

KANSA CoNEXtION

Staying Connected No Matter What Happens Next

Thanksgiving Food & Coat Drive

With the tightening of restrictions on gatherings, our Thanksgiving dinners will be very different this year. And with so many people still struggling financially, there may not be much on the table.

But we can all help to make sure no one goes hungry by sharing our food. We will collect food for the community Pop-Up Pantry between 3-6 pm, **Sunday, November 22, to Tuesday, November 24.**

Drop off your canned, bottled or dry food items at 3413 W. Medill Ave. Place the items next to the back porch and we will make sure the food is delivered to to the pantry for **distribution on November 25.**

We're also collecting lightly used coats for the winter.

LAS POSADAS

Lift the Ban; Lend a Hand

This year's annual **Las Posadas** event sponsored by the Logan Square Ecumenical Alliance will be held virtually on **Saturday, December 12,** starting at 10:00 am.

We will focus on efforts to lift the State of Illinois ban on rent control to ensure that holy families will not be displaced from their homes.



Promise. Presence. Perseverance.

Will this year ever end? Between the resurgence of COVID and the unending battle over the election results, we feel exhausted - captive to anxiety and fear. With so much loss, how are we supposed to prepare for Christmas and be filled with joy?

Advent isn't really about Christmas cheer, but about longing for the fulfillment of God's promise and watching for God's presence in the coming of Christ. It isn't just about the nativity. It's about anticipation of God's ultimate victory.

This year, the four Sundays of Advent begin on November 29. Each Sunday, during our online worship service at 10:30 am, we will focus on the themes of hope, peace, joy and love, and we'll include ancient traditions like the Advent wreath and special time with the children.

Our Advent and Christmas will be different this year due to COVID restrictions, and we need your help to make it happen.

Traditionally, Advent wreaths were found only in homes. We are returning to that practice since we can only gather online for worship. We encourage you to create your own family's wreath using a circle of 3 blue and 1 pink taper candles. Or be creative with legos or other craft items you may have, adding decorations around the base. Once you've created your wreath, send us a photo we can share on social media.



'Giving Tuesday' For Safe Homes & Safe Streets

This year, the COVID has impacted at-risk communities especially hard and Chicago has experienced a spike in violence. The violence intervention staff at ALSO has been on the streets to reduce the violence in our community, exposing themselves to COVID every day. ALSO is raising funds on **December 1, 'Giving Tuesday,'** to make sure these essential workers receive hazard pay through the end of the year. **Give online at also-chicago.org.**

Monday, Nov. 23	Tuesday, Nov. 24	Wednesday, Nov. 25	Thursday, Nov. 26	Friday, Nov. 27	Saturday, Nov. 28	Sunday, Nov. 29
			10 am Church Family 'ZOOM' Thanksgiving			Advent 1 10:30 am Worship Online
		1:00 pm 'Pop-Up' Pantry & Coat Giveaway @				11:30 am Fellowship Time
3 pm - 6 pm Thanksgiving Food & Coat Drive	3 pm - 6 pm Thanksgiving Food & Coat Drive	4 pm 'ZOOM-ba' 4:30 pm * Community Meal	3:30 pm * Thanksgiving Community Meal Take-Out			

Monday, Nov. 30	Tuesday, Dec. 1	Wednesday, Dec. 2	Thursday, Dec. 3	Friday, Dec. 4	Saturday, Dec. 5	Sunday, Dec. 6
	'GIVING TUESDAY' For ALSO		10 am 'Stay Alive'			Advent 2 10:30 am Worship Online
						11:30 am Fellowship Time
	4 pm KANSA Staff Mtg	4 pm 'ZOOM-ba' 4:30 pm Community Meal	4:30 pm Community Meal		4 pm Send-off for Bishop Lee	
				7 pm* Kyle Gilbertson in concert		

* All Community Take-Out Meals are served at St. Nicolai UCC, 3000 N. Kedzie Ave.

* "Smooth Guitar" featuring Kyle is a free Zoom concert sponsored by Friends of the Logan Square Library. Access the concert at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86347954095?pwd=ZmUveXh1OWhWk01TdK41V1drSkN3dz09>

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