



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.

Kirk Ringer News: What a blessing our church family is! We had noticed for a while some of our handbells were needing work done, with some falling apart while playing. A beautiful couple anonymously offered to donate the cost of needed repairs. In what is certainly the Holy Spirit's timing, this happened to be the same day we learned of the traveling handbell repair shop would be coming to our

area! We are overwhelmed and grateful for all those in our congregation who make so much possible. The handbell renovation and repairs will happen in April! We are grateful to continue to make a joyful noise to the Lord many more years. -Kirk Ringers, the Eastridge handbell choir

Heartfelt Thanks

JUSTICE IN ACTION CHOIR

Join the JIA Choir! We'll meet at 5:30 pm April 30 to rehearse one or two pieces which will be performed at the start of the Nehemiah Assembly that evening at 6:30 pm. For more information, click on the QR code shown.



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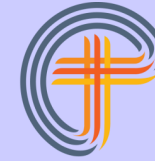
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EASTRIDGE
Presbyterian Church



The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—April 19, 2026

- 9:30 am Worship—Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center
- 11:00 am Serviceberry discussion—Huxtable Lounge
- 1:00 pm Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge

TODAY in worship:

Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

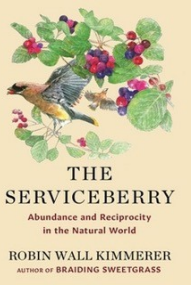
Music: Women's Choir, Kristen Unterseher, Will McGuire, Brent Shaw



Return to
the Garden
Sermon Series

Join us April 19 (TODAY!) 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! **We'll meet at 11:00 am TODAY in Huxtable Lounge.**

Light refreshments provided.



What is Walking Church? Walking church is a time to gather together and worship while we walk! **We'll meet Wednesdays at 8 am for a 30 minute walk** 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.

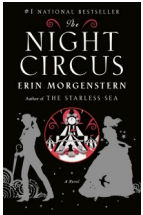


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FOOD PANTRY

Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

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

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



EPC Book Club: The Eastridge Presbyterian Book Club meets again May 11 at 7:00 pm. Our pick for the month is: *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern. The EPC Book Club meets monthly from September—June in M12. Join us for discussion and refreshments!

Members, bring your suggestions for next year!

Wilderness Park Hike on Saturday, April 25

at 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) 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.** This outdoor exhibit by acclaimed artist Thomas Dambo features six towering trolls crafted from reclaimed wood. Meet at noon in the parking lot!

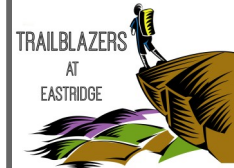
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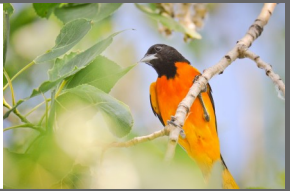
prayer
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Prayers: Chris McCullough, for health concerns.

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.



Trailblazers for May: Join us May 8 at 7:00 pm in Huxtable Lounge for "*Birding for All Ages*" by Donna Gustafson. For more information on the Trailblazers group, contact the church office.



Save the Date: 42nd Annual Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

Join us on Thursday, May 7, 2026 from 7:30am to 9:00am at Venue 5 Twenty-Two in Lincoln. Doors open for breakfast at 7:30am. Program begins at 8:00am.

Lincoln Mayor, Leirion Gaylor Baird, will be the honorary chair for the event. Join us for a morning of wisdom, sacred readings, and music from the wide variety of faith communities that call Lincoln, Nebraska home.

Our Keynote speaker will be the Nebraska State Poet Jewel Rodgers, a celebrated performer and the author of Wax Over Water. Ms.

Rodgers will carry this year's theme "Who is My Neighbor", inviting guests to consider how we identify neighbors and treat them with dignity.

Let's come together to celebrate unity through community. See you there!

ROCKING CHAIRS:

If you have been with us for worship in the sanctuary the last few months, you have noticed that we have a growing number of infants and toddlers who are joining us. We are SO EXCITED about this! It is so WONDERFUL to have them as part of our community. We would like to try and accommodate our families with younger children by adding a couple of rocker chairs. If you think you might have a rocker to share, please reach out to Kris Adler-Brammer in the church office. For more information, check out the April newsletter.

