

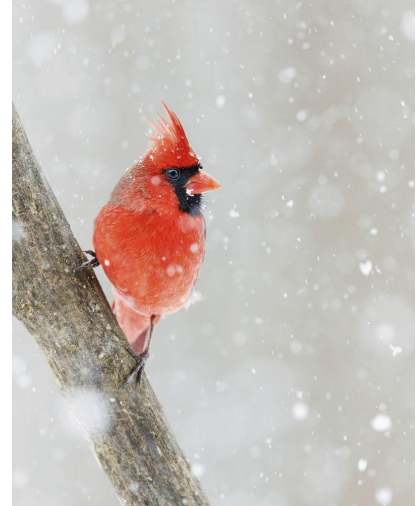
# Edgcumbe

## Presbyterian Church

### Midweek Update

### February 22, 2023

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### Minnesota Meditation & the Holy Instant

Two weeks ago I filled up the little gas can for our snow blower at home, and I thought to myself: Maybe we won't need this gas anymore this year....Happy record February snowstorm, everybody! Today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, the time of the church year when we think about our mortality, about surrender, about what I am willing to give up or release to make space for God's calling in my life. One way to celebrate Ash Wednesday is to gather for worship and put a mark of ashes on our foreheads. Another way is the forced coziness and isolation of a February blizzard. I invite you to spend some time today and tomorrow doing nothing but looking out a window and watching the snow fall. You can call it, "Minnesota meditation."

I just spent several minutes myself looking out my window. Do you know what I noticed? It is astoundingly hard to simply BE for even one moment! I'm thinking about the next sentence I need to write; I'm thinking about what happened yesterday, about what's for dinner, about whether my daughter can afford college and on and on. Can I give up thinking for Lent?

*"Consider the birds of the air," says Jesus in Matthew 6. "They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are?" Jesus makes the point clear: "Don't worry about your life, what you'll eat, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes? Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life?"* Imagine with me, if you can, living so perfectly in the moment—like a bird, like a snowflake—that worries slip away and I know only peace, only love, only clarity.

### Celebration of Life for Lois Glewwe

Former EPC office administrator, Lois Glewwe, died suddenly and unexpectedly last week. A memorial service for Lois will be at the First Presbyterian Church in South St. Paul (535 20<sup>th</sup> Ave North, South St.

Paul) on Tuesday, February 28. The service will be at 11:00 am, with visitation an hour before and a lunch to follow off-site at the Dakota County Museum in South St. Paul. Lois' service will be livestreamed, and can be accessed on this page: <https://www.fpcssp.org/services/>

## thank you for your presence, care and prayer with glorian's memorial....

thank you, edgcumbe folk, for the many and various ways you came around me and my family at the time of my mom's celebration of life service!!!! for the prayers, food, hospitality, music and song, zoom, and presence....the village—which is edgcumbe—enfolded us in grace and love...and i will forever have this community and my mom woven together in love in my heart!! in deepest gratitude~ pastor luna®

## Bowling Fun - March 11

Hello Beloved Community,  
It is time to have some FUN! EPC Outreach Committee (Carol, Todd, and Connie) have reserved 2 lanes at the Concord Lanes in South St Paul for some bowling fellowship on Saturday, March 11! We have spots for 12 (but if more are interested, we may be able to secure another lane). It is located at: 365 Concord Exchange N, South St Paul, MN 55075.

Please arrive at 2:00 for 2:15 bowling! Hope to beat you at bowling (Actually, I, Connie, suck at bowling. I AM competitive however!). Please RSVP with # of people attending to Carol Schwickardt at 651-468-9888. This will help us in determining if we need another lane. This is an OUTREACH event, so is a wonderful chance to invite friends and family and new folx to experience EPC outside of worship!

## Bowling Fun - March 11

Todd hopes to get a moving truck for donated furniture for Rondale and Ray Ray and baby Anavi on this Friday, Feb. 24, weather permitting. Please contact Todd if you have anything to donate so he can make the arrangements: [barnesewing03@gmail.com](mailto:barnesewing03@gmail.com).

## March Anniversaries and Birthdays

## February Missions

February Mission focus is on Angelie Ryah and her work with Southern California Latino neighborhoods in San Diego, California. Belong Farm is an organization that works to provide gardens which produce fresh, organic produce for low-income families at the Mexico/US border. This new endeavor is part of [Foodshed](#), an expanding network of regenerative farmers

committed to bringing organic produce and food security into immigrant neighborhoods in Southern California. Her goal is to also supply local migrant shelters with food as more refugees are expected when Title 42 is lifted.

Angelie visited EPC worship last Sunday with an update on her work and ministry.



Please consider a mission donation to help provide seeds and materials for the coming season. You can indicate "SoCal Belong Farm" on the memo line with a check, or on the Give Now application from [epchurch.org](http://epchurch.org) website. Thanks for your support!

### **Prayer Requests**

- Leslie Snow has requested prayers for grandson, Casimir, who is on a ventilator at Children's Hospital.
- For the family and the 1st Presbyterian Church of South St Paul for the sudden death of Lois Glewwe.
- Lynn Wolf has moved from St. John's hospital to Sunrise Senior Living of Roseville, 2555 Snelling Ave N, Roseville, MN 55113 (Room #325)
- Prayers of safety for everyone in our region in the midst of this historic snow storm, with gratitude for the emergency and medical workers and plow drivers and everyone else who keeps us warm and safe and fed.