

Advent Monastery: November 25-December 1. Longing for an Advent retreat - but you can't get away? Join us for Virtual Advent Monastery: a week of intention and reflection in the midst of your daily activities and regular commitments. Starting on Thanksgiving, you will receive each morning 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 @adventmon to 81010

The Nominating Committee will present the following slate of officers at the congregational meeting TODAY (at 4:00 pm in the parking lot). Our thanks to all those who have agreed to serve and to those who have completed their terms of office.

Session Class of 2024: Gary Kilian—Nominating Committee; George Kilpatrick—Finance Committee; Alinda Stelk—Youth Committee; Class of 2022: Elizabeth Kohel—Youth Elder.

Trustees Class of 2024: Susan Budler, Nancy Hall, Kevin James

Deacons Class of 2024: Seth Crawford, LaDonna Grubbs, Ivy Hansen, Gina Kohel, Shelley Ottis; Hope Shortridge—Youth Deacon.

Memorial and Endowment Committee Class of 2024: Deryl Merritt, Darrell Nelson

Nominating Committee Class of 2023: Seth Crawford, Sandy Hilsabeck Hastings, Susan Taylor; Class of 2022: Robin Hadfield

Copies of the agenda will be available at the Welcome Desk.

W O R S H I P *Learn* **SERVE**

Eastridge Church Staff	
Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon.....Senior Pastor	Will McGuire.....Worship Leader
Rev. Thomas Dummermuth..... Associate Pastor	Vince Ruhl.....Director of Online Worship
Kris Adler-Brammer....Youth and Children's Ministries	Office number.....402-488-7844
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Brent Shaw.....Organist	email: tdummermuth@eastridge.org

Today at Eastridge: POP UP SALE — WELCOME CENTER

9:00 am	Worship— IN PERSON
10:30 am	Worship — Online
12:30 pm	Special Musicians —various
3:30 pm	Thanksgiving Fellowship — Parking Lot
4:00 pm	Congregational Meeting — Parking Lot

YOU'VE BEEN "ELFED" Youth Group fundraiser: Church members and friends will have the opportunity to "rent" a group of signs to place in neighbor's or friends' front yards for 24 hours. The rental fee is \$25 for one set of signs for one 24-hour period. The youth group will do the drop off and pick up. We will have two sets of signs, and each will have a place where you can put yourself in the sign in order to take pictures. This is a perfect thing for families with young children. You could "rent" one for yourself, your grandchildren or that favorite neighbor who has small children. The first day the signs will be available is Friday, November 26th and the last day they are available is Friday, December 24th. In the next few weeks, youth group members will be available on Sunday mornings to take your reservation. You will also be able to contact Kris in in the church office to schedule a reservation.



 Our **congregational meeting** to nominate and elect officers and approve the pastors' terms of call will be held in the Eastridge parking lot at 4:00 pm **TODAY**. According to our by-laws, a quorum of 5%, or 32 members need to be present. Look for the Nominating report on the back of this bulletin. **Arrive at 3:30 to enjoy cider, coffee, pumpkin bars!**



Join us THIS AFTERNOON for Thanksgiving-inspired treats! Just prior to our Congregational Meeting at 4:00 pm, we will gather in the parking lot at **3:30 pm** to enjoy cider, coffee, and pumpkin pie bars!





Few of us have had opportunities to interact with

“indigenous people,” “Native Americans,” “Indians” even though the land we live on belonged to them long before our forefathers arrived in Nebraska.

Native American Heritage month spotlights the history and relationship between the original people of our country and other ethnic groups who now share this broad continent. We are obliged as neighbors to learn about and appreciate the culture of indigenous Americans.

“Ute Wisdom, Language and Creation Story.” (TEDx Youth, Larry Cesspooch, June 6, 2016, 21:11 min.) Larry Cesspooch shares his thoughts on the Ute Indian people today and shares Ute wisdom, including the Creation Story. <https://bit.ly/3vPvQE1>

“I is for Ignoble: Stereotyping Native Americans.” (Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia, Arlene Hirschfelder and Paulette F. Molin, Feb. 22, 2018) Read a collection of essays about images of savages and tomahawks cast on to Native Americans. <https://bit.ly/3CzouEc>

“Un-welcomed in My Dakota Home.” (TEDx, Redwing Thomas, Oct 28, 2015, 10:38 min.) Dakota language consultant, Redwing Thomas, shares the experience of being un-welcomed in one's own home. <https://bit.ly/3pFSH45>

“Indigenous In Plain Sight.” (TEDx, Gregg Deal, June 26, 2018, 13:21 min.) Artist and verbal performer, Gregg Deal, critically examines issues within Indian country such as decolonization, the Native mascot issue and appropriation. <https://bit.ly/3pJMCnl>



Fourth Friday Coffee: The Fourth Friday Ladies Coffee group will take the months of November and December off. See you in January!



From EPC Hunger Action Board: **Food insecurity** is a major problem for older adults in America. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Foundation’s mission includes helping seniors afford their basic needs in order to build a future where no older person feels vulnerable. The Foundation recently shared these statistics: 10 million people over the age of 50 are classified as having low or very low food security; 8.7 million households over the age of 50 participate in

the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps; and the AARP Foundation helped 34,000 people over the age of 50 apply for SNAP benefits in 2020.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) revealed its plan to increase SNAP benefits by about 25 percent — the largest single increase in the program's history. This expanded assistance is a lifeline. Donations to the AARP Foundation can help move one step closer to bringing about an end to senior hunger in the U.S.

PRAYERS

Prayers for health concerns: Christina McCullough; Julia, granddaughter of Becky Shupe, as she prepares for a bone marrow transplant; Natalie Brady, as she recovers following a kidney transplant (along with her mom, Amanda Rodell, who donated a kidney to her daughter!); Lillian Barnes; Karen Frazier.

Baptized today: Willa Mae Hilzer, at the 9:00 am worship service. Mom is Kara Maize; grandparents are Paul and Kay Maize.



Order your 2022 Calendar to support the Choral Scholar fund at Eastridge! Look for the sign up at the Welcome Desk, and check out the main page of the Eastridge website (or your November newsletter) for more information. Last day to order is November 21. Checks payable to Donna Gustafson or West Door Studios.



TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES YOUTH FUNDRAISER – We will be hosting a POP-UP sale for Ten Thousand Villages on November 14-16 in the Welcome Center at church to fund an upcoming Presbyterian Youth Triennium trip. This will be much like the sale we did two years ago. Church and neighborhood members will be invited to come shop and hopefully start your Christmas shopping!



AFTER CHATS: Today: Marilyn Moore, retired associate superintendent of Lincoln Public Schools and past president of the Bryan College of Health Sciences. Moore has spent more than 40 years in education as a teacher and administrator and has served on many community boards, including as president of the Lincoln Food Bank, president of the Lied Center Advisory Board and member of the Chancellor’s Alumni Advisory Committee.



Advent Bible Study: What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus *)

When: Starting Monday, November 29, 9-10am, for 4 weeks. Where: Online —via Zoom **) Matthew begins his version of the Christmas story not with emperors and angels nor shepherds, but with a family tree: Among the long list of mostly men, he names five women: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary — for good reason!

*) *The study will be guided by the PW Bible study by Merry! Blair by the same name.*

Books are available at the Welcome Desk. **) There are two ways to join: Join us live on Zoom on Monday mornings 9-10 a.m. and/or rewatch the recorded session in our private Facebook Group. Sign up now: <https://bit.ly/jesusgenealogy> Questions? Contact Pastor Thomas tdummermuth@eastridge.org or 402-488-1454

