



The Mini Messenger for February 2024

I do not know about you, but February always makes me think of Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day and of course the Minnesota Music Educators Association Mid Winter Clinic. These are all days (well the conference is actually three days) where people will gather. On Groundhog Day people gather around their device to learn if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow or not. If he sees his shadow, we are in for six more weeks of winter like weather. If he does not see his shadow, we are in for an early spring. On Valentine's Day couples may go out to dinner or plan a special date. At the MMEA mid winter clinic, music educators across Minnesota gather to learn new ways to approach music education in the schools. All of these days have to do with gathering together and connecting.

I think there is a renewed source of energy when we connect with one another. There is the knowing we are in life and faith together, and we can help one another along the way. Knowing we all have questions we can learn the answers together.

If you have read the Messenger for this month, you know that my article had to do with the benefits of small groups. I know well that schedules can become full rather quickly these days, and I know there are schedules to keep (bed time, nap time). I wonder: do you have an idea for how families with children can connect? We have tried many different things, and I am open to trying anything. I would really like to find a way that we can get families with children connecting with one another. If you have an idea, suggestion, or if there is something that St. John's has done in the past that you would like to see brought back, please let me know. Let's work towards gathering and connecting with one another.

We have two fun events planned in February:

Our **Shrove (Fat) Tuesday Party** on February 13th from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

A meal of pancakes, sausages, and ice cream sundaes!

Game Meet Up Night Friday February 23rd 6-8PM in Fellowship Hall

Get together to snack and play games for the evening

I hope your schedule will allow you to attend one or both of these fun filled events!



PASSING ON OUR FAITH

THROUGH CARING CONVERSATIONS

One of the ways we pass on our faith is through caring conversations. Here are some conversation starters for you to discuss in your household this month. Some of these were taken from Faith Talk with Children, available at: store.milestonesministry.org

*What does Lent mean for you?

* Which of the following would you choose: add more time to spend with God during Lent or giving up something for Lent? Why?



SAVE THE DATES:

FEBRUARY 13TH 2024 Shrove/Fat Tuesday Party 5:30-7:30PM

FEBRUARY 14th, 2024 Ash Wednesday Service at 7PM

FEBRUARY 23rd, 2024 Game Meet Up Night 6-8PM in Fellowship Hall

EASTER IS SUNDAY MARCH 31st!

