

# KANSA CoNEXtION

Staying Connected No Matter What Happens Next

## ‘DBGE’ Spring Session

We’re excited to welcome the ‘Design.Build.Grow.Eat.’ After School Matters program back to KANSA. The program teens will be working on a variety of projects at the Oasis Garden starting **Saturday, March 4**. The program’s Spring session will conclude May 13.

## Get Ready to Occupy Palm Sunday



Mark your calendars! On **Sunday, April 2**, we will join the congregations of the Logan Square Ecumenical Alliance for a combined Palm Sunday worship service and Occupy Palm Sunday action. Watch for



**SPRING FORWARD  
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS**



Our **Lenten Compact, “Love Without Limits”**, began on Ash Wednesday, February 22 and will continue through Easter, April 9. Throughout the month of March, we will ‘fast’ to grow in our understanding of God’s limitless love and learn to practice that same love toward those who have experienced discrimination and exclusion on the basis of their sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. Our fast for gender justice will include ‘giving up’ gendered language for God and gender binary assumptions.

Our Sunday worship services will include opportunities to learn from Scripture and from personal experiences about how the gender binary isn’t as defined as we might think. And we will hear the perspectives of several guest speakers.

On **Sunday, March 5**, Sylvia Johnston (she/they) will join us. She is in her final year of seminary at Lutheran School of Theology and plans to continue her studies in Social Work at Loyola.

On **Sunday, March 26**, River Needham (she/her) will join us. River is pursuing a doctorate at Chicago Theological Seminary in gender studies. River’s gender journey was featured in the book, Transforming, by Austen Hartke.

In addition to our discussions on Sunday, we will take a fresh look at what are known as the “**Clobber Passages**”—the Scriptures have been used to shame and condemn the LGBTQ+ community. These **Zoom Bible Studies** will take place on **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm starting March 8**.

Following our Lenten ‘fast’, we will decide whether to pursue official recognition as an “Open and Affirming” congregation. For all the details of our Lenten Compact, (available in English and Spanish), please contact the church at 773-278-1990.



Monday, Feb. 27	Tuesday, Feb. 28	Wednesday, March 1	Thursday, March 2	Friday, March 3	Saturday, March 4	Sunday, March 5
	<b>ELECTION DAY</b>				9 am 'DBGE' ASM Program	10:30 am HYBRID Worship
						Followed by Lenten Discussion
						2st Sunday of LENT 'Love w/out Limits'
Monday, March 6	Tuesday, March 7	Wednesday, March 8	Thursday, March 9	Friday, March 10	Saturday, March 11	Sunday, March 12
			10 am 'Stay Alive'			10:30 am HYBRID Worship
			12 pm Lunch Take-out *			Followed by Lenten Discussion
		7 pm Lenten Bible Study			'Spring Forward' Time Change	3rd Sunday of LENT 'Love w/out Limits'
Monday, March 13	Tuesday, March 14	Wednesday, March 15	Thursday, March 16	Friday, March 17	Saturday, March 18	Sunday, March 19
			10 am 'Stay Alive'		10 am Oasis Clean-up	10:30 am HYBRID Worship
		1 pm Pop-Up Pantry *	12 pm Lunch Take-out *			Followed by Lenten Discussion
		7 pm Lenten Bible Study				4th Sunday of LENT 'Love w/out Limits'
Monday, March 20	Tuesday, March 21	Wednesday, March 22	Thursday, March 23	Friday, March 24	Saturday, March 25	Sunday, March 26
			10 am 'Stay Alive'			10:30 am HYBRID Worship
			12 pm Lunch Take-out *			Followed by Lenten Discussion
		7 pm Lenten Bible Study				5th Sunday of LENT 'Love w/out Limits'
Monday, March 27	Tuesday, March 28	Wednesday, March 29	Thursday, March 30	Friday, March 31	<b>MARCH 2023</b>	
			7 am 'Stay Alive'		<p><b>Birthdays</b> are listed in the calendar in <i>italics</i>.</p> <p>* The monthly Pop-up Pantry and weekly Lunch "Take-Out" are held at St. Nicolai UCC, 3000 N. Kedzie Ave.</p>	
			12 pm Lunch *			
		7 pm Lenten Bible Study				