

**Sing a Song to the Lord!** Do you remember those songs you sang when you were a child? Maybe some were silly, maybe some were fun, maybe some you sang in church, maybe some you sang at home. We want to know what those songs were and still are - those songs you sang when you were a child that you love to sing today! As we gather these songs, we may share them or sing them!



**The Food Bank of Lincoln named the Eastridge Food Pantry as the Featured Agency Partner at this year’s Empty Bowls Fundraiser.**

As part of the honor, we were asked to participate in the fundraiser by making a soup to share! With the guidance of Cheryl Ferree and Judith Keller and the support of Donna Gustafson, we coordinated 21 soup makers, 5 soup transporters, a 5 car “crockpot caravan,” 2 soup servers, and 4 members of the clean up crew. We also shared three large containers of soup with Matt Talbot Soup Kitchen for dinner the same night.



A NEW pottery communion set in honor and recognition of the Eastridge Food Pantry’s ongoing commitment to end food insecurity in our community has been gifted to commemorate the event. To all who work and donate to the pantry and in honor of the collaborative leadership team: thank you for inspiring us and leading us as we live out the call to love our neighbors.

**Eastridge Church Staff**

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 Donna Gustafson.....Office Manager  
 Andy Kalnins.....Night/Weekend Custodian  
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EASTRIDGE

Presbyterian Church

*The weekly lamp*

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—June 1

9:30 am	Worship—Sanctuary and online
10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center
1:00 pm	Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge
1:00 pm	NA Leaders—Fellowship Hall

TODAY in worship:

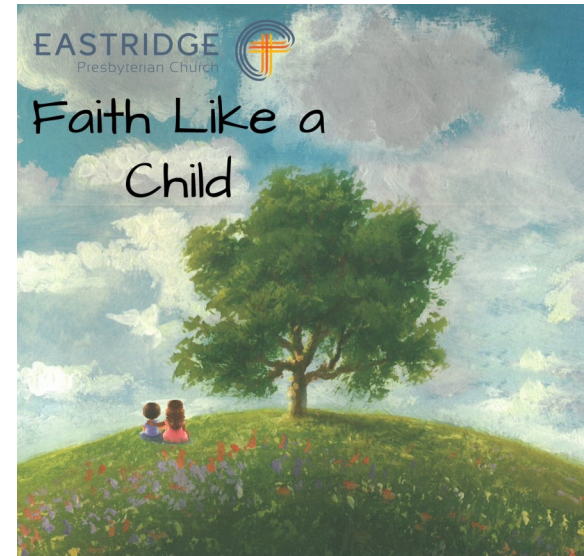
Pastor: Melodie Jones Pointon

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Liturgist: Doug McDaniel

Any sopranos or altos who would like to sing this morning, we are going to sing and just practice at 8:45am (TODAY!)

Music: Patty Niemann, Abigail Kabell, Ella Young, Pam Schumacher, Kris Brenneis, Kris Adler-Brammer, Kristen Unterseher, Brent Shaw, Will McGuire, Iesha Clanton, Joanna Hill Mackley



**June 8** - Pentecost Celebration - Acts 2; book TBA Fellowship after worship with red foods! Wear red to worship!

**June 15** - Father’s Day - Psalm 100 & *The Green Piano: How Little Me Found Music* by Roberta Flack. Jazz Sunday

**June 22** - Mark 10:17-31; Isaiah 5:1-7 & *Rainbow Fish* Guest Preacher: Bubba Brammer, Christian Education Director at First Presbyterian Church Lincoln

**June 29** - Numbers 21:8-9; *Bel and the Dragon* vv1-22 & *Dragons Love Tacos* by Rubin Salmieri Taco bar after worship!



**NEXT SUNDAY:** Pentecost Celebration - Fellowship after worship with red foods!

Wear red to worship!



**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>

**SABBATICAL NEWS:** As part of Eastridge's commitment to pastoral renewal, pastors are eligible for a six-week sabbatical period after five years of service. Pastor Thomas will be on sabbatical beginning Thursday, May 15 and returning on Thursday, June 26.

At the center of Thomas' sabbatical is a spiritual pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago, an ancient path in northern Spain that has drawn pilgrims for centuries. Designed especially for clergy, this pilgrimage offers space to unplug, reflect, and



encounter the Sacred—one step at a time. The journey is organized through Columbia Theological Seminary's Preachers Studio for Renewal. It includes daily hikes anywhere between 10-15.5 miles, lots of stretching (yes, yoga!), group reflection, and some great Spanish food!

In addition to the Camino, Pastor Thomas will use this time for rest, family connection, and the spiritual practice of "being where his feet are." Please keep him and his family in your prayers during this time!

#### Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

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

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



**Prayers for the family of Katie Phipps.** Katie's memorial service will be June 6 at 10:30 am at Eastridge. Luncheon to follow.

**The Pentecost Offering** unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of children, youth, and young adults. **This offering will be taken June 8.**



**Devotion Ministry:** We are always looking for new writers for our online devotion ministry. If you are interested in writing, even just occasionally, please contact the office for more information.

If you'd like to receive a prompt and the link five days a week via email, let the office know as well.



June 8—Diane Worrell Eaton

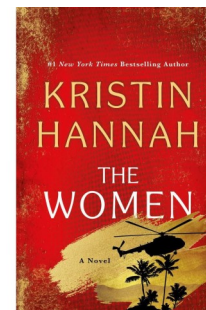
June 15—UNL jazz combo

June 22—Bill Reichert, Diane Worrell Eaton

June 29—Brent Shaw and Will McGuire



**UPCOMING MUSIC  
FOR WORSHIP IN  
JUNE!**



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, *The Women* by Kristin Hannah, is our pick for June. **Join us June 9 at 7:00 pm in M12** for discussion and refreshments. **Members, look for our 2025-2026 selections at this meeting and a chance to sign up to lead discussion/bring treats!**