Today we begin our Lenten journey together. Some might say we have never really left it from last year. It is a time of lamentation and many of us can probably write a book or a journal as one of our parishioners has been doing about this past year.

This is the time in our church year where we do some soul searching, some facing up to our truth, some time to cry out to God out of our pain, taking time to notice our neighbor and to find God’s compassion and mercy. Penitence requires a sincere heart and willingness to try. None of us will ever reach perfection nor is that our goal but making an effort to turn our lives on this journey towards God is what we can hope for. God’s light shines a rainbow after the storm, knowing that walking the walk is not easy yet there is hope, there is love and laughter, there is reason to try.

Know you are not alone in this journey of Lent but we all walk with you. Let us seek out our own rainbow connection and re-enter God’s dream for us.
Prospectus

The fact that Lent is a season focused on personal penitence and fasting is a direct result of its original purpose as a time of education and formation for *catechumens*: persons preparing for Baptism into the Body of Christ at the Great Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter. Today many can not consciously recall their own Baptism in infancy with catechetical process following as they matured. However, since the Baptismal Rite was recovered as a public liturgy with the BCP 1979, participation in Baptisms has become a vivid and regular feature of our worship. It is clear from this liturgy that Baptism is not simply a momentary event, but, rather, the initiation and renewal of a lifelong spiritual journey in Christ. The Lenten course outlined below provides an opportunity for parishioners to further their own Christian education and formation during this season. Against the cultural ambiences and challenges of various historical periods, participants will investigate the pilgrimage of the Christian community through the ages as it practiced and understood Baptism as the Church’s central sacrament.

Outline

The course will be offered on Zoom from 7 - 8 p.m. on the Mondays of Lent 2021. Participants should have a copy of the BCP 1979 at hand. Pertinent handouts will be delivered to registrants by e-mail attachments prior to each session.

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A Conversation with Rev. Lewis Stewart – A Passionate Rochester Human and Civil Rights Leader

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 - 7 PM

Sponsored by St. Lukes Episcopal Church - Fairport, N.Y.

Zoom ID Codes Supplied After On-Line Registration:

Sign up by 2/19/21

Rev. Lewis Stewart is an ordained Baptist Minister - a graduate of Colgate Rochester Bexley Hall/Crozier Theological Seminary. He is president of UCLM (United Christian Leadership Ministry), founded in 2013 by African American pastors and clergy. UCLM serves the Rochester area by promoting social justice, improved community-police relations, and criminal justice reform. Rev. Stewart will introduce us to UCLM, as well as ways we can serve as partners/advocates/ volunteers with the organization.

What do you see? Besides a messy desk... It is a copy of the way of love calendar and a way of love card for your refrigerator or wherever you keep reminders. It is also a portion of ashes to cross yourself with and your family members. I will be on site between the hours of 7am to 8am and again from Noon to 1:00pm and also 7pm to 8pm for our first ever drive thru. Given the cold weather and COVID concerns I will hand you your ashes and calendar/card and we will pray a beginning of Lent prayer. I will bless you and send you on your way to a Lenten journey. If you want to receive ashes in the traditional way please leave your car and I will administer them for you.
Enriching our Faith!! HELLOOO! Anybody HOME!!

Now that I have your attention. I am calling on you to join us on the first Sunday of each month at 11am for an “in person gathering at the church.” We will request masking and keeping social distance. We will also have Zoom available for those who choose not to be present physically.

March 7th we are focusing on the Anglican history of our church. It is filled with lots of intrigue and hopefully will perk some of your interests.

Please contact me for more info. kenstlfpt@gmail.com
One is never too old or young to learn!

Vestry news:

Our new vestry met last evening and we were off to a great start. We began with prayer for each other and then we voted to accept the renewal of the committed work of our clerk Sue Veronda and treasurer Tom Marullo.

Among the topics discussed was our PPP grants and other resources, our commitment to look into renting parts of our facility, columbarium adjustment of prices, our Lenten journey, blessing boxes, further outreach to our parish family.
Weekly Memo

101 reasons to be Episcopalian

7. Episcopalians see reality existing in the tensions of paradox, ambiguity, and diversity.
   Richard Milhon, Diocese of Kansas

8. I am glad to be a member of the Episcopal Church because it is evangelical, catholic, Pentecostal, and liberal. It is evangelical because it glories in the cross of Jesus Christ as salvation for all people beyond the blight and bondage of death. We are Pentecostal because we trust in the supernatural empowerment of the Holy Spirit. And we are liberal because we yearn for the kingdom of God in the world as it is in heaven and labor in the hope that will make it so.
   Retired bishop Alden Hathaway

9. Anglicans do good deeds to increase their understanding of God, not out of fear to earn their admission to heaven.
   Robert Neal III, Diocese of Chicago

Blessings, Ken+

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**February 17, 2021**

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**This Week's Worship and Meeting Schedules**

**Theology Pub:** Saturday Nights at 7:00pm

February 20th: *Where in your stormy life have rainbows appeared?*

Dial by your location  
+1 646 558 8656 US  
**Meeting ID:** 892 5262 5755  
**Password:** 469891

**Sunday, February 21st:** 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Meeting ID:** 854 6737 3428  
**Passcode:** STL3037  
Dial by your location  
+1 646 558 8656 OR +1 646 518 9805  
**Phone Meeting ID:** 854 6737 3428  
**Phone Passcode:** 8084128  
Will also be broadcast on Facebook:  
[https://www.facebook.com/stlukesfairport](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesfairport)  
and on our YouTube channel for Sunday Worship Services:  

**Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent**

– Sessions begin Friday, February 19th  
Fridays during Lent  
This Week’s Link: [https://bit.ly/LentFriday2021Session1](https://bit.ly/LentFriday2021Session1)

**Lenten Series with the Very Rev. Bill Petersen – begins Feb. 22nd**

Register with Fr. Bill by emailing him at whpetersen@aol.com by TODAY  
Monday evenings at 7pm  
**Meeting ID:** 821 1460 8969  
**Dial by your location**  
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