

CONGREGATIONAL CLARION

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March 2023



“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books
alone, but in every leaf in springtime”
Martin Luther

First Congregational Church

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Sunday Worship Services:

In Person Worship at 10:30am

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Camp Fellowship:	Christine Madsen and Shaun McIntire
Choir Director:	Devon Bettolo
Pianist:	Alan Chavez
Church Secretary:	Kristi Hanson

NEW OFFICE HOURS



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Monday – Office Closed

Tuesday – In Person 8:30am – 3pm

Wednesday – Virtual Hours 8:30am – 3pm

Thursday – In Person 8:30am – 3pm

Friday – Virtual Hours 8am - Noon

CLARION DEADLINE

April Clarion Deadline will be March 16th. You can email your articles to firstcongregationalslc@gmail.com

Pastors Letter ...



Dear Church Family-

Now that we are in the season of Lent it might be the time to consider practicing a Lenten fast. Does that sound like too much? Well here are some suggestions I think we could all benefit from:

- Fast from hurting words and use kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

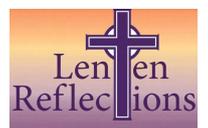
As you can imagine that last one will prove particularly difficult for me but I'll try. Let us all try to bring kindness, gratitude, patience, hope, joy, compassion, reconciliation, and a listening presence into our lives through Lent and beyond.

These excellent suggestions come from Pope Francis.

May this time of fasting be a blessing,
Pastor Martha

Wednesday Lenten Suppers Shared with All Saints Episcopal Church

FCC is invited to join with All Saints for the Lenten suppers that begin at 6 PM on March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th. There will be a soup supper and then a program. The topics will be World Religions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism, with Ken Rockwell presenting his PowerPoint of early churches in the Salt Lake Valley for the final evening. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall upstairs just off All Saint's Sanctuary. They ask people to sign up to bring soup, bread, or salad.



Kneeling In Jerusalem – Ann Weems

LENT

Lent is a time to take the time
to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events
get up and walk around in us,
a time to intensify
our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over
the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem
or to walk along the sea and listen to his word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder...

Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!

DEACONS REPORT – Diane Forster-Burke

During March, we will join with All Saints Church in various activities in our observance of Lent. Feb 22nd was Ash Wednesday and we had the opportunity to participate in this service with Pastor Moler joining with Father Trace in the 7 PM service. All Saints has pot luck soup suppers on Wednesdays during Lent and Ken Rockwell has agreed to do his presentation on churches of Salt Lake City for one of these Wednesdays. Holy Week will be the first full week of April and we hope that our members will join in for some of these observances.

We will not have our large collection of Lilies for Easter due to space reasons. Any lilies that we will purchase will be decorating the table by the window.

We are continuing to find ways to create meaningful worship in our new space. Please plan to join us.



Outreach - Cissy Wolff

Outreach

Our congregation continues to support the work of Crossroads Urban Center. During the legislative session our congregation has been informed of the work done by the Coalition of Religious Communities (CORC) to bring about change to combat hunger and homelessness.

All Saints Episcopal Church makes sandwiches for St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall on the **third Sunday of every month.** They have extended an open invitation to our congregation to join them in this important work. Sandwiches are made upstairs immediately following our service. Put these dates on your calendar and join us for a wonderful time of fellowship:

- March 19, 2023
- April 16, 2023
- May 21, 2023
- June 18, 2023

A reminder that, unless otherwise specified, all **Outreach financial contributions** will go to Crossroads Urban Center this fiscal year. Please be sure to clearly **designate** that you want your contribution to go to Outreach. Help us support the important work that this organization does to combat hunger and homelessness. Watch your emails for updates from Crossroads Urban Center and for ways to participate to make this world a better place.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about Outreach, please contact Cissy Wolff at cissywolff@gmail.com or call/text at 801-243-5457.

FROM THE MODERATOR – Carla McIntire

Dear Members and Friends of FCC,

My term as moderator for this year is half over. A lot has happened in these last 6 months. We have completed the sale of our beloved building and have found a welcoming home at All Saints Episcopal Church. Many people have helped make this happen and we recognized some of them at our Anniversary Luncheon. I cannot name all of those who were instrumental in this process, but I hope everyone knows how much we appreciate even the smallest of efforts.

We will soon be having a Congregational Meeting where we elect new moderators and members of the Nominating Committee. I hope you will start thinking about how you can serve our church in the coming year. We also want to let you know that at that meeting, after church on March 26th, we want to discuss some of the ways that we could do the most good in our community with the proceeds from the sale. The Council has met to discuss this topic and has some ideas, but we want to hear from the congregation your thoughts on this subject. Please be thinking about this in the next month so that we can have a productive discussion at that meeting.

Please feel free to talk to me or any members of the Council if you have questions or ideas.

Truly yours
Carla McIntire

2023 - Holy Week Schedule

April 2 Palm Sunday - in St John Hall. Weather permitting; All Saints (ASEC) has invited us to a parade of Palms around the church building prior to our services.

April 5 ASEC Service "Women of the Cross" at 7 PM. Martha will do a reading and we are invited to sign up to read.

April 6 Maundy Thursday Agape Feast - in St John Hall beginning at 6 PM. Choir will practice after the service.

April 7 Good Friday - ASEC participates in the Stations of the Cross. We are still planning how we will observe. We might meet outside at noon.?

April 9 Easter Service - in St John Hall.

*Please watch your emails for any updates about Holy Week Services

March Calendar

March 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Men's Breakfast @7am Deacons Meeting @2pm Lenten Supper and Study shared with All Saints @6pm	2	3	4
5 Worship Service In St. John Hall Lower Level at All Saints @10:30am	6	7	8 Lenten Supper and Study shared with All Saints @6pm	9	10	11
12 Worship Service In St. John Hall Lower Level at All Saints @10:30am	13	14	15 Clarion Deadline Lenten Supper and Study Shared with All Saints @6pm	16	17	18
19 Worship Service In St. John Hall Lower Level at All Saints @10:30am	20	21 Council Meeting @2pm	22 Lenten Supper and Study Shared With All Saints @6pm	23	24	25
26 Worship Service In St. John Hall Lower Level at All Saints @10:30am Congregational Meeting to elect new Moderators and a nominating committee Following Worship	27	28	29 Lenten Supper and Study Shared with All Saints @6pm	30	31	

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