

KNOX STRATFORD

May 19, 2024 PENTECOST SUNDAY

WELCOME to KNOX

A place where friendships begin and grow!

We welcome our Guest Minister today Rev. Dr. Bryan Lapier

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

PRAYERS OF APPROACH (Together):

Almighty and Everlasting God, look with favour upon Your people. As on this day You sent upon the first disciples the gift of Your Holy Spirit; so, pour that Spirit out upon us this day. Open our hearts to Your living power. Lead us and teach us and grace us with Your presence. Grant us the dreams and visions You have promised and make us messengers of the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. Unite us through the power of Your Spirit so that all people may be moved by the witness we make, both now and forever more. Amen.

HYMN: #382 Verses 1,4,5 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together):

Almighty God, we confess that we often resist the Spirit's guidance. We are uncomfortable with the challenges the Spirit offers us. We have failed to live in ways that reveal Christ's love for the world. God of compassion, forgive us. Transform our lives by the power of Your Spirit, and renew our faithfulness to follow Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (Minister)

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

Congregation: And also, with you.

Please greet one another.

CHOIR ANTHEM

STORY: A Boy and His Pony

HYMN: #626 Lord of All Power

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Philippians 2:1-11 Imitating Christ's humility

Psalm 40: 1-8 Read Responsively-Page 400 in Pew Bible

Matthew 4: 18-23 The calling of the disciples

SERMON: WALKING THE WALK

1) May we encounter Jesus.

2) May we respond to Christ's call.

3) May we 'walk the walk'

OFFERING - DOXOLOGY #79 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): O God, bless the offerings we make today, as well as the time, talent, and concern we will offer you this week. We give, trusting your Spirit to accomplish more than we can ask or imagine in Christ's name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #637 Take My Life

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

**** ** * JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS ** ** ***

in the West Transept following the service.

The **KNOX HANDCRAFTERS GROUP** meets on
Tuesday, May 21 at 10:30am in the Multipurpose space
on the Main Floor (Accessible).

The **Life Study Group** focusing on the sermon and scriptures will meet on **Thursday, May 23 at 10am.**

**EPIC (Every Person In Church)
Sunday, June 2 at 10:30am**

Fruits of the Spirit-Sunday School
LUNCHEON to follow in the banquet hall.
We need people to help coordinate the luncheon.



Next Communion date is Sunday, June 9



NEW "Random Acts of Kindness"
SMALL GROUP to begin later in May/June.
Sign up in the Narthex on the clipboard.

If you have an interest in **Classic cars or Race cars**, contact John Waldie to join this Small Group. They hope to do some local tours that feature these speciality cars.

"Kirk in the Cedars" is a monthly worship service at Camp Kintail at 4pm followed by dinner.

Upcoming dates: May 19 and June 16.



"WE LOVE KNOX" Cups: Fill the cup with loonies or toonies, dimes, nickels or quarters or folding money. This will go to the Operating Fund. **THANK YOU!**

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