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The Laymen of St. Ambrose are dedicated to sharing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ by engaging in worship, prayer, study, service and fellowship.

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JANUARY EVENTS

Next Laymen meeting: JANUARY 2 2022 8:30 am
Join Zoom Meeting Here.

January Spotlight: Martin Luther King Jr.

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January Spotlight:
Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia, the second child of Martin Luther King Sr., a pastor, and Alberta Williams King, a former schoolteacher.

A gifted student, King attended segregated public schools and at the age of 15 was admitted to Morehouse College, the alma mater of both his father and maternal grandfather, where he studied medicine and law.

history.com

After graduating in 1948, King entered Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, where he earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree, won a prestigious fellowship and was elected president of his predominantly white senior class.

King then enrolled in a graduate program at Boston University, completing his coursework in 1953 and earning a doctorate in systematic theology two years later.

While in Boston he met Coretta Scott, a young singer from Alabama who was studying at the New England Conservatory of Music. The couple wed in 1953 and settled in Montgomery, Alabama, where King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church.

LAYMEN'S JANUARY FOCUS: A NEW BEGINNING

Martin Luther King Jr.
"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

Quotes

Alan Cohen
"Do not wait until the conditions are perfect to begin. Beginning makes the conditions perfect."

Oprah Winfrey
"Challenges are gifts that force us to search for a new center of gravity. Don't fight them. Just find a new way to stand."

Henry Ford
"Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently."

Desmond Tutu
"Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning."

Countryliving.com

If there are habits, relationships, or activities that don't work for you anymore, it's best to leave them out of your life altogether.

After you've made some room, develop some new customs in your life and follow through with them.

Since none of us knows what the future holds, the idea of new beginnings can feel terrifying at times. However, if you focus on that which is optimistic and encouraging, starting afresh can be an exciting time.

everydaypower.com

Happy Birthday to Our Brothers!

David Brown	January 1
Percy Merritt	January 2
Christopher Parris	January 3
Ernie Donadelle	January 5
Shawn Reid	January 6
Nicholas Branker	January 15
Aren Flanagan	January 21
Nathaniel Harris	January 24

Our *presence* is the greatest *present*.

Let's be a presence on Sunday mornings.

Sunday Lectionary Bible Study, 9:00 am

Join via Zoom by clicking this link or calling in at 646-558-8656. The meeting ID is 288 981 724.

Holy Eucharist, 10:15 am

Call in at 646-558-8656. The meeting ID is 858 905 359. Password is 280158. See the live-stream video by visiting the church's website at this link. Download the bulletin at the live-stream website.

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Have suggestions for the newsletter? Want to nominate a brother to spotlight? Let us know