

## St. John's Lenten Study

You are invited to join the Lenten study. We will be reading-  
**Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other, and the Spirit of Transformation** by Stephanie Spellers

This will take place during our Wednesday services during Lent, starting Wednesday, February 21 at 5:30 pm and for the following four Wednesdays.

### Getting the book:

There are some books available now in the church office. The book costs \$12.20 but you can get one without cost if needed. I (Meg Stump) also have a couple ebooks that I can lend out, this is particularly good if you need large type. You can also order an ebook through Amazon or B&N which costs about 10.00.

### Here are the book comments:

An inspirational and practical guide to embracing those who are often marginalized into a welcoming, inclusive Christian community.

For two years, Stephanie Spellers conducted over two hundred interviews with people in urban, suburban, and rural congregations around the United States to find out how they dealt with welcoming those across lines of race and ethnicity, generation, sexual orientation, and class privilege.

Here she presents her findings and lays out the theological underpinnings of tackling fears head-on in order to accept change as a part of community life. By modeling the most loving and effective ways to embrace marginalized individuals and groups within a church, denomination, or society, Radical Welcome aims to create a place of compassionate inclusivity where people of all kinds can feel like they belong.

"This is a book about renewal. About growth. About intelligent change. I believe that any person who cares for authentic ministry in open and affirming ways will find a home in radical welcome." —The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, Dean and President, Episcopal Divinity School, Bishop of Alaska (Ret.)

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