

# KANSA CoNEXTION

Staying Connected No Matter What Happens Next

## The FINAL Stretch!

We are entering the final days of our 2020 Challenge, and we are SO close to the finish line and our \$10,000 goal. As of September 12, we have raised almost \$9,000! There is still time to make a contribution. Go to our [web site](#) for instructions to make a contribution online or via check to the church office.

**The '2020 Challenge' ends on September 15!**

## St. Francis Feast Day

St. Francis is known the patron saint of animals and the environment. Traditionally, his feast day on October 4 has included a "blessing of the animals."

On **Sunday, October 4**, we invite you (and your household pets) to the Oasis for an outdoor worship service and a blessing of the earth and the animals starting at 10:30 am.

For those who do not feel ready to gather in-person, we will have a Zoom link for your convenience. Photos of pets are welcome too.



## PEOPLE OVER PARKING!

### EMMETT ST. CONSTRUCTION SET TO BEGIN

After 5 years of advocacy and community support, the Emmett St. Affordable Housing project has officially broken ground. Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp. announced that financing for the 100-unit building has been finalized, clearing the way for construction to begin.

Due to COVID, there will be a virtual community celebration by the end of September highlighting the work of community partners (including our congregations) that helped make Emmett St. a reality. Watch for details and get ready to Party!

## *Celebrating Eternal Life*

The family of Alifonsa "Connie" Briseño invites you to the Kimball Oasis for a memorial service in celebration of Connie's life and in witness to the resurrection on **Saturday, September 26, at 2:00 pm.** Connie passed away on January 26, 2020, but due to COVID, the service was postponed. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved indoors (location to be announced.)

We will follow all CDC guidelines and require face coverings while at the garden. For those who cannot attend in person, the service will be accessible through "Zoom."

For the Weeks of September 14 & 21

Monday, Sept. 14	Tuesday, Sept. 15	Wednesday, Sept. 16	Thursday, Sept. 17	Friday, Sept. 18	Saturday, Sept. 19	Sunday, Sept. 20
			10 am 'Stay Alive'			10:30 am Worship Online
2:30 pm Moral Monday	1 pm KANSA Staff Mtg	1 pm 'Pop-Up' Pantry				11:30 am Fellowship Time
			6 pm Oasis Gathering			

Monday, Sept. 21	Tuesday, Sept. 22	Wednesday, Sept. 23	Thursday, Sept. 24	Friday, Sept. 25	Saturday, Sept. 26	Sunday, Sept. 27
			10 am 'Stay Alive'			10:30 am Worship Online
2:30 pm Moral Monday	1 pm KANSA Staff Mtg				2 pm Memorial Connie Briseño	11:30 am Fellowship Time
			6 pm Oasis Gathering & Food Drive			

## New Zoom Worship Feature Coming Soon

Starting in late September, we will offer “simultaneous translation” for our Sunday morning worship service. Participants will be able to select “Spanish translation” to hear the sermon and announcements without interruption. Francisco Medrano will provide the translation each week. This new feature will streamline our service and make sure everyone has full understanding.

We will still sing, read Scripture, and pray together in both Spanish and English because we want everyone to continue to enjoy the blessing of diverse languages. Watch for instructions.

## Illinois Fair Tax & Faith

On Wednesday, September 30, we will participate in an online LSEA story-telling and teach-in event in regard to the Fair Tax Amendment that will be on the ballot this fall. What is the Fair Tax Amendment? How will it impact YOUR Illinois income tax? What's not fair about our current income tax structure? We'll answer these questions through the lens of our faith. Mark your calendar and watch for details.