Lenten University 2023

Lenten University, St. Bart's annual Lenten Study and Fellowship program will take place for four Wednesday evenings in March, beginning on March 8th. Each Wednesday we will gather at 6 PM in the Sanctuary for a simple meal of soup, bread, and salad, and explore an aspect of this year's theme, Sacred Story.

The first session on March 8th, Led by Bill Doggett, will look at the way story-telling shapes our perceptions and even our reality. We will consider the ways that the perspectives of the teller and the receiver of a story affect not just what is told, but what is heard, and what it means. We will finish with a brief Compline service. The Staff will provide the meal for this session.

Session two, on March 15th,  will be led by Brian Peterson, and will explore the way that Biblical stories interact with our own stories. This session will include the ReGeneration service, so we will begin with worship, and the study will be integrated with the service and the meal.

The theme of the third session on March 22nd will be The Hero's Journey, and will be led by Nancy Burnett. Human life is heroic life! The mythic "hero's journey" is familiar because it is ours. In this session we will look closely at this idea by comparing our own life story with one of a mythic hero. A brief service of Compline will close this session.

The final session on March 29th will give us a chance to creatively explore our own stories in the context of the things we have been learning. Bill, Nancy, and Brian will co-lead this session. There will be several activities to choose from, and a chance to share what you have done if you would like. The program will conclude with Compline.

This is our first in-person Lenten University since the pandemic, so we are uncertain how many will want to join us. While we do not require an RSVP for attendance, if you are able to let us know you are planning to attend in advance, please do so we can make sure to have enough food and class materials.