

Edgumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update

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Simple Good News

The gospel (good news) of our faith is really this simple: We come from Love, we live in Love, and then we return to Love. What happens when we die? Love. What holds us through the struggles of life? Love. How should we live? Love. Who is God? Love. Any other questions?

Racial Justice and Me (RJAM)

From Leslie Snow: "I decided in the days following the death of George Floyd that I needed to learn more about anti-racism so that I could become part of the solution instead of the problem. I chose to read the book *How to Become an Anti-Racist* by Ibrahim X Kendi. I have learned that this is very complex, but possible to understand, by reading Dr Kendi's own story. I look forward to joining the EPC community in sharing our own journeys and supporting each other in making changes in our own lives and in our community. I urge you to set a learning goal this week and get started on your own journey of learning and change."

RJAM invites every member of EPC to consider involvement in the Presbytery process:

[PTCA 2020-2021 ANTI-RACISM SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE](#)

The PTCA Anti-Racism Spiritual Pilgrimage is a yearlong journey of:

- deepening our engagement with the racial history of Minnesota and Western Wisconsin
- using personal reflection and small groups to practice spiritual skills for anti-racist living
- taking action in solidarity with Black, Indigenous and other People of Color who are our neighbors in the community

From September 2020-May 2021, we'll journey together to deepen and strengthen our capacities for the lifelong work of undoing systems of privilege and internalized racism.

Full details and registration link available at:

<https://anti-racism-ptca.weebly.com/2020-2021-spiritual-pilgrimage.html>

Registration closes August 28. However, we ask that all participants register as soon as possible to assist with planning for small groups.

Outdoor Worship--Special Edition

We have had such a wonderful time gathering for outdoor worship on July 5 and August 2 that we are adding an **outdoor service this Sunday, August 16!**

As usual, we will plan on being outside unless you get an email around 8am on Sunday morning, which would push us back to Zoom because of weather. Please wear masks during mingling, keep at least 6' of distance at all times, and bring your own seating arrangement.

Phil is preaching, Luna is praying, Jenya is keyboarding, Lisa & Shelley will be singing, Jay will be teching! Hope to see you.

Remembering Kathy Pedersen

Kathy Pedersen died last Wednesday, August 5, surrounded by her family and held in God's love. We ask God to bless Kathy as she returns to God's heart and to bless daughter Ann Schroeder and the rest of Kathy's family with God's grace as they mourn her loss and celebrate her life. Kathy was only with us at EPC for a little over a year, but her bubbly smile and warm heart was a gift to us all. Kathy's full obituary can be found here:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/twincities/obituary.aspx?n=kathryn-elaine-pedersen&pid=196612487>

Ann and family are hoping to have an outdoor memorial service at EPC for Kathy in mid-September. Details to come.

Pastor Luna said of Kathy, "I could see the love in her eyes." In this era of public mask wearing, what if let Love shine out through our eyes to the people around us?

Zoom Schedule

We have four Zoom meetings scheduled for our congregation for each week. All of these meetings are open to you and to everyone. They are:

- Sunday morning Worship at 10am
- Sunday evening Bible Study at 6:30pm
- Tuesday Centering Prayer at 3pm
- Wednesday evening Gathering at 7pm

If these gatherings are meaningful to you, then why not invite a friend?

Updated links for each of these meetings are on the church website at

<http://www.epchurch.org/>

Worship Participation

Hello EPC Family. Do you have a desire to share a bit of yourself with EPC in worship? This could be anything--a poem, a short reflection, a song, a wondering! If you are feeling a nudge from inside to do this, please contact Pastors Phil or Luna to plan a time to share during a service. This would be a great opportunity to get to know each other even better. Blessings, *Elder Connie*