



The weekly Lamp

Today at Eastridge:

- 9:00 am Parking Lot Worship
- 10:00 am Worship—ONLINE
- 10:45 am Virtual Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
- 6:30 pm Movie Night —East Patio



The Hunger Action Board offers the following information for anyone who would like to contact Gov. Ricketts about the failure to provide SNAP (food stamp) benefits to those in need during the pandemic. Nebraska is the only state which has not provided additional federal SNAP benefits that are funded by the federal government, which pays the full cost of the extra food aid and half the administrative costs. A form on the governor's webpage can be used to send him a message about this issue: <https://governor.nebraska.gov/contact-form>



Finance Report

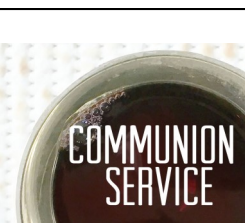
Our pandemic financial situation is having a cumulative effect. As the months pass, we are in danger of having to eliminate ministries here at Eastridge. **We are so thankful for those of you who continue to give!** You can give by going to www.eastridge.org or by mailing your donation.

Income to date (September 11):	\$ 309,325 (53%)
Should be at	\$ 412,698 (71%)
Last year (2019) at this time:	\$ 360,933

PARKING LOT WORSHIP: Every Sunday, 9 am, parking lot worship service (30 minutes). This service will consist of two pieces of music, scripture, sermon, and prayers. The service will be transmitted on an FM radio frequency, so you can stay in your car unmasked if you like. Or, if you prefer, bring your chairs and sit by your car. Please bring your own communion elements the first Sunday of the month! Wor-



ship will be oriented to the corner of the Food Pantry building. **Please plan to leave engine turned off and bring a hand held radio if you plan to sit in chairs just outside your vehicle.**



Communion worship: 2nd Wednesday of the month in the sanctuary (by reservation ONLY, 15 minutes). Time slots will be limited and spaced throughout the day to allow for sanitization and cleaning. This service consists of two short pieces of music, a short scripture reading, and the Lord's Supper. Worshippers will be asked to come in the side (south) door of the sanctuary, keeping physical distance and wearing masks. **Sign up at** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co54BAFAC2CA3FC1-communion1>

Anti-Racism Taskforce: About ten weeks ago, you were invited to join the 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge. During that time, your awareness of the racism that is part of our society has probably been raised. At this point, you're encouraged to mark your progress on this racial equity journey. "The Checklist for White Allies Against Racism" is designed to do just that:

<https://www.powershift.org/resources/checklist-white-allies>

Looking for local opportunities to strengthen the Lincoln community by creating dialogue and driving action that combats racial inequity?

<https://togetheronelincoln.org/>



Prayers for: Pat Mulligan, Jack Pittman

PRAYERS

Condolences to the families of: Peter Frazier Koontz and Denise Huxtable.



October Book Club Pick: Join us Monday, October 12 at 7:00 pm in the narthex for discussion on *The Life She Was Given* by Ellen Marie Wiseman.



William M. Wehrbein, Jo Bateman, and I organized a EPC team for the 2020 Virtual CROP Walk this year. Scheduled for Sunday, October 11th. This year is a little different than in the past, you can walk the week before or the week after October 11th. You can schedule your walk and either do it by yourself or in a small group, whatever works best for you. If you decide to join the EPC team, please send me photos of you and or your group walking and I will add to the team photos. **The CROP Walk** supports the Eastridge Pantry, Tabitha Meals on Wheels and several other local Food Pantries. If you would like to join the team and/or donate I have included the link below to the website. You can also donate directly to a team walker. ~ Susan Budler <https://www.crophungerwalk.org>

A New Season of HOLY FRIENDS – starting September 28

"*Holy Friends*" is a series of monthly conversations with members from different faith communities. Inspired by Barbara Brown Taylor's recent book "Holy Envy", we seek to encounter different spiritual traditions with curiosity, respect, and a sense of wonder.



Join us via Zoom. Contact the office for more info.

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Communion Sunday is the first Sunday of the month! Bring the bread and juice that you have as you prepare for worship.

Join us for worship Sundays at 10 am! You'll find us at www.eastridge.org and our Facebook page!



MOVIE NIGHT: TONIGHT! Join us September 20 at 6:30 pm on the East side of the church. Bring your own blanket or chairs. A family-friendly show will be shown.

Faith Connection for Youth: The Faith Connection program for our youth will be altered in order to accommodate safe physical distancing. This means we will begin the year meeting in small groups. These gatherings will be outdoors and require distancing.

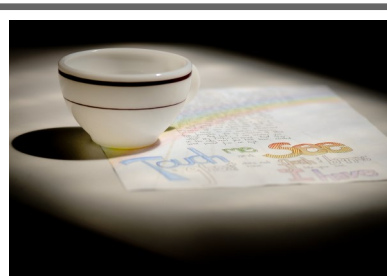


We need YOU to help prepare for our **Christmas Eve services!** Have you sung in the congregational pop-up choir for "Still, Still, Still"? Like to sing "Silent Night" with our traditional candle lighting? We would love

you to be a part of these traditions this year as we prepare for online worship on Christmas Eve. I would like for as many of us to join together in creating a virtual choir for both of these pieces. The process is quite simple! Please reach out to me (Brian) if you would like to learn more about how to contribute to these musical songs that we cherish so much each Christmas Eve.

Per Capita

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.**



Corona Bible: It's not too late to sign up to copy a chapter of the Bible...see the Eastridge website for more information! Click on the link below for more info: <https://nebraskacoronabile.com/>



Help! We are in need of church members to help usher and direct traffic for our parking lot worship.

Click on the link below for more information:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co54BAFAC2CA3FC1-parking>

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Need to visit with someone in the office?
 Please call ahead for an appointment.
 When you arrive, call the office number
402-488-7844.



Eastridge Presbyterian Community: have you checked out this Facebook group? It's for you to share news and information with one another. Contact the office for more information if you are not already part of the group.



History: It's an Open Book: It's not book club, but a quarterly history discussion group based on a book! Led by Pastor Melodie, the focus is stories recently uncovered that we have not known or did not study. We begin on Zoom,

Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 3:30 pm. Our first book is *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. Copies are available to borrow through the church office. **Sign up here to join:**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co54BAFAC2CA3FC1-history>



This fall: A **Worship Box** will be delivered to the homes of our elementary aged children.

A **Bitmoji Classroom** is a virtual classroom with lessons and activities for children to explore.

Outdoor Fellowship Gatherings with physical distancing, masks, and limited numbers will be explored on a once a month basis in order to give the children an opportunity to see one another.