



Justice in Action's 4th Annual Nehemiah Assembly: April 30 at 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: Food Insecurity, Diversion Programs. **Issues Being Monitored:** Mental Health Navigation, Eviction Mediation.



Trailblazers is a group of older adults at Eastridge that provides an opportunity for men and women, singles as well as couples, to participate together in the life of the church—in service and fellowship. **Join us on April 17 for a meal from Leon's at 6:00 p.m.** in Huxtable Lounge.

PLUS we will share our **Vacations—Good and Bad** stories (from the cancelled February meeting).

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). **Join us on April 12 following worship to pack the boxes!**



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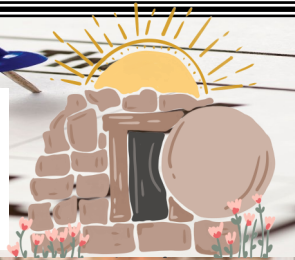
EASTRIDGE
Presbyterian Church



The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—April 5, 2026

- 6:30 am Walking the Sunrise Road—meet in Welcome Center
- 9:30 am Worship—Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center



TODAY in worship:

Pastors: Thomas Dummermuth, Melodie Jones Pointon

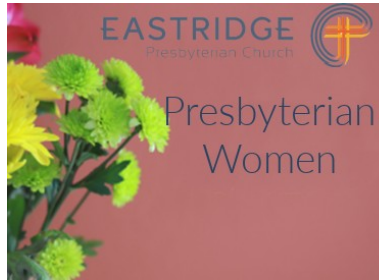
Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Music: Chancel Choir, Kirk Ringers, Adam Blaker (timpani), Will McGuire, Jana McGuire, Kristen Unterseher, Brent Shaw, Brett Vogler (trumpet)

MEETING JESUS AT THE TABLE

EPW April Gathering: Pacemakers

Come find out more about pacemakers on April 15 at 1:00 pm at the EPW Gathering in Huxtable Lounge. The speaker will be Leah Baker, a chemical engineer who recently returned from Switzerland and works for Metronic in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is also a granddaughter of Carolyn Olsen. **Join us on April 15!**



What is Walking Church? Walking church is a time to gather together and worship while we walk! We'll meet Wednesdays at 8 am (starting April 8) in the parking lot on South Street just west of 33rd. We'll explore the trail in both directions, as we worship the God of all creation!

*Note - if the weather is predicted to be prohibitive, we'll post on Facebook and send out an email notification of cancellation.



Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

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

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

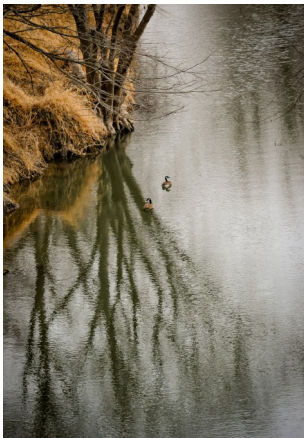
No food pantry distribution on Easter Sunday, April 5 (TODAY).



"Meeting Jesus at the Table" group brunch will be April 9 at 10:00 am.

Members of this study, watch your email for further details!

EPC Care Connections Spring Gathering! Tuesday, April 14, 6 pm-7:30 pm in Huxtable Lounge. If you are part of EPC Care Connections, or would like to be, you are invited to our Spring Gathering! We'll start with some time of fellowship followed by some time of discussion and discernment from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. Finger foods will be provided!



Wilderness Park Hike
Saturday, April 25 | 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a relaxed morning hike in Wilderness Park, one of Lincoln's hidden gems. We'll enjoy fresh air, good conversation, and the beauty of the season as the trails come back to life.

We'll meet at 10:00 a.m. at the First Street entrance (east side of First Street between Pioneers Blvd. and Old Cheney (check out the map in the April newsletter). The hike will last about an hour and a half at an easy pace on mostly flat terrain. All ages welcome. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes, and feel free to bring a friend.

Eastridge will head to Omaha's Lauritzen Gardens to see Thomas Dambo's TROLLS: Save the Humans on April 22 (watch for more details on departure times/meeting times at the Gardens soon). This outdoor exhibit by acclaimed artist Thomas Dambo features six towering trolls crafted from reclaimed wood.



Prayers:

Congrats to Kim Huston on the birth of granddaughter **Isabella Grace Huston**. Great grandparents are Rinehart and Alice Kruse.



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.



A Place to Be: The Work of the F Street Community Center.

Faith Coalition of Lancaster County – April Gathering
Wednesday, April 8 | 12:00–1:00 PM Huxtable Lounge
In-person (bring your own lunch) or via Zoom

Where do people go when they just need a place to be? Join us for the April gathering of the Faith Coalition of Lancaster County as we welcome **Chris Boden, Supervisor of the F Street Community Center**.



TODAY! Easter Sunday, April 5, 6:30 am - **Walk the Sunrise Road** with communion (meet in welcome center no matter the weather)
Later in the morning: 9:30 am - worship with communion, bells, brass, and choirs (sanctuary)

Join us April 19 for a book discussion of "**The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World**" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. We'll discuss the book, plus learn more about what we can do to encourage mutual flourishing, and sample some serviceberry-inspired foods! More info to come.

We'll meet at 11:00 am Sunday, April 19 in Huxtable Lounge. Light refreshments provided.

Two copies of the book will be available soon in the Eastridge library.



THE SERVICEBERRY
Abundance and Reciprocity
in the Natural World
ROBIN WALL KIMMERER
AUTHOR OF BRAIDING SWEETGRASS