



News@Knox



June 2023

WELCOME NOTE FROM OUR MINISTER



Ten years ago this month, Calgary faced unprecedented flooding. I remember that weekend well – we had friends in town from California and everything we had planned to do together was, of course, cancelled. Instead, we found ourselves joining thousands of other Calgarians handing out water, mopping out mud filled basements and trying to offer some hopeful words of encouragement.

Despite the devastation, a great collective spirit of cooperation and community enveloped the city. Neighbours helped neighbours. Business people rolled up their sleeves and got to work. Places of worship opened their doors to folks who needed housing. Food was prepared and given out to hungry people. It was very inspiring to be a part of Calgary at that time.

Every year since 2013, the city of Calgary has dedicated a day in June to celebrate the strength of our caring community. This year, on June 17, we are joining with other groups in our neighbourhood to celebrate Neighbour Day. We will open our doors and be a space where people can connect with one another.

I can't help but think that our invitation is to be a caring place of connection and community each and every day. I continue to be awed by the ways Knox has been such a place throughout its 100-year history. As we continue to rebuild and to discern our next steps, I know we will find even more ways to foster sacred connections.

Doug Chandler is heading up an initiative to reopen our sanctuary and labyrinth on a regular basis during the week. This is a way for our building to be a place where people can connect, re-centre, and have some quiet moments. If you would like to be a part of this, we are looking for volunteer hosts. You can contact the church office if this is something you'd like to do. My hope is that Knox will continue to be a place where kindness and community is experienced by all who come through our doors.

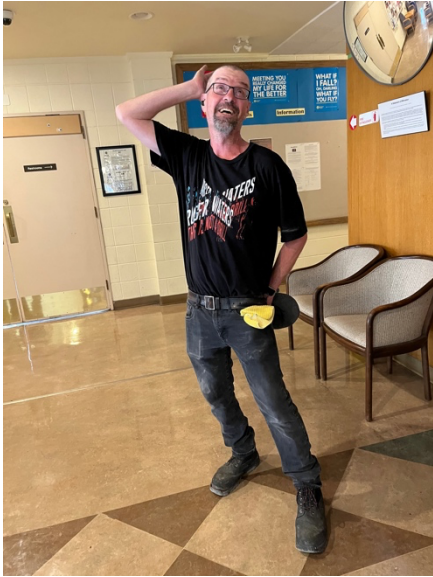
Throughout the summer, we will continue to discern our next steps and how we might foster more sacred connections at our corner of 4th Street and 6th Avenue. As these ideas percolate and simmer throughout the summer, I'd love to hear them – email me (strotterdennis@kxcalgary.com) or stop by the office and we can continue to step into this vision.

Peace,

Sheena

KNOX FAMILY NEWS

We are delighted to welcome our new Caretaker and to let Justin introduce himself in his own words:



“Justin Cross is the newest member of the Knox United team.

Having worked at the sadly now-defunct Interfaith Furniture Society, Justin is dedicated to helping others. He's an avid music lover, willing to talk music at the drop of a hat, and willing to talk hats at the drop of a music.

Having struggled with addiction and homelessness in the past, Justin is now working to spread hope to others who struggle.”

Photo: Justin, in typical good humour, goofing around for the “glamour shot”

JOIN THE FAMILY – MEMBERSHIP

Reverend Sheena welcomes all adherents (and complete newbies) who want to explore membership of our Knox UCC family. Please contact her for a conversation if you are interested at strotterdennis@kxcalgary.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HEALING TOUCH – Resurrecting our Healing Ministry: Knox Healing Ministry was active for over 20 years pre-covid. The team offered healing sessions to the congregation and others.

The Healing Hands ministry is an opportunity for self-care and meditation, as well as for exceptional service to others. The first step in restarting this important work is to identify a group who would like to receive training. If you are interested to learn more, please contact Elizabeth Campbell or Ricardo Moraes-Pinto through Sue at sforsyth@kxcalgary.com. We are looking for an initial group of 5 or 6 people who feel they may be called to this ministry. This core expression of interest would enable us to bring in an outside teacher to train and empower the group in helping themselves and others with this spiritual, energetic healing technique.

JUNKY JEWELS FOR JESUS – One person’s trash is another person’s treasure. Thrifting, upcycling and reusing are important parts of our commitment to a better planet and better quality of life for ourselves and our neighbours.

With all this in mind, we are looking for donations for a “garage sale” to be held over the Summer. Please bring your pre-loved items of all kinds to the church office. We will store them until we have a big enough cache for a truly epic sales event! Date to be advised. Thank you.

NEIGHBOUR DAY (JUNE 17TH) – We are still looking for volunteers to join the team planning our Neighbour Day event(s). Neighbour Day started in June 2014 to recognize the incredible outpouring of support and generosity of neighbours following the 2013 floods. Each year on the 3rd Saturday in June, the city celebrates the kindness and community of Calgary. If you would like to be a part of the celebration, contact Sue at sforsyth@kxcalgary.com

VOLUNTEER WEEKDAY HOSTS IN THE KNOX SANCTUARY

We all know our sanctuary is a special place. Just being here can help us make sacred connections – with our inner selves, with God, and with all the generations who came before us and will come after us. In Celtic lore, it would be called a “thin place” – a place where the veil between heaven and earth is porous, and we can catch a glimpse of the eternal world.



We want to rebuild our presence as a church in downtown Calgary by opening the sanctuary and labyrinth during business hours as a refuge from the world outside. Before covid, Knox was the only downtown church to keep our sanctuary open to the public during business hours. Beginning in January of this year, our sanctuary and labyrinth have again been open to the public. But, access is limited. Entry is through the 4th Street doors and hours are limited – only from 10 am to 2 pm Monday through Friday. A few downtown workers have discovered or rediscovered us and drop in regularly for prayer and meditation. Most walk past the closed doors without any idea what’s inside.

Our historic church building will be a safe place all people can enter to calm their spirits, rediscover hope and inspiration, and be welcomed and affirmed as they are.

We know that opening the 6th Avenue doors makes a huge difference. The stained-glass window at the front of the church is visible from the sidewalk, tempting passersby to take a closer look. But, we also know we shouldn’t leave the sanctuary wide open to the street without

someone inside. We need volunteer hosts – to greet visitors, answer questions, and just be present.



I’ve done this half a dozen times over the past month or so, and it’s been a great experience. Typically, a dozen or so visitors will come in over a two-hour shift. I can count on a meaningful conversation with a visitor just about every time I come to Knox and open the main doors. And I get to enjoy the space myself. Of course, I’ve learned a few things along the way. So, working with the Knox staff, I’ve developed some procedures that will help others get started.

Please talk to me (Doug Chandler), or contact Sue in the church office (sforsyth@kxcalgary.com), if you think you’d like to spend a couple of hours as a volunteer host in our sanctuary on a weekday. Plan on a Tuesday, over lunchtime, or any time that works for you during the 10 am to 2 pm window. Do it as often as you like.

Submitted by Doug Chandler

ONGOING NEEDS FOR VOLUNTEERS -

- Volunteer hosts, greeters, ushers enable our events and concerts and are always needed. Most rental agreements we host require that we supply ushers. As a result, we always need volunteers. We can’t do it without you!
- Scripture & Land Acknowledgement readers for our Sunday services. No previous experience is needed. All readings are assigned and shared ahead of time.

Please support Knox in these important ways. You can go to the Knox website and sign up for the events and positions of your choosing at <https://www.kxcalgary.com/volunteer-signup>. Thank you.

This month, we give a huge “Thank you” to Kathryn MacGregor for replanting our 6th Avenue planters with beautiful spring flowers.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS! WE KEEP MAKING NEW ASKS OF OUR KNOX FAMILY AS WE SEEK TO SERVE OUR NEIGHBOURS AND EACH OTHER MORE FULLY. AND WE KEEP BEING SUPPORTED AND DELIGHTED BY THE GENEROSITY OF OUR CONGREGATION. YOU ARE EXTRAORDINARY.

VOLUNTEERING AT KNOX – TESTIMONIAL



Hello. My name is Karen Harrison. I am an adherent and volunteer at Knox. I do a couple of things, but I want to speak about the “Connections & Reflections” gathering, with which I help out on Wednesdays. For me, this project is a great example of how “helping out” can actually mean “participate in and benefit from”.

In December 2022, Reverend Sheena spoke to me about wanting to start “the Wednesday services” again, as part of rebuilding our sense of community after the estrangement of covid. She kindly sought out my ideas, knowing that I was looking for an opportunity to serve. I went straight home and drafted out a rubric for how an hour of “Knox time” might run outside a Sunday worship service: a suggestion for sharing the deeply Knox offerings of music and community in a beautiful space.

The first iteration was a 4-part series of gatherings in January and February called “[In the Bleak Midwinter?](#)”, where we revisited themes from Advent – Peace, Hope, Love and Joy. For these gatherings, we were blessed by Gerrit Voordouw volunteering to play flute for us, the sound just soars in the Labyrinth! Chellan gave us music on the organ and on the piano and I would bring two poems (good ones by other people!) to be shared aloud. We broke into groups to discuss the themes and came together for silence and candle-lighting. My ever-stalwart husband, Carey, rustled up the coffee and cookies for our time together.

Now called “[Connections & Reflections](#)”, these weekly gatherings have developed their own rhythm. We now listen and speak to Reverend Sheena’s planned theme for the next Sunday. David Westwick and Ricardo Moraes-Pinto have also gifted us with music, and Chellan has played everything from “the Candy Man can” to “Chopin”. Reverend Sheena has added a thoughtful land acknowledgment and expanded our opportunities for silence. And, I have taken over catering duties now that my husband is at school.

We are a shifting group. Whoever arrives is welcome. We have been 4. We have been 12, with a dog. We have started with 5 and ended with 8, as people joined when they could. The constant is the renewal offered by mindful and meaningful time spent together.

Making time to look out readings, showing up early to brew coffee and staying behind to run the dish washer - these all sound like burdens. But, this is to misunderstand the pleasure of hunting out something new to share; the fun of hospitality (mugs not cups, nice cookies...) and the satisfaction of seeing things left ready for their next outing.

These gatherings are something that I want to see happen and something that I want to join. Being part of making them happen enhances their renewing offering for me. It makes me feel purposeful and useful, as well as just re-centred and revived by the hour itself. Volunteering really does give back to the volunteer – and Knox offers so many opportunities to find your voice and your ministry. If there is something you would like to see happen (or keep happening) at Knox, I know that Reverend Sheena would want to hear about it.

Submitted by Karen Harrison

GOVERNANCE

UPDATE FROM THE KNOX COMMISSION & KNOX COUNCIL



The Knox Council is excited to welcome Jo-Anne Willment as the Chair of the Finance and Stewardship Team, and Frank Lam as the Knox Representative to the Chinook Winds Region. A huge thank you for joining Knox Council.

Since our last article in the Knox Newsletter, the Knox Commission has met twice, on April 25 and on May 16, 2023. Knox also held a Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary on May 28, 2023.

Highlights from these meetings were:

- Two VST (Vancouver School of Theology) students have expressed interest in completing their hours at Knox. They will be presenting their learning plans to the Commission in the near future.
- Finances at Knox continue to improve from last year. The bank overdraft is lower, accounts payable have decreased, targeted givings are higher and total expenses are lower. Subsequently, our Treasurer, Janet Zatzka, presented a report on our financial progress at the May 28th Congregational Meeting. A copy of her report is

available from the Church Office.

- Jo-Anne Willment, Janet Zatzka, Rod Ormon, Michael Malolos and Sjann Johnson and Rev. Sheena were the Knox participants in a Four-Part “Stewardship Best Practices” Sessions run by United-in-Learning.com during March and April. The team also met subsequently with the program facilitator to discuss and develop an effective stewardship plan for Knox and she will remain available to us as an informal resource as the team gets to work.
- Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis continues to keep the Commission and Council updated and onboard with the exciting initiatives and work taking root at Knox. The Commission and the Council are very appreciative of Rev. Sheena’s hard work and enthusiasm. We are very pleased to congratulate her on the extension of her tenure for a further 2 years (to June 2025), by a UNANIMOUS vote at the May Congregational Meeting.
- Kay de la Ronde continues to work on potential grants that may be available to Knox. Thank you to Kay for this important work she provides for Knox.
- Dennis Ruf will be organising an English Language Learning program at Knox. There will be opportunities for volunteers from Knox to help with the program.
- The May Congregational Meeting approved the motion to call the Knox Governing Body, “the Knox Council” going forward. The same meeting also approved the following names for Knox working groups established by the Commission, which are now to be called “teams”:
 - Vision & Mission Working Team
 - Property Team (formerly “Property Management Working Group”)
 - Worship Team
 - Finance & Stewardship Team

For more details of the Commission meetings, please contact the Knox office where the minutes are available. The next Commission will be meeting on June 20, 2023.

Submitted by the Knox Commission: Rev. Tom Melvin, Rev. Bob Mutlow, Rev. Roslyn Campbell, Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis, Betty Norman Bray, Dennis Ruf, Janet Zatka, Norman Fenton, Chuck Curry, Murray Songer, Jo-Anne Wilment, Frank Lam and Lisa McKay.

UPDATE FROM THE MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Team Committee continues to meet monthly, review contracts and meet with personnel. We are proceeding with testing a Google system for using emails and "the cloud" within the Committee, as we find the current system somewhat complex for our use.

The Caretaking team is back up to full strength with the appointment of Justin after Stephen's health-related departure in April. Murray Songer, our new Building Operations Manager, has agreed to liaise with us on decisions relating to the office and facilities management which impact upon personnel (and vice versa).

Following the Congregational Meeting on May 28th, the Ministry and Personnel Committee is delighted to congratulate Reverend Sheena Trotter-Dennis on her confirmation (by acclamation!) as our Minister. We all look forward to continuing to work with her in building out the future of Knox over the next several years.

The Ministry and Personnel Committee has one more meeting scheduled before the summer break. Performance reviews for employees are planned for the fall.

Submitted by Norman Fenton

KNOX REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT ON THE CHINOOK WINDS REGION CONFERENCE – MAY 2023

Dear friends,

This is not a conventional report. Because the conference is recorded on YouTube, I include the links for each of the sessions below and urge you to explore them for yourselves. A lot of wisdom, experience and encouragement is to be found within each video:

Opening Session – May 4th: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0dgPti7lek&t=6334s>

May 5th:

Morning: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioitPzNiVAE>

Afternoon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ru4VS7tIbGA>

Affirming Celebration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbwynmHHzto>

May 6th:

Morning: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6DG6erAqrI>

Afternoon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9lclWivvMPA>

May 7th:

Celebration of Ministry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vi66U762JBI>

I thoroughly enjoyed the conference and feel inspired and energized. I particularly encourage you to take time and listen to the theme speaker (Opening Session on May 4th) and the Sunday sermon (Celebration of Ministry on May 7th).

I made extensive notes during the sessions, which I will be happy to share with anyone who would like them. Please contact me via the church office, or speak to me when you see me.

In this short report, I want to focus on 2 exercises that particularly stood out for me as particularly impactful and relevant for Knox and I will share them/their themes here:

1) Imagining a Desirable Future for Spirituality (part of the Afternoon Session on May 5th)

We were asked to imagine the world in the year 2070. What does the community you belong to look like? Focus on day in the life activities - what it is like when you wake up in the morning? What do you do? What do you see? We were then asked to return to 2023 and ask ourselves if we had any new questions or perspectives.

For me, the key takeaways were fundamental for our work to develop the 3-year plan for Knox mentioned at the May Congregational Meeting. We are called to remember that:

- The future is always fiction
- How and what we anticipate matters. It changes the present.
- We often suffer from a poverty of imagination.
- We plan and prepare to eliminate uncertainty (based on our anticipation of the future), but we must not forget to build in opportunity.
- Stretching our imagination helps us be open for novelty and emergence.

2) The concept of Active Hope (part of the Navigating Change Sessions on May 6th).

Active Hope is a practice, like Tai Chi or gardening. It is something we do, rather than something we have. As described by Joanna Macy, it's a process we can apply to any situation and it involves three key steps.

- **First**, we take a clear view of reality, being honest with ourselves and others.
- **Second**, we identify what we hope for in terms of the direction we'd like to things to move in or the values we'd like to see expressed.
- **Third**, we take steps to move ourselves, our situation and (through listening and communication) each other in that direction.

We also spoke about “transformation moving at the speed of trust”, of “granting trust” in order to enable change and we asked ourselves the question “Who do we choose to be?” All very powerful concepts for us at Knox as we move forward with our rebuilding.

Submitted by Frank Lam

KNOX COMMUNITY LIFE

PROPERTY TEAM UPDATE



As I move into my first full month as the Chair of your Property Management Team, I am starting to get a feel for the rhythm and needs of the position. Many thanks to everyone who has helped me get up to speed and particular thanks to Chuck for his support during the transition.

In preparation for the Fall events season, we have created a group (comprising myself, Reverend Sheena, our Treasurer – Janet Zatzka, Chuck Curry, Norman Fenton – Chair of M&P and Sue) to review the income and expenses for room- and events-rentals to make sure we are optimising our returns from future bookings.

We were very pleased to welcome the Calgary Musicians' Association as our first long-term tenant in April, the result of a nearly-year-long discussion arising from an introduction by Chellan. They are now based in formerly-empty offices on the second floor of the Annex building. More than a tenant, we see CMA as a partner which shares our commitment to music in our city. We are also offering their members the opportunity to rent some of our rooms for practice and rehearsals, which we hope will further deepen our relationship with Calgary's creative and performance community.

We continue to look for new potential tenant-partners and for ways to connect with potential room-/events-renters. All introductions and ideas are welcome. To share them, please email Sue at the office sforsyth@kxcalgary.com. Thank you

Submitted by Murray Songer

THE KNOX ORGAN IN RECENT YEARS



Our website shares that organ was originally built and installed by Casavant Frères (of Sainte-Hyacinthe, Quebec) in 1912 as opus 529. It was rebuilt and expanded in 1956 (when the current 4-manual, that is 4-keyboard, console was installed) and again in 2002 and is one of the largest in Canada (and the largest found in any church nationally). It has more than 2,000 pipes, including 200 added in 2018. Following an “organ donation” from Knox Metropolitan Church of Edmonton, we have 700 more pipes and an additional console to be installed in the back gallery. This expansion was interrupted by covid and we are still looking to find the time and resources to make it happen. All donations welcome (!)

While the pipe organ at Knox United Church was originally built in 1913, over the years things have been updated to make playing the instrument easier. One of the things added was the ability to play the organ from other instruments using “MIDI”.

MIDI is an acronym for “Musical Instrument Digital Interface”. It was originally developed in the early 1980s as electronic instruments became popular to allow instruments of different manufacturers to “speak” a common language. It is now mainly used to allow non-digital instruments (such as pipe organs) to control, or be controlled by, MIDI-based instruments or sequencers. In a MIDI-enabled pipe organ, one or more ranks of pipes is coupled to the keyboard via one or more stops. By simply drawing these stops we can open a connection to a MIDI device.

For the Geeks among you, an organ “stop” is the component of a pipe organ that admits pressurized air (known as wind) to a set of organ pipes. Its name comes from the fact that stops can be used selectively by the organist: each can be “on” (admitting the passage of air to certain pipes), or “off” (stopping the passage of air to certain pipes). A rank of pipes controlled by a single stop is known as a “register”. “Registration” is, therefore, the art of combining stops to produce a certain sound. The phrase “pull out all the stops”, meaning “deploy all available means”, derives from the pipe organ. When all stops are out, all the voices of the organ are engaged.

By enabling MIDI in our Knox pipe organ, we are able to enable pre-programmed playing and even allow remote access to our organ for musicians in other places. Even more exciting, "TeleMIDI" is an approach to Networked Music Performance that enables musicians to co-create music in real-time, by simultaneously exchanging MIDI data over the Internet.

Recently, in March of this year, the pipe organ at Knox was part of an ambitious project involving St. John's Shaunessy Anglican Church in Vancouver, Knox United Church in Calgary and the Rwanda School of Creative Music and Art in Humanga, Rwanda. A traditional Rwandan song was arranged for organ by Denis Bédard of Vancouver. Using TeleMIDI, the piece was performed, as a duet, by Michael Dirk in Vancouver and Louis Ben Noel in Rwanda. Their playing was combined and sent on to Calgary so that both played the Knox organ. Additionally, the choir in Rwanda performed the national anthem accompanied by the organs of Vancouver and Calgary. To say it again, Louis Ben Noel played the pipe organs in Canada and the sounds were sent to Rwanda to accompany the school choir. For most of the people, this is the first time they have ever seen or played a pipe organ.

All this was made possible by the efforts of Matt Bray from Perth, Australia and Gilles Parenteau from Nelson BC. A Youtube video of the event is in production and soon you will be able to see the results of a truly world-wide collaboration to create music in real time. The raw YouTube video is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=371weYs7cYs>.

Submitted by Steve Miller

CALGARY ALLIANCE FOR THE COMMON GOOD - JUNE 2023 UPDATE

EDITORIAL

Where Are We Going?

The last three years have been devastating for all of us: for me, for you, for Knox, for the Calgary Alliance, for our city, for our country, for the world. I have gotten through this much more easily than many, but I am left with a great deal of anxiety and some fear for the futures of my family, of Knox, and of the Alliance. I'm sure that I'm not alone in this.

The Calgary Alliance has lost key leaders during the pandemic, including Debra Faulk (retired), Anna Greenwood-Lee (moved) and Dave Holmes (moved). The principal organizer of the Alliance, Ryan Anderson, suffered a severe concussion some time ago, and is only now resuming his work. A few weeks ago, it seemed that the Alliance might shut down for at least some period of time. But, there was a one-day retreat of the present leaders held in May, which seem to lead to cautious optimism for the future. At this writing, the Strategy Research-Action Team is meeting, and a plan for at least the near future will be proposed.

The good news is that Ryan Anderson is coming back, that a new organizer has also been hired (Elyse Brazel), and there seems to be a new feeling of cohesion and energy in the organization. Also, thanks to the Barr Estate and the decisions of our Board and Trustees, Knox is now a fully paid-up member of the organization.

Some time ago, I gave notice that I would be approaching the congregation after Easter to recruit a few people to form a Core Group of the Alliance at Knox. I have decided to leave that work until the end of summer. I will continue to give updates as information appears, and I'll be available in Calgary throughout. Please contact me by phone through the church office or email susanwood125@outlook.com, if you want information about the Alliance, or if you want to participate in any way. You can also contact Debi Andrus, who is at present Chair of the Board of the Alliance, through the church office.

EVENTS

Now What? After the 2023 Provincial Election, Monday, June 12 @7:00PM – 9:00PM at Hillhurst United Church/1227 Kensington Close NW

Now that the 2023 election is behind us, what does this election mean for our province and our work together? Please RSVP at www.calgarycommongood.org/events for a post-election conversation with leaders and members of the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good.

Annual General Meeting of the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good, Thursday June 22, 9am at Scarboro United Church. RSVP at www.calgarycommongood.org/events

AAWC Aboriginal Awareness Week Calgary

National Indigenous Family Day & POWWOW

KEEPING THE CIRCLE STRONG
"Honoring Mother Earth & Water"
June 18-24, 2023

When: June 24, 2023 (Saturday)
9:00am to 6:00pm

Where: Calgary Stampede Grounds - South Park

FREE ADMISSION
(open to public)

9:30am - FREE Pancake Caravan Breakfast
10:00am - Children's Corner
10:00am - AAWC Hand Games Opening Remarks
10:00am - Registration Traditional Initiation Pow Wow - opens
11:30am - Registration Closes for Traditional Pow Wow - ends
12:00pm - Welcome Remarks
4:30pm - AAWC Hand Games Awards & Closing Remarks
5:30pm - Traditional Pow Wow Ends
5:30pm - Closing Ceremonies

Feature Attractions
- Indigenous Arts & Crafts Market (9am-5pm)
- Children's Corner (10am-1pm)
- Exhibitions of Inuit and Metis (9am-5pm)
- Handgame Tournament (10am-4:30pm)



Submitted by Susan Wood

POETRY CORNER

Hope by Patricia Place

I will tend this bud, and nurture it
I will prune the curling leaves of dark
And pull the weeds that fester it
This seed of hope, here in my heart

A day will come when it will grow
And blossom into something more
A day will come when I will know
That it has opened up a door

And through that door, I will walk out
And feel the earth beneath my feet
I'll shed the coat of hurt, and shout
And breathe in air that tastes so sweet

And I will not be there, alone
To touch the world, in its embrace
To leave the haven of a home
To find a haven, full of grace

Until that day, I'll tend this bud,
And keep it from fear's hungry tooth
I'll water it with tears and blood
And it will bloom, and share its truth



LINKS

Follow Knox on Social Media:

Check out our refreshed website at www.kxcalgary.com

Follow us on FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/KnoxYYC>

Follow us on Instagram at <https://instagram.com/knoxunitedcalgary>

Follow us on Twitter at www.Twitter.com/KnoxYYC

For any further information on anything in this newsletter, please contact Sue in the Office at sforsyth@kxcalgary.com

Photo credit, as always, to Carey Barrett and Karen Harrison with thanks.

CALENDAR – JUNE 2023

June is National Aboriginal History Month. Join us following Indigenous Canada Course to learn more. The course is taught from an Indigenous perspective and explores complex experiences Indigenous peoples face today from a historical and critical perspective highlighting national and local Indigenous-settler relations. <https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions- programs/online-courses/indigenous-canada/index.html>

The St. Andrew-Caledonian Pipers, under the direction of Robert Henderson, come to Knox to celebrate “Kirkin’ of the Tartans” on June 11th, a North American tradition of blessing the tartans. A tartan is a plaid cloth of distinct colours and patterns that denote a particular Scottish clan. This service will include a blessing and celebration of all families and cultures.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st 12:30 Connections & Reflections	1 st 19:00 Affirming Ministries at Knox Meeting 19:30 Choir Rehearsal	2 nd	3 rd
4 th Armed Forces Day 10:30 Sunday Worship (Communion Service) 11:45 Congregation Bratwurst lunch** POTLUCK DESSERTS	5 th Environment Week	6 th Environment Week	7 th Environment Week 12:30 Connections & Reflections	8 th Environment Week 19:30 Choir Practice	9 th Environment Week	10 th Environment Week

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11 th 10:30 Sunday Worship with the Kirkin' of the Tartans*	12 th Blood Donor Week	13 th Blood Donor Week	14 th Blood Donor Week 12:30 Connections & Reflections	15 th Blood Donor Week 19:30 Choir Rehearsal (last one for the summer)	16 th Blood Donor Week	17 th Blood Donor Week
18 th 10:30 Sunday Worship with the Knox ReBell Ringers	19 th	20 th	21 st Indigenous Peoples' Day 12:30 Connections & Reflections	22 nd Deadline - Submissions for July newsletter	23 rd Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism	24 th
25 th 10:30 Sunday Worship 11:45 "Discover Knox" Tour	26 th	27 th Multiculturalism Day	28 th 12:30 Connections & Reflections	29 th	30 th	

**Many Thanks to Chuck Curry for organizing this Summer mixer, and to Betty Norman-Bray who has sourced the bratwurst! With mains taken care of by the cooking crew, potluck donations are requested for dessert.