



## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:

I've been thinking a lot about promises and blessings recently. My children have helped, with their protests of "But mom, you promised!" as well as a newfound insistence on a "blessing before every meal, mom!" Maybe these things were on my mind when I considered the scripture texts and themes for this upcoming year. Noah and the rainbow, Abraham and the fiery pillar, parted seas, eagle's wings, all symbols of God's promise and blessing for God's people.

The form of government of the PC(USA) gives 1/3 of itself to the Directory for Worship. This is a good indication of how important worship is and should be for our community. Through its pages we learn how communities have and still do worship. A part of that directory says this: "Certain biblical images have come to have deeper significance, multiple associations, and lasting meaning for the people of God. We call these symbols. There are numerous examples in the Old Testament—tree, temple, rainbow, river, sheep, scroll, building, body. New Testament writers drew on this treasury of common meaning to convey their understanding of Christ, the gospel, the Church, and the realm of God. Certain prominent symbols from Scripture, such as light, book, water, bread, cup, and cross, play an important role in Christian worship. Such things are not objects to be worshiped, but signs that point to the "grace of God in Jesus Christ." Or, put another way, throughout the Biblical witness, God has given God's people signs and symbols as reminders of God's promise and God's blessing for all those whom God loves.

This is a comfort to me, as I consider the great heroes of my faith - the Abrahams and Sarahs, the Moseses and Miriams, the Deborahs and Davids, the Marys and

Josephs, the Pauls and Phoebees. All of these faithful whose stories we still learn and lean on today, needed signs and symbols to remind them of God's promise and blessing. When I am uncertain or afraid (with a deep breath), I begin to breathe again and look for that reminder.

As a community, we have been busy planning and preparing for our fall ministries. With the decrease in pandemic restrictions at the beginning of the summer, we looked to the many possibilities of what we would be able to do. Yes, we have compared it to last year - last year we couldn't, this year we can - with relief and excitement. However, with the recent increase in numbers and changing Covid risk dial for our community, we took a pause on our plans. As the head of staff, I

realized that my previously longed-for finality of a "go date" for life to look predictable and familiar was unrealistic. This internal deadline became unrealistic, as once again I learned that lesson of the past 18 months. Nothing is final; nothing is predictable, nothing is certain. Nothing, that is, except God's promise and God's blessing.

In the pages of this annual special edition of the newsletter, you will find the plans for our ministries for this upcoming ministry year. We are excited to have many of our gathering opportunities return - Bible studies, children and youth ministries, knitting groups, fellowship groups, coffee groups, choirs, serving at the food pantry, food market, Gathering Place, and Meals on Wheels. We have planned, paused, considered, prayed, and made every effort to keep the community safe while participating in these ministries. The leaders of all these ministries have paid thoughtful, prayerful, informed attention to the different options and possibilities available. They are creative and determined people, and I am honored to serve with all of them!

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However.... Ugh. There it is. The uncertainty. The allowance that things will and must change. Here's a promise from us - the community of Eastridge Presbyterian Church, and from me personally - we will do everything within our power to provide for the safety of the people of God. Unfortunately, with a heavy heart and a lot of disappointment, I concede. The pandemic is not over. We have no answers. No plans are final. Instead, on a wing and prayer, a promise and a blessing, we go. With a rainbow to remind us of God's covenantal love, a fiery pillar to lead the way, paths made through the parting of seas, and on the wings of

eagles, we go.

Please carefully consider the ministries outlined in these pages. We are excited to gather in person and online at the many opportunities here. Above all else, we are thankful for the signs and symbols of God's promise and blessing that have kept the faithful going since the beginning of time. It is these same signs and symbols that remind of God's love for us now.

May God Bless You! And I hope to see you soon! *Pastor Melodie*



**The Gathering Place** sign up: Prior to COVID in early 2020, we had added a Sunday night to our Eastridge volunteer schedule. The Gathering Place has added it back in to the schedule! The sign up reflects this:

<http://bit.ly/gatheringplacepc>

**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. If you'd like to receive a prompt and the link five days a week via email, let the office know as well. You can read the devotions by clicking on the link on our website: <https://www.eastridgedailydevo.blogspot.com>



**Ushering at Eastridge:** If you were an usher in the past, we would love to have you participate in this ministry again. Please sign up at the link below, or contact the office. You may also contact members of your former usher teams to coordinate.

**Sign up here:** <http://bit.ly/usherateastridge>



**Coffee hour** has returned to Eastridge on Sunday mornings! The coffee will be started for you, but otherwise the ministry looks the same as it did pre-COVID. Please plan to wear a mask when serving coffee. **Sign up here:**

**<http://bit.ly/coffeeateastridge>**



**Holy Friends:** For the past two school years, a group of people in Lincoln have been gathering monthly to get to know our neighbors of various faith traditions. We started with the "big five" of religions discussed by Barbara Brown Taylor in her book *Holy Envy*. Building from that, we named our group Holy Friends. Frequent attendees have identified with various traditions, including Hin-

duism, Buddhism, Christianity (primarily mainline Protestant), Latter Day Saints, Judaism, and Unitarianism. In addition to those traditions, our speakers have represented Wicca, Eastern Orthodoxy, Mennonite, Baha'i, Yazidi, and other traditions.

For the new year, we are planning a tour to the Tri-Faith Initiative in Omaha, followed by visits of different temples and houses of worship in Lincoln. Plus we will

be joined by Rev. Dr. Jonathan Redding for a presentation on American civil religion.

We usually meet on the fourth Monday from 7:00-8:30pm, starting on September 27th. **Will you join us?**

Contact Thomas to learn more, or to be added to our email list:

[tdummer-muth@eastridge.org](mailto:tdummer-muth@eastridge.org)



# EASTRIDGE

Presbyterian Church



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HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

In Lincoln, Nebraska, over 5% of young children live in households with income less than half of the poverty level (source: [www.city-data.com/poverty/poverty-Lincoln-Nebraska.html](http://www.city-data.com/poverty/poverty-Lincoln-Nebraska.html)).

The Child Tax Credit, introduced in 1998, provides support for low- and middle-income families to help them afford the everyday expenses of raising children. As part of the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, Congress passed and President Biden signed a one-year expansion of the Child Tax Credit (CTC), making it available to all low-income families with children. Before the expansion, an estimated 27 million children under age 17 lived in families who did not earn enough to qualify for the full CTC because they did not have sufficient taxable income. The latest version of CTC also increases benefits to \$3600/yr for each child under age 6 and \$3000/yr for each child age 6

to 17. (Benefits are reduced when a household's Adjusted Gross Income exceeds \$150k for a married couple or \$75k for an individual.)

This is a refundable tax credit, which means that if a couple with an eight-year-old has a federal income tax bill of \$5000, then they owe \$2000, while if their tax bill is only \$2000 then they receive \$1000 from the IRS in the form of monthly payments.

The CTC could do more to reduce hunger and poverty among our nation's children than any single policy has in decades: it has been estimated that maintaining the expanded CTC would reduce child poverty in the U.S by 50%.

But the expansion is scheduled to expire at the end of this year. Please write Sens. Fischer and Sasse and Rep. Fortenberry urging them to make the current CTC permanent!

You can contact your representatives in three

different ways: You can pick up a pen and write letters (addresses below), you can go to their web sites (see below) and leave a message, or you can email members of Congress by going to [bread.org/act](http://bread.org/act) and your personalized message will be sent to all three members of our congressional delegation.

Sen. Ben Sasse  
U. S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
<https://www.sasse.senate.gov/>

Sen. Deb Fischer  
U. S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
<https://www.fischer.senate.gov>

Rep. Jeff Fortenberry  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  
<https://fortenberry.house.gov>

**The Nominating Committee** is currently working to develop a slate of nominees to present to the congregation. We are seeking people willing to serve on the Session, the Board of Trustees, the Board of Deacons, and the Nominating Committee. If you would like to volunteer or to nominate another individual, please notify any member of the Nominating Committee: Robin Hadfield, chair; Mary Amen, Cheryl Byler, Shirlette Hershisier, Sandy Hilsabeck-Hastings, Gary Kilian, Marge Reimann, Susan Taylor, or Lisa Woito-Petty.



First baptism  
in the  
sanctuary  
since March  
2020!



**Promise  
&  
Blessing**



**Join us for Celebration Sunday!**

**Sunday, September 12**

**10 am in person and online**

**Celebration outside following worship (watch for more information to come!)**





## OPPORTUNITY TO HELP RESTOCK THE EASTRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

Hopefully everyone knows that the newly renovated, handicapped-accessible Eastridge Food Pantry re-opened a few weeks ago. We have been slowly rebuilding our clientele base over the past few weeks. It feels really good to be distributing food and personal care items again because the need has probably expanded during the pandemic.

We need your help to restock the pantry. This congregation has always been very generous and we thank you but need your help again. During the pandemic and construction project, we had to disperse almost all of the stock that existed in the pantry. So, we re-opened to nearly bare shelves. Much of our food comes from the Food Bank. However, at this time, the selection from the Food Bank is limited as they are not currently able to accept private donations of food because they have not yet been allowing volunteers to sort those donations. We want to provide a greater selection of food items to our clients. We could make very good use of any of the items listed below that you might wish to provide. There is a shopping cart in the Welcome Center where you can place items for the Pantry. We have an ample supply of certain items that we are able to get from the Food Bank but need the following:

Canned fruit – all types

Canned peas

Canned tomatoes – all types

Canned mixed vegetables

Canned tuna

Any and all types of breakfast items (hot or cold cereal, breakfast bars, pancake mix, etc.)

Jam or jelly

Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, etc.)

Baking supplies (esp. flour and sugar)

If you have extra items from your garden, we would accept those also although it is best to bring them on Sunday just before distribution so that they do not spoil.

### ***Your Pantry Task Force***



**Fourth Friday Women's Coffee:** On the fourth Friday of each month, join this (mostly) retired group of ladies that meet at The Harbor for coffee at 8:30 am. Meeting via Zoom has been an option as well.



**Ladies Night Out:** this group meets for fun outings, mostly "off campus". This past year we toured Lauritzen Gardens in Omaha and visited Glacial Till Vineyard in Palmyra, Nebraska. Various events are planned throughout the year.





**LEFLER FOOD MARKET (Hunger Action):** We need Volunteers again to help with the **Lefler Food Market**! In 2017 Lefler Middle School started the Lefler Food Market to serve students and families in need. Eastridge Presbyterian Church provides 3 volunteers each month to help for this once a month Food Market. The Market takes place during the school year, September-May. We had been unable to help this past school year, but the Food Bank and LPS are planning to start the Food Markets back up this Fall. If you are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile project or would like more information about volunteering, please contact Susan Budler at sbudler1@unl.edu. Volunteers who want to help at the Lefler Food Market will need to fill out a volunteer application. It will be a Level II volunteer. You can go to the link shown here, the application only takes a few minutes to fill out:  
<https://wapp.lps.org/gold/volunteer/volunteer.cfm>.



**Eastridge Presbyterian Community Facebook page:** different from our regular Facebook page, the Eastridge Presbyterian Community Facebook page is yours as a congregation to share thoughts, ideas, information. Let the office know if you would like an invitation to this group.

**Eastridge Hospice Singers:** Organized in the fall of 2018, the Eastridge Hospice Singers is a group of hospice-trained musicians whose mission is to bring the peace and comfort of music to those in hospice care. Through requests made by family members, friends, care providers and pastors/ spiritual advisors, small groups of these hospice-trained volunteers provide singing visits (in person or virtually) to individuals receiving hospice at any stage of their life's journey. To request a singing visit for someone in hospice care or to inquire about joining the Eastridge Hospice Singers, contact Patty Niemann at [epc.hospice.singers@gmail.com](mailto:epc.hospice.singers@gmail.com) or 402-432-8353.





**SESSION HIGHLIGHTS:** The Session approved the minutes of the Session meeting of June 17, 2021, and the special Session meeting of June 13, 2021.

The Session acknowledged that the Rev. Thomas Dummermuth officiated at the memorial service for Stuart Eddins on June 26, 2021, at Eastridge Presbyterian Church.

The Session acknowledged that the Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon officiated at the memorial service for Donna Christopherson on June 26, 2021, at Roper and Sons Funeral Home.

The Session acknowledged new members: Christian Beard by pro-

fession of faith; Kevin James by certificate of transfer from Fellowship Community Church, Lincoln, NE; Betty and Arlen Beam by certificate of transfer from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, NE; and Deborah Reichert by certificate of transfer from Free German Reformed Salem Church in Sutton, NE.

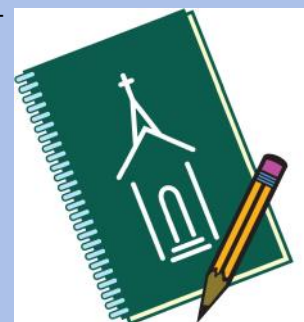
The Session acknowledged approval by e-mail for the baptism of Hayden Bouwens, daughter of Erin and Jesse Bouwens, at the 9 a.m. service on July 18, 2021.

The Session acknowledged approval by e-mail of request for transfer of membership for Lloyd and Kay Castner from the Federated Church

of Columbus (PCUSA/UCC).

The Session discussed the effect of the pandemic on the church and the plans to respond to those effects as the church returns to previous activities.

Rev. Jones Pointon provided an oral report and discussed staff plans for fall. Rev. Dummermuth provided an oral report on his activities in the last month. He noted that he has been helping with plans to reopen the Food Pantry.



In response to the 7.2 magnitude earthquake in Haiti last weekend, the Outreach committee has designated \$1'000 from their Emerging Needs budget to support the relief and recovery effort of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Members and friends of Eastridge Presbyterian church are encouraged to stand alongside the people of Haiti and join in this response with their prayers and financial support. Checks can be made out to the church, designated for OG100000-Haiti, or you can give directly using the link: [www.bit.ly/OG100000](http://www.bit.ly/OG100000)

Please join us in this prayer, written by Cindy Corell, Presbyterian World Mission Mission Co-Worker in Haiti:

Lord God! Your children in Haiti are so frightened! Their walls shook this morning. The ground beneath their feet cannot be trusted! Goudougoudou, they call it! It's the sound they heard on January 12, 2010 when catastrophe came quaking and shaking. Lord God, their bodies and souls tremble again as a large earthquake broke their houses, crushingly destroying lives and livelihoods. But their faith in You is not broken, Lord God. We ask again that You hold them tight, Bring healing to their bodies, Bring structure to the disorder, Bring help for the wounded, Bring light to this darkness once again enveloping them. And Lord God, help us to bring aid first by listening to their concerns, Biding by their needs as they share them. Lord God, your children in Haiti are so frightened. Please let us shelter them in spirit while we walk with them. We ask all this in the name of your precious Son, Jesus Christ. Amen







The **Anti-Racism Taskforce**, an off shoot of the Outreach Committee, formed in the spring of 2020. EPC had already committed to participating in the PCUSA Matthew 25 efforts. One of the three areas of emphasis is promoting equity and inclusion in our congregation. Community, and nation. As the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement gained momentum, it was determined that there was interest among members in forming a Taskforce to further educate ourselves and the congregation about BLM issues and determine action steps that could be taken.

The congregation was invited to participate in a 21-day anti racism challenge as an initial step. ART has also offered a discussion group about the movie "Just Mercy" and provided weekly articles with resources in The Lamp.

The most recent ART activity has been the #epckindness campaign. The sermons during June were based on the book, "In Defense of Kindness," and the pastors led a six week discussion group. The yard letters spelling #epckindness continue to be passed to demonstrate our caring for each other. You will probably see church members wear #epckindness t-shirts, too.

If you are interested in joining the Taskforce to expand your knowledge about equity and promote inclusiveness, contact one of the Taskforce co-chairs, Jo Bateman or Chris Boone.



The session, trustees, and memorial and endowment committee offers a huge

thank you for the individual gifts, grants, and memorial and endowment funds that have made recent work around the building possible!

For the individual donors, Community Cares grant, and the Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation grant that made the recent ramp, addition to the pantry building, and water access to the pantry possible, Thank you!

For the funds given by the estate of Helen Roeske to the alley water drainage project, Thank you!

For the Property Reserve fund to address water drainage from the patio and south side of the building, Thank you!

For the General Memorial fund to provide outdoor patio seating and shade umbrellas, Thank you!

For the Property Reserve fund to replace the deteriorating Narthex doors, Thank you!

For the Property Reserve fund to address the deterioration of the patio and south side columns,

Thank you!

It is through the generous gifts of individuals who have given past and present toward these funds that we are able to complete these necessary projects. These are items of safety for our building and all those who enter it. We are also thankful for the work and oversight of the session, trustees, and memorial and endowments working together, as well as the gift of time and talent for some recent painting inside and outside of the building, cleaning, organizing, and making space ready this fall! Thank you!



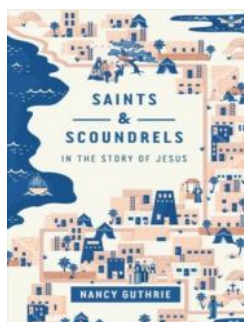
## EPC Meals on Wheels Team

Please join the Hunger Action Board in thanking the EPC members who serve on our Meals on Wheels team, delivering meals each Monday, and checking on the recipients served by "our" route. The following people each deliver one Monday a month: Becky Rankin, Gerald Poppe, Roger and Patty Niemann, Connie Barry and Steve Bennett, Susan Taylor and Rogene Lowery. Members on the substitute list are Nancy Van Horn, Bonnie Halleen, Linda Shearman, Norma and Jerry Nuss, Neil Bateman, Marge Reeves and Berna Stading.

While our weeks are currently covered, there could always be a need in the future for others to pick up the coverage. If you are wondering if being a Meals on Wheels volunteer would be for you, please watch the following 3 minute video to learn about what this service involves:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avZR2q7V94U&feature=youtu.be>

And, if after watching the video, you have more questions or want to join our team, as a regular or a sub, please contact Jo Bateman.

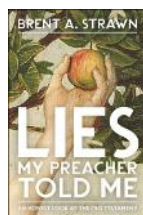


The Monday evening Bible study will start again this fall, beginning on September 13 at 7:00 pm in Huxtable Lounge. It will begin with a Nancy Guthrie study called "Saints and Scoundrels." Saints & Scoundrels in the Story of Jesus: The story of Jesus in the Gospels includes all kinds of interesting people—some who claimed to be saints but proved to be scoundrels, as well as scoundrels who were transformed into saints. Saints and Scoundrels in the Story of Jesus provides a fresh look into what shaped and motivated people such as John the Baptist, Peter, the Pharisees, Zacchaeus, Judas, Caiaphas, Barabbas, Stephen, and Paul. Each of their stories help us to see the generous grace of Jesus toward the worst of sinners more clearly.

**Eastridge Faith Partners'** mission statement: The Eastridge Presbyterian Church Faith Partners offers alcohol, drug, and other addictions awareness, prevention, education, referral assistance and recovery support to the people served by this congregation in a safe, non-judgmental environment. Contact the office if you'd like to be a part of this committee!



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**Fall Bible Study!** Led by Pastors Melodie and Thomas: *Lies My Preacher Told Me* by Brent Strawn

Two ways to join! Zoom with us Tuesday mornings 11:30-12:30 and/or participate through the private Facebook Group.

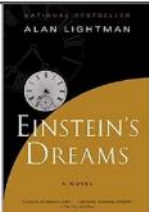

Sign up: <https://bit.ly/liesstudy>

Books are available at the Welcome Desk.



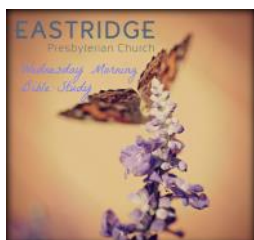


**Eastridge Presbyterian Book Club** picks for next year below! Starting in September 2021, join us the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm in the conference room.

September 13		<i>Einstein's Dreams</i> by Alan Lightman
October 11		<i>The Midnight Library</i> by Matt Haig
November 8		<i>Pickard County Atlas</i> by Chris Harding Thornton
January 10		<i>The Parted Earth</i> by Anjali Enjeti

February 14		<i>Good Apple: Tales of a Southern Evangelical in New York</i> by Elizabeth Passarella
March 14		<i>The Four Winds</i> by Kristin Hannah
April 11		<i>The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue</i> by V.E. Schwab
May 9		<i>This Tender Land</i> by William Kent Krueger
June 13		<i>The Final Revival of Opal &amp; Nev</i> by Dawnie Walton

Calling all **Pantry Volunteers**, current, former and future! A mandatory yearly training required by the USDA (even if you've done it before) will be held Saturday, September 18 at 8:30 am. If you are considering joining our fabulous group of volunteers, come to the training. It will take about an hour, and is required for volunteers who work with pantry clients. We are hoping that our expanded pantry will result in expanded clientele, and ideally, more volunteers. Come and check out this vitally important and longstanding (it's our 50th year!) Eastridge Ministry.



The **Wednesday morning Bible study** meets every week throughout the year at 10:30 am. We study a variety of books, and have done many of Trevor Hudson's works. Inquire in the office!

**YANA: You Are Not Alone:** Join this group of Eastridge friends who have lost a spouse. We meet the first Tuesday of each month for supper at 5:30, locations vary. Contact Berna Stading or the office for more information.





## MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN

**Faith Connection for Preschool Children:** Due to our worship schedule change, we are exploring how we will offer our preschool faith formation class. Please watch the church newsletter for additional information. Class details will also be emailed to our families with preschool aged children.

**Faith Connection for Elementary Children:** The Faith Connection program for our elementary age children will resume on Tuesday, September 14th. This is an after-school program that allows us two hours with our children to build relationships and develop faith. On Tuesday afternoons, we begin with some free play time, have a snack, engage in Bible study with age appropriate activities, and provide worship education. The Tuesday afternoon daily schedule begins with the completion of the school day and concludes at 5:45pm.

**Acolytes:** Our 2nd – 5th graders serve as acolytes during our worship services, but we have not yet returned to this program. Once we can safely have the children return to worship, we will resume our acolyte schedule. If you have a 2nd through 5th grade student that would like to be part of worship as an acolyte during either worship service, please contact Kris Adler-Brammer in the church office.



## MINISTRY WITH YOUTH

**Faith Connection for Youth:** Youth programming will resume on Wednesday, September 15th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. For this school year, our time together will include dinner, recreation, fellowship, and study.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We have some wonderful opportunities in place for our children and youth coming this fall. In order for these opportunities to happen, we need volunteers!! Our volunteer opportunities vary in commitment and preparation. We will need:

Teachers – prepare and teach a lesson

Youth Group advisors – lead recreation, prepare and teach a lesson/activity

Snack/meal Providers – prepare a snack for the afterschool program or provide dinner for the youth group

If you would like additional information about what these opportunities mean or if you would like to volunteer, please talk with Lois Wies, Alinda Stelk, Jen Olsen or Kris Adler-Brammer.





**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Do you knit, crochet or quilt? The EPC prayer shawl group welcomes those with these skills to join them in helping to make prayer shawls and baby blankets to be given to our members and church friends during times of difficulty and times of joy. For questions about this group or making shawls and blankets, contact Patty Niemann at 402-432- 8353 or the church office.



**Stephen Ministers:** The Eastridge Stephen Ministry team continues to have the opportunity to put their training, skill, and knowledge to tremendous need in caring for the hurting of our church and community. Contact the office, Susan Taylor, or Shirley Flynn if you are interested in Stephen Ministry!



**New Members at Eastridge:** we have welcomed these new members this summer 2021 at Eastridge:

Kevin James, Christian Beard, Shellie Ottis, Deborah Reichert, Lloyd and Kay Castner, and Arlen and Betty Beam.



**The Music Ministry** is excited to be resuming rehearsals soon so that we may help to lead worship! I am still exceptionally cautious with the rise in Covid-19 cases in our community but optimistic for ways in which our ensembles can rehearse safely. Please, if you see a member of the Chancel Choir or Kirk Ringers, thank them for their continued dedication since the beginning of the pandemic. Their willingness to pivot with all the changes over the last 18 months is a symbol of their dedication to Eastridge. If you are interested in joining the Music Ministry, please contact Brian Lew.

**Kirk Ringers** rehearse on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 and ring in worship about once a month. The bell choir is a great way for non-singers to be active in the Music Ministry. Previous bell experience is not necessary. The **Chancel Choir** rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15 and sings in worship most Sundays during the school year. Youth 6th grade and older and adults are welcome to join. We welcome all voices who seek to sing their praises to God. Previous experience is not necessary, but helpful. Do you play an instrument? Throughout the year we occasionally use woodwind and brass instruments in worship. Youth and adults of any ability are welcome. ~ Brian Lew

## UPDATE

In response to the recent rise in COVID-19 cases and the continued progression of our community risk dial toward the mid-orange level, the session unanimously adopted the following motions at the regular meeting on August 19, 2021:

- \* To require masks in the church buildings.
- \* To rename the Building and Property Re-opening Committee to the Health and Safety Committee.

As a community, we remain hopeful that many of our ministries will continue this fall as planned, although some modifications may be necessary. For further questions, contact the church office. Information will be forwarded to the committee for review.





**Eastridge Presbyterian Women:** A women's group that nurtures our faith through Prayer and Bible Study. We have 4 "Circles" and our study this year is "What my Grandmothers Taught Me--learning from women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus." Circles meet the first Wednesday of the month (1 morning, 2 afternoon and 1 evening circle) September through May. We have four gatherings: September, October, April, and May where we have dessert and a speaker. We also support the mission of the church worldwide.



Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon.....Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Thomas Dummermuth.....Associate Pastor  
 Kris Adler-Brammer.....Youth and Children's Ministries  
 Donna Gustafson.....Office Manager  
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## MEET THE STAFF

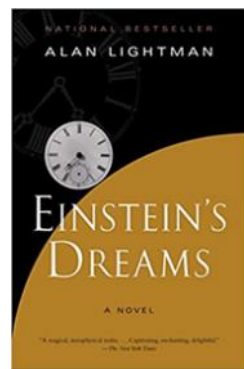
**Flowers in Worship:** If you are interested in providing flowers for in-person worship in the sanctuary, you may sign up here:

<http://bit.ly/flowersworship>



**Trailblazers:** 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. We usually meet the second Friday night of the month, September through May.

If you are interested, please contact Susan Taylor at 402-488-6477 or 402-617-8414.



**EPC Book Club:** For September, we will read Einstein's Dreams by Alan Lightman. This book club meets monthly during the school year (September-June) at 7:00 pm the first Monday of the month, skipping December. See this year's list on the previous page of this newsletter. Contact the office for more information, or check the What's New, then Calendar page on the website.

Ask in the office for more information about the **Wednesday evening Bible/book study**. Currently meeting at 7:00 pm (location changes).



# Programming Schedule for 2021/2022



## KEY

A = MINISTRY FOR ADULTS  
Y = MINISTRY FOR YOUTH  
C = MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN  
E = MINISTRY FOR EVERYONE  
W = MINISTRY FOR WOMEN  
M = MINISTRY FOR MEN



Worship, Learn, Serve  
W, L, S  
WORSHIP  
Learn  
SERVE



Date and time

Age group (key on each page)

Acolyte (for 2nd-5th grades)	W, S	Sundays	C
Adult Studies and Committees (see newsletter for specific studies... many are available!)	W, L, S	various	A
Chancel Choir	W	Wednesdays at 7:00pm	A, Y
Devotion Ministry	S	Write as often as you'd like!	A, Y
Eastridge serves at The Gathering Place	S	Last Monday of every month	E
Eastridge Hospice Singers	W, S	TBD	A
EPC Book Club	L	Usually Monday of the month during school year	A
EPW Gatherings	L, S	Third Wednesday of the month during school year	W
Faith Connection for Children in Preschool	W, L, S	TBD	C
Faith Connection for Elementary-Age Children	W, L, S	Tuesdays during school year	C
Faith Partners at Eastridge	S	Meetings the 2nd Thursday most months; special events	A, Y
Food Pantry	S	Volunteer on Wednesdays from 4-7pm	A, Y
Fourth Friday Women's Coffee	L	Fourth Friday of each month	A
Kirk Ringers	W	Tuesdays at 6:30 pm	A, Y

# Programming Schedule for 2021/2022



## KEY

A=MINISTRY FOR ADULTS

Y=MINISTRY FOR YOUTH

C=MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN

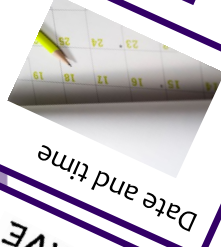
E=MINISTRY FOR EVERYONE

W=MINISTRY FOR WOMEN

M=MINISTRY FOR MEN



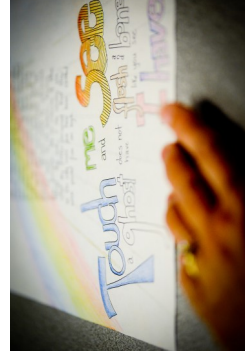
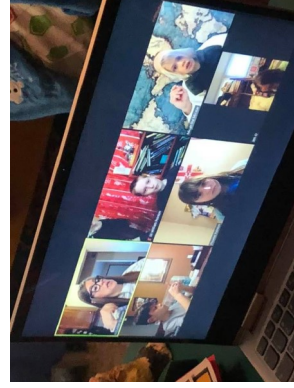
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Ladies Night Out	L		Quarterly throughout the year	W
Meals on Wheels	S		Call the office to volunteer!	A
Men's Tuesday Morning Fellowship Group	L, S		Every Tuesday at 7:30 am at The Mill @ Telegraph	M
Prayer Shawl Group	W, S		On your own!	A
Stephen Ministry	S		Contact the church office for more information	A
Trailblazers: a group for retired individuals and couples	L, S		3rd Friday of the month except summer months	A
Women's Circle Groups	L		First Wednesday of the month; times vary; except summer	W
Youth—Faith Connection	W, L		Wednesdays during the school	Y





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## Ministry for Children:

Acolytes

Children's Music

Faith Connection for Preschool Children

Faith Connection for Elementary Children

Worship in Advent and Lent

## Ministry for Adults:

Adult Bible Studies

Chancel Choir

The Gathering Place

EPC Book Club

EPW Gatherings

Eastridge Hospice Singers

Faith Partners

Food Pantry

Kirk Ringers

Ladies Night Out

Meals on Wheels

Men's Fellowship Groups

Prayer Shawl Group

Stephen Ministry

Trailblazers

Wednesday Worship in Advent & Lent

Women's Circle Groups

Women's 4th Friday Coffee



## Ministry for Youth:

Chancel Choir

Faith Connection for Youth

Serve at The Gathering Place

Food Pantry

Kirk Ringers

Worship in Advent

Worship in Lent

Youth Interest Groups

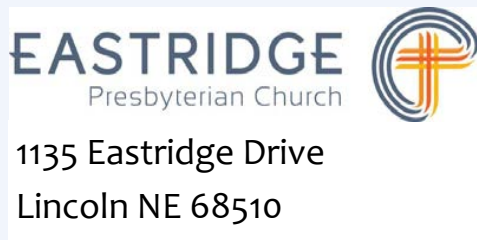
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