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## Edgumbe Presbyterian Church

### *Midweek Update*

**March 3, 2021**

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### **March Mission Focus: MN FoodShare**

**The drive is on!** Minnesota FoodShare is an annual campaign in March to help replenish supplies for Minnesota's food shelves. During the month of March, our local food shelf, Francis Basket Food Market, operated by Neighborhood House, records and reports its receipts by weighing the pounds of items donated and counting the dollars contributed. These totals are reported to the Minnesota FoodShare office to determine proportional allocations. All dollars and food donated to Francis Basket stay at Francis Basket. As with everything this past year, changes to how we collect for this drive is different than in the past. Instead of collecting non-perishable food donations throughout March, we will be collecting monetary donations. That is good, though, because the food shelves are able to stretch our dollars further than we can by buying in bulk from food cooperatives. Donations can be given through our online giving or checks can be made out to EPC with "March Food Drive" in the memo line. If you would like to learn more about them, or would like information on obtaining food for yourself, visit <http://neighb.org/>

### **Remembering**

**Remembering #1:** It's communion this week, so REMEMBER to have communion elements available for worship this Sunday. At the same time, why not REMEMBER that communion reminds us that we are not alone in this life but that Christ lives inside of us, giving us the full peace of God in every moment.

Remembering #2: Feeling down? Anxious? Out of sorts? Confused? Just a little blah? A lot blah? Angry? Hurt? Scared? Today we REMEMBER two spiritual jumpstarts. **A)**

**Gratitude.** If we are willing to see, then God's gifts always outnumber our troubles. Always. Once we let gratitude sneak into our hearts, then love, joy, and peace are quick to follow. **B) Love.** It is always a good idea to REMEMBER to love yourself, but

sometimes that is just not possible. If you get stuck in the no-love-for-yourself loop, a great move is to reach out in care or help or love for someone else. Take a look around your family, your neighborhood, your online community, at Cub or Target: Is there someone who could use a helping hand, a kind word, a plate of cookies.

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**

We have been reading the book "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Oluo and have just completed the chapter on the school-to-prison pipeline. This chapter explains how from a very early age the behavior of black and brown children, especially males, is viewed as violent and criminal instead of what it really is - childish. This bias leads to excessive punishments such as expulsion from school or even arrest, which further harms a child's trust in teachers, their self esteem and their ability to learn and grow. Many factors contribute to this problem - racial bias of school administrators and teachers, underfunding of schools with more black and brown students, etc. One way we can address this is to be sure to include the school-to-prison pipeline in our broader discussions about racial inequality and white-centered education, and to talk about it with school boards.



Please feel free to join us next week when we will review our reading of the chapter on using the "N" word.

-The RJAM team (Eleta, Leslie, Connie, Luna, Liz & Rich)

## **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

## **Jenya Concert**

Jenya will be performing a recital on Thursday, March 4th at 7 p.m. It's going to be livestreamed, here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWSJpRyxwQY>

The program contains music for voice, piano and violin by Whitacre, Sarasate, Amy Beach, Wolf and more. Because of this concert, there will be no choir on this Thursday.

## **Prayers**

Prayers for Liz and Rich Schiferl after a scan for Liz this week seems to point at cancer. We pray for knowledge about next steps and clarity and comfort of heart and mind for Liz and her family.