



**Eastridge Presbyterian Women Cookie Sale** is TODAY, December 8.  
Please stop by the tables this morning to stock up on holiday treats and support the mission of EPW!

**Join us this Advent at Eastridge Presbyterian Church!**

- ◆ Sunday Worship at 9:30 am followed by food for the journey and the soul!
- ◆ December 8 - savory breads, stuffing stockings for the Gathering Place, and the EPW Cookie Sale
- ◆ December 15 - charcuterie boards and Christmas carols
- ◆ December 22 - warm homemade breads and jams
- ◆ Special Christmas Music every week by our choirs, musicians, and congregation
- ◆ Tuesday lunch devotion and meal on Zoom at 12:15 pm with Pastors Thomas and Melodie
- ◆ Christmas Eve worship at 5 and 7 pm



**The Food Pantry is again in need of your clean plastic bags** from grocery/retail use. You may leave them in the grocery cart in the Welcome Center.  
Thank you!

**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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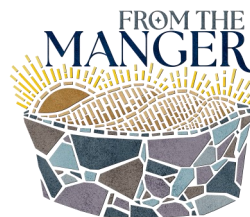
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*The weekly lamp*

**TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—December 8**

9:30 am      Worship —Sanctuary and online  
10:30 am      Fellowship with savory breads, and stuffing stockings for The Gathering Place in the Welcome Center  
Eastridge Presbyterian Women **COOKIE SALE** following worship



**TODAY in worship**

**Pastors:** Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth. **Worship Connection:** Kris Adler-Brammer. **Music:** Chancel choir, Heather Wherry, Bill Reichert, Kristen Unterseher, Will McGuire, Brent Shaw. **Advent Candle:** Kilian family.



**Trailblazers for December:** White Elephant gift exchange on December 13. Committee choice for refreshments; join us at 7:00 p.m. in Huxtable Lounge!  
Committee: Rafos, Lanz, Schulze, Claussen

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship:**

Join us for the Children’s program at 5 pm; worship with chancel choir, Kirk Ringers, and brass at 7:00 pm on December 24.



Due to the war in the Middle East, the **Peace Light** will not be brought out of the grotto this year. We can still spread the Peace Light and its message of peace and friendship through our network of Keepers of the Light. We have kept the flame going throughout the year, and will be **sharing it in worship on December 8 and both Christmas Eve services at 5 pm and 7 pm.** Additionally, the light will be available by special request through the office.





**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 December 9 (you may also leave in the offering plate). Pledge cards and letters are also available at the welcome desk!

**Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:**

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

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

Thank you for your donations to our recent **Food Pantry Food Drive**: The pantry took in \$ 650 in monetary donations plus 313 pounds of food.



**EASTRIDGE**  
**FOOD PANTRY**

**Angel Tree at Eastridge**~ This year we will be sharing gift cards with neighbors residing at Fresh Start in Lincoln. Gift cards provide the women in the Fresh Start community with opportunities to make personal choices that reflect their own wishes and preferences—something most of us also appreciate and enjoy. To participate in sharing the spirit of the season in this way:

- \*Take one or more envelopes from the tree.
- \*Place a gift card (\$25 is the suggested amount) in the envelope and seal it with the sticker you'll find inside.

\*On the envelope, fill in the business where the card may be used and the amount of the gift card, if different than \$25.

\*Return the envelope to the black mailbox beside the **office door on or before December 8.**

Some favorite places to patronize shared by women at Fresh Start include Walmart, Target, gas stations, Bath and Body Works, Starbucks, and fast food restaurants (Burger King, Amigoss or McDonald's.)



**Prayers:** Cathy Duling, for health concerns. Jack Pittman, for health concerns.

To be added to the bulletin for prayer concerns, contact the church office.

Thank you for your gifts in 2024! Help us reach our end of year giving goal of \$ 550,000. **We are currently at \$ 430,082 in general fund giving in 2024.**

Thank you for giving to the ministries of Eastridge Presbyterian Church!



**Per Capita**

**Per Capita/Denominational Giving:** For 2024 the assessed Per Capita is \$ 37.50 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 December newsletter.



**Calendar fundraiser:** It's back! By purchasing a 2025 nature/wildlife calendar you'll be helping out two valuable EPC ministries. 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. **Deadline to order is TODAY, December 8.** If paying via Venmo, account info listed on the sign up, and here.

This year the fundraiser will benefit both **Children's & Music ministries at Eastridge!**



West Door Studios Donna Gustafson Photography  
@WestDoorStudios-DonnaGustafson



**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Eastridge is sponsoring another Blood Drive!

Please consider donating blood on Tuesday, December 10, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM in Huxtable Lounge. In only 30 minutes you can help save a life!

Schedule a Blood, Platelet or Plasma Donation | American Red Cross red-crossblood.org)



**ADVENT DEVOTION & MEDITATION:** Pastors Melodie & Thomas will be doing a weekly lunchtime zoom devotion/meditation/communion service. It will be at 12:15pm on Tuesdays, starting December 3. Link here for zoom:

<https://bit.ly/adventzooomeastridge>