

FALL Groups

Choir - Wednesdays at 7pm

Life Study-Sermon and Scripture - Thursdays at 10am

Handcrafters - Tuesday, October 1 at 10:30am

Acts of Kindness - To be determined

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are excited to announce that we have a Minister that will be Preaching for the Call at Knox Stratford, on **Sunday, October 6, 2024 at the 10:30am** Worship Service. Following that service, there will be a Congregational Meeting to consider the Call and vote on the decision, and sign the Call. **We strongly encourage all members and adherents to attend that service.**

There will also be a **Meet and Greet on Saturday, October 5 from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Banquet Hall.** This will be an opportunity to informally meet the Minister Candidate, and enjoy some fellowship and refreshments together. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to participate in this important service and weekend event. Blessings and prayers, Knox Session and Search Team

OUTREACH-THE SANDWICH PROJECT- Thanks for the support of the congregation for the Sandwich Project. To date we have received \$250.00. The envelopes will be left on the table in the Narthex. Donations can be continued to be given at any time as this is an ongoing project.

OCTOBER'S OUTREACH

The focus for October will be A **FOOD DRIVE** for the House of Blessing and the Emily Murphy Centre. Donations can be placed in the baskets in the Narthex. These are a few of the most needed items: healthy school snacks, peanut butter, canned veggies and fruit, canned soups and stews, pasta and sauce, rice side dishes (Kraft dinner, sidekicks, instant potatoes).

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STRATFORD

19th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 29, 2024
Sunday before the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Interim Minister: The Reverend Dr. David Thompson

Music Director: Suzanne Strahan **Treasurer:** Shannon Archer

142 Ontario Street, Stratford, Ontario. N5A 3H2

519-271-0373 knoxs@wightman.ca CCLI #2405391

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO KNOX: A place where friendships begin and grow! Join us for fellowship and refreshments after the service!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Dr. Thompson):

You are come unto Mount Zion and unto the city of the living God, to innumerable hosts of angels, to God the Creator of all and to the spirits of just people made perfect. Wherefor let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well pleasing to God with reverence and Godly fear.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (Together): Living God, on this special day when we welcome new members and perform Olen's Baptism, we are grateful for his family and his grandfather, who will preach to us today and baptise Olen with water from the Jordan river, where Jesus was baptised. Bless those who have professed their faith and wish to become members. Keep them safe here in Knox helping them to grow spiritually and make a difference where they touch the world. Be with us in this service of worship with Your own Great presence. Amen.

HYMN: #11 The Lord's my Shepherd Verses 1,2,4 and 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together): Our Loving God we confess to you our deliberate sins and failures to live up to the vision You have for our lives. Help us to be better people. Surprise us with Your Grace and introduce us to our highest best selves so that we are comfortable in our own skins and happy to be a part of this community of Knox. Amen

Assurance of Pardon (Minister): From now on, the Apostle Paul declared, we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Through Christ God has reconciled us, and given us a ministry of reconciliation. Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start, this day and every day!

We welcome new members joining today by

Resolution of Session:

Bonnie Richardson and Susan Salomonsson.

The Apostles Creed: (In unison)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ his
only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended
to hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He
ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the
living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
Life everlasting. Amen.**

***(The world- wide church of believers who trust in Jesus)**

THE PEACE of CHRIST:

Leader: Let the Peace of Christ be with you!

Congregation: And also, with you. Please greet one another.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Profession of Faith and Holy Baptism Liturgy

Profession of Faith for Nathan Schleicher.

Baptism of their son Olen John Schleicher.

HYMN: #519 Jesus friend so kind and gentle Verses 1-3

Congregational Vow: (Please stand if able)

Do you members of the Knox congregation promise to support Nathan and integrate him into the fellowship of Knox?

Congregation: We do. (Please be seated)

BAPTISM

Vow for the congregation of Knox: (Please stand if able)

Do you promise to guide and look after Olen teaching him everything that Christ commands and will you be there for him in time of need?

Congregation: We do and we will. (Please be seated)

The Act of Baptism: Pastor John Schleicher officiant,
grandfather of Olen

HYMN: #619 The Aaronic Blessing (Choir and Congregation)

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

23rd Psalm

Gospel - St. Mark 10:13-16

SERMON: Pastor John Schleicher

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION – Dr. Thompson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

HYMN: #670 Amazing Grace Verses 1-3 and 6

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE