



**Building Community: Celebrating the Diaspora & Educational Development:** Sudan/South Sudan Mission Network Conference 2022. August 3 & 4 in Huxtable Lounge and via Zoom. Online cost: \$ 25; In-person cost: \$ 95 (scholarships available).



**We are so thankful for those of you who continue to give!** You can give by going to [www.eastridge.org](http://www.eastridge.org) or by mailing your donation. We are currently approximately \$ 20,000 under where we were at this time last year (if you've been following this, we are closing the gap!) 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. So far, we have collected 156 lbs toward 500!**



**POSITION OPENING: HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

The Administrative Assistant enhances the work of Homestead Presbytery through clerical assistance to the staff and officers of the presbytery and is accountable to the Executive Presbyter. The Office is currently located at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, NE. Duties of the Administrative Assistant:

Creates an on-line newsletter, maintains the presbytery website, organizes documents for quarterly meetings of the presbytery and presbytery council, assists with registration for presbytery meetings and events, works closely with presbytery staff and leadership, and assists congregations as needed. The administrative assistant should be an organized highly motivated self-starter. Starting salary is \$33,000 plus benefits.

Applicants should submit a resume and letter of application by Friday, August 5th, to either Carl Eskridge at: [eskridgecb@gmail.com](mailto:eskridgecb@gmail.com) or Stephen Earl at: [stephene@homesteadpres.org](mailto:stephene@homesteadpres.org). Interviews will take place the week of August 8-12. (for a more detailed job description, contact Stephen or the EPC office.)

**Eastridge Church Staff**

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 Kris Adler-Brammer....Youth and Children's Ministries  
 Dr. Brian Lew.....Director of Music Ministries  
 Donna Gustafson.....Office Manager  
 Andy Kalnins.....Night/Weekend Custodian  
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**EASTRIDGE**  
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**TODAY AT EASTRIDGE**

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



**Pasta Feed Fundraiser for Bret Hollingsworth:** Bret's friends Garet Buller and Jason Anderson are hosting a pasta feed here at Eastridge on Tuesday, August 2 from 5:30-8:00 pm. *"Recently our friend Bret was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Dealing with such a diagnosis is a terrible burden emotionally and financially. We are organizing this event to help ease some of that worry by*

*contributing to their medical costs and anything else they would need during this difficult time."*

Please come and stuff yourselves with pasta and see Bret, his wife Emily, and their daughter Maeve. **No charge for the event.** Donations will be accepted at the event or you can contribute using the Venmo or PayPal info at right. Venmo name: @Bret-Hollingsworth-1 (or scan QR with your Venmo app)



**PayPal** [Muskrat289@hotmail.com](mailto:Muskrat289@hotmail.com)



The **Food Pantry** committee would like to thank Eastridge congregation members for their generosity in food donations during this past week. After the Moment for Mission plea on Sunday, the Pantry has collected 596 lbs of food through Thursday, July 28 at mid-day. These donations really help as we continue to serve an expanding number of clients who are facing food insecurity during this inflationary period. **We welcome continuing donations.** We distributed boxes to 54 households and served 25 (households) in-person shoppers on Wednesday (266 people total!)



**MATTHEW 25**  
**Building congregational vitality... Dismantling structural racism... Eradicating systemic poverty**

Hunger is such a widespread concern around the world that many organizations have been formed to get food to those who are in need. Often the problem is that food is available, but not in a location where hungry people can access it. Yet, others of us have many options to purchase groceries; more than we need. We have heard "eat everything on your plate because there are starving children in Africa who don't have food." This has evoked many chuckles, but the truth is that we can avoid waste. What we don't use can be shared with people who are

food insecure. Approximately one-third of landfill is food waste and 40 percent of that is from households. Nearly half of fruits and vegetables are thrown out. An average family of four loses \$1,800 annually in wasted food. Americans throw out more than 1,250 calories per person per day. For information about how you can help distribute food to those who are hungry, and how you can save food in your home, follow these links:

**"Food Too Good to Waste"**  
Based on a workshop to help you understand the issues that contribute to food waste and steps individuals and families can take to better utilize the food they purchase.  
<https://bit.ly/3aUIYmt>

**"Produce from the Heart"** A local organization that collects donated edible produce from farmers and gardeners across

Nebraska and redistributes it to pantries, homeless shelters and soup kitchens. By donating produce, you are giving hungry people a gift that they may not receive otherwise. Consider planting extra in your garden and donating the excess to help those in need or volunteering to pick up donations after Farmer's Markets or glean produce left in the garden, <https://bit.ly/3zeLpsk>

**"10 Tricks and Tips to Reduce Food Waste at Home"** Chart outlining ways you can reduce your contribution to the 1 billion tons of food that are wasted each year. <https://bit.ly/3oeQuum>

**"Food Waste: The Hidden Cost of the Food We Throw Out"** (ClimateScience, YouTube, August 2021, 4:52 min.) The impact of food waste and what you can do about it. <https://bit.ly/3RJ4cTW>

Thank you for your response to our recent survey! For those of you who responded "Yes, sign me up" to the question about interest in **Faith Partners**, we will be contacting you soon!



Contact the office at [office@eastridge.org](mailto:office@eastridge.org) for prayers.

**Flower sign up:** Sign up to provide flowers for the sanctuary for worship!  
<https://bit.ly/flowersworship>



**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 (purchased!)
- Cornelius cherry \$190 (2) (1 purchased!)
- Royal Star magnolia \$150 (purchased!)

Strolling path \$50 per section (13 sections purchased!)  
Sprinkler system contribution or general contribution to the garden.  
To give, go to: [Eastridge.org](http://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.



**CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES:**

Summer is here which means that planning for our school year programming is in full swing! As we beginning to look at our needs for the school year, we are in need of folks that will partner with our programming in the following ways:

**Teach a preschool or elementary age class**

**Be a youth advisor**

**Provide a meal for the youth group**

**Provide and/or prepare snack for our Tuesday Afterschool Faith Formation program**

**Lead opening arts and crafts with our Tuesday programming during the winter months**

**Write notes/cards to our children and youth**

**Make occasional deliveries to our children and youth (porch drop off)**

**Sew costumes**

**Coordinate acolytes for the 9:00am worship service**

**Prepare children's worship bags**



**Family Fun Day! Calvin Crest Camp and Conference Center** is having a Family Fun Day on August 20 from 10:00 AM -4:00 PM. It is a chance for families and campers to have a reunion and to raise money for the Camp. We want to offer the day as a place of fellowship and spending time in God's creation so we are asking that churches help us out.