

**This week's chair for Lent:**

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

This week we add a chaise lounge. In Jesus' time, guests at formal meals often reclined on couches rather than sitting in chairs.



**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.

**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:** It is time to send care packages to our EPC college students, and we need some goodies to fill the boxes. Once you have shopped, the items can be dropped off in the church office. If you don't want to go out and shop, you can also purchase online and just have it shipped to the church. If you are looking for ideas, you can use the following link to access our Amazon Wishlist. (<https://a.co/e4dn6le>) Please send it ATTN: Kris Adler-Brammer. And if you aren't up for shopping, cash donations are also helpful to purchase those last additional items or help cover the cost of postage (\$17.10 per box shipped).



**Check out the March newsletter for a list and more information.**

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**EASTRIDGE**  
Presbyterian Church



*The weekly lamp*

**TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—March 8, 2026**

- 9:30 am                  Worship—Sanctuary
- 10:45 am               Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center
- 11:00 am               Session Meeting—M12
- 1:00 pm                 Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge



**TODAY in worship:**

**Pastors:** Thomas Dummermuth, Melodie Jones Pointon

**Worship Connection:** Kris Adler-Brammer

**Music:** Jessica Dussalt (cello), Jen Olsen (flute), Chancel Choir, Will McGuire, Kristen Unterseher, Brent Shaw

**Group Visit to the Sheldon Museum of Art**

Thursday, March 19 | 10:00–11:00 AM

Sheldon Museum of Art

451 North 12th Street, Lincoln, NE

No RSVP necessary — just meet at the museum at 10 AM.



During this Lenten season, as we explore *Meeting Jesus at the Table* and reflect on belonging — who is invited, who feels seen, who finds a place — we're inviting you to extend that conversation beyond the church walls.

**Join us for a group visit to the Sheldon Museum of Art to experience:**

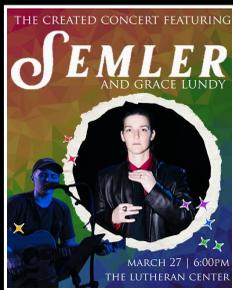
**Hyphen American: Intersections of Identity.**

Inspired by Langston Hughes' line, "I, too, am America," this exhibition explores how artists express the American experience through the lens of intersecting identities — race, ethnicity, gender, class, nationality, and more. Rather than presenting a single story of unity or assimilation, the works on view reveal a rich, layered vision of "Americanness." As the United States approaches its 250th anniversary, this exhibition invites us to consider: Who gets to say, "I, too, belong"? And how do art, memory, and community shape that belonging?



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, 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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FOOD PANTRY

**Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:**

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

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

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!

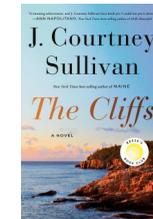
Check it out here:

<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!

Join us at the table this **Maundy Thursday (April 2) at 6 pm** for a heritage potluck meal! Bring a favorite dish from your family, your family of origin, a cuisine you love, or whatever you love to grab in a hurry at the grocery store! Following dinner, our worship will continue in the sanctuary with stations that reflect on table scenes from the holy days.



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.



**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION:** In April, 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>.