

"Where the Word of God is preached and people come to know the Lord"

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From Pastor Karen

One thing we learn in counseling classes is that anger is a secondary emotion. That means when we are angry, is it because we are feeling something else, some other emotion, first. I have been angry this past week. But when I reflect on that anger, I realize that I am angry because I am heartbroken. I am angry because I am exhausted and exasperated. I am angry because I feel powerless against the division and violence and hatred that is permeating our society right now.

This week, a 17-year-old was arrested in Illinois and charged with murder because it appears as if this boy was walking the streets of Kenosha, Wisconsin the night before with a long gun, which he then used to fire into a crowd of protesters, killing two and wounding another. What do we even do with this? What kind of society have we created when a 17-year-old child (and he absolutely is a child) feels like he needs to walk the streets of a city armed and ready to kill people? This is not something that should be applauded. This is not the world I want to raise my child in. This is not the world I want for any of our children.

Rather than point fingers and assign blame, I think every single one of us needs to stop and think about how we have contributed to this culture of hatred and division and violence, because we absolutely all have. If not directly by our actions, then by our inaction. We need to, and I'm going to use a very churchy word here: repent. We need to turn and go a different direction. God is weeping right now. God is weeping for lives lost, God is weeping for that 17-year-old boy who pulled the trigger, and God is calling us to set aside our hatred and division to work in the name of God's love for peace and reconciliation.

I know that none of us is perfect. We are all broken. We are all fallible. We get it wrong more often than we get it right. But we are absolutely better than this. God help us, we have to be.

In Christ, Pastor Karen



Bishop Eaton
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Jacob Blake. Have we already moved past Breona Taylor and George Floyd? Have we moved past Ahmad Arbery? What about Michael Brown, Tamir Rice, Freddy Gray. No .This is an existential threat to people of color. It must be an existential threat to white people too.

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Respect the disease. Provide for the spiritual and physical needs of the neighbor. Make use of medical aid. Care for one another, especially the most vulnerable. ~Bishop Eaton

**I shall ask God mercifully to protect us.
Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air,
administer medicine, and take it.**

**I shall avoid places and
persons where my
presence is not needed
in order not to become
contaminated and thus
perchance infect and
pollute others.**

- Martin Luther, 1527



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

09/03—Emily & AJ West

Rick & Sarah Curry

09/12—Dennis Krucinski & Casey Backus

09/14—Javier Garcia & Wendy Wasnich

09/29—Dan & Amy Long

*Happy
Anniversary*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/01—Dan Bishop

Lisa Schiemann

09/04—Betty Harper

09/05—Amy Long

09/06—Kitty Honaker

09/07—Sharon McKinney

Karen Warren

Doug Bowersock

09/08—Anne DaHinden

09/09—Tyler Schiemann

09/13—Mason Myers

09/14—Kylie Egedyi

09/15—Nevanka Fulk

09/17—Jill Hamler

09/20—Lynn Siloy

09/24—Scott Curry

09/25—Norma McClaran

09/27—Ella White

09/28—Bethanee Bishop

Birthday Highlight:

Betty Harper 91 years!!!
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