

Lenten Luncheons

Lenten Luncheons, sponsored by the local Ministerial Association ...

On Wednesday afternoons during Lent, sixty to ninety people gather in our downtown church for thirty minutes of worship followed by a soup-and-sandwich lunch.

The luncheons, sponsored by congregations from the local ministerial, draw people together from across denominational lines. Each week a different church is in charge of the gathering, or maybe two of the smaller congregations work together.

The mandate is to insure that the worship times doesn't exceed thirty minutes so people on their lunch-hour can participate. Five dollars is the suggested payment for lunch. That covers a bit of advertising and the cost of the food.

We are going into our eighth year. Neighbours from different denominations look forward to worshipping together – and learning from each other.

While a broad spectrum of theological approaches is represented, members of the ministerial have learned how to listen for those understandings we hold in common, and respect the differences. Through the years I've noticed the growing sincerity with which prayers for the life and work of each faith community is offered to the Almighty.

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