

This week's chair for Lent:

Meeting Jesus at the table means pulling many different chairs to the table.

This week we add a chair that belongs to the original dining set and the overly fancy chair of the tax collector.



Devotion Ministry:

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.



Ushers at Eastridge: Don Mach, a member of our Eastridge community who recently passed away, was a faithful usher. Don often stepped in to help with any and all usher teams. His loss is a void felt in many ways!

If you are interested in joining any of our current usher teams, please contact the office or reach out to an usher on any Sunday morning!

Eastridge Church Staff

- Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon.....Senior Pastor
- Rev. Thomas Dummermuth.....Associate Pastor
- Kris Adler-Brammer.....Youth and Children's Ministries
- Donna Gustafson.....Office Manager
- Andy Kalnins.....Night/Weekend Custodian
- Brent Shaw.....Choir Director/Organist
- Will McGuire.....Worship Leader
- Vince Ruhl.....Director of Online Worship
- Brett Meier.....A/V Tech
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The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—March 1, 2026

- 9:30 am Worship —Sanctuary
- 10:45 am JIA Meeting—M12
- 1:00 pm Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge
- 1:00 pm NA Leaders Meeting—Fellowship Hall



TODAY in worship:

Pastors: Thomas Dummermuth, Melodie Jones Pointon

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Music: Kirk Ringers, Will McGuire, Brent Shaw, Michael Jha

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Celebrates

"Eastridge Celebrates" Annual Meeting:

Around fifty-five members of our community gathered in the Huxtable Lounge on Sunday, February 22 for our Annual Meeting. This year, we focused on celebrating the ministries of 2025 as well as looked forward to the future of Eastridge Presbyterian Church. After eating delicious cupcakes, we broke into four groups to hear reports from the Session, Finance Team, and Trustees.

We also asked questions that prompted us to vision for what our future might look like.

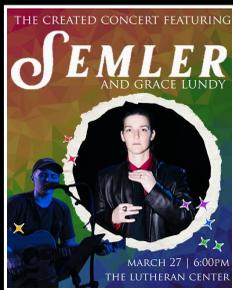
Session, Finance, and the Trustees will be getting the reports of those conversations and will discuss them at their next meetings. Overall, the meeting was well received in its new format, although it was hard to hear the group discussions. We are thankful and excited that so many people came to the meeting, and that the discussions were meaningful. We are already discussing what changes need to be made for next year's celebration.

Thank you to those who led and participated in the discussions!



Check out the **Daily Lenten Practices** in "journey" form at the Welcome Desk!

Daily prompts on Facebook and Instagram.



THE CREATED CONCERT: No tickets or RSVP necessary, come as you are, come as you are able! March 27th @ The Lutheran Center, 535 N. 16th @ 6:00pm. The Lutheran Center is hosting this concert, bringing together UNL's campus and the broader community. Through music and fellowship, this annual concert demonstrates open and affirming faith. The music and food are offered free of charge. All are welcome! A food truck will be available.



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Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

Distribution: <https://bit.ly/FPDistFood>

Filling boxes: <https://bit.ly/FPFillingBoxes>

Justice in Action meeting reminder: **JIA Network Members** meet in M12 immediately following the service today.

- Get updates on issues
- Collect names for the Nehemiah Assembly

ALSO: Justice in Action's 4th annual **Nehemiah Assembly** will be April 30 @ 6:30pm at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Join with 26 other faith communities as we work to bring systemic changes to Lincoln and Lancaster County. **Current Issues:** 1) Food Insecurity and 2) Diversion Programs. **Issues Being Monitored:** 1) Mental Health Navigation and 2) Eviction Mediation



PRAYERS

Prayer requests:

Contact the church office if you'd like to be included here in the lamp or in an online private (Eastridge members) group.

Eastridge Presbyterian Church arranges to provide 4-5 volunteers at **The Gathering Place**, a local soup kitchen, on the 4th Monday of each month. The Gathering Place for 2026 sign up is online now!

Check it out here:

<https://bit.ly/epcgatheringplace26>

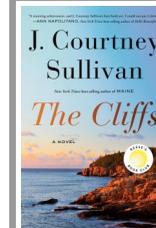
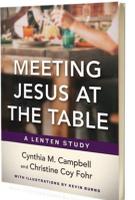


Thank you for helping us make a **gigantic toilet paper "snowman"** to benefit **Fresh Start & our Eastridge Food Pantry.**

Thank you to our **Outreach Committee**, in particular Jo Bateman and Debbie Merritt (shown) for their coordination of the project and transportation (to Fresh Start) of toilet paper!

Meeting Jesus at the Table: Join one of three offerings of this book study during Lent: Thursday mornings at 10:00 am via Zoom (signup below); Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am (beginning March 4); Monday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Sign up here for the Thursday Zoom option: <https://bit.ly/meetingjesusepc>



The **Eastridge Presbyterian Book Club** meets again March 9 at 7:00 pm. Our pick for the month is: **The Cliffs** by **J. Courtney Sullivan**. The EPC Book Club meets monthly from September—June in M12. Join us for discussion and refreshments! Check out the entire year's list online (link in online version of this bulletin):

[Book Club - Eastridge Presbyterian Church - Lincoln, Nebraska](#)



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION: As we move to February, we will need some folks who are willing to provide dinner. If you would be willing to feed and have some fellowship with us, please sign up using the following link. We are a fun, great group and it will be a great time. The link to sign up is <https://bit.ly/youthdinner25-26>.