

Edgumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update - August 11, 2021

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Pastor Vacation

Pastors Luna & Phil are taking vacation time off from August 2-September 12.

Here are some areas of church life and how they are being covered while we are away.

- **WORSHIP:** We have a team of folk planning worship led by Connie
- **BLDG & GROUNDS:** Contact people for any issues will be Jay and Rich
- **COMMUNITY CARE:** If any special health or spiritual needs emerge over these weeks, please reach out to any of your Elders: Jay, Connie, Meredith, Rich or Ingrid
- **MIDWEEK UPDATE:** Send anything you want in the Update to Krysta at epchurch2149@gmail.com
- **EVERYTHING ELSE:** For new mask mandates or moving the pews or organizing a campout in the backwoods, you are on your own!

Summer Worship Schedule

Here is the worship schedule for the next weeks, with coordinator in parentheses.

- Aug 15 - Outdoor Service with snacks provided! (CONNIE)
- Aug 22 - Bring a friend or family Sunday (TODD)
- Aug 29 - Special theatrical guests: The Word as Worship (CONNIE)
- Sept 5 - Outdoor worship with Communion (RUTH)
- Sept 12 - Shelley & Lisa musical extravaganza with member speakers (TODD)

Tickets for Play

Tickets for Aquelarres, the play that is being performed in our backwoods Wednesday through Sunday this week are still available. See <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/55057> for ticket reservations/purchases. For frequently asked questions also see:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XFbYVZIOvcAnKoPu9zts7i_xFYqkRBoTi2FAARL2pco/edit And the show's Facebook event link is <https://fb.me/e/1vLyR45Lx>

Tickets are pay-what-you-can with suggested prices between \$10 and \$50. EPC members can also attend the show for free, if desired. The Theatre group is very appreciative of being able to use our space for this production and reminded us again this week that EPC members can attend for free. Just email birthplayproject@gmail.com with the date you'd like to come, the name to reserve tickets under, the number of tickets requested, and whether you'd prefer to sit in chairs or on the grass. I am also quite sure that you can just show up for the play any one of these evenings by 7:30 pm and you will still be able to get in without prior reservations. *Rich*

Anti-Racism Spiritual Pilgrimage

In 2020-2021, 150 people from over 30 PTCA congregations participated in the first pilgrimage including 5 members of EPC. From September 1, 2021, through June 6, 2022, the Presbytery is again offering the Anti-Racism Spiritual Pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage will require 30 minutes a week of study (with breaks for Christmas and Easter), 5 small group Zoom gatherings every other month (with a choice of 3 different times) and extra opportunities for special events throughout the year. Each week participants will be sent resources through their email to learn more about the specific weekly topics. These resources include historical documents, videos, indigenous wisdom, and personal narrative.

Members of EPC are encouraged to join this year's pilgrimage "to take a closer look at the history of racism and resistance to racial oppression in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin so we are better equipped to take action in solidarity with ongoing efforts to repair centuries of oppression and move toward the life-giving justice for all that God intends."

To register click here <https://anti-racism-ptca.weebly.com/>

Thank you for considering joining the pilgrimage, *Connie Howe-Vielmetti and Meredith Holt*

August Missions

Our mission contributions for the month of August will go to Highland Park High School for their library to purchase additional reading resources. Highland Park High School is right next door to the church and has about 1300 students in grades 9 -12. It is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World school. IB students are evaluated with their peers worldwide. Highland Senior is the only Saint Paul Public Schools high school in which all ninth and tenth grade students participate in the IB Middle Years Programme; IB Diploma classes in all subjects are open to grades 11-12. You can contribute to our mission donations for August by indicating "August Missions" on the memo line of your contribution check to EPC or by noting this in the Notes Box of any online contribution.

Masking Update

Due to the recent update in the CDC guidelines regarding Covid-19, a new masking guideline has been approved by Session: "Per CDC guidelines, it is the EPC policy that all who gather in the church building for indoor worship or church business wear a mask. If they are feeling ill, we ask that they stay at home. This policy is in order to protect those of us who are immune compromised or have underlying health issues". This will affect all indoor worship services for the foreseeable future. *Session*

Prayers

- For Pastor Luna and Pastor Phil while they are on vacation.