

# KANSA CoNEXtION

Staying Connected No Matter What Happens Next

## Con-GRADUATIONS!

Congratulations to the class of 2023 and our graduates!

Noam Greene (MS) NEIU  
Janessa Acosta (BA) UIC  
Maya Cruz (8th Grade)

## I was a stranger... And you welcomed me.

Chicago has received over 9000 asylum seekers since January, and the city has been struggling to find shelters for these individuals and families.

While we don't have a space to house families, we can collect **personal care products and clothing** for distribution. See Pastor for a list of needed items. We will have a collection box available each Sunday for your donations.

## I Was Hungry... And you gave me something to eat.

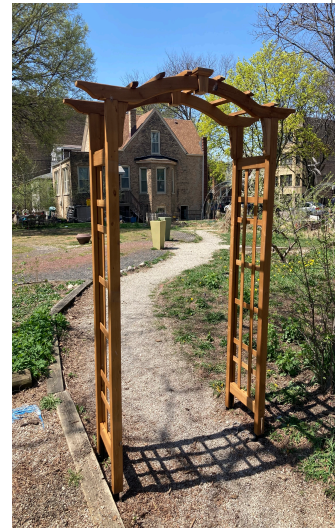
Again this month, we will help provide food for the Pop-Up Pantry that will take place on Wednesday, June 21.

We will take up a **special offering on Sunday, June 11**, to purchase food items for 120 families. You can donate online through our Tithely portal (select Emergency/Food) or by cash or check made payable to Kimball Avenue Church.

## Designing DBGE Teens

This spring, the Oasis became more welcoming thanks to new entry pergolas that were installed by the teens of the Design.Build.Grow.Eat Afterschool Matters program.

On **Monday, June 26**, there will be more improvements at the Oasis when up to 25 high school students will participate in the summer session of the DBGE program. Throughout July, they will be working on projects around the Oasis including a redesign of the goldfish ponds, new landscaping, and restoration of the Labyrinth. Watch for lots of new "growth" at the Oasis.



## O & A Covenant Update

On **Sunday, June 11**, we will take an official vote on adopting our "Open and Affirming Covenant"—our commitment to diversity and full inclusion. This is a major step in our church's spiritual growth and it is especially fitting that we ratify the Covenant during Pride Month. Watch for additional celebration events.

## Honor Dads, Too!



Every father (and mentor) will get special treatment when we celebrated **Fathers Day on Sunday, June 18**. Weather permitting, the service will be held under the tree at the Oasis. Francisco Medrano will be our guest speaker.

## Oasis Garden Clean Up Day

KANSA is collaborating with the Medill Block Club to clean up the Oasis, weed garden beds and spread more mulch. It's a great way to connect with our community! Join us on **Saturday, June 10, at 9:30 am**.

JUNE 2023				Thursday, June 1	Friday, June 2	Saturday, June 3	Sunday, June 4
<b>PRIDE MONTH</b>  * The Pop-Up Pantry & Weekly lunches are distributed at St. Nicolai UCC, 3000 N. Kedzie Ave.				10 am 'Stay Alive'			10:30 am LSEA Worship
				12 pm Lunch Take-out *			
Monday, June 5	Tuesday, June 6	Wednesday, June 7	Thursday, June 8	Friday, June 9	Saturday, June 10	SUNDAY, June 11	
			10 am 'Stay Alive'		9:30 am Oasis Clean-up	10:30 am HYBRID Worship	
			12 pm Lunch Take-out *			'O & A' Vote	
Monday, June 12	Tuesday, June 13	Wednesday, June 14	Thursday, June 15	Friday, June 16	Saturday, June 17	Sunday, June 18	
			10 am 'Stay Alive'			10:30 am HYBRID Worship	
			12 pm Lunch Take-out *			FATHER'S DAY Guest Speaker	
Monday, June 19	Tuesday, June 20	Wednesday, June 21	Thursday, June 22	Friday, June 23	Saturday, June 24	Sunday, June 25	
JUNETEENTH Holiday			10 am 'Stay Alive'			10:30 am HYBRID Worship	
		12:30 pm Pop- Up Pantry *	12 pm Lunch Take-out *			PRIDE SUNDAY	
Monday, June 26	Tuesday, June 27	Wednesday June 28	Thursday , June 29	Friday, June 30	Saturday, July 1	Sunday, July 2	
DBGE Summer Program Begins			10 am 'Stay Alive'				
			12 pm Lunch Take Out "				