

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!



On behalf of the Food Bank of Lincoln, I wanted to thank you for your incredible support in making our 2025 Empty Bowls Luncheon a HUGE success!

Empty Bowls is truly a community favorite, and that is made possible by wonderful soup vendors such as yourself! We know how much effort, time and planning goes into being a soup vendor for this event, and we truly appreciate all the hard work and generosity.

*Because of your participation, we are thrilled to share that **over 400,000 meals** will be added to our community for neighbors facing hunger. Your culinary talents and willingness to give back helped make this event not only meaningful but memorable for everyone who attended.*

With gratitude,
Annelise Lowery + The Food Bank of Lincoln Team

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.



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EASTRIDGE

Presbyterian Church

The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—June 29

9:30 am

Worship —Sanctuary and online

10:30 am

Coffee Fellowship AND TACO BAR!—Welcome Center

1:00 pm

Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge

TODAY in worship:

Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Liturgist: Sara McInerny

Music: Patty Niemann, Will McGuire, Madeline McGuire, Jana McGuire, Brent Shaw, Hope Shortridge

June 29 - TODAY!

Numbers 21:8-9; Bel and the Dragon vv1-22 & Dragons Love Tacos

by Rubin & Salmieri.

Taco bar after worship!

July 6—The Most Beautiful Song

by Max Bollinger

July 13—Harold and the Purple Crayon

by Crockett Johnson

July 20—If I Drove an Ice Cream Truck

by Cat in the Hat

Of course we’re having ice cream for breakfast following worship!

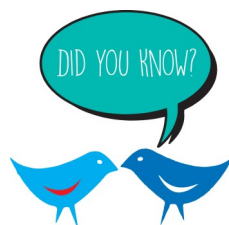
July 27—Where the Wild Things Are

by Maurice Sendak

Following worship, we’ll watch an episode of Mr. Rogers in the sanctuary!

Summer Sermon Series:

Faith Like a Child



Did you know?

The bulletin board in the hallway outside the women's restroom has volunteer opportunities and other community information.

Check it out!



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.

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



Eastridge Blood Drive: Join us Tuesday, July 15 from 12—6 pm in the Huxtable Lounge to give blood! Sign up here (link available in online version of lamp):

[Schedule a Blood, Platelet or Plasma Donation | American Red Cross](#)

Looking ahead - a sneak peek at what's happening in August:

Dreams play an important role in the biblical narrative. It is often through dreams that God speaks to God's beloved. Sometimes it is a promise. Sometimes it is a warning. Always it is a reminder that we are not alone; God sees us and is with us. This August, we'll explore some of the dreams we find in scripture, and how God is speaking to us through

dreams. As we enter the last month of summer and help prepare our scholars, teachers, and education staff for the coming year, we'll share our own dreams with each other. Oh, and of course, we'll also have some fun along the way!



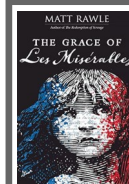
Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

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

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

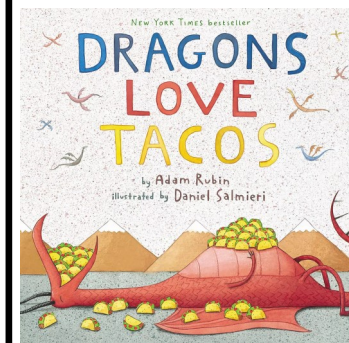


Devotion Ministry: We are always looking for new writers for our online devotion ministry. If you are interested in writing please contact the office for more information.



The Wednesday morning bible study will be starting "*The Grace of Les Misérables*" by Matt Rawle July 16. In the six-week study *The Grace of Les Misérables*, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo's story.

TODAY'S BOOK referenced in the sermon: *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin and Daniel Salmieri



A #1 New York Times bestselling phenomenon, this deliciously funny read-aloud is an unforgettable tale of new friends and the perfect snack that will make you laugh until spicy salsa comes out of your nose. Dragons love tacos. They love chicken tacos, beef tacos, great big tacos, and teeny tiny tacos. So if you want to lure a bunch of dragons to your party, you should definitely serve tacos. Buckets and buckets of tacos. Unfortunately, where there are tacos, there is also salsa. And if a dragon accidentally eats spicy salsa . . . oh, boy. You're in red-hot trouble.

JOIN US FOR A TACO BAR following worship today in the Welcome Center!

Youth in Mission:

This summer our youth are participating in some in-town mission days. We gather for breakfast in the morning and then head out to volunteer in the community. Our first day was Wednesday, June 11 and we partnered with the F St. Community Center. For our second day of in-town mission, we partnered with the Center for People. During our time, we worked in the pantry. Our third day will be on Wednesday, July 9. One of the projects is partnering with Sole Hope that works to provide shoes for people. You will hear more about it in the August newsletter, but we are hoping to involve YOU in this project. One of the ways that you can help us now is to donate your "old" jeans to us. Jeans can be dropped off to Kris in the office at any time.



F Street Community Center