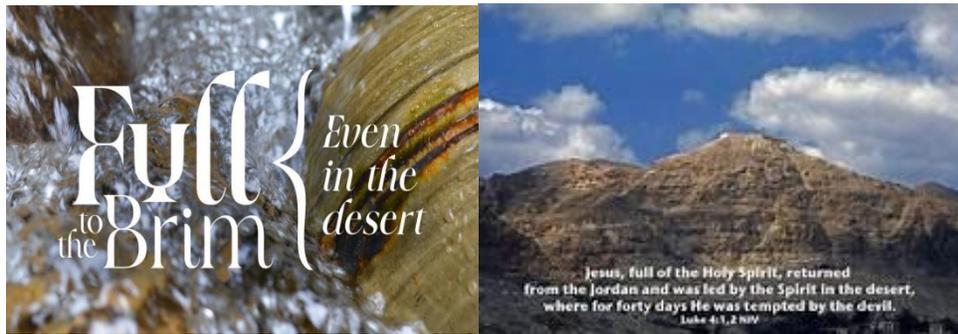


## WLCC Weekly Newsletter 3.4.22

This week we will begin our Lenten series " Full to the Brim" by looking at Luke 4: 1-13. We will explore how being full to the brim helps us get through the times that we are in the wilderness. Looking forward to worshipping with you in the sanctuary or on Zoom.  
Pastor Kirsty Depree



During my 40 years of teaching I had stories, novels, and poems that I would teach during specific times of the year. One of the stories I taught during Lent was “The Cask of Amontillado” by Edgar Allan Poe. Those of you who are acquainted with his writing might find this peculiar. I would always teach about allusion when teaching this story, which is an implied or indirect reference in literature. “The Cask of Amontillado” alludes to Lent. During my early years of teaching, most of my students understood the reference, so I did not have to spend a lot of time explaining Lent and its relationship to the story. However, during my last years teaching high school I needed to teach about Lent in order for students to understand the allusion. I would explain to my students that “The Cask of Amontillado” is set during the days leading up to Lent in the 1700s to early 1800s during Carnival, a secular holiday which evolved from the Christian observance known as Lent. My introduction would begin with the meaning of Carnival. Carn (flesh) + val (farewell) translates to *farewell to meat*. Traditionally, fasting during Lent involved abstaining from eating meat. My students could not understand that. That is when the questions would begin! Why would they do that? No meat? What is Lent? This gave me another opportunity to teach them about Lent without crossing any boundaries since it was alluded to in the story. For some, it piqued their interest enough that they researched Lent on their own. Most of us learned about Lent from our parents and Sunday school teachers. Many of my students learned about Lent for the first time from “The Cask of Amontillado”. My hope is when my former students hear the mention of Lent they will recall its true meaning.

Yours in Christ,  
Diane Adam

**Reminders: If you wish to enter the church on any day, please mask up, practice physical distancing, use good hand hygiene and stay home if you are not feeling well.** We will be continuing these practices until the situation changes toward the positive. We thank you for your cooperation.

### **Calendar for the week of March 4<sup>th</sup> - 11th**

**March 5 – Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner 5 PM – 6:30 PM**

**March 6 – Worship service 10 AM**

**March 10 – Women's Fellowship 9 AM**

### **Lenten Devotionals**

Lenten Devotionals are available. We will be limiting them one per family.

### **Updating the Directory**

Have you tried contacting someone using the directory only to be unable to contact them because the information is not correct??? Many of us have dropped a landline, changed an email address or moved. Please help us to update the directory by emailing Aaron in the church office at [office@westlebcongo.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@westlebcongo.comcastbiz.net)

### **Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

Greetings from your Growth committee,

Time to reserve your yummy corned beef dinner!

Your growth group will be serving their now famous Corned beef dinner on Saturday, March 5.

Corned beef, potatoes, carrots, cabbage and apple cake, all of that for \$15 per person!

It is by reservations only, please email [wlcddinners@gmail.com](mailto:wlcddinners@gmail.com) or call the office before March 4.

There will be 2 pickup times at 5 and 5:30pm, please specify which time you would prefer when you make your reservation.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Your growth committee (Justine, Donna, Jackie, Meghan and Christine)

## Nominating

Below are the positions we still desperately need to fill:

A Clerk  
A Co-Collector

## Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is meeting at 9 AM on Thursday mornings. Join us for fellowship and all women are welcome.

## Little Food Pantry

**Thank you** to all who have been contributed to the **Little Food Pantry**. **Some items that go quickly are peanut butter, cereal, ramen noodles and coffee, also shelf stable milk. Remember that during the winter months no canned or jar items should be put outside. It can be put inside the Food Bin in the sanctuary which is taken to the Haven or LISTEN.** Please pass the word on about the availability of food in the Little Food Pantry.

## WLCC Giving Options

We have instituted several new electronic (credit/debit/ACH) giving options. Note that these are in addition to the conventional giving methods. **If you are comfortable with the giving method you currently use there is no need to change.** The intent of adding these electronic options is to make giving more convenient, which will hopefully increase our revenue. Note that the church is charged a nominal processing fee with each electronic transaction, so please consider covering that fee if you use an electronic option. The electronic options will allow you to specify where you would like your gift to go (e.g. general fund, memorial gift, missions, etc.). You can access these options by going to the WLCC home webpage ( <https://westlebcc.org/> **and clicking on the "Give" tab along the top, or go directly to the Giving page** <https://westlebcc.org/give/> ). If you have any questions or problems please see Aaron in the WLCC office or our co-collectors Christine Kidd or Laurie Tostenson.