



Save the Date! Two Pea'nists in a Pod (also known as Patty Niemann and Diane Worrell-Eaton) will present a piano duet program, "It's the Gospel" on Sunday, October 2 at 4:00 pm in the church sanctuary. A freewill donation will be collected to support the Eastridge Food Pantry; food donations accepted as well.

With our sermon focus on trees, join us for a "tree" tour! We will meet at the **Maxwell Arboretum**

on Sunday, September 25 at 2:00 pm (starting at the Gazebo.) We will head to the Dairy Store for ice cream following! Eileen Bergt, Landscape Architect, and Susan Budler, Operations Manager for Landscape Services, will lead the tour. RSVP appreciated but not necessary.



FOR VOLUNTEERS: Sign ups for September:

Wednesday and Sunday Distribution: <https://bit.ly/FPSeptDist>

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



Eastridge Presbyterian Church has formed a team again this year to walk in the annual **Crop Hunger Walk on October 9th**. We are able to walk the week before like we've done the past couple of years, individually or as a team. As it gets closer we will see if we have a group that would like to meet at the church one evening and walk together. **If you'd like to join our team or donate, please go to the Lincoln Cropwalk website.** <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/lincolne>

Faith Connection for Preschool Children: This year we will begin offering our pre-school class for 3 year olds through Pre-K during the 9:00am service. Children are invited to attend worship through the worship connection. Following this, the children will go to class where they will hear a Bible story and participate in a craft.



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The weekly Lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE

9:00 am Worship — IN PERSON

10:30 am Worship — ONLINE & IN PERSON



Communion Help! As the Old English proverb says, "Many hands make light work." For those who have been preparing our congregational communion over the years, just a few hands have done most of the work. We are back to serving communion the pre-pandemic way, and we need volunteers to help with communion preparation. Work involves prepping the elements on Saturday and setting up the communion table on Sunday along with clean up after the service. For more details or to volunteer, ask Kris Brenneis, Pam Schumacher, Pastor Melodie or Donna Gustafson. Thanks in advance for prayerfully considering whether you can help with this vital ministry.



FUND MATCH: For the THIRD year in a row (beginning in 2020 with our financial struggles during the first year of Covid), we have been given a matching gift of \$10,000 through a generous anonymous donor!

Once again, like 2020 and 2021, if you were considering what you might be able to give, know that every penny you give is really two pennies; every dollar is two dollars, every hundred dollars is two hundred dollars! Help us make this \$10,000 gift a \$20,000 gift! (Please note "matching" in your gift so we can count every penny!) **THIS WEEK: \$ 1200 toward the fund match!** We are hoping this is beyond pledged giving for those who pledge but are thankful for ALL gifts.

CHURCH CUT-OUT FUNDRAISER: The Eastridge Presbyterian Women will be selling church cut-outs (as shown at right) between services on Sunday, September 18 and 25. These cut-outs, a project from the past, will be sold to raise funds for an as-yet-undetermined mission project supported by Eastridge Presbyterian Women.





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

Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month (September 15-October 15) celebrates the rich contributions Hispanic culture adds to the American tapestry. For example, the economic impact of Hispanic Americans in 2017 was significant; they earned more than \$1 trillion and paid more than \$250 billion in taxes. They fill critical workforce gaps in labor-short industries such as agriculture, construction, and

healthcare. Hispanic Americans, particularly Hispanic immigrants, also start and own their own businesses at higher rates than the rest of the population. Hispanic voters account for as much as 30 percent of eligible voters in several states.

U.S. population growth over the past decade can be attributed in large part to Hispanics. Total population grew by 22.7 million from 2010 to 2020, and Hispanics accounted for 51% of this increase, a greater share than any other racial or ethnic group. The number of Latinos who say they are multiracial has increased dramatically. In Lincoln, 7.8% of the residents report they are Hispanic, 4.6% claim Spanish as their primary language spoken at home. Compared to the overall poverty rate of Lincolniters (12.8%), those who are Hispanic are nearly twice as likely to struggle financially (25.9%). Heritage Month is an opportunity to expand

your understanding of the historical and current issues related to Hispanic culture.

“Key facts about U.S. Latinos for National Hispanic Heritage Month” (Pew Research Center, Jens Manuel Krogstad And Luis Noe-Bustamante, Sept. 19, 2021) <https://Pewrsr.Ch/3tj1jk6>

“15 Facts About National Hispanic Heritage Month You Should Know In 2021” (Women’s Health, Lindsay Geller, Aug 11, 2021) Interesting information about the Hispanic population of America, including that 80% are American citizens. <https://bit.ly/3AWKuN1>

“Power of the Purse: The Contributions of Hispanic Americans” (The American Economy Research Fund, February 17, 2020) A complete summary of the data demonstrating the important roles Hispanic workers play in our country’s economy.



Let’s go Picking for the Pantry! Join us on Tuesday, September 27 at 2:45 pm. Meet in the church parking lot and we will head to a local orchard together. Apples picked will be donated to the Eastridge Food Pantry for distribution. ALL AGES WELCOME!

Would you like to take part in the live worship services? We are looking for individuals who are willing to serve as liturgists. This involves reading prayers and other items during the 9 a.m. worship service. If you are interested, please contact Robin Hadfield at robinhad@gmail.com.



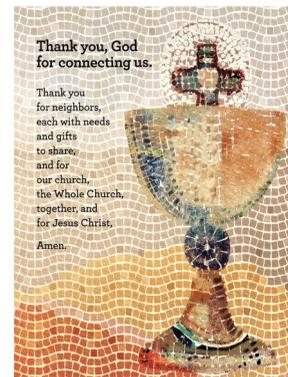
CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE: We are looking for volunteers! **The first is to provide snacks for our Tuesday Afterschool Faith Formation Program.** We would love snack items like goldfish, fruit snacks, cold cereals, Pirates Booty, snack cookies, snack crackers, granola bars, beef jerky, popcorn, etc. We can also use gift cards to purchase a healthy snack each week.

The second is to provide dinner for the Youth Group. We meet on Wednesday evenings beginning with dinner at 6:00pm. It is helpful for us if

those providing dinner can set up, serve, and clean up. Providing dinner can mean an individual, a group, or donating funds for us to purchase dinner. If you are willing to provide dinner, you can sign up with the following link. <https://bit.ly/YGdinner>

I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact me at kadlerbrammer@eastridge.org

Thank you for supporting our children and youth!



Peace & Global Witness offering draws Presbyterians together as active peacemakers and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do this work well. 25% of offering funds raised will be retained to support peacemaking and reconciliation in their community.

25% of the offering funds raised will fund linking congregations in ministries throughout presbyteries and synods.

50% of the offering funds raised will advocate and call for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative initiatives of education and Christian witness. More information on this can be found at presbyterianmission.org/peace-global.

This special offering will run from now until October 2.



Faith Partners at Eastridge: “Inaugural” meeting of our new group will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:00 pm in the Narthex. We are excited to connect with you!



Ladies, join us for coffee and fellowship at the end of the month! Join us for **Fourth Friday Women’s Coffee** on Friday, September 23 at 8:30 am in Huxtable Lounge.