

KANSA CoNEXtION

Staying Connected No Matter What Happens Next

sElection Day Souls to the Polls!

Chicagoans will select a Mayor and Ward Alderpersons on **Tuesday, February 28**. **Polls open at 6 am**. Early voting begins in each Ward on February 13.

If no candidate gets more than 50% of the vote, a run-off will be held on Tuesday, April 4.

For the first time, voters will also elect 3 people in each police district to serve on the new **Police District Councils**. The Councils were created as part of the the Empowering Community for Public Safety Ordinance. Each Council will help hold police accountable, build community trust, and expand restorative justice.



'Bean Bags'

We are collecting **2-lb bags of dry pinto and/or black beans** for distribution at this month's **Pop-Up Pantry** to feed families in our community.

Please bring your items to the church no later than Sunday, February 12. If you prefer, you can give a financial donation online or in-person.

Our goal: 100 bags!



At KANSA, we believe that Lent is an opportunity to put into practice Isaiah's "true" fasting—a fast that addresses injustice through compassion and advocacy.

This year, our Lenten Compact will focus on those who have experienced discrimination and exclusion on the basis of their sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. Through the 40 days and 6 Sundays of Lent, we will look at what the Bible says (and doesn't say) about those who do not fit the male/female binary and consider scientific discoveries about gender and sexual development. Plus, we'll hear the stories of those who have been condemned and rejected because of their genders.

Once again, we will offer a Lenten Book Club selection to engage the topic of inclusion. The book, *A Bigger Table* by John Pavlovitz, can be ordered online or through the church.

While the topic of sexuality has been divisive within the global Church, our goal is to listen, learn and (above all) love beyond the labels, remembering that God's love for the world has no limits.

On **Sunday, February 19**, we will preview the Compact as part of our hybrid worship service at 10:30 am.

To Dust You Shall Return

The 40 days of Lent always begin with **Ash Wednesday**. This year, we will join our LSEA siblings on **February 22** at Grace United Methodist Church, 3325 W. Wrightwood, for an Ash Wednesday worship service that will include an acknowledgement of our mortality through the imposition of ashes. The service will begin at 7 pm.

For those who are unable to join in person, we are hoping to arrange for a ZOOM option. Watch for details.



Monday, Jan. 30	Tuesday, Jan. 31	Wednesday, Feb. 1	Thursday, Feb. 2	Friday, Feb. 3	Saturday, Feb. 4	Sunday, February 5
			10 am 'Stay Alive'			10:30 am HYBRID Worship
			12 pm Lunch Take-out *			
7 pm 'O & A' Taskforce						
Monday, Feb. 6	Tuesday, Feb. 7	Wednesday, Feb. 8	Thursday, Feb. 9	Friday, Feb. 10	Saturday, Feb. 11	Sunday, February 12
			10 am 'Stay Alive'			10:30 am HYBRID Worship
			12 pm Lunch Take-out *			Make Your Own' Sunday
7 pm 'O & A' Taskforce						
Monday, Feb. 13	Tuesday, Feb. 14	Wednesday, Feb. 15	Thursday, Feb. 16	Friday, Feb. 17	Saturday, Feb. 18	Sunday, February 19
	Valentine's Day		10 am 'Stay Alive'			10:30 am HYBRID Worship
		1 pm Pop-Up Pantry *	12 pm Lunch Take-out *			Lenten Compact Preview
		7 pm 'O & A' Taskforce				
Monday, Feb. 20	Tuesday, Feb. 21	Wednesday, Feb. 22	Thursday, Feb. 23	Friday, Feb. 24	Saturday, Feb. 25	Sunday, February 26
President's Day (holiday)		ASH WEDNESDAY	10 am 'Stay Alive'		10 am Sec. of State Event	10:30 am HYBRID Worship
			12 pm Lunch Take-out *			Followed by Sermon Discussion
		7 pm LSEA Service				1st Sunday of LENT 'Love w/out Limits'
Monday, Feb. 27	Tuesday, Feb. 28	February 2023				
	Chicago Election Day	<p>Birthdays are listed in the calendar in italics.</p> <p>The monthly Pop-up Pantry and weekly Lunch "Take-Out" are held at St. Nicolai UCC, 3000 N. Kedzie Ave.</p> <p>For more information about upcoming events, go to https://kimballavenuechurch.org</p>				