

# KANSA CoNEXtION

Staying Connected No Matter What Happens Next



On **Sunday, February 4**, we are taking a Worship Field Trip to the **Conservatory at Garfield Park!** Our 'service' will begin at 10:30 am. (Please arrive at the entry at 10:20 am)

In addition to enjoying the warmth of the desert, fern room and tropical rain forest, we'll listen for creations' praise and join the songs of the trees and flowers. Everyone is welcome to bring their own lunch.

Need transportation? Let us know and we'll do our best to arrange it.



This year, **February 14** is **Ash Wednesday**—the start of our Fast for Lent. We have been invited to join Humboldt Park UMC, 2021 N. Mozart, for a time of confession and repentance and to receive the imposition of ashes. Watch for final details.



## TRUE FASTING FOR LENT

Each year, our church embarks on a communal fast. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that a true fast results in justice. (Isaiah 58:6-7), and this year, we are emphasizing God's call to provide shelter for the homeless.

Throughout the six Sundays of Lent, we will hear God's heart for those who are displaced, evicted or unhoused through Scripture, story and song. We will learn from housing advocates and organizations that are providing shelter. We will also canvas our neighbors to pass the "Bring Chicago Home" referendum on Primary Election Day, March 19.

## BRING CHICAGO HOME

We are organizing a "**Bring Chicago Home**" **Teach-In** for our community on **Saturday, February 24**. The Teach-In, led by advocates from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, will be held at the **Logan Square Library, 3030 W. Fullerton Ave., starting at 10:00 am**.

Currently, there are over 68,000 people in Chicago without housing. Together with the congregations of the Logan Square Ecumenical Alliance, we will learn how passing the referendum will significantly reduce homelessness in Chicago, and we will address the misinformation being spread by those opposing the measure.

February 2023			Thursday, Feb. 1	Friday, Feb. 2	Saturday, Feb. 3	Sunday, February 4
The monthly Pop-up Pantry & weekly Lunch "Take-Out" are held at St. Nicolai UCC, 3000 N. Kedzie Ave.			10 am 'Stay Alive'			10:30 am Worship Field Trip to
			12 pm Lunch Take-out *			<b>Garfield Park Conservatory</b>
Monday, Feb. 5	Tuesday, Feb. 6	Wednesday, Feb. 7	Thursday, Feb. 8	Friday, Feb. 9	Saturday, Feb. 10	Sunday, February 11
			10 am ' Stay Alive'			10:30 am HYBRID Worship
			12 pm Lunch Take-out *			<b>LENTEN PREVIEW</b>
						Congregational Meeting
Monday, Feb. 12	Tuesday, Feb. 13	Wednesday, Feb. 14	Thursday, Feb. 15	Friday, Feb. 16	Saturday, Feb. 17	Sunday, February 18
		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	10 am 'Stay Alive'			10:30 am HYBRID Worship
		& Valentine's Day	12 pm Lunch Take-out *			<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
		7 pm Imposition of Ashes				
Monday, Feb. 19	Tuesday, Feb. 20	Wednesday, Feb. 21	Thursday, Feb. 22	Friday, Feb. 23	Saturday, Feb. 24	Sunday, February 25
<b>PRESIDENTS DAY</b>			10 am 'Stay Alive'		10 am "Bring Chicago Home"	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
Schools are closed		1 pm Pop-Up Pantry *	12 pm Lunch Take-out *		Teach-In @ LS Public Library	12 pm Worship Field Trip
						"Evicted" at Public Housing Museum
Monday, Feb. 26	Tuesday, Feb. 27	Wednesday, Feb. 28	Thursday, Feb. 29	Friday, March 1	Saturday, March 2	Sunday, March 3
			<b>LEAP YEAR</b>			10:30 am HYBRID Worship
						<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
						Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

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