



The weekly Lamp

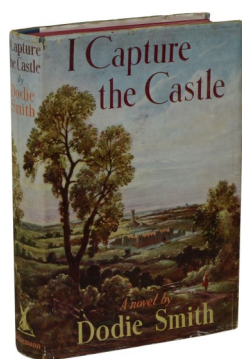
Today at Eastridge:

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

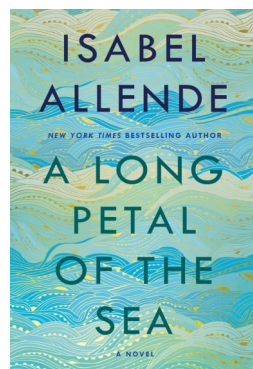
ANGEL TREE UPDATE: Eastridge is a very generous congregation. You fulfilled all the wishes for our projects. Because of the pandemic, we reconfigured the giving process and gave either online, or gift cards. Thank you for your contributions! More info in the January newsletter.



Book Club in 2021: Join us in January when we read and discuss *I Capture the Castle* by Dodie Smith. 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. For February: *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende.



Anti-Racism Taskforce: In preparation for the commemoration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 18th, take time this week to learn more about his life. Or listen to one of today's spiritual leaders share his thoughts about MLK's example of "love your neighbor." Or absorb the plaintive song of an activist musician longing for racial equity.

"Martin Luther King Jr: Quotes, Assassination & Facts," (HISTORY.COM EDITORS, 2/21/20). A collection of information about MLK includ-

ing biographical notes, words from his speeches, and the story leading up to his assassination.

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/martin-luther-king-jr>

"Love is the Way," (PBS News Hour, 1/1/21). An interview with the Most Rev. Michael Curry, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church of the U.S.

<http://to.pbs.org/2LemxdK>

"Sweeter," (Leon Bridges). Hear the lament of a Black man who yearns for a sweeter life without prejudice toward his dark skin.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?7hQ&feature=emb_logo

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, Wanda Gardner, Marjorie Jean Prince, Andy Kalnins and family for health concerns.

PRAYERS

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 will be made 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. Watch for information on the distribution of the signs once they are available.



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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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!

Thank you to the congregation at Eastridge Presbyterian Church. Your gifts and support have made a huge difference! It is humbling to realize the power of serving God together. Especially during a year of uncertainty, the connection we have in Christ binds us together. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your contributions in 2020!

Financials for the week (as of December 31):

Year to date (2020): \$ 546,973
Thank you for your generosity this year!



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.**

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. We'll hear from painters, performers, musicians, photographers, chefs, builders, gardeners, and entrepreneurs. TODAY:



*In a previous life, **Carla Maurer** was the singer in a band. Today, she leaves the majority of her own singing to church hymns as the vicar of the Swiss Church in London.

After graduating in Reformed Theology from Berne, Switzerland, Carla moved to Strasbourg in France to work for the Conference of European Churches. She's stayed since engaged in ecumenical cooperation, and coordinated fun things like the first Pop Up Monastery.

Carla is married to Julian Simmons, a London based record producer. They have a son, Yuvi Mark, born in 2018.

Next week: *Maggie Stuckey, Lincoln Parks Foundation*

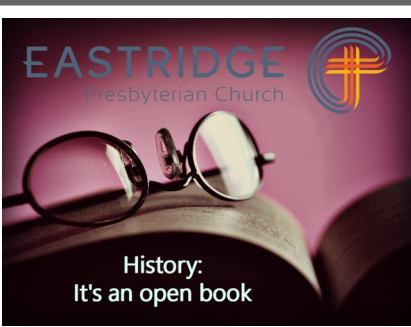
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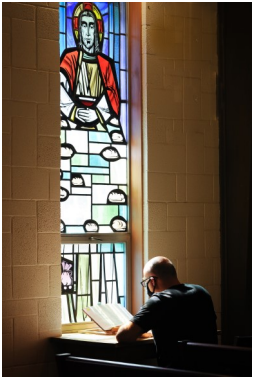
The Annual Meeting will be via Zoom on January 31 at 3:00 pm. Information will be e-mailed out in advance. If you head a committee and usually submit something for our annual report, please do so! Deadline for these reports: January 15.



"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 11, 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".