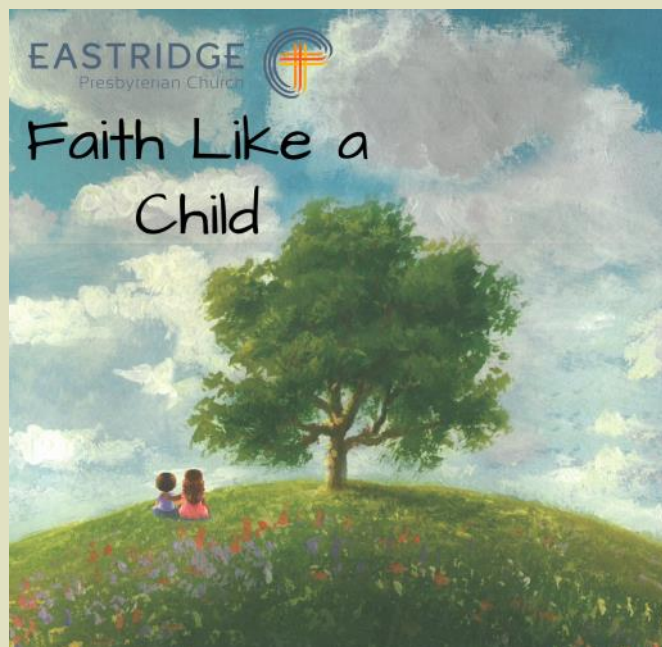




What does it mean to have faith like a child's, a faith in God that is unquestioning of why's or when's or if's? Warm like a snuggly security blanket before we start pulling at the edges to see how far we can stretch the colorful threads before the blanket tatters. This summer let's explore such a faith, a faith in which we sing the songs we sang when we were young and dare to color outside the lines. When there was only one big "t" Truth and not so many little "t" truths as there are today. Let's embrace looking at the sky and seeing a puffy cloud and saying, "That's the pillow God puts His head on at night to sleep." Let's have faith like a child's. And fun! ~ Greg Tubach & Carol Ripley, Session Conveners



Join us for worship this summer!

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!





HIGHLIGHTS

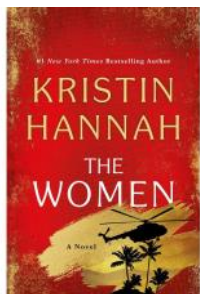


Session Highlights May: Acknowledged that communion was served at Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025. Report of Senior Pastor included lunch and talk with Peter Dak on May 8, trustee report, summer convener plans, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast update, JIA May event update. Thomas Dummermuth's Sabbatical starts May 15: Walking the Camino pilgrimage route beginning May 29 for two weeks (for more info on Thomas's sabbatical, check out page three!)

GIVING STATEMENTS

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



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! A copy of the list can also be found on the church website, in the "What's New" pull-down menu, then click on "calendar". 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.

Next year's list will be available online soon!

Fourth Friday Women's Coffee Fellowship:

Join the ladies in Huxtable on June 27 at 8:30 am for our monthly coffee fellowship!

Let the office know if you would like to be included in an email reminder.



Justice Ministry Celebration: Justice ministry team leaders, network members, clergy, and their families are invited to join Justice in Action for a special evening to celebrate our progress this year! You can expect an uplifting night where we share stories, celebrate successes, and build momentum for our summer investment drive! Join us on **May 29 at 6:30 pm at Horizons Community Church.**

Justice in Action's Justice Ministry Celebration!





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!

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.



NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is offering a Family Support Group program that meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1200 S 40th Street in the basement activities center (enter the main doors on south side of the church).



NAMI Lincoln Family Support Group
Co-facilitators:
Teresa Harms Coder
Brent Toalson
teresa.namilincoln@gmail.com



About NAMI

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Lincoln is an affiliate of NAMI Nebraska. NAMI Lincoln and dedicated volunteer members and leaders work tirelessly to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy and support group programs for people in our community living with mental illness and their loved ones.

Any sopranos or altos who would like to sing, we are going to sing a piece on Sunday, June 1 and just practice that morning at 8:45am.

This arrangement could easily be sung as a solo, a small group all singing the melody, or those who would like to sing parts can divide into soprano and alto. I've already had 3 people say they could so I know we at least have a trio which will be beautiful! ~ Brent Shaw, choir director





UPCOMING MUSIC in WORSHIP:

June 1—Women's choir, Patty Niemann, Abigail Kabell (bassoon)

June 8—Diane Worrell Eaton

June 15—UNL jazz combo

June 22—Bill Reichert

June 29—Brent Shaw and Will McGuire



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>.



Eastridge Presbyterian Women: Thank you so much for the thoughtful gift following my nature photography talk at your gathering on May 21. It is much appreciated, and I love sharing my hobby with you all!
~ Donna Gustafson



Congratulations to high school and college graduates.

On to the next adventure!
Prayers for a blessed journey.

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.





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. **Updated sign up:**

<https://bit.ly/gatheringplace2025epc>



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FOOD PANTRY

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Links for volunteers for Sunday drive thru and Wednesday distribution plus box prep below:

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

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

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.....Organist & Adult Choir Director

Will McGuire.....Worship Leader

Vince Ruhl.....Director of Online Ministries

Brett Meier.....Audio/Visual Technician

Laura Siemsen.....Administrative Assistant

Office number.....402-488-7844

Melodie Jones Pointon: mjonespointon@eastridge.org

Thomas Dummermuth: tdummermuth@eastridge.org

MEET THE STAFF



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!



Eastridge is the featured partner for the 23rd annual Empty Bowls luncheon sponsored by the Food Bank of Lincoln!

We do have enough soup sign ups but could use more people to help transport that morning (May 27). That could mean furnishing your vehicle or helping us use our carts to transport from the kitchen to the front entrance. Please email the office if you can help!

If you're reading this after May 27, thank you to those of you who signed up to make soup or help in any way!



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