

# KANSA CoNEXtION

Staying Connected No Matter What Happens Next

## The Return of 'DBGE'

Since the COVID shut-down in March 2020, the teens of the 'Design.Build.Grow.Eat.' After School Matters program haven't been able to meet in-person at the Oasis. Now that 12-16 year olds are eligible for vaccinations, that is about to change for the summer session.

When the program resumes on July 6th, a small group of vaccinated teens will return to the Oasis one day a week to work on garden projects. We're excited to welcome them back and rebuild our partnership.

## 'Challenge' 1/2 Way Point

We are half way through our 120th Anniversary year, which means we have 6 more months to reach our \$15,000 matching gift goal.

We need to raise at least \$2,000 a month starting in July. After you make your own contribution, please tell your social media friends, your families, community contacts and neighbors about the "Rise Up" Challenge. We can reach the goal together. Challenge can be made [online](#) or given directly to the church. Make sure you designate your gift for "2021 Challenge."

## DID YOU HEAR?

KANSA received a \$5,000 Grant from the Episcopal Diocese to help us with hybrid worship. Praise God!



## Lessons from Life on the Road

Summer often means vacations, and this year, many vacations will consist of long trips in a car. In honor of summer road trips, we're starting a summer sermon series, "Are We There Yet?" Each Sunday starting July 11, we will look at stories of Biblical journeys to teach us lessons about both our own personal faith journey and our congregational journey together.

We'll also share stories of our own 'road trips' to encourage and strengthen one another along the way.

Throughout the rest of the summer, we will continue to offer in-person worship at the Oasis at 10:30 am with an online option via Zoom and Facebook Live.

## Movies & Music & More

Oh, my! After 16 months of very limited opportunities to interact, we need to reconnect with each other and our neighbors. In collaboration with the Medill Block Club, we are organizing several summer events at the Oasis including a movie night, a pop-up concert, garden clean-ups and more. Watch for details as plans for July, August and September are finalized.

## Palestinian Relief Effort

Following the recent Israeli military attacks, Palestinian families living in Gaza have faced a humanitarian crisis. To support aid efforts, Kyle Gilbertson is organizing a **Palestinian Aid Concert** at the Logan Square Comfort Station on **Sunday, August 1, 2021, at 3:00 pm.**

The concert will raise awareness of the crisis inside Gaza and raise funds for the Palestinian Children's Relief Fund to help families provide medical care for their children.

July 4, 2021

| Monday,<br>July 5                  | Tuesday,<br>July 6              | Wednesday,<br>July 7   | Thursday,<br>July 8    | Friday,<br>July 9 | Saturday,<br>July 10 | Sunday,<br>July 11                             |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>Independence Day Observance</b> | 9 am DGBE Summer Session Begins |                        |                        |                   |                      | 10:30 am Hybrid Worship<br>"Are We There Yet?" |
|                                    |                                 |                        | 12 pm Lunch Take-out * |                   |                      |  |
|                                    |                                 | 4 pm Dinner Take-out * | 4 pm Dinner Take-out * |                   |                      |  |
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| Monday,<br>July 12 | Tuesday,<br>July 13  | Wednesday,<br>July 14                  | Thursday,<br>July 15      | Friday,<br>July 16 | Saturday,<br>July 17 | Sunday,<br>July 18                               |
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|                    |                      |  | 10 am 'Stay Alive'        |                    |                      | 10:30 am Hybrid Worship                          |
|                    |                      | 1:30 pm Grocery & Baby Supply Pop-Up * | 12 pm Lunch Take-out *    |                    |                      | 11:45 KANSA Leadership Mtg. (In-person & online) |
|                    | 4 pm KANSA Staff Mtg | 4:00 pm Dinner Take-out *              | 4:00 pm Dinner Take-out * |                    |                      |  |
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| Monday,<br>July 19 | Tuesday,<br>July 20  | Wednesday,<br>July 21     | Thursday,<br>July 22      | Friday,<br>July 23 | Saturday,<br>July 24 | Sunday,<br>July 25      |
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|                    |                      |                           | 10 am 'Stay Alive'        |                    |                      | 10:30 am Hybrid Worship |
|                    |                      |                           | 12 pm Lunch Take-out *    |                    |                      |                         |
|                    | 4 pm KANSA Staff Mtg | 4:00 pm Dinner Take-out * | 4:00 pm Dinner Take-out * |                    |                      |                         |
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\* Occasional Grocery Pop-ups and weekly Lunch and Community Dinners are served "Take-Out" at St. Nicolai UCC, 3000 N. Kedzie Ave.

For more information about upcoming events, go to the church website: <https://kimballavenuechurch.org>