



## Join us this Lent and Holy Week!

Watch our **Eastridge Presbyterian Community Facebook Group** for daily micro-practices throughout the season!

**Virtual Monastery**, February 27-March 6 (more info on page 3)

**Ash Wednesday Worship**, February 17, 2021, 6:30 pm (on Zoom), ashes available by request or in the Welcome Center

Meeting ID: 810 9321 9244 Passcode: EPCLNT or dial +1 312 626 6799

**Sunday Worship** online, February 21-March 21 on Facebook, Youtube, or dial (402)372-5480

**Wednesday Mid-week Worship**, February 24-March 24, 6:30 pm (on Zoom)

Meeting ID: 810 9321 9244 Passcode: EPCLNT or dial +1 312 626 6799

**Palm Sunday Worship**, March 28, 2021

9 am Parking Lot In-Person Worship Service

10 am Online Service on Facebook, Youtube, or dial (402)372-5480

**Maundy Thursday Communion Service**, April 1, 2021, 6:30 pm (on Zoom)

Meeting ID: 810 9321 9244 Passcode: EPCLNT or dial +1 312 626 6799

**Good Friday Service**, April 2, 2021, 6:30 pm Parking Lot In Person

**Easter Sunday**, April 4, 2021

8 am Early Bird Parking Lot In-Person Worship Service: with communion, followed by Eastridge's "traditional" orange juice and donut breakfast

10 am Online Service: on Facebook, Youtube, or dial (402)372-5480 featuring Hallelujah Chorus sung by local PC(USA)choirs



And then...



## Session Highlights: JANUARY

The Session approved the schedule for communion: January 3, February 7, March 7, April 1 Maundy Thursday, April 4 (early service), May 2, June 6, July 4, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5, and December 24.

The Session approved a motion to elect Shirley Flynn Bell as treasurer pro tem effective immediately.

The Session approved the amended proposed budget, which includes a 3 percent salary increase for staff.

The Outreach Committee reported on plans to provide signs of hope and inclusion for the church property and church members.

The Worship and Music Advisory Committee reported on plans for Lent and Holy Week.



From the Antiracism Task Force:

Since 1970, February has been “Black History Month” in the United States; it is also celebrated in Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, and Netherlands. The first recognition was called “Negro History Week” held in 1926 during the second week of February, chosen because it coincided with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12) and Frederick Douglass (Feb. 14). Carter G. Woodson, founder, wrote, “If a race has no history, it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thoughts of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated.”

President Ronald Reagan’s proclamation of the first national celebration asserted “the foremost purpose of Black History Month is to make all Americans of the struggle for freedom and equal opportunity. It is also a time to celebrate the many achievements of blacks in every field.... It not only offers Black Americans an occasion to explore their heritage, but it also offers all Americans an occasion and opportunity to gain a fuller perspective of the contributions of Black Americans to our nation.”

To expand our understanding of how Black Americans enriched the community and culture of our country, the Anti-Racism Taskforce will recommend a movie and some music each week of February. To begin your journey, enjoy these offerings:

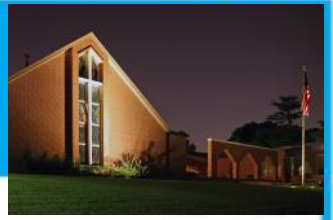
“The Jackie Robinson Story,” starring Jackie Robinson and Ruby Dee (1950), YouTube.

“42” about Jackie Robinson starring Kevin Costner and Chadwick Boseman (2016) broadcast on BET at 7:00 p.m. on February 7.

“Changes,” 2Pac featuring Talent (1996) <http://bit.ly/2MCSrKE>

## EPC Book Club following February’s meeting:

March 8		<b>Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland</b> by Patrick Radden Keefe
April 12		<b>Braised Pork</b> by An Yu
May 10		<b>Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family</b> by Robert Kolker
June 14		<b>Dear Edward</b> by Ann Napolitano



## Eastridge Presbyterian Women

The Thank Offering Sunday was held on Nov. 22, 2020. The service highlighted EPW, with members participating and the sermon was live streamed from Charleston, South Carolina. The sermon was titled "This Joy" presented by CeCe Armstrong.

The Thank Offering was collected and EPW thanks the congregation for your contributions. The money will be sent to Presbyterian Women for their selected projects. The amount collected was \$ 1,605. *Berna Stading & Susan Taylor*



## Lenten Monastery at Home

Feb 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](mailto:tdummermuth@eastridge.org) or text @lentenmo to 81010

**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.

We hope you've enjoyed the speakers in January. Our final week will be February 14, when Vince Ruhl

and Sam Karnes, owners of *The Coffee Roaster*, join us. Vince is our Director of Online Worship.

(They also got married here at Eastridge!) ↓



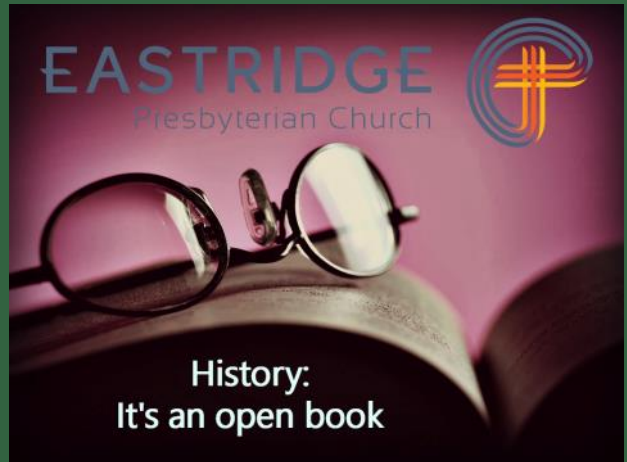


## “History is an Open Book” Study

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. Here’s a synopsis:

*As the efforts to make vaccinations available to people across the our country and the world, we realize how transportation and availability effect us. Packages, the mail, and medicine all have to “get there.” What businesses refer to as the “last mile” is often the hardest and most expensive mile - how to get goods from the store to the consumer. 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>



A poem shared by member Charles Kendeigh, in honor of his grandmother who passed away recently:

*For Mimi*

*Hold our hands, circular motions of Breath*

*Intertwines Yarn and tells us a story.*

*Eternal Glory waits your soft Spirit.*

*Start to travel, pure with steadfast intent.*

*Minds may wonder, struggle to comprehend.*

*However, the Spirit knows and motions*

*Forth. Peaceful thoughts stay close.*

*Remember Love.*

*Remember Joy. Remember Hope. Write Us*

*A Letter. Neatly Fashioned For Family,*

*For Friends, who wait, attend with heavy hearts,*

*Brought together, gloriously gracious.*

*Guardian angels will watch over all*

*Memories held in our hands will stay close.*

*We Pray for your peaceful rest and comfort.*

*~ Charles Kendeigh*

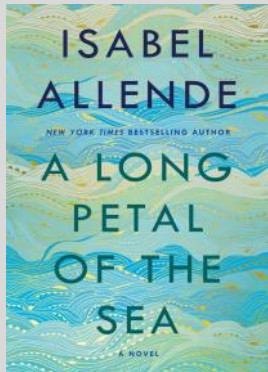
**Nebraska Corona Bible: Thank you on behalf of the team behind the Corona Bible for your contribution and participation in the past year.** What a year it has been! Thank you to each and every one of you, for your participation in this project, for sharing in a crazy idea - and for your investment in work and prayer.

We are still receiving quite a few contributions each week.

Maybe there is still a chapter at your home that hasn't been returned yet? If so: please do so by February 1, 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. Note: We will be sending out another update in early 2021 with a list of chapters that we haven't received back. Please watch out for that message, as we will likely look for additional copiers to "fill the gaps".

Thank you ~ Pastor Thomas





**EPC Book Club:** for Book Club in February 2021, join us the 8th when we read and discuss *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende. 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, or on page 2 of this newsletter.

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**More wedding news:** Randy and Cynthia Carlson shared that their son Nathan Carlson was married Sept. 12, 2020 at the Nebraska State Capitol. He married Karin Carlson (her maiden name is also Carlson!) They now live in New Richmond WI. Immediate family only was in attendance.



## MEET THE STAFF

## Bistrô 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. More info to come!

**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!



### YOUTH IN WORSHIP

Youth Sunday will look a little different this year! We hope you will 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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