

# Edgumbe Presbyterian Church

## Midweek Update – April 18, 2018

### SNOW DAY GENEROSITY

I hope you all had a lovely snow day last Sunday. I spent the time shoveling and snow-blowing first our own walkways and then sidewalks around the neighborhood. This kindness was repaid with cookies and then a loaf of fresh-baked bread delivered to our doorstep later that day. Generosity begets generosity. After the baked goods showed up on our table, our son Micah said to me, “Dad, when you are gone, can I have your snow blower?”



Today, take a moment to notice the people who are generous with you, and then pass that generosity forward. Or similarly, feel free to start a chain-reaction of generosity from scratch—deliver some bread, say a kind word to a stranger or loved one, give a surprise gift. Generosity begets generosity.

### NEXT WEEK—ELECTIONS & RECEPTION

On Sunday, April 29, we will have two special events:

- At the end of worship, we will have a short **congregational meeting** to elect Elders and Deacons.
- After that, Lorenz Fett and family will provide lunch to all who can come after church on April 29th in memory of his mother, **Bonnie Belle Fett**, who died on January 28th of this year. His sister Luana will come up from Iowa with her world-famous cinnamon rolls! At lunch Lorenz would like to say a few words about his mother's life from times before you knew her. He promises to keep it short.

### UPDATE ON DEB CARLSON

After a hard week last week, Deb is doing considerably better. The kind folk at Region's Hospital helped Deb find a pain-relief regimen that is making her more comfortable and helping her rest and eat. Deb has started her first round of chemo and hopes to be at church on Sunday. Deb thanks the congregation for our ongoing love and support, and we continue to love Deb and hold her in our prayers.

Here are two websites for supporting Deb and keeping informed:

[www.caringbridge.org/visit/debcarsongs](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/debcarsongs)

[www.gofundme.com/supportfordebcarlson](http://www.gofundme.com/supportfordebcarlson)

### **BACK WOODS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- This Sunday we hoped to do a **property clean-up**, but because our yard is now covered in snow, we are postponing this event until sometime in May
- Instead, after church, we will have a meeting in the Library for those interested to discuss a proposed **Presbytery grant** to assist with our back woods development.
- Also, on Wednesday, April 25 (if we don't have another snow storm!), we are having a free site visit from the **Capitol Region Watershed** to see if we are good site for water management upgrades and help. All are welcome to join this visit at 1pm.

### **ENNEAGRAM PRISON PROJECT UPDATE**

I (Phil) had the first class inside Shakopee prison last Thursday. Ten minutes into class, the alarm went off for a weather drill to mark National Severe Weather Awareness Day. One and a half hours later (!), we were finally back for one more hour of our class time. Despite this delay, we had a wonderful time together. The women were responsive and open and honestly hungry for transformational work. I am antsy and excited to go backtomorrow for Week Two of this ten-week class. Thank you to everyone who asked me how it went. The next challenge and adventure is an invitation to do a sample class at Lino Lakes prison next Tuesday afternoon. The warden there knows the Enneagram a bit and is excited to add our class to their prison programming. It feels like this is moving fast with the Spirit's blessing!

### **DORICE VAN VORST NEW ADDRESS**

We learned last week that Dorice Van Vorst has moved to Lyngblomsten. Here is her new address:

Dorice Van Vorst  
Lyngblomsten  
[1415 Almond Avenue West #302](#)  
[St. Paul, MN 55108](#)

Dorice says hello to the congregation and celebrates all the good things happening at church. She faithfully reads the Wednesday Updates, appreciates visitors, and is grateful to God for a blessed and long life.

Generosity begets generosity. Feel free to test out this spiritual hypothesis with abandon! Pastor Phil