next
Sunday?



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EVEREST Vacation Bible Camp
mornings, August 17-21,

is looking for volunteers. To be a 'sherpa' (small
group leader), to help with program areas like
games, Bible Expedition, Preschool Peak, and more.

Contact Pastor Chris or Catherine Minielly.
School, and June 14, 2-4 p.m. @ KPC. Registration
forms available today!

We will have 3 registration days : May 30, 2-4 p.m.
. @ KPC, June 3, 2-4 p.m. at Bosanquet Central



Sunday after worship "Freedom in Christ" small group

Monday 7.00 p.m. Session meets – upstairs in Sanctuary
Financial Peace - downstairs

Tuesday 1.30 p.m. Knox Knitters

4 p.m. Youth Group

7.00 p.m. Daniel Plan

Wednesday 1.00 p.m. Philippians Bible Study

7.00 p.m. Water's Edge

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Worship and **Kid Connection**

M 13: SOIL, SEED, SOWER

after worship "Freedom in Christ" small group

GOLF DAY! Save the date...more details to follow! Sunday afternoon August 9 at Sandhills Golf Course, Northville. BBQ to follow at Henry & Lily Jamrozinski's home on the beach.



Interested in affirming your faith? Becoming a member of KPC? We have several others preparing, and will offer one more session for anyone who couldn't attend the session held weeks ago. A session geared to youth and older children will be held on Tuesday, June 9th 7-8.30 p.m. here at KPC, upstairs. Another session can be arranged as needed. Please contact Pastor Chris for details. We welcome you!

APPRENTICES OF JESUS

will begin in August.

Books available today, on the back table.



We are making plans to host another Kid's Summer Program at KPC, the weeks of July 6 through to the week of August 10. We have some applications for both the program leader and junior leaders, (Grade 9 and up) but welcome more. We are also looking for donations to support the program...we will be looking for some willing to help with driving from time to time as groups enjoy local outings. Contact Pastor Chris for details.

