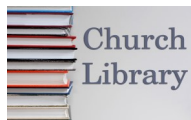




The Ecumenical Legislative Briefing Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 10 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church at 4530 A Street. Registration is \$20, which includes lunch (\$25 after February 3). More information and registration are available at www.nelegisbrief.org. Topics include Options for

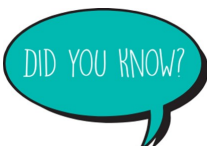
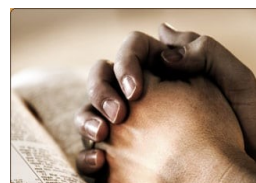
Criminal Justice Reform, Economics of Exclusion, Mental Health, Education, Environment, School Safety, and Housing. Speakers include representatives from Justice in Action, Nebraska State Board of Education, Nebraska Interfaith Power and Light, Nebraskans Against Gun Violence, and the League of Women Voters. Sponsors include Church Women United and the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.



Eastridge Library: we would like to find someone willing to help manage the church library. Training provided! Contact the office if you are interested.

Are you interested in becoming a **liturgist for worship**? For more information, contact the office or Robin Hadfield. Current liturgists, please sign up for 2024!

<https://bit.ly/epcliturgist>



Did you know? Our church calendar is available to view online at: [Calendar - Eastridge Presbyterian Church - Lincoln, Nebraska.](#) (link in online version).

Or you can choose “What’s New” on the pull-down menus on main page.

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
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The weekly Lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—Jan 28

9:30 am	Worship—Sanctuary and online
10:30 am	Annual Meeting—Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge



TODAY in worship:

Pastors: Thomas Dummermuth, Melodie Jones Pointon

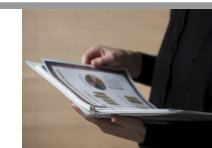
Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Liturgist: Shirlette Hershiser

Musicians: Chancel Choir, Kristen Unterseher, Will McGuire, Brent Shaw

Annual Meeting:

Join us TODAY following worship (worship at 9:30, meeting at 10:30/10:40 am) for our annual meeting.



Faith Connection for Youth: Youth programming is on Wednesdays from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Sign up to serve a meal! <https://bit.ly/youthmeal2324>

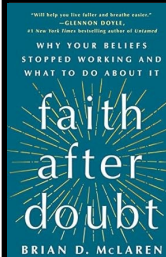
OR use the QR code at left. **Get together with friends or a church committee/group to share the fun!**



From the Outreach Committee: The expanded federal Child Tax Credit helped to reduce child poverty in the U. S. from 10% to 5%, but it has expired.

The “Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024” will improve the program and is projected to lift a half million children out of poverty. Please contact Sens. Fischer and Ricketts and Rep. Flood and urge them to support it.





Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do

About It by Brian D. McLaren will be our Zoom study during Lent.

Watch the Lamp and February newsletter for more information!

Contact the church office for more information about current Bible and book studies.



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FOOD PANTRY

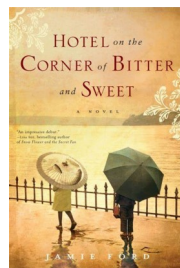
EASTRIDGE FOOD PANTRY: Thank you for purchasing a calendar for the recent Food Pantry fundraiser: \$ 700 was donated to the EPC Food Pantry.

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

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



The **EPC Book Club** meets the second Monday of each month September through June at 7:00 pm in M12. A copy of the list can also be found on the church website, in the "What's New" pull-down menu, then click on "calendar". Combined January/February discussion on Monday, February 12: **Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver and **Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet** by Jamie Ford.



From the Green Team: In case you missed it! On January 4, 2024, the Journal Star ran an article with the Headline: "City announces heat pump incentive program for Lincoln Homeowners". The incentive is \$1,000.00 toward the cost of an air-source heat pump. It is \$3,000.00 if you qualify as a low-income homeowner! The City has budgeted \$500,000.00 to be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Funds will be available until August 31, or until they are all expended. And on top of that, homeowners are eligible for an additional \$800.00 incentive through LES!

For information go to: lincoln.ne.gov/HeatPump; LES.com/SEP; or email SEP@les.com.



For more information about our online prayer group, contact the office.

Sign up here to provide flowers for worship: <https://bit.ly/flowersworship>

First Blood Drive a Success! Eastridge teamed up with the Red Cross for its first ever blood drive, January 2, 2024. The goal was to collect 20 units of blood and through wonderful donors we collected 25 units! The Red Cross staff were excited with these results and complimented EPC on the drive. THANK YOU to all those who took the time to give life saving blood and to those who volunteered during the day!



Our next blood drive will be **Tuesday May 21, 2024 from 12:00 - 6:00 pm**. Watch for promotional information or go to www.Redcrossblood.org or contact Doug McDaniel for more information.

Blood Drive
Eastridge Presbyterian Church

As a **Hunger Action Congregation**, Eastridge has committed to focus on ensuring all people have access to sufficient resources for food. Stamps), Child Nutrition Programs, like school meals for kids, and any other bills related to food access.

On Wednesday, January 30 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., **Nebraska**

Appleseed will present a webinar that will provide an overview of food access bills that have been introduced in the Nebraska Legislature for 2024. Bills that could impact the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food



Appleseed will also share its best tips and tricks for how to advocate at the Nebraska Legislature for the bills of interest and how to stay up to date on upcoming legislative actions.

Registration for the webinar can be found at bit.ly/food-bills24, or go to: <https://neappleseed.org/events>.



Lent Sneak Peek:

Join us during Lent for mid-week activities and a new sermon series: *Wandering Heart: Figuring out Faith with Peter*.

This year Lent begins on February 14 (Ash Wednesday). Join us for a potluck meal on Ash Wednesday at 6:00 pm in Huxtable Lounge, worship in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm.