



The church nursery has re-opened, and we welcome infants through Pre-K aged children. The nursery is available for both services. We have moved the location of the nursery to room L13. It is located at the bottom of the stairs using the west staircase (next to the parking lot entry).



We are so thankful for those of you who continue to give! You can give by going to www.eastridge.org or by mailing your donation. We are currently approximately \$ 30,000 under where we were at this time last year. To give online: <https://bit.ly/eastridgegiving>.

Eastridge is collecting plastic bags through the **TREX program!** We will be able to furnish our new green space on the north side of the building with a TREX bench. For more information, check out the receptacles in the entry. **ONLY bags, NOT any other plastic recyclables accepted.**



"Let Freedom Ring" Annual July 4 concert, 9 am in Omaha. Come hear some patriotic, popular, and classical favorites from the University of Nebraska-Omaha carillon (bell tower) played by Eastridge's organist Brent Shaw on July 4 at 9 am in Omaha.

30 minutes; parking and attendance is free. 6001 Dodge St. Omaha, NE 68182.



Bring a blanket or chairs and sit outside and hear some festive favorites to begin the holiday. Concert is about

The concert from 2 years ago can be viewed at: https://youtu.be/U-4PAwC7e_w.

The **Eastridge Food Pantry** is in need of **volunteers!** Please check out the sign ups below. Thank you in advance!

July Filling boxes: <https://bit.ly/FPJulyFill>
July Distribution: <https://bit.ly/FPJulyDist>

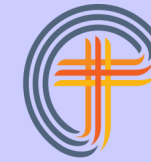


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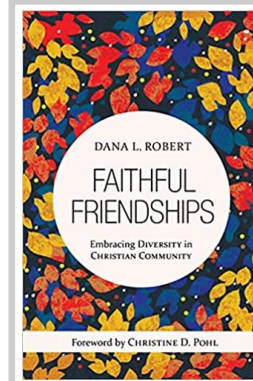
EASTRIDGE
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The weekly Lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE

9:00 am Worship — IN PERSON
10:30 am Worship — ONLINE & IN PERSON
1:00 pm Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge



Summer Book Study: Faithful Friendships.

Join Pastor Melodie as we explore Dana L. Robert's book, "Faithful Friendships; Embracing Diversity in Christian Community" Thursdays at 10 am this summer! July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 11, 18, and 25. However, in person (outside, weather permitting) gatherings are also planned! Please sign up in the church office by either calling the front desk or emailing office@eastridge.org. Books available at the Welcome Desk.

It's not too late to join!

Ladies Night Out goes to the Lincoln Children's Zoo and out to eat! The group will visit the Lincoln Children's Zoo at 4:30 pm July 13 (we can meet in the church parking lot and drive over together, and those who wish can meet us there). After the Zoo, we will eat at Piedmont Bistro.



A Life in Light: Meditations on Impermanence by Mary Pipher reading and book signing

Thank you to those of you who volunteered and/or attended the Mary Pipher reading Sunday, June 26.

Photos from the event shown. More in the July newsletter.





MATTHEW 25

Building congregational vitality...Dismantling structural racism... Eradicating systemic poverty

Independence Day; freedom; liberty for all; God bless America --inspirational thoughts for this Fourth of July! The United States was established to provide a safe place for immigrants to grow and prosper. The inscription on the Statue of Liberty challenges us, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" (from Colossus, Emma Laz-

arus). As we celebrate this holiday and enjoy the bounty that we have, take a few moments to give thanks and ask for strength to help our neighbors who are hungry, homeless, or unwelcomed. Remember the Lincoln children who do not have school lunches this summer, the souls who live in cardboard houses under the West O viaduct, or the people who need are for a mental illness, but we don't want them as neighbors. After the fireworks fade, commit to just one act that you can do to demonstrate the example of Matthew 25: "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in" (Matthew 25:35-40).

"Four Ways You Can Fight Child Hunger." (Feeding America)

Volunteer: Spend a few hours making a difference in your own community, i.e. Eastridge Food Pantry (EFP), Gathering Place.

Organize a food drive: Gather food and garden produce to donate to EFP, i.e. enlist your book club, RAC, bridge club, golf or bowling league.

Set up a donation jar at home: Make a collection jar with your kids for spare change; set a goal that the entire family can contribute to together. Donate the proceeds to EFP.

Download Feeding America's Family Action Plan: Raising big-hearted children starts right at home. The plan includes family conversation starters on hunger, family activities and ways to teach your kids the importance of caring for others. <https://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action/talk-about-hunger>



MATTHEW 25



Upcoming service: **Ross Gerding's memorial service** will be held July 22 at 11:00 am at Eastridge.

Contact the office at office@eastridge.org for prayers.

G.R.O.W. Garden Wish List: Here is what we have so far!

Ivory Silk tree lilac \$250 (2) (1 purchased!)

Taylor juniper \$150 (5) (2 purchased!)

Autumn Brilliance \$130 (1 purchased!)

Miss Kim lilac \$125 (5)

Autumn Jazz viburnum \$35 (3)

Cornelius cherry \$190 (2) (1 purchased!)

Royal Star magnolia \$150 (purchased!)

Strolling path \$50 per section (13 sections purchased!)

Sprinkler system contribution

To give, go to: Eastridge.org; Click on "Menu". Select "Serve/Give to Eastridge". Enter the amount of your donation. Pull down and select "Garden Fund". Use optional memo to indicate the specific item you want to contribute.



ROAD TRIP!

A SUMMER SERMON SERIES

The Trip That Changed Your Life July 3- Acts – Saul/Paul

The Work Trip July 10- Acts & 2 Corinthians - During his lifetime, the Apostle Paul takes at least three major road trips through the lands around the Mediterranean.



The Gathering Place is going back to 5-6 volunteers per evening in August (just updated again from July), and Eastridge is eliminating the Sunday slot. We are back to 5 volunteers on the 4th Monday of each month starting in August. The sign up is updated online! Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/thegatheringplace2022>

UKULELE CLASS:

Brian Lew will be offering an **adult beginner ukulele class** the week of July 11th. Classes will meet Monday through Thursday from 10:30-11:30. Registration is limited to 10 people. Contact Brian for more information/to sign up! (Ukuleles provided for class use)

