



Men's Discussion Group—Tuesdays 7-8 am
Where: The Mill 48th & Prescott

LifeTouch

SCHEDULE

YOUR DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Online sign up for the church directory is open! You can also **stop in the office this morning** between services to sign up, or call the office for help. We have recently added two days to the schedule! Check online for more info.

Advent candlelighting: this year, families/couples/individuals will not be required to read the scripture passage...only light the candle! Please let the office know if you would like to do this. We will light the candle during both Sunday morning services during advent, and all three Christmas Eve services.



Bistro Theology will take a break in December and meet again in January 2020! Look for information in the newsletter and Lamp after the first of the year.



Poinsettias are once again be available for purchase to decorate the church during the Advent season. Following Christmas Eve, our Eastridge deacons deliver the flowers to some of our members, or, you may take yours home. Look for more information at the Welcome Desk.



You can now choose **Eastridge on Amazon Smile!** When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

Income to date: \$ 507,176 (83%)
 Should be at: \$ 570,096 (94%)
 Needed for the year: \$ 97,824*
 *approximately \$ 32,000 weekly until the end of the year.



Eastridge Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon.....Senior Pastor
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EASTRIDGE
 Presbyterian Church
The weekly Lamp



Today at Eastridge:

9:00 am Worship—Sanctuary
 10:30 am Worship—Sanctuary*
 2:00 pm Food Pantry Distribution

*Following the worship connection at 10:30 worship, **preschool age (3-preK)** children may leave with their Faith Connection (Sunday School) teacher until the end of worship. Parents may pick up their children in L11 (downstairs).

Prayers: Connie Barry, Ken Nelson, Charles Pedersen (stepfather of Randy Towle).



Happy Birthday to: Russell Brauer, who turns 96 on December 16.



Join us for our final **Advent Worship experience on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00 pm.** We're having pizza! Following the meal in Fellowship Hall, we'll meet in the sanctuary for worship. There are still spots left to sign up to bring pizza! Check out the sign up genius that was sent via email, or contact the office.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Becky Shupe and Beth Loyd

USHERS: 9:00 am Ralph Riemann, Kurt Beck,
Brad Devall, Seth Crawford

10:30 am Chris Boden, Bill & Barb Woito

LITURGIST: Shirlette Hershiser

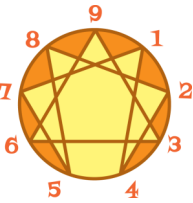
NURSERY CARE: Upstairs at the end of the east hallway

SANCTUARY CLEAN UP: Kristi Lounsbury

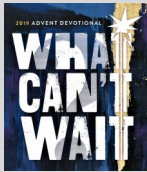
Welcome Visitors! Visiting Eastridge for worship today? Stop at the Welcome Desk (along the north wall of the Welcome Center) to pick up a welcome gift! We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us, and hope to see you again!

IT'S GREAT
TO MEET
YOU!

Save the Date! Coming soon: a spiritual retreat based on finding your **Enneagram** personality type on **Saturday, January 11**. More info to come in the January newsletter!



Pick up an **Advent devotional** at the Welcome Desk today! The daily readings will also be available online on our devotion ministry. Find the connection on our Eastridge website!



Sign up to serve at **The Gathering Place!** Eastridge provides six volunteers the fourth Monday of each month at The Gathering Place, a soup kitchen here in Lincoln. To help, or to find out more, type in this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054bafac2ca3fc1-serve2>

WE NEED
YOU

At Eastridge today and coming soon!



With your **participation in our annual pledge drive**, great and wonderful things can happen at Eastridge. Extra pledge cards are available at the Welcome Desk.



Just in time for Christmas gatherings, the **Eastridge Presbyterian Women will be selling cookies** to raise money for mission projects TODAY. Individual cookies will be for sale for \$.50, 1/2 dozen for \$3.00, or a whole dozen for \$5.00. Cookies will be for sale between the services starting at 10:00 a.m.

HOSPICE SINGERS: Our Eastridge Hospice Singers are available to provide singing visits for loved ones and friends journeying through hospice care. To schedule a singing visit, contact Patty Niemann (402-432-8353 or epc.hospice.singers@gmail.com.)



Christmas Eve Worship: Join us at 5:00, 7:00, or 9:00 pm on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24 for Candlelight Worship. Each service is somewhat different!



Winter Weather Policy: If severe winter weather threatens the safety of those attending events here at the church, the decision may be made to cancel those events. If LPS closes, the church will cancel its events for the day. Office hours may not be affected depending on the severity of the weather.



We will welcome the **Bethlehem Peace Light** during our 9:00 worship today. Everyone is welcome to receive the light between the worship services.

This Week at Eastridge

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 6:30 pm "Searching and Fearless" AA Meeting—M12
- 6:30 pm Lincoln Irish Dancers—Roeske Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm Girl Scouts—various
- 7:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study—Huxtable Lounge
- 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal—Sanctuary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study—The Mill on Prescott
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting—Conference Room
- 3:15 pm Faith Connection for Elementary
- 4:15 pm Faithful study—Huxtable Lounge
- 5:15 pm Children's Music—Choir Room
- 6:30 pm Kirk Ringers Rehearsal—Choir Room
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Cookie Training—Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 10:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Conference Room
- 1:30 pm Aging Partners Yoga—Narthex
- 4:00 pm Food Pantry Distribution
- 6:00 pm Advent Meal—Roeske Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm Advent Worship—Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting—Huxtable Lounge

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 5:30 pm Trustee Meeting—Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Session Meeting—M12
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Cookie Training—Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm Thursday Night Advent Study—Huxtable Lounge

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 10:00 am Girl Scout Cookie Training—Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Brass Rehearsal—Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 9:00 am Worship—Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship—Sanctuary
- 2:00 pm Food Pantry Distribution