

EASTRIDGE

Presbyterian Church



The weekly Lamp

Today at Eastridge:

10:00 am Worship—ONLINE with chat following
10:45 am Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

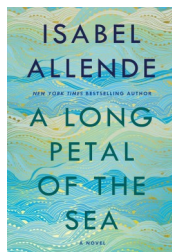
Per Capita: Time to think about Per Capita! When each Eastridge member pays his/her per capita, it allows our offerings to fund more items in the general budget. This year, **per capita is \$45.10 per member.**



Pastor Melodie is leading a **Bible Study on Mark** - Thursdays at 10 am via Zoom. It began Thursday, January 7, and will run through February 11. There is no book to purchase...just send an email to the office (office@eastridge.org) or Pastor Melodie to sign up!



EPC Book Club: Meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. For a complete list of this year's picks, head to the church website on the calendar page. We will plan to meet via Zoom in February. February pick at right, *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende.



Anti-Racism Taskforce:

Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Usually, we are encouraged to devote the day to service to others in our community, but this year may be different. Social distancing guidelines limit opportunities to gather for service, but it is still possible to reach out by calling a neighbor, making a monetary donation to reduce hunger, or contacting a legislator to share your opinion. Regardless, we can honor MLK's memory by expanding our understanding of his guiding principles of beauty, love, and justice.

"What would Martin Luther King Jr. think of America today?" (FOX 26 Houston, Isiah Carey, 1/20/20, 9:38 min.) A lot has changed in the past 50 years. A panel of Black leaders in Houston respond to the question, "What would Martin Luther King Jr. say if he were here to see America as it is today?"

<https://www.fox26houston.com/video/646423>

"What would MLK Jr. say today?" (CBS This Morning, 1/17/20, 1:15 min.)

Martin Luther King Jr.'s son, Martin Luther King III, is asked what he thinks his father would say if he were alive today.

<https://youtu.be/h-zJOZtv-gM>

"What Is Your Life's Blueprint?" (10/26/67, 20:38 min.). Rarely seen footage of Martin Luther King, Jr., speaking to students at Barratt Junior High School in Philadelphia.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmsAxX84cjQ>

Text: <http://bit.ly/2X3o6oM>

"Abraham, Martin, and John," (Dion). A haunting song honoring four American martyrs: "Didn't you love the things that they stood for? Didn't they try to find some good for you and me? And we'll be free someday soon, and it's a-gonna be one day ..."

<http://bit.ly/2KP1AXb>

Racial

Equity Challenge

Eastridge Church Directory: Our photo directory that we began planning in 2019 is still a work in progress! Lifetouch suspended operations during the height of the pandemic, but we now are studying a proof and hope to have it in print soon!

Lifetouch

Prayers for:
Better Casper,
Marjorie Jean Prince

PRAYERS

Condolences to the family of Beth Sprude (mother of Andy Kalnins' sons, Thomas and Riley).

Condolences to the family of Richard Perry.

In an effort to share with the community our message of hope and compassion, and our willingness to help, the **Outreach Committee and Antiracism Taskforce** have created a sign. Soon the message shown here will be shared on the banner by the SW corner of the church parking lot, and also on yard signs placed around the church property. In addition, these yard signs are available to members to place in their own yard, with a smaller sign for those who would like to post it in their window or on a door. Let the office know if you'd like a sign!



Devotion ministry at Eastridge: We are always looking for more writers for our online and emailed devotion ministry! If you would like to write occasionally or monthly, please send an email to the office! This is an ongoing, five-days-a-week ministry that blesses many!

Thank you to all who attended and donated at the drive-in organ concert on December 27th. \$ 1,023 was raised to help restock the Food Pantry after it has been expanded this winter.

Brian Lew, Brent Shaw, Kylie Meter





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Due to the current events so many Americans and people around the world have hearts that are saddened and minds that are in shock. **The Outreach Committee is sharing a prayer from the Presbyterian Outlook.**

Prayers of the people: Let our stumbling be an occasion for humility by Roy Howard

Eternally loving Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we bow before you our maker and our only redeemer. Have mercy upon us and upon the nation in this time of unprecedented violence undermining all sense of common good and thwarting every effort to heal the bleeding wounds of our division. We are mindful that it is not by our power that peace will reign

but through the power of your Spirit working in us to do that which is your will for all nations: upholding justice, righteousness and the common good for all people.

Blessed God, we confess we are in deep need. Fear, anger and anxiety are mixed with a bewildering sadness at the plight of this nation. We don't know any way forward that will turn bitter enemies into partners who will join one another seeking peace for this nation. We are stumbling.

Let our stumbling be an occasion for humility and a deep turning to you.

By your merciful Spirit, fill us with courage that we will not falter in the calling to be instruments of your peace, ambassadors of your saving love in Jesus Christ, the hope of the world. As your ambassadors, deliver us from all cowardice that we may confront

malignant forces of evil arrayed against the creation of a nation that honors all people.

We are also mindful of those elected officials whose duty it is to uphold the laws of the nation. Grant unto them the wisdom to do what is right in your sight, even when the right thing is the hardest thing. Stay the hand of the one in power so the common good of the people will not face further harm. Let not such power be used for wickedness upon the innocent or upon this nation.

Great Trinity of Love: receive our prayers. Satisfy those that align with your eternal purpose. Give to us faith and courage, And grant that by your Holy Spirit, we may walk in the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



CHATS following worship for 2021:

Our Sunday morning after worship chat will feature speakers that have fun, interesting, and sometimes quirky passions! We're gathering together a list of artists of many different mediums and inviting them to a lighthearted and meaningful conversation.



TODAY:

Maggie Stuckey, Lincoln Parks Foundation.
We'll talk with Maggie about the great Lincoln trail system, and more!



Next week (January 24): Terri James. Terri is currently an Extension Educator at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Professional duties with Nebraska Extension include coordination of the State Extension Master Gardener Volunteer program, content development for the Backyard Farmer program as well as coordinating and teaching the local East Campus Master Gardener Volunteer program.



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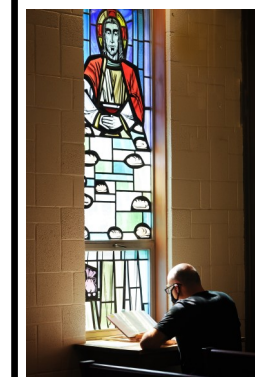
The Annual Meeting will be via Zoom on January 31 at 3:00 pm. Information will be e-mailed out in advance. If you head a committee and usually submit something for our annual report, please do so! Deadline for these reports: January 18.



"History is an Open Book"
Study: This book study group will meet again on February 7 at 2 pm. We'll do "How the Post Office Created America" by Winifred Gallagher. Gallagher's book tells the story of the postal service in America - from the first letters to the millions of letters sent today. Join us via Zoom. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/historybookdiscussion>

Nebraska Corona Bible:

Maybe there is still a chapter at your home that hasn't been returned? If so: please do so by January 18, 2021.



Or maybe your life situation has changed, and you are not able to complete what you have signed up for? If so: please let us know immediately. We will be sending out another update in early 2021 with a list of chapters that we haven't received back. Please watch for that message, as we will likely look for additional copiers to "fill the gaps".