

Join us for a spring Thursday book study: **Bible Stories for Grown-Ups** by Josh Scott. Starts in April (watch your email and this Lamp for more information). In *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups: Reading Scripture with New Eyes* pastor Josh Scott looks at familiar Bible stories and reveals new details and interpretations for an adult audience. Started April 11, still time to join! Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/grownupszoom>



Join us for a **special meeting of the congregation** TODAY immediately following worship for the purpose of nominating and electing elders and trustees. Those being nominated by the nominating committee are: Elders: Renae Oestmann (3 year term), Carol Ripley (2 year term), Shirley Flynn (2 year term); Trustees: Bill Bevans (3 year term began in 2023), and Diane Rice (3 year term began in 2023).



Interested in membership at Eastridge? We will have a **New Member Class** on Sunday, April 21 following worship (10:45 am). We will meet in Huxtable Lounge. Sign up encouraged but not required: <https://bit.ly/discovereastridge>. For more information, please contact the church office.

Give Blood at Eastridge! **May 21 from 12:00-6:00 pm** in Huxtable Lounge. For an appointment, visit here: [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org). Find Eastridge using our zip code and the date. For more information: Doug McDaniel, [EPCBloodDrive@gmail.com](mailto:EPCBloodDrive@gmail.com)



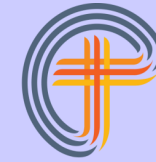
**Eastridge Church Staff**

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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**EASTRIDGE**  
 Presbyterian Church



*The weekly Lamp*

**TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—April 14**

9:30 am	Worship—Sanctuary and online
10:30 am	Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary
10:45 am	Volunteer Bazaar—Welcome Center
2:00 pm	Eastridge Neighborhood meeting—Library

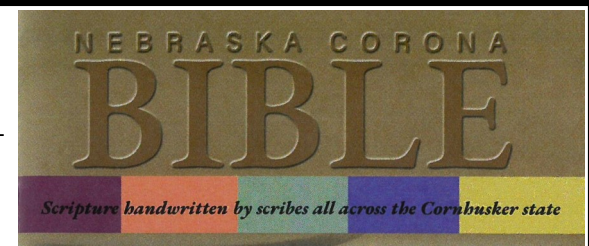


**TODAY in worship:**

**Pastors:** Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth.  
**Worship Connection:** Kris Adler-Brammer.  
**Liturgist:** Doug McDaniel.  
**Music:** Jonah Bennett (string bass), Bill Wehrbein, Bill Bevans, Bill Reichert, Elijah Hite, Michael Jha, Brent Shaw.

**Nebraska Corona Bible:**

Flash drives as well as hard copies of the Bible are available for purchase. Check out the table in the Welcome Center for more information. Let the office know if you have any questions.



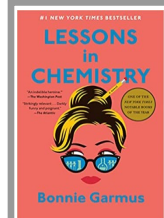
We need you...to be a part of our summer! **Good God: Choosing Faith!** The session is planning everything that happens - from worship to outreach to study to fellowship - around exploring and creating faith montages for each one of us AND as a community! Interested? Join us TODAY following the meeting/worship for donuts to hear more! Or: contact Lois Wies or Carol Ripley through the church office.

**Faith Partners Meeting:** We will meet this Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 pm in the Narthex or M12. If you are interested in finding out more about this group, contact the church office!





**Trailblazers for the month of April:** Join us on April 19 at 6:00 pm as we dine out at Firethorn Restaurant, Spangler Room. Committee: Hilsabeck/Hastings



**EPC Book Club for April:** *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Join us on **April 15 (NEW DATE) at 7:00 pm** in M12 for discussion and refreshments.

Book club members, start thinking about suggestions for our 2024-2025 year! Bring your ideas to our next two meetings and we will put together a list to vote on.

**EASTRIDGE FOOD PANTRY:** We get many items from the food bank however, you may ask what can I do to help? **With a pantry right here at Eastridge you can help by supplying the pantry with these types of items:**

Sugar  
Shampoo, Deodorant  
Toilet paper, Bath soap  
Dish soap, Laundry soap  
Paper towels  
Feminine products  
Toothpaste  
Spices, Catsup, Mustard

Salad dressings  
Hamburger helper, Tuna helper



**EPW GATHERING:**

Join us on Wednesday, April 17 at 1:00 pm in Huxtable Lounge for a program and refreshments. (Coordinating Team meeting just prior to gathering in M12).  
Speaker: Michele Dakan. Topic: People's City Mission



**Ladies Night Out:** Join us for a walking tour at Wyuka Cemetery this month! We're still finalizing the date, but we will stroll the cemetery, finding interesting bits of history. Then, we'll head somewhere for ice cream and coffee. Keep watching the Lamp for more information!



**Condolences** to the family of Joanna Gajardo. A memorial is planned for Monday, May 20 at 11:00AM at Roper & Sons Midtown Chapel (4300 O St.)

**Flowers today** provided by Cheryl, Jay, and Ryan Byler in memory of Elise LaRue Byler.

**Karen Buell** wishes to thank everyone who sent well wishes following her recent shoulder surgery.



**JUSTICE IN ACTION:**

Current construction for "affordable housing" is being built to meet the needs of individuals and families with an income of \$60,000/year or more.

Due to current construction costs, the ability to build homes for families who make less than \$40,000/year is not obtainable.

The Affordable Housing research team is researching ways to make it possible for families who earn less than \$40K/year to live in affordable conditions.

Plan to attend the NEHEMIAH ASSEMBLY where we will ask local officials to create better alternatives.



**MAY 2 6:30-8:00pm at St. Mark United Methodist Church**

**For questions, contact:**

**sarabevans62@gmail.com** or visit the Justice in Action website at: [www.justice-in-action.org](http://www.justice-in-action.org)



**Eastridge Spring Clean-Up: Saturday, May 4** from 8:30am to 1:00pm. You can help whenever you can during this time! Also, the Eastridge Neighborhood Association will be having their annual spring clean-up 9 am-noon. At the church, we will rake leaves and cutback perennials around the church and some other general clean-up and spread mulch around the perennial beds and tree rings. More information in the April newsletter.



**Faith Connection for Youth:** 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!

