

# KANSA CoNEXtION

Staying Connected No Matter What Happens Next

## ‘Welcome 2023’

**New Year’s Day** lands on Sunday, and after polling the congregation, **we are moving our Hybrid worship service to 1 pm** so you can sleep in AND still start your new year with praise and renewed focus.

In 2023, KANSA will have new opportunities and new challenges. Let’s prepare together.



## 2023 KANSA Directory

**Our 2022 Directory is totally obsolete!** During the past year, households have moved into new homes, babies have been born, phone numbers have been changed, and email addresses have been added.

So, during the first weeks of January, expect a call to update your information. **The NEW KANSA Directory for 2023** will be produced and sent by January 15, 2023.



## ‘PREPARING for LENT’

We’ve just started our Christmas celebration, but we’re using January to get ready for the future.

In less than 8 weeks, we will start the **season of Lent** with Ash Wednesday (on February 22). Each year, we use Lent as an opportunity to deepen our understanding of God’s heart for justice through the **Lenten Compact**. This year, we will focus on God’s heart for those who have frequently been excluded from full participation in both the body of Christ and society – the LGBTQ+ community. This year, we will consider becoming an ‘Open and Affirming’ congregation (as recognized by the United Church of Christ) in 2023. Our Lenten Compact will help us prepare for that process.

If you would be interested in engaging this topic and helping to develop this year’s Lenten Compact, join our ‘Justice Watch’ small group on **Wednesday evenings at 7 pm on ZOOM starting January 11**. The group will meet through February 15.

## Keep on Dreaming

As a member congregation of Community Renewal Society, we join other congregations for the Annual Faith in Action Assembly on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday. On Monday, January 16, CRS will host a “Chicago Community Conversation” focused on the February Mayoral and City Council elections.

Full details of the event will be posted soon.

Monday, Jan. 2	Tuesday, Jan. 3	Wednesday, Jan. 4	Thursday, Jan. 5	Friday, Jan. 6	Saturday, Jan. 7	Sunday, January 8
<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>			10 am ' Stay Alive'	<b>DIA DE LOS REYES</b>		10:30 am HYBRID Worship
			12 pm Lunch Take-out *			<b>EPIPHANY</b>
Monday, Jan. 9	Tuesday, Jan. 10	Wednesday, Jan. 11	Thursday, Jan. 12	Friday, Jan. 13	Saturday, Jan. 14	Sunday, January 15
<b>SCHOOLS RE-OPEN</b>			10 am ' Stay Alive'			10:30 am HYBRID Worship
			12 pm Lunch Take-out *			
		7 pm 'Justice Watch'				
Monday, Jan. 16	Tuesday, Jan. 17	Wednesday, Jan. 18	Thursday, Jan. 19	Friday, Jan. 20	Saturday, Jan. 21	Sunday, January 22
<b>MLK Jr. DAY (No School)</b>			10 am 'Stay Alive'			10:30 am HYBRID Worship
TBA: 'Faith in Action' Assembly		1 pm Pop-Up Pantry *	12 pm Lunch Take-out *			
		7 pm 'Justice Watch'				
Monday, Jan. 23	Tuesday, Jan. 24	Wednesday, Jan. 25	Thursday, Jan. 26	Friday, Jan. 27	Saturday, Jan. 28	Sunday, January 29
			10 am 'Stay Alive'			10:30 am HYBRID Worship
			12 pm Lunch Take-out *			
		7 pm "Justice Watch"				
Monday, Jan. 30	Tuesday, Jan. 31	<b>January 2023</b>				
		The monthly Pop-up Pantry and weekly Lunch "Take-Out" are held at St. Nicolai UCC, 3000 N. Kedzie Ave.				