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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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Knox Presbyterian Church  
*Thedford*



**RURAL LIFE  
SUNDAY**



Sunday, May 3, 2015  
**RURAL LIFE SUNDAY**  
**SLOW CHURCH**

*\* please stand as you are able*

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

We Prepare to Worship...in story

We Prepare to Worship...in song

*"Shout to the North" (Mark) "How Great is Our God" (Tomlin)*

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

**TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Call to Worship**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God made the bright, warm sunshine  
and the freezing-cold snow.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God made the little tiny flowers  
and the great big pine trees.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God made the peaceful ponds and the crashing waves.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God made the cornfields and the rocky mountains.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God made the creeping caterpillars and kicking kangaroos.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God made you, and God made me.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Come, let us praise God for making all things good!

\* Response *"This is My Father's World" v.1,2 (Babcock)*

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

\*Hymn of Praise *"Morning Has Broken" (Farejon)*

We Profess What We Believe *The Apostles' Creed*

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

God's Gifts from Holy Ground *The Peters Family*

\*Hymn *"Bringing the Sheaves"*

Welcoming Myles Justin Soetemans to the Family of God

Children's Time

\*Song *"Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil" (Hanson)*

**We Prepare to Hear God's Word**

Scriptures and Message

*John 1:14 <sup>TM</sup> Acts 2:42-47 (p. 885) Colossians 2:6-7 (p. 962)*

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

\*In Song *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (Getty)*

Prayers of the People

Offering and Dedication

**WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE GO TO SERVE**

\*Hymn *"The Church Song" (Beech)*

\*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



But we will give ourselves continually to  
**Prayer**  
and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

**DAY OF PRAYER @ KPC  
WENESDAY, MAY 20  
800 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.  
Church will be open for you to  
come in and pray.**

***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!*

*It's **RURAL LIFE SUNDAY** today! This is a Sunday we look forward to each year. This morning, we bless our farm families, welcome Myles to the church family through baptism, and take a look at **SLOW CHURCH**- the mission, ministry and lifestyle of the rural church, of this church!*



## 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.

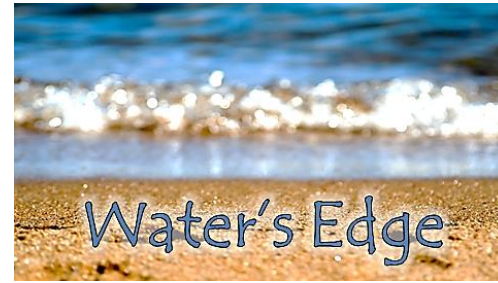
**Washrooms** are at the back entry and in the downstairs hall; **baby change stations** are located in the back entry washroom and just off the front entryway.



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!"

## Sign up today!

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.

### THIS WEEK:

Children's Greeter: Helen Hayter

Nursery Ministry:

Youth Group Snack: Fern Maedel

### NEXT WEEK:

Children's Greeter:

Nursery Ministry:

Youth Group Snack: Kelly Evans





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why not invite a friend to join you next Sunday?



this week @ church

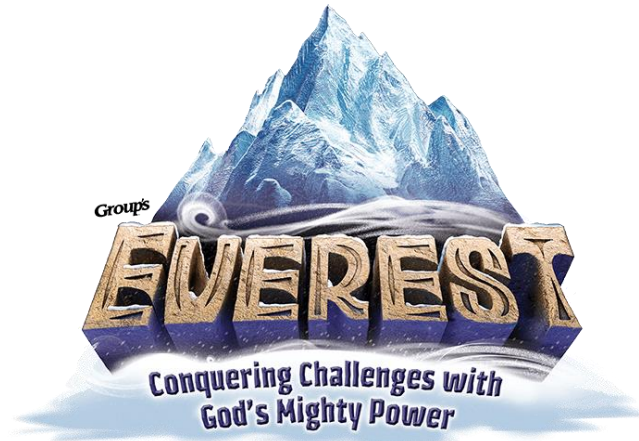
**Monday – Thursday** Pastor Chris on retreat

**Tuesday** 1.30 p.m. Knox Knitters

4 p.m. Youth Group

7.00 p.m. Daniel Plan begins

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



Vacation Bible Camp Planning Meeting  
**THURSDAY MAY 14 7.00 p.m.**  
all volunteers welcome - see the introduction  
to this year's VC!



Our Church Family

*"Wanted"*

*Christian Family Sunday*

*Mother's Day*

After worship,

"Freedom in Christ" study begins

# small groups

connect grow serve

*May and June we'll have a number of small group ministries here at KPC - a great place to connect with people, to have fun, to grow in your faith and understanding of being a follower of Jesus. Why not get involved in one?*

## Freedom in Christ

A new group study to help anyone find the freedom Jesus gives, so we are not held back by old lies, by our past, by our struggles and pain...but free to become all God has created us to be! This group will begin on May 11, and will meet after coffee hour for about an hour. Pastor Chris will lead this group.



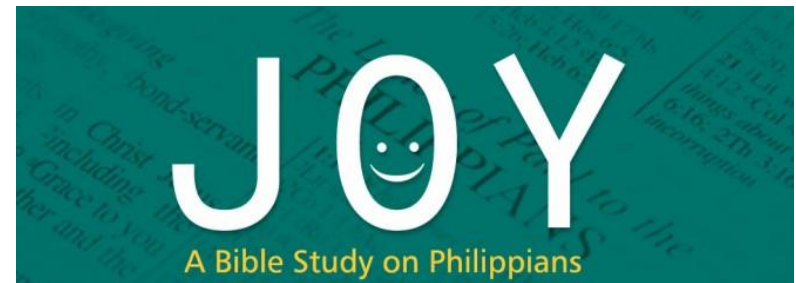
## THE DANIEL PLAN

40 DAYS to a HEALTHIER LIFE

*A 6 week small group that will help you adopt a healthy lifestyle - and is lots of fun! Led by Maryellen Brown, the group will meet on Tuesdays, 7-8.30 p.m. Starts May 12.*



A fast-paced, fun and very practical group study that will help you be wise with money. 9 weeks and will start the second week of May. Kim Heathcote will lead this group.



Philippians: A Letter of Joy from a Jail Cell  
Starts May 13 1.00 – 2.30 p.m.

## APPRENTICES OF JESUS

*will begin in August.*

*Books available next month.*

