



A researcher at UNL is seeking participants to share their thoughts about poverty and how it should be addressed in the U.S. Participation includes taking a short survey and taking part in a 30–60 minute interview.

Participants will receive a \$25 gift card as compensation. For more information, please see https://go.unl.edu/pov_info. To participate, go to <https://go.unl.edu/poverty>.

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First quarter statements are available by contacting the church office. We can mail or email yours to you!

EASTRIDGE CARE CONNECTIONS:

TODAY, May 11, we will re-commission and commission new members of our one-year-old ministry, Eastridge Care Connections. If you feel called to serve with Eastridge Care Connections, we would love to celebrate you.

If you're new to this ministry, you may fill out one of the Caring Connections cards at the Welcome Desk, or in the May newsletter!



Eastridge Church Staff

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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
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 Our Staff

EASTRIDGE
Presbyterian Church



The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—May 11

9:30 am Worship—Sanctuary and online
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center



TODAY in worship:

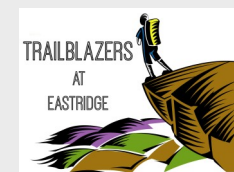
Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

Worship Connection: Kris Adler Brammer

Music: Joshua Roach (trumpet), Joe Fuchs (bagpipes), Chancel Choir, Kristen Unterseher, Brent Shaw, Will McGuire

Thank you chancel choir for another school year of helping lead us in worship!
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! -Psalm 150

Trailblazers is a group of older adults at Eastridge that provides an opportunity for men and women, singles as well as couples, to participate together in the life of the church—in service and fellowship. **May 16 at 6:30 pm (NEW DATE & TIME!): We will play Bingo! We'll meet in Huxtable. Bring 2 Bingo prizes!**



In May, you can participate in Mental Health America's "Light Up Green," campaign. You can get involved by adding green lights to your home or business, posting a yard sign, sharing a social media post, or all three! When friends ask you about your green light or yard sign, you can tell them: "We want to end the stigma and shame that stop so many from getting support for their mental health." Sponsored by EPC Faith Partners. Check out the table in the Welcome Center this morning!



In 1953, a seed was planted. That seed fell on good soil and was heard and understood (Matthew 13:1- 23). Eastridge Presbyterian Church has produced significant crops in worship, education, mission, fellowship, and music.

Eastridge began with six families gathered for worship at Holmes Elementary School in May 1953. Worship has taken on a special meaning during Lent and Advent, with traditions including a children's palm procession on Palm Sunday, communion on Maundy Thursday, a Good Friday service, an Easter sunrise service, and Christmas Eve candlelight services.

Eastridge has long made a commitment to nourish outside the church through its mission efforts. During the 1960's, family nights combined food, fellowship and education. Summer work camps for youth also

began in the 1960's. The food pantry, which began in a basement closet, expanded to require a separate building. Today, our outreach includes service and funding to numerous organizations.

The house that is Eastridge was built on rock in 1953 (Matthew 7:24-27). The building that houses the sanctuary and fellowship hall was dedi-

cated in November 1956, and the education unit was added in 1960. The lounge was built in 1976, and the sanctuary was expanded and a balcony added in 1987. In 2008 the welcome center and the alteration of the chancel were completed in the sanctuary. Over the past 20

years other improvements have been made to the property.

Happy anniversary, Eastridge Presbyterian Church!



Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

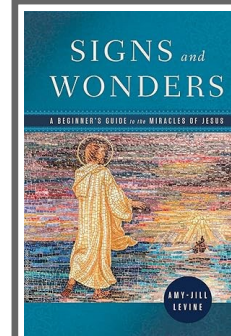
Distribution: <https://bit.ly/FPDistFood>

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



CONGRATS!

Thankful prayers for the arrival of **Lenora Newcomb** last week! Lenora joins parents Garin & Emma and excited big sister Sierra.



Signs and Wonders study: Join Pastors Melodie and Thomas for a Zoom Bible Study Thursdays at 10:00 am from April 24-June 5.

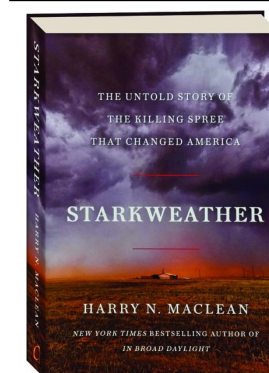
Using Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Signs and Wonders: A Beginners Guide to the Miracles of Jesus*, we'll explore Jesus' miracles as recorded in the gospels.

To sign up for the study (it's not too late to join!), click on the following link (link in online version): [Eastridge: Signs & Wonders Book Study](https://bit.ly/EastridgeSignsWonders)

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. **2025 sign up:** <https://bit.ly/gatheringplace2025epc>



An invitation from our friends at St. Mark's Episcopal Church: Bishop Patrick and Florence Wakula of Central Busoga Diocese, in the Anglican Church of Uganda will visit Lincoln on Wednesday, May 21 as a fundraiser to provide a roof for the All Saints' Cathedral, Iganga. The meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 6001 A Street and will start at 6:00pm. The Burnt Biskits will perform.



The **EPC Book Club** meets the second Monday of each month September through June at 7:00 pm. Locations vary...check the Welcome Center for info when you arrive!

The selection shown, *Starkweather* by Harry N. Maclean, is our pick for May.

Join us May 12 at 7:00 pm in M12 for discussion and refreshments. **Members, share your suggestions for next year's book list with the office!**