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*Midweek Update*

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**i offer my life...**

our question during lent is this: **what part of me needs to die to make room for something new?** death seems to be an inherent part of this human experience. however, in christ, even death cannot defeat god's loving presence and healing action. however, on our own, we cannot know this to be true without the grace of the holy spirit. and so, we ask the spirit and jesus to look at our lives **with** us. it doesn't have to be a complicated ask. these lines from our psalm last week (ps 25:1-2) can be a powerful prayer that i invite you to offer each day this week:

i offer my life to you, yahweh.  
my god, i trust you.

for me, it is dying to my past (often unconscious) beliefs and impulses for safety, affection, and control. dying to everything that keeps me separated from god--and each other. this is our holy work together in this season. may the holy spirit ground us in grace and willingness.



pastor luna

**WORSHIP SHARE INVITATION:** *Pastor Luna and I would love to have some of you share an experience from either your past or your present where you feel like that little grain of wheat: ready to die to make room for delicious fruit. Let us know if you have a 3-5 minute reflection to share at worship, or we may be calling you!*

## RJAM

The Racial Justice and Me (RJAM) group will be meeting this Wednesday (tonight) by Zoom at 7 PM. We will discuss Chapter 8 of the book *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. The chapter title is **What Is the School-to-Prison Pipeline?** We plan to break out into small groups for the discussion as we have done that past few weeks. All are welcome to join, even if you have not read previous chapters. Hope to see you there. -The RJAM team (Eleta, Leslie, Connie, Luna, Liz & Rich)



## February Mission Focus: VRJ

Our mission for the month of February is the group **Voices for Racial Justice**. If you want to learn a bit more about their efforts, a good place to start is their online magazine called The Quilt. Online link is here:

<https://voicesforracialjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2019-The-Quilt.pdf>



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RACIAL JUSTICE

They are also involved in advocating for racial justice at the legislature. One way they do this is by promoting the use of a Racial Equity Impact Assessment (REIA) when looking at proposed policy. You can learn more here:

<https://voicesforracialjustice.org/voices/what-we-all-should-know-about-the-2021-legislative-session-and-the-state-budget-if-we-care-about-ending-racial-disparities-and-structural-racism-in-minnesota/>

If you would like to contribute to Voices for Racial Justice, please put their name in the memo line of your check or, if donating online, specify their name in the Notes box.

## Zoom Schedule

# zoom

We have four Zoom meetings scheduled for our congregation for each week. All of these meetings have been updated and are open to you and to everyone. The links can be found on our church website homepage. Here is our current schedule:

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

## **March Birthdays**

Chloe Clary 3/4

Connie Howe-Vielmetti 3/4

Dave Howe-Vielmetti 3/11

Lydia GebbenGreen 3/15

Cora Fett 3/24

Todd Barnes 3/24

Jenya Trubnikava 3/26

Watson Fearing 3/27

Dave Mayer 3/27

Christopher Powell 3/28

McKenna Reedquist 3/29

Naomi Houle 3/30