

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

Today's chair is an extra folding chair that is pulled up for the guest invited at the last minute.




**Fourth Friday Women's Coffee Fellowship:**  
Join us in Huxtable Lounge on March 27 at 8:30 am for our monthly coffee fellowship. Let the office know if you would like to be included in an email reminder.



**The Food Pantry** is again in need of your **clean plastic bags** from grocery/retail use. You may leave them in the grocery cart in the Welcome Center.  
Thank you!

**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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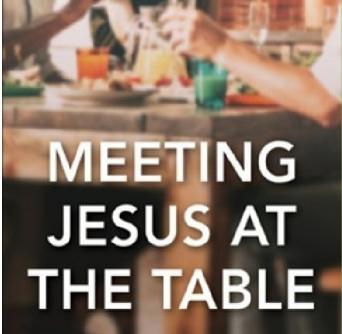
**TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—March 22, 2026**

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



**TODAY in worship:**  
**Pastors:** Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth  
**Worship Connection:** Kris Adler-Brammer  
**Music:** Will Unterseher, Maddux Eckles, Madeline McGuire, Adam Blaker, Alex Rogers, Dylan Auld, Chancel Choir, Kristen Unterseher, Will McGuire, Brent Shaw  
**TODAY: Justice in Action Commissioning** during worship

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.



Maundy Thursday  
Heritage Dinner  
and  
Worship Stations



Good Friday  
Worship Stations

**Good Friday Worship Stations:** We will have stations for self-guided worship and reflection from 8 am - 8 pm in the sanctuary on April 3. These stations feature table scenes from the holy days, and provide opportunities for prayer, praise, reflection, and contemplation as we observe Good Friday.

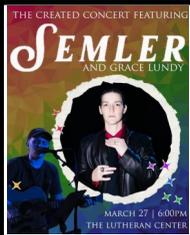


**Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:**

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

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

No food pantry distribution on Easter Sunday, April 5.



**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.

## Don't Be Fooled—Diversion Works!



**Wednesday, April 1st at noon at the City/County Building**

This April 1st, **Justice in Action** is hosting a public direct action to highlight a serious issue: taxpayers are paying the price for an overcrowded jail while proven, cost-effective alternatives already exist.

Using a visual display of marshmallow Peeps, community leaders will illustrate the number of people currently in the Lancaster County Jail. Each Peep represents a person in the system – and the daily cost to taxpayers to keep them there. The display will help demonstrate how quickly those costs add up when people who could be participating in diversion programs remain in jail instead.

Diversion programs provide a smarter approach. They connect individuals to treatment, mental

health support, and accountability while reducing costs and improving public safety for our community. Expanding diversion is one of the most effective ways to reduce jail overcrowding and use taxpayer dollars more wisely.

April Fool's Day is a lighthearted holiday, but the message is clear: continuing to rely on jail when better solutions exist leaves taxpayers footing an unnecessary bill.

Join Justice in Action and community leaders as we shine a light on this issue and call for practical solutions that make our community safer, more effective, and more responsible with public resources!

Stop at the Welcome Desk to pick up a form to donate a **spring flower for Easter Sunday!**

Forms are due with payment by March 25.




**Eastridge Celebrates! The 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 have already begun reviewing the comments from the meeting and Session has approved the minutes as fulfilling all the requirements for an annual meeting.**

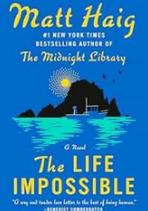


**MEETING JESUS AT THE TABLE**

Walking the Sunrise Road

Easter Sunday, April 5, 6:30 am - **Walk the Sunrise Road** with communion (meet in welcome center no matter the weather)

Later that morning: 9:30 am - worship with communion, bells, brass, and choirs (sanctuary)



The **Eastridge Presbyterian Book Club** meets again April 13 at 7:00 pm. Our pick for the month is: **The Life Impossible by Matt Haig.** The EPC Book Club meets monthly from September—June in M12. Join us for discussion and refreshments!



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