

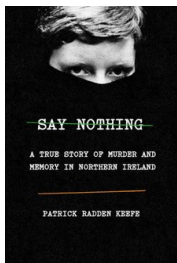


The weekly Lamp

Today at Eastridge:

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

Your response to the signs made available by the **Outreach Committee and Antiracism Taskforce** has been great, so great that we have nearly given out our initial order of the yard signs! We still have several of the 9 x12 window signs available. Contact the office if you'd like one, or stop in the Welcome Center and pick one up (in the bookcase near office area).



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. March pick: *Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland* by Patrick Radden Keefe.

Anti-Racism Taskforce:

Matthew 44 tells us to "...love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who mistreat you and persecute you."

Sometimes that directive is nearly impossible to follow when two people have opposite world views based on generations of tradition. Still, dedication to a common objective can help bridge the divide between enemies. In our history, there are numerous stories of people from varied racial groups finding common ground in shared causes.



"The Best of Enemies" (2019) In 1971, civil rights activist, Ann Atwater (Taraji P. Henson), and KKK leader, C. P. Ellis (Sam Rockwell), struck up an unexpected alliance that led to the desegregation of the schools in Durham, North Carolina. (Hulu, Sling TV, Amazon Prime Video, Showtime, Vudu, YouTube, Google Play Movie, Showtime Anytime)

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"Why Can't We All Just...Get Along?" Jacob Whitesides (born 1997) is a singer-songwriter from Knoxville, Tennessee. <https://bit.ly/3pQOV5g>

LENTEN M.I.C.R.O PRACTICES

Lenten micropractices:

Each day, Pastor Thomas has been posting the daily micro-practice (from the booklet mailed out) online in the Facebook group, Eastridge Presbyterian Community. Check it out! There's also a chance to comment on each practice/day. If you didn't receive a booklet, contact the office!



Prayers for: Karen Frazier, Brooks Linam, Cindy Laughter's father, Bob Rhodes; Muriel Boden, the mother of member Mike Boden.

Condolences to the family of Lois Kemble. Lois' service was held last Tuesday at Roper & Sons Funeral Home.

Please contact the office for prayers.



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Meg Curtiss

HONOR JIM BY JOINING HIS CHILDREN IN SENDING HIM CARDS AND PHOTOS REMEMBERING HIS MINISTRY

Please send cards by March 1st to:
113 Zenith Dr.
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503-0282



Join us each Sunday in February as our high school seniors will share a reflection on the Sunday scripture. In addition to our seniors, other members of the youth group will serve as liturgist, assist

with Communion, and hopefully share some musical offerings. It will be a great chance to catch up with our youth!

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Lenten Monastery at Home

February 27 through March 6

Longing for a Lenten retreat - but you can't get away?

Join us for Virtual Lenten Monastery: a week of intention and reflection in the midst of your daily activities and regular commitments.

Each morning, you will receive a text or email with a verse from scripture, a question, and a short exercise which you can do sometime throughout the day.

Every night at 9 pm, we will meet by Zoom for 30 minutes of shared reflection and contemplation.

Interested? Contact Pastor Thomas: tdummermuth@eastridge.org or text @lentenmo to 81010



Bistro Theology
FAITH. DRINKS. DISCUSSION. QUESTIONS.

Bistro Theology meets again on February 25 – via Zoom. We will meet at 6:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm.

CHATS following worship :

TODAY: Patty Forsberg is a spiritual director in Lincoln, Nebraska. She is co- director of Nebraska Contemplative Outreach and teaches and leads retreats with Centering Prayer, Welcoming Prayer, Boundless Compassion, Bio-Spiritual Focusing and the Enneagram. Patty also leads workshops at Contemplate Lincoln. pattyforsberg.com



February 28: Rev. Anne Russ graduated from Andover Newton Theological School, and has been an ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church USA for almost 20 years. She currently resides in New York City, where she engages with an online community through her website www.doubtingbeliever.com.



March 7: Kevin Shinn, Lincoln resident for 30 years. Chef, Author and Musician. Find his words and music at 55degrees.us



Join us each week following worship!

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We have **Eastridge T-shirts!** Let the office know if you are interested in a short or long sleeve t-shirt with the Eastridge logo. Black, in a variety of sizes. No cost, but donation accepted!

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 was able to get a proof to us before they stopped printing directories (we understand this is a business move related to the pandemic). Thankfully, we have a solution: Eastridge member and owner of Print Solutions, Larry Graham, will be printing them for us! **Free will donations will be accepted to cover the costs of printing.** We hope to have them soon!



Nebraska Corona Bible:

Maybe there is still a chapter at your home that hasn't been returned? If so: please do so by February 25, 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".

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Re-opening Survey: Did you complete the online survey we mailed out this week via

Constant Contact? If not, please take a moment to complete. Mailed copies (to those without email) will be sent later this week.