



The weekly Lamp

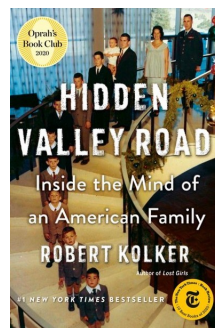
Today at Eastridge:

- 9:00 am Worship—IN PARKING LOT (coffee following)
- 10:00 am Worship—ONLINE
- 10:45 am Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

Our next opportunity to sign up for **IN-PERSON worship in the sanctuary is May 23**. Click the link below:
<https://rsvp.church/r/eCHViSzo>

We will be celebrating **Eastridge's birthday and Mother's Day TODAY** in the parking lot. Join us for cookies and outdoor worship at **9:00 am!** No need to make a reservation. Following worship we will enjoy coffee and cookies.

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. May pick: *Hidden Valley Road* by Robert Kolker. We will meet May 10 in Huxtable Lounge. **Book club members, bring your suggestions for our 2021-2022 list to our next meeting!**



Today we celebrate two special occasions, Mother's Day and the founding of Eastridge Presbyterian Church. Since our beginning, EPC has been a congregation with a focus on Christ and our community. From the outset, the church and the new neighborhood where it was located have been integrally linked. Young families with children were the foundation of the Eastridge neighborhood and EPC became the church home for them. The "birth" of the church fittingly is celebrated on Mother's Day each year. The typical experience of being a mother in Eastridge is not always like the life of a Black mother.

"Mother's Day is a Different Kind of Joy for Black Moms in America," Medium, Dartinia Hull, May 2020. Ahmaud Arbery's killing shows that our children are targets and getting to

Mother's Day unscathed and alive is a miracle.
<https://bit.ly/3sMZfvH>

"The African American Lectionary," American Baptist College of Nashville, 2009. This collection of resources for worshipping on Mother's Day includes the history of the celebration, poetry related to mothers, and "songs that speak to the moment." Other references include a list of biographies and autobiographies about Black mothers and books about Mother's Day.
<https://bit.ly/3tSBpQC>

"Lessons from Your Favorite African American Black TV Moms," 2016, 1:52 min. video. See how many Black TV mothers you can recognize.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jk3hhTGaE5Q>

"Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," from the album 'Odetta at Carnegie Hall' (1963) 3:32 min. Odetta accompanying herself on guitar.
<https://bit.ly/3gFoJFM>



Condolences to the family of Donna Christophersen. Donna' memorial service will be held at a later date.

Contact the office (office@eastridge.org) for prayer concerns and requests. You may also call 402-488-7844.

Flowers in the Sanctuary: If you are interested in providing flowers for in-person worship in the sanctuary, you may sign up here:

<http://bit.ly/flowersworship>



AFTER WORSHIP CHAT: Stay and join us for our after chat this morning with **Will and Jana McGuire**. For the past six years, Will has been the Worship Leader for Eastridge Presbyterian church. Will and his mom, Jana, have been playing music together in many different venues his entire life. Will and Jana will share the many joys of playing and singing together as a duo, and as a family, over the years.



Sunday, May 16, **Rev. Anne Tolland:** Rev. Tolland is pastor of St. John's Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church in Belfast, NI. She has strong ecumenical experience, and she has been very involved in developing close links with the Church of Ireland, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian churches. She will share a message with both Eastridge and St. John's/Newtownbreda as we worship together.

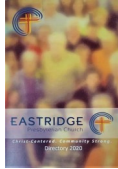


EASTRIDGE SIGNS: We've purchased a few more yard signs and they are available in the welcome center. We also still have some laminated 9" x 12" signs available, as well as a new and exciting option: 3" x 4" clings that can be placed in your car, your home, on your water bottle or coffee cup. They are available in the welcome center. Please let us know if we can deliver to you as well.





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Directories are still available at the Welcome Desk. If you are homebound, we can mail/deliver one to you! Just call or email the office (office@eastridge.org) or 402-488-7844.

Advocacy is one of the areas Eastridge has agreed to address as a **Hunger Action Congregation**. The Hunger Action Board would like to make you aware of LB108, currently under consideration before the Nebraska Legislature. It is called the SNAP Cliff Effect bill and will help families avoid needing to choose between accessing better job opportunities and keeping food on their tables when SNAP benefits might be decreased because the family has received greater income through a raise or change of jobs.

The bill is now on Select File. If you'd like to share your support for the bill, please call your senator's office or go to the Legislature's webpage, find LB108, and click "submit comment."



Income information (general fund):
Year-to-date (Apr 30) \$ 183,036
Last year at this time: \$ 188,466
Online giving (www.eastridge.org)

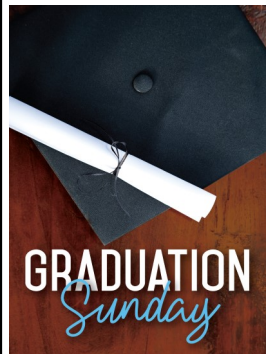


MILITARY SERVICE: Congratulations to Carl Oestmann on his retirement from military service. Thank you for your years of service!

Please keep Josh Kohel (Air Force) and Jerry Nash, Jr, (Nebraska National Guard) in your prayers. Thank you for your service!



Check out the screen in the Welcome Center for "A Pandemic Year at Eastridge" photo slideshow. If you have photos you'd like to share, send the file to the office.



Graduation Sunday:

We will be celebrating our Eastridge high school graduates on Sunday, May 16 during parking lot worship.

No need to make a reservation...just join us in the parking lot in your car (or bring a lawn chair to sit next to your car) at 9:00 am Sunday, May 16.

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Worship

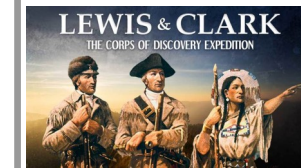
Join us for worship!

9 am - in person

This May, we will be worshipping in our sanctuary May 2, 23, and 30. We are still asking for reservations for worship to be made (see blurb in another column of this

Lamp) and limiting worshippers to 50. This worship service lasts about 30 minutes. Attendance for the four Sundays we have been in the sanctuary is around 40.

Join us in our parking lot on Mother's Day, May 9, and Senior Graduation Sunday, May 16, with Covid safe celebrations following. There are no reservations for these Sundays, and no limit on attendance! And you may continue to join at 10 am - online on our Facebook, Youtube, and at (402) 372-5480



Eastridge Presbyterian Women: Join us May 19 at 1:00 pm in Huxtable Lounge for the program from Nebraska History Museum: "Lewis and Clark": The Voyage of Discovery and Nebraska (Speaker: Sharon Kennedy).



We have scheduled another new member orientation.

Sunday, June 13th, 11:45-1pm

Sign up now for the available session:

<http://bit.ly/discovereastridge>

We are always looking for new writers for our **online devotion ministry**. If you are interested in writing, even just occasionally, please contact the office for more information. If you'd like to receive a prompt and the link five days a week via email, let the office know as well.

