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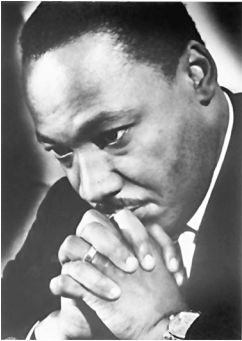
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The Mission of the El Estero Presbyterian Church is to Glorify God
through a Grateful Commitment
to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

Pastor Ted's Message



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
AND THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

"You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!" Matthew 5:43-44

This weekend, Americans will pause to remember and celebrate the life of the great civil rights leader, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. But did you know that Martin Luther King Jr. was not the name given to him at birth? At birth, he was given the name Michael King Jr.

In 1934, Martin Luther King Jr.'s father, Michael King Sr., traveled to Berlin to attend the Fifth Baptist World Alliance Congress. He and 29 other black pastors helped to integrate the congress in the face of a "color ban." They also condemned the rising anti-Semitism that was prevalent in Nazi Germany.

It was then that Michael King Sr. learned about the life of the great Protestant Reformer Martin Luther. On All Saints Eve, October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door, launching the Protestant Reformation, a movement that changed Western Civilization, religiously, socially, and politically. We get our word "Protestant" from Martin Luther's protest against the injustices of the time. The word "Reformation" is derived from Martin Luther's desire to reform the Roman Catholic Church.

Martin Luther's life made such an impression on him that he changed his name and the name of his son to Martin Luther King Sr. and Martin Luther King Jr.

While Dr. King is well-known for being a civil rights activist, he was first a minister and his faith served as the foundation for his commitment to achieving social justice for all.

He often quoted the Bible in his speeches and his views were firmly rooted in Scripture. As we celebrate the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, let's us not forget about the faith that inspired his actions.

In his sermon, "I've Been to the Mountain Top" Dr. King compared himself to Moses who saw the land God had promised the Israelites but knew he wouldn't enter it. Dr. King said, "He's allowed me to *go up to the mountain and I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land.* I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land!"

In his book, "Martin Luther King Jr. and the Image of God" Richard Wayne Wills Sr. writes of Dr. King's personal faith in God and his passion for justice and equality were inextricably linked. The scripture verse at the top of this article was a favorite verse of Dr. King and a verse that he sought to live out daily. Dr. King once wrote, "It was the Sermon on the Mount, not a doctrine of passive resistance, that inspired the Negroes of Montgomery to social action. It was Jesus of Nazareth that stirred [them] with the creative weapon of love."

As we celebrate Dr. King, may we also remember his commitment to live and treat others as Christ would have.

In Christ,

Pastor Ted



Joys and Concerns

Please continue to pray for



Anne Bevier, Bill Bevier, Don and Dori Chin, Pastor Ted and Sherry Esaki, Cary Gota, Wendy Ichiuji, Adele and Marian Kageyama, Mike Kelly, Kiku Kuwatani, Hiro Manaka, Helen Nakano, Joan Ouye, Lyle and Meja Quock, Robert Suzuki, Jean Tanaka, Tomi Tanaka, Magdalena Thomas, Nami Uyeda, Hedy Yamamoto, Setsuko Yamanishi, May Wong, Pat and Shirley Wong, George Wooding.

Prayers for our church family, for members who are ill, those away from their loved ones, and those who are concerned for family and friends.

Prayers for the citizens of our world that we may defeat this Coronavirus.

Prayers for our medical professionals, first responders, emergency workers, caregivers, grocery clerks., teachers

Prayers for those who have been laid off or are without income.

Prayers for our research and medical scientists as they work for vaccines and a cure for COVID19.

Prayers for our world leaders as they deal with the complex issues facing their nations and our world community.

Prayers for our state and local leaders as they work to keep our communities safe.

Prayers for social justice, racial equality, and peace.

While we have worship services on ZOOM, please let Pastor Ted know via email or a phone call if you have any prayer requests.

COME AND JOIN A BIBLE STUDY

*Magnify * Maturity * Membership * Ministry * Mission*

Please join us.



Let's learn together.

Sunday Morning Adult Study

Daily Devotional: Everyday Pastor Ted writes a Daily Devotional that you can receive online through our church webpage: elesteropc.org and click on This Week

Wednesday Bible Study: Every Wednesday morning, 10:30 – 11:45 am, online through ZOOM. A follow up of Pastor Ted's Sunday Worship Service message. Discussion follows a review of Sunday's sermon with the Sunday worship study guide. Please watch for Pastor Ted's invitation to join each Wednesday's Bible Study on ZOOM. If you would like to join a ZOOM online Bible study, please contact Pastor Ted for more information.

Thursday Evening Q&A: Every Thursday evening, 7:00 pm, Pastor Ted will host a session of questions and answers about Christianity and the Bible. You may submit your questions to Pastor Ted via email and he will respond to your thoughts on Thursday evening. All are welcome to join the group for discussion and in depth learning. Please contact or email Pastor Ted if you are interested and your questions.

Friday Evening Prayer Meeting: Every Friday evening, 7:00 pm, Pastor Ted will host a prayer meeting. All are welcome to join the prayer session for fellowship, joys and concerns, personal prayer and prayers for those on the weekly Prayer Fuel. This is a ZOOM meeting. Please email Pastor Ted for the ZOOM invitation.

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PER CAPITA DUES

One last gentle reminder ... Our annual Per Capita Dues are due to the Presbytery by February.

Per Capita for 2022 is \$40.50 per El Estero Presbyterian Church member.

Please make your check payable to El Estero Presbyterian Church. Indicate "Per Capita" on your check and please keep your per capita check separate from your offering or pledge. Sending separate checks helps our counting and book keeping. Thank you for attending to this compensation to the Presbytery.



ART and HIKING FELLOWSHIP

Our ART and Hiking Fellowship will meet at 9:30 am on
Saturday, January 22, 2022.

We will be walking from the church, around Lake El Estero and back to the church. After our walk we will have refreshments at church.

See you all for an invigorating morning walk.



CONTRATULATIONS TO THE OPEN ART STUDIO FOR STARTING 5 YEARS OF
painting, sketching, drawing, and being creative.
Special THANKS to Bob McIntyre for his leadership and inspiration!!!



Tree with Rainbow. Taye Tashiro



Sea Otter.
Nancy



Sea Otter Preserve.
Nancy



Woodcut of Maho Flower with Natural Leaf Print. Irene



Fred's House.
KC

Carved Woodcut of Hibiscus Flower.
Irene



Andrew Wyeth Study.
Mar



Andrew Wyeth Study.
Mar

Birch Grove.
Mar





Coast House Late Afternoon. Mark



Palo Corona Oak. Mark



Tea Time at Nepenthe. Mark

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Worship Service on ZOOM starts at 10:30 am. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.						
		1	2 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	3 1:00 pm Deacons' Mtg on ZOOM 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	4 7:00 pm Prayer Mtg on ZOOM	5 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
6 10:30 am Worship Service on ZOOM Communion	7 10:00 am Outreach Mtg.	8	9 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	10 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	11 7:00 pm Prayer Mtg on ZOOM	12 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
13 10:30 am Worship Service on ZOOM Session Mtg.	14 9:30 am Finance Mtg. VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM 7:00 pm Spiritual Growth Mtg.	17 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	18 Echoes Articles Due 7:00 pm Prayer Mtg on ZOOM	19 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
20 10:30 am Worship Service on ZOOM	21 PRESIDENTS' DAY	22	23 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	24 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	25 7:00 pm Prayer Mtg on ZOOM	26 9:30 am Art and Hiking Fellowship
27 10:30 am Worship Service on ZOOM Congregational Meg to share the Annual Report	28					

El Estero Church's ZOOM worship service on Sundays, 10:30 am, please contact Pastor Ted Esaki and watch for his email invitation. To access the "Sermon Outline" and the "Worship Bulletin" for Sunday's worship service, go to our website elesteropc.org and click on Messages.

To join our Wednesday morning Bible Study 10:30 am on ZOOM, please contact Pastor Ted and watch for his email invitation.

To join our Thursday evening Q & A session 7:00 – 8:00 pm on ZOOM, please contact Pastor Ted and watch for his email invitation.

To join our Friday evening Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm on ZOOM, please contact Pastor Ted and watch for his email invitation.

To join our Open Art Studio on Saturday, 10:00 am on ZOOM, please contact Bob McIntyre and watch for Lynn G's email invitation

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*He has told you, O man, what is good;
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice, to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8