



Men's Discussion Group—Tuesdays 7-8 am
Where: The Mill 48th & Prescott



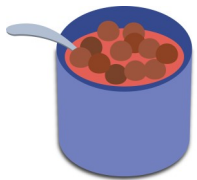
Table Talk: Mary – Maiden, Mother & Queen
 Started Tuesday, December 4. We meet from 12-1pm (weekly during Advent). Join us around the Table, as we reflect this Advent on the Mother of Jesus. Please bring your own brown bag lunch. Led by Rev. Thomas Dummermuth.

Join us each **Wednesday evening during Advent** at 6:30 pm for worship. A soup supper is served just prior, at 6:00 pm in the Welcome Center.

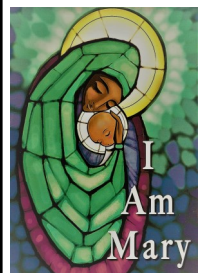


We still have openings to provide **dinner for the Youth Group**. If you are interested in providing a meal, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054bafac2ca3fc1-youth3> or contact the church office.

This year, the children will share the **Christmas story during the 5:00pm Christmas Eve service** through action and song. As the story is read, the children will build the nativity scene. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.



ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS: Sign up to provide a crock pot of soup for our Advent Soup Suppers!
 Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054bafac2ca3fc1-soup2>. Or call the office!



I Am Mary. This advent focus will begin for the Wednesday morning Bible study on November 28 and continue through December 19. Pastor Thomas will start a Tuesday 12:00 pm Table Talk beginning December 4; and the book will also be the focus during Wednesday evening Advent worship. Join either of these groups, or plan to attend worship at 6:30 pm Wednesdays!



Poinsettia forms are available at the Welcome Desk. Last minute orders are okay! Please leave in the office inbox (just outside office door), or in the offering plate.



Community Action's Tax Prep program is looking for dedicated volunteers who are willing to participate in a program that helps low to moderate-income individuals and families prepare their tax returns. More information can be found on the website www.communityactionatwork.org/help/volunteer/taxprep.html

The challenge: in order to meet our anticipated income for the year, we are extending a giving challenge of \$250,000 during this final quarter of the year. Please, consider helping us meet our budgeted expenses through the rest of the year. Every gift, large or small, matters!



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EASTRIDGE
 Presbyterian Church
The weekly Lamp



Today at Eastridge:

- 9:00 am Worship—Sanctuary
- 10:00 am GiFT Activity/Wassail—Welcome Center
- 11:00 am Worship—Sanctuary
- 11:15 am Faith Connection for Preschool—L13
- 1:15 pm Christmas Caroling

Prayers

Church Phone: 402-488-7844 to request prayers.

Prayer Concerns: Robin Hadfield, Carol McClain, Larry Young, Christi Bauer

Condolences to the family of Ken Stading. Ken's memorial service will be Monday, December 10 at 11:00 am.



New Member Orientation: On December 16 at 10:00 am, we'll host another New Member Orientation for those interested in joining, or just wanting to learn more.



Eastridge Presbyterian Women Cookie Sale: Just in time for Christmas gatherings, Sunday December 16, EPW will be selling cookies to raise money for mission projects. Individual cookies will be for sale for \$.50, 1/2 dozen for \$3.00, or a whole dozen for \$5.00. Cookies will be for sale between services at 10:00 a.m. and after the 11:00 service at 12:00 p.m.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Shirley Flynn-Bell & Susan Taylor

USHERS: 9:00 am Ralph Riemann, Kurt Beck, Brad Devall,
Seth Crawford

11:00 am Chris Boden, Bill & Barb Woito

LITURGIST: Shirlette Hershiser

ACOLYTE: Jackson Northouse

NURSERY CARE: Upstairs at the end of the east hallway

SANCTUARY CLEANUP: Chapman family

GiFT

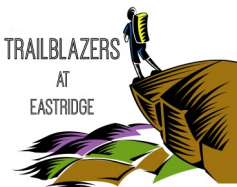
GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

December GiFT: What does the Nicene Creed have to do with Christmas Carols? Join us TODAY to sing Christmas carols - and hear the Nicene Creed with new ears! Christmas cookies and wassail provided (between services).

Join us for **Lessons and Carols** on Sunday, December 16 at both services. You'll enjoy music by our Chancel Choir and others, led by choir director Brian Lew.



TRAILBLAZERS
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Trailblazers for December: on Friday, December 14 at 7:00 pm we will have our annual gift exchange/caroling evening! Join us in the Huxtable Lounge that evening. For more info, contact your hosts in the handbook.



HOSPICE SINGERS: During the month of October, 18 people from various Lincoln churches received hospice training and have begun preparing to provide bedside singing to those who have been placed in hospice care. The purpose of this new EPC music ministry mission is to bring comfort and peace, through music, to those who are receiving hospice care. Anyone wishing to have this group sing for a loved one or friend in hospice care should contact Patty Niemann, Eastridge Hospice Singers coordinator (402-432-8353 or pniemann54@gmail.com).

At Eastridge today and coming soon!

The **Bethlehem peace light** will be coming to Eastridge on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. as part of our Advent Worship. Please bring a lantern or candle with you if you want to take the Peace Light home.



Thank you for the immediate response to our **2019 Stewardship Pledge Drive**. We have asked the congregation to **increase giving by 3% for 2019**, making our giving goal for 2019 \$605,000. Please help us reach this goal! Thank you for all of your gifts.



Plan now to join in on the joy of **Christmas Caroling THIS AFTERNOON**. We'll meet in the Welcome Center at 1:15 pm and go out as teams to different areas of the city to spread Christmas cheer. We'll carol from 1:30 - 3:30 pm and meet back at the church for holiday treats.



Confirmation Mentor Meeting will be following our Advent Worship on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. We'll meet in M12. This meeting is for students and mentors.



Angel-Mitten Tree 2018: The tree is up! There are angels and ornaments with wishes from the following Lincoln entities: Cedars, Aging Partners, Fresh Start, Clinton Elementary, Lefler Middle School, Presbyterian Mission, and several families. Follow the instructions on the back of the angel/ornament.

This Week at Eastridge

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 10:00 am Intentional Living Mastermind Group—M12
- 11:00 am Ken Stading Memorial Service & Luncheon
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts—L11
- 1:30 pm Tai Chi Class—Narthex
- 6:30 pm Advent study—Huxtable Lounge
- 6:30 pm "Searching and Fearless" AA Meeting—M12
- 6:30 pm Lincoln Irish Dancers—Roeske Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 7:00 am Men's Study—The Mill on Prescott
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
- 12:00 pm Table Talk: *Mary: Maiden, Mother & Queen*—Huxtable
- 3:15 pm Elementary Faith Connection—various
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir—L4
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Cookie Training—Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry—Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 6:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast—HyVee on O Street
- 10:30 am Advent Study—Conference Room
- 4:00 pm Food Pantry Distribution
- 5:30 pm Youth Faith Connection
- 6:00 pm Advent Soup Supper—Welcome Center
- 6:30 pm Advent Worship—Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Mentor Meeting—M12

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 1:30 pm Tai Chi Class—Narthex
- 6:00 pm Girl Scout Cookie Training—Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 pm Deacon Meeting—Huxtable Lounge

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 7:00 pm Trailblazers—Huxtable Lounge

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 9:00 am Lessons & Carols Rehearsal—Sanctuary & M12