

HIKING GROUP - Sunday, May 5 Plan to join in our first hike - meet between 2:30-3pm and the hike will begin around 3pm across from Gail Smith's farm near Fairview on Line 35. **The address is: 357036 Line 35, Embro.**

The terrain is moderate, some small hills through a bush, and scenic. Bring sturdy footwear and a hiking pole, if desired. We plan to join at Gail's pond directly across from the trail afterward for some snacks and coffee, tea juice etc. The hike is open to anyone who can join us, even if they don't want to hike they can wait at the gazebo near the pond and visit until the hikers return. Please feel free to invite friends. And bring a lawn chair. Hope to see you there!

All are invited and welcome to a monthly worship service at Camp Kintail called "Kirk in the Cedars." Kirk is simply a Scottish word for church, and we will gather in the cedars of the outdoor chapel. Theresa (Trillium) and Jen (Maranta), along with the staff, will provide leadership in worship, but we will all be creating the Kirk together! **Upcoming dates: May 19 and June 16.**



The **KNOX HANDCRAFTERS GROUP** meets on **Tuesday, May 7 at 10:30am** at Knox in our new space on the Main Floor (accessible).



"WE LOVE KNOX" Cups: Simply bring coins - loonies or toonies, dimes, nickels or quarters or folding money and put them into the **"WE LOVE KNOX" Cup** that it is the middle of the offering plate. This will go to the Operating Fund. **THANK YOU!**

KNOX STRATFORD

April 28, 2024.



PRELUDE

WELCOME to Knox - A place where friendships begin!
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Like Spring breaking through winter's power,
Many: God's resurrecting power breaks into our lives in surprising ways.

One: Like the vine that supports blossoms and fruit,
Many: God's Creative Words can support the church and the whole world with renewed strength.

One: Let us worship The Creator God who makes all things new.

Many: We will praise The Great One who brings growth and renewal to all life.

PRAYERS OF APPROACH (TOGETHER):

Dear God, You live in peace above our strife. We seek You today to come into our consciousness and transform it. Take from us the strain and stress and replace it with your Great Presence of Peace. Renew our hearts and minds and take them into trust. Amen.

HYMN: #433 All creatures of our God and King-Verses 1, 2 & 6

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of Love, we fail to love one another fully. Forgive us for ignoring to love and failing to worship You. Forgive us for ignoring the needs of others, and not following Your ways of true wisdom.

Forgive us for seeking praise from others, yet failing to encourage them in their endeavours. Forgive who we have been, O God, and root our lives more deeply in what we can be when Your love transforms us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: (Minister) The Bible records that God is love, and that God's perfect love casts out fear. Those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them. We need to claim hope in this Good News: God's perfect love abides in us and deepens through forgiveness, we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

Congregation: And also, with you.

Please turn and greet one another.

CHOIR ANTHEM

STORY

HYMN: #431 Jesus, where'er thy people meet - All verses

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 41: 37-49

Ecclesiastes 11:5

Romans 11: 33-36

Matthew 6: 28-34

SERMON: "Navigating complexity!"

OFFERING - DOXOLOGY #306 Offering is brought forward. The offering can be placed on the offering plates at the back of the church before or during the service, or at the front after the service.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Together): Generous God, we bless you for Your gift of life renewed through Christ's love. Bless the gifts we offer so they renew hope in the world You love, in the name of Your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION (Together)

Loving God, we bring you now our prayers for others, friends and enemies, neighbours and strangers alike.

We pray for people who are struggling with illness, loneliness, grief or sadness:

We pray for people in countries and communities where it is not safe to live or express their views openly

We pray for victims of discrimination and hatred, and those who fear violence day by day.

Hear our prayer and let our cries come unto Thee. Amen

HYMN: #429 Your strong word Verses 1 and 4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The **Life Study Group** focusing on the sermon and scriptures will meet this Thursday at 10:00am.

APRIL OUTREACH

For The Emily Murphy Centre which provides transitional housing for women and children.

The following are items they are in need of:

- ✓ Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner ,
- ✓ Paper products; Kleenex, paper towels, toilet tissue.
- ✓ Cleaning products
- ✓ Sink and tub cleaners, floor cleaners, etc.
- ✓ Snacks for school lunches

Let's help fill those pantry shelves!

MAY 5 IS EPIC SUNDAY! We welcome Rev. John Borthwick to our pulpit. He is the Director of Lifelong Learning, and part of the Senior Leadership Team from Knox College. We will be offering Sunday School and have refreshments in the West Transcept.

Interim Minister: The Reverend Dr. David Thompson

Music Director: Suzanne Strahan

Treasurer: Shannon Archer

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