

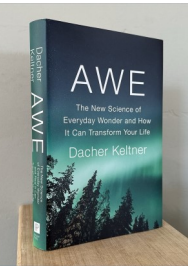


Thanks to all who have been picking apples from the **Lefler apple tree**.  
The harvest is going well and will make a positive impact on many students.  
The final day to pick an apple will be this coming Sunday, October 27. All gift cards and other items should be returned to the church by Sunday, Nov. 3.  
Your generosity is appreciated.

*Dear Eastridge Presbyterian: Thank you for sharing your space and your volunteers at our event, "The Stories Starita Tells" on September 27th. The refreshments and personal touches were very warm and welcoming, so I appreciate your efforts!*  
*I think the audience truly enjoyed the presentation and we could not have hosted such a successful event without your generous contributions. Warm Regards, Cian Hassovic*



Thank you, Trailblazers at Eastridge, for helping us welcome Joe Starita and Conservation Nebraska at this event!



**EPC Book Club:** November pick: *Awe: The New Science of Everyday Wonder and How It Can Transform Your Life* by Dacher Keltner  
The book club meets the second Monday of each month, September through June, at 7:00 pm in M12.  
Check out the full year's list on the Eastridge website, calendar page. Join us on November 11!

**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  
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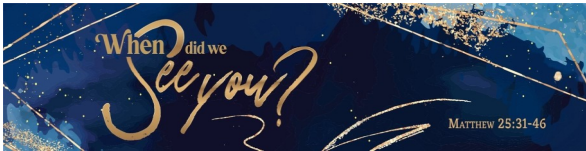


*The weekly  
Lamp*



**TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—October 27**

9:30 am	Worship —Sanctuary and online
10:45 am	<i>Now and Not Yet</i> Study—Huxtable Lounge
10:45 am	Help pack College Care packages—M12
1:00 pm	Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge



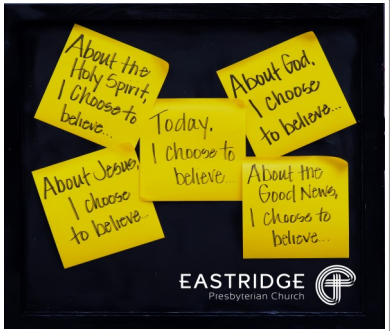
**TODAY in worship**  
**Pastors:** Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth **Liturgist:** Shirlette Hershiser  
**Worship Connection:** Kris Adler-Brammer

**Music:** Chancel Choir, Bob Fusion (saxophone), Daniel Ikpeama (soloist), Brett Meier (drums), Kristen Unterseher, Brent Shaw

*Did you miss our summer sermon series,  
"Today, I Choose to Believe...."?*

*Maybe you just want to have another listen?*

You can find our pastors' sermons on our Eastridge Presbyterian YouTube channel (@eastridgepresbyterian) and Eastridge Presbyterian Church on your favorite podcast platform.



**Pledge cards and stewardship letters have gone out in the mail!**

The estimated giving card (pledge card) will help us formulate a budget for 2025. We encourage you to discuss and pray over your giving before filling out the card and returning it to the office by November 17 (you may also leave in the offering plate). Pledge cards and letters are also available at the welcome desk!



**The Green Team** continues to monitor energy usage after the LED light replacement project earlier in the summer, and while results are still preliminary, it looks as though the project is already helping keep our usage, and therefore costs, down! The Team installed a first round of motion detector light switches at the top and bottom of the stairway on the front side of the church in mid-September. It was a challenging project, but thanks to Bill Bevans and Kip Illian, it was accomplished! Next, the Team plans placing the next



motion detector light switches in the hallway behind the chancel, the north foyer in the Welcome Center, M12, and in the Library. Timers were also installed in the Foyer, and the Team is working with Wolfe Electric to identify additional energy efficiency projects in the next six months. The Cave (and other storage area) organization project spearheaded by Sara Bevans is being enjoyed by all! Now is a great time to join the team, as there are lots of upcoming opportunities to work on different types of projects!



**Eastridge Food Pantry  
volunteer sign ups:**

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

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

**Ideas for the pantry:**

Instant oatmeal packets

Condiments (ketchup, mayo, mustard, jams)

Spices (such as salt, pepper, cinnamon, vanilla) and baking ingredients (sugar, flour, etc.)



**It's back!** Join us as we travel along the Sunrise Road! Our podcast guests this fall include Beth Graverholt and Olivia Butts with Justice in Action; Sharon Kandel, PC(USA) Regional Liaison for the Horn of Africa; Michaela Kumke, President and CEO of the Food Bank of Lincoln; Lisa Janssen, Program Administrator at the Gathering Place. The Sunrise Road can be found on the Sunrise Road YouTube channel (@sunriseroad) and all major podcast platforms.

**THE GATHERING PLACE:** Eastridge Presbyterian Church arranges to provide 4-5 volunteers at The Gathering Place, a local soup kitchen, on the 4th Monday of each month. For more information on what this entails, contact the church office. Thank you to all Eastridge members who volunteer to serve at The Gathering Place. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/thegatheringplacecurrent>



# PRAYERS

**Prayers:** Condolences to the family of **Lois Coleman**. Lois's memorial service will be held November 1 at 11:00 am at Eastridge, luncheon to follow.

**Flowers are given** to celebrate the birth of Wendell Theodore Niemann, infant son of Joel Niemann and Whitney Larson of Minneapolis. Adoring grandparents are Patty and Roger Niemann. Wendell joins his furry siblings: Gus, Margot and Millie.



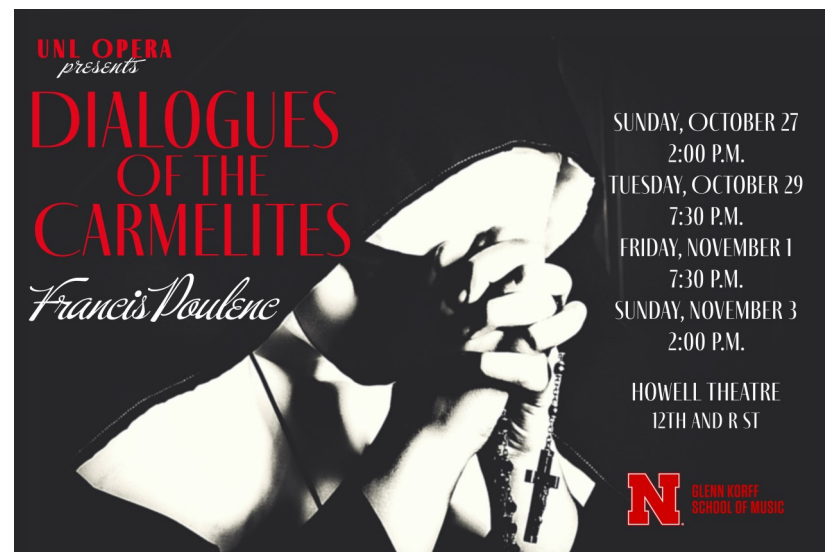
**FUND MATCH:** For the FIFTH year in a row we have been given a matching gift of \$10,000 through a generous anonymous donor! We are thankful for this generous gift as we enter the season of gratitude, as it encourages giving to the mission and ministry of Eastridge. **We are at \$ 10,315 toward the match! Thank you for your gifts to Eastridge!**

**We Need Your**



**Youth** – Each Wednesday evening, youth group begins with a meal. Providing a meal includes a main dish, side (s), and dessert. The church provides drinks and all the paper products. This year the group will consist of about 12 people. If you are willing to provide a meal, the following link can be used to sign up for a meal for the remainder of the 2024 year.

OR: <https://bit.ly/youthmeal2425>



**Eastridge choral scholars** Ella Young and Elijah Hite are involved with this event at UNL Opera: **"Dialogues of the Carmelites"**. Check out this link for more information: <https://bit.ly/unloperaepcinfo>