

EASTRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

On this Thank Offering Sunday, join us following worship for a coffee fellowship in recognition of Eastridge Presbyterian Women.

We will enjoy pumpkin bars and coffee in the Welcome Center. We are thankful for the many ministries of EPW!

Annual Meeting:

Sunday, November 26 following worship.

The Annual Meeting to nominate and elect officers, and to approve Pastor’s Terms of Call will be held on Sunday, November 29, following worship.

More information to come in an email this week.



FUND MATCH: For the FOURTH year in a row we have been given a matching gift of \$10,000 through a generous anonymous donor!

Update: following last Sunday’s offering, another generous Eastridge member completed the matched amount with their donation! Thank you to all who have contributed, and we welcome donations toward 2023 until January 5, 2024. Help us reach our end of year giving goal of \$ 525,000. We are currently at \$ 417,000.



We are thankful for this generous gift as we enter the season of gratitude, as it encourages giving to the mission and ministry of Eastridge. Check out the inside of this week’s lamp for more “Why I love EPC” comments!

Eastridge Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon.....Senior Pastor
Rev. Thomas Dummermuth.....Associate Pastor
Kris Adler-Brammer.....Youth and Children’s Ministries
Donna Gustafson.....Office Manager
Andy Kalnins.....Night/Weekend Custodian
Brent Shaw.....Choir Director/Organist
Will McGuire.....Worship Leader
Vince Ruhl.....Director of Online Worship
Brett Meier.....A/V Tech
Sydney Mitchell.....Nursery attendant
Laura Siemsen.....Administrative Assistant
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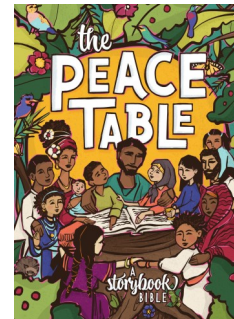
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The weekly Lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—Nov 19

9:30 am	Worship —Sanctuary and online
10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship in honor of EPW—Welcome Center
10:45 am	Mental Health Café — Huxtable Lounge
1:00 pm	Special Musicians Concert—Sanctuary



TODAY in worship: Pastors: Beth Graverholt, Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth. Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer.
Liturgists: Elda Powley, Carolyn Brandle, Carolyn Olsen, Ivy Hanson.
Musicians: Hope Shortridge (viola), Patty Niemann, Chancel Choir, Ashley Unterseher (piano) and Kristen Unterseher (violin), Beka Bevans (cello), Will McGuire, Madeline McGuire, Brent Shaw. Soloists: Ella Young, Abigail Kabell, Daniel Ikpeama, Elijah Hite.

Mental Health Café
Sunday, November 19 at 10:45 am
Huxtable Lounge at
Eastridge Presbyterian Church

"Getting
Through the
Holidays
in One Piece"



TODAY! Join us for our second Mental Health Café following worship this morning in Huxtable Lounge. Guests: McKenzie Jones, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner; Teri Effle, Prevention Specialist, Region V Systems. Coffee and treats will be provided. RSVP requested but not required. (sponsored by EPC Faith Partners).
Questions? Contact Pastor Thomas, 402-488-1454 or tdummermuth@eastridge.org



Eastridge Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Sunday this year is November 19, TODAY!

There will be offering envelopes in the Sunday bulletin. Also, if you wish to donate, send a check to the church or drop in the black inbox outside office door.



PRAYERS

Prayers: Lauren Holcombe, Dee Ann Dilley, Steve Phillips, (Brandi Phillips' dad), all for health concerns.

Condolences to the family of James (Jim) Bourne, Sr. A private graveside service will be held on Monday.

PLEDGE CARD INFO: When you turn in a commitment/pledge card, it helps our Finance Committee plan better for 2024. Thank you to those of you who have already turned in your pledge cards! Here are some of the responses (NEW from previous bulletins) we have received from the back-of-the-card prompt, "Why I Love EPC..."

- Authenticity of the people.
- People are at Eastridge because they want to be here and it shows in how we love and care for each other.
- It's the sense of family that has kept me here for nearly 40 years. The opportunities to learn, worship, fellowship and serve alongside my Eastridge family have been so valuable and have helped my faith grow immensely.

- The funerals are very carefully planned and help the families who lost loved ones.
- The beautiful special people at Eastridge are treasures to us.
- Beautiful music.
- Young, friendly, good ministers.
- We are "home" in the pew.
- Many caring friends.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD 2024
EASTRIDGE Presbyterian Church

Our Mission Statement:
The God of Scripture calling individuals into community through Christ, empowered by the Spirit to worship, learn and serve.

My gift to the ministries of Eastridge Presbyterian Church.

MY COMMITMENT IS:
\$ _____ per
 week month quarter year

Name _____ Date _____
 Address _____ Apt. No. _____ Phone (____) _____
 Email _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Reminders:
 • please update your automatic payments in January
 • Inquire in the church office if you'd like to make automatic payments



FOURTH FRIDAY WOMEN'S COFFEE:

Just a reminder that Fourth Friday Women's Coffee will NOT meet in November and December.

See you January 26, 2024!

ADVENT: Join us for our first Advent meal on Wednesday, November 29. We will gather in Huxtable Lounge at 6:00 pm for a potluck meal and fellowship.

Watch your email next week for more information!



How does a weary world rejoice?
An Advent series in Luke's Gospel



Order your 2024 Calendar

to support the Eastridge Food Pantry!



It's a 12 full color calendar featuring the birds found in our beautiful state of Nebraska (most right here in Lincoln)! Perfect to give as a gift as well.

Calendars are \$30, payable to West Door Studios.

If you'd like to pay via Venmo, account information below (please make sure you're paying the Eastridge Food Pantry, not anything associated with the church or church email at church).

If you are outside Lincoln, please include address information either in Venmo, or via message.

The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:12

Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell, they sing among the branches. Psalm 104:12

Photos by Donna Gustafson



Help out the Eastridge Food Pantry by **purchasing a 2024 nature/wildlife calendar.** A sign up is available at the

Welcome Desk. Checks payable to

West Door Studios for \$ 30, checks can

be left in the office inbox. If paying via Venmo, account info listed on the sign up.

The **Eastridge Food Pantry:** Links for volunteers for Sunday drive thru and Wednesday distribution plus box prep below:

Distribution: <https://bit.ly/FPDistFood>

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



Today's Guest Preacher, Rev. Elizabeth

Graverholt: Beth was raised in rural Kansas where she was active in 4-H and her local church. While attending the University of Nebraska—Lincoln to study Nutrition and Dietetics, she worked as an AmeriCorps member providing fitness and nutrition education to under-resourced areas in Lincoln. Beth became involved in campus ministry during her senior year, where she experienced a call to ministry that led her to start a new ministry center near campus in an abandoned church building, now called

Connection Point. From 2016 to 2022 she served as the director of Connection Point running a food pantry, community center, and poverty alleviation programs while also working as the Associate Pastor at Christ United Methodist Church. She graduated in June of 2021 from Iliff School of Theology with a master's in divinity and joined the staff of Justice In Action in December 2022.



PER CAPITA: For 2023 the assessed Per Capita is \$46.00 per member of Eastridge. However, if you are so called, a gift of \$100 will help us cover our denominational funding obligations and assist those who may not be able to contribute towards this obligation. For more information, check out the November newsletter.