



Lenten Study Invitation

Participate Online and/or Face to Face
Beginning February 20

Open Course Site: <https://sites.google.com/site/lentenstudy/>
Study Group Meetings: February 26 to Easter Sunday
8:15 a.m., Annex - Small Meeting Room

While Christians often think of the Lenten season as a time of sacrifice, the concept of “lent” comes from the Old English word for “spring.” This season, which begins this year on February 22, is ultimately meant to be a time of spiritual renewal and transformation that leads to meaningful application of our faith. We give up something to free us so we can reflect on how the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ relates to us as individuals who are members of a covenantal Christian church. This season can prepare us for a blossoming and flowering of our faith.

Join us in a Lenten study as a starting point for exploring our Christian Education theme of *Spiritual Growth in Everyday Life* as we consider the meaning, nurturing, and application of spiritual gifts in our church and wider community. These will include ways to deepen our understanding and practice of the enabling, charismatic, and serving gifts in practical ways. Our study will also consider passages from Matthew 6 to guide us in reflection, prayer, and action.

You can participate in this study online by going to our open course site at <https://sites.google.com/site/lentenstudy/> and joining into the activities and discussions of your choice. As well, we will be meeting at 8:15 a.m. Sunday mornings on a “come if you can” basis from February 26 until Easter Sunday in the small meeting room of the Annex for guidance and reflection.

For more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/spiritualgrowthineverydaylife/> or contact Maggie Hoggard at margaret.hoggard@gmail.com. If you would like to receive paper copies of the Lenten activities included this study, contact Maggie at 543-2411.