



Our **Faith Like a Child** Series  
continues the month of July!

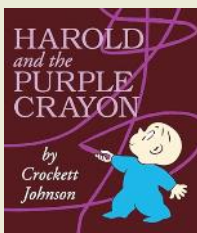
**July 6**

*The Most Beautiful Song* by  
Max Bollinger



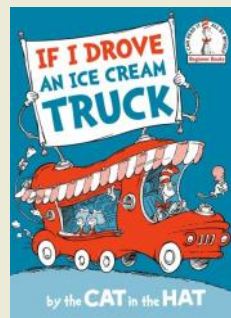
**July 13**

*Harold and the Purple  
Crayon* by Crockett  
Johnson



**July 20**

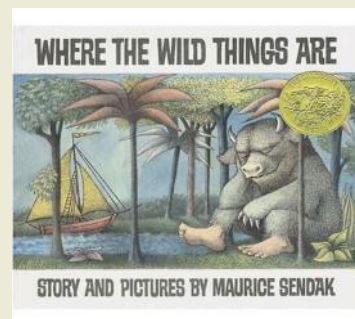
*If I Drove an Ice Cream Truck*  
by Cat in the Hat



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

**July 27**

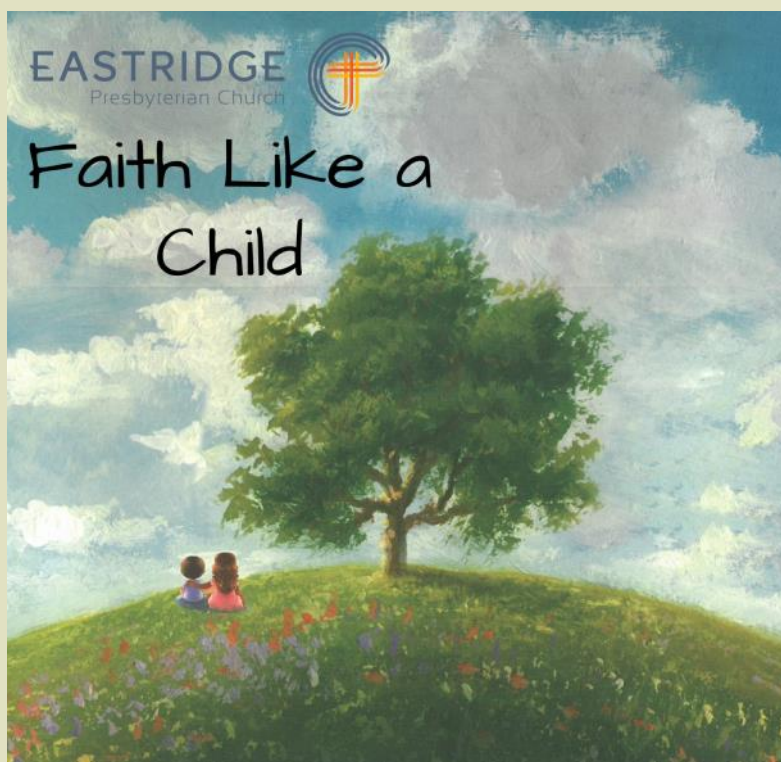
*Where the Wild  
Things Are* by  
Maurice Sendak



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

SUMMER  
**WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE**

**Faith Like a Child:** "A  
*summer series exploring faith,  
wonder, and wisdom through  
beloved children's books and  
sacred stories — because  
sometimes the simplest stories  
carry the deepest truths.*"





## 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. Psalm 126 opens with a word of hope for God's exiled people. Far from home, God's people were all but without hope, wondering if God had forgotten them. But God restored their hope and brought them back home. The only way they could describe their experience was that it was "as if we were dreaming." (From the PC(USA)'s Triennium 2025 materials written by Jon Brown.)

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!



Sunday, August 10, at 9:30 am is the blessing of our scholars and backpacks! It's also pajama day at church! OR: wear comfy clothes or your favorite "school" (alma mater) shirt.

## Would you like a child's chair?

We have more small wooden children's chairs than we know what to do with! If you would like to take a couple home with you, we would love for them to find homes where they can be used! They have been well loved but are still in sturdy condition. People are welcome to take them for **FREE**. We have had some folks say, "can I at least make a donation." It is not

necessary however we would gladly accept it. Because we have children use all of our spaces in the church, we often have to move small chairs. We would love to replace our small chairs with lighter, stackable ones. We have one new set of them in the Welcome Center and they are already getting used all throughout the week. If you would like a chair or two, there is a stash of them behind the Welcome Desk. Please feel to grab them at any time!





The Alzheimer's Music Project is a program available to support any person who is diagnosed with a cognitive disorder. The program provides individuals with a set of preprogrammed wireless headphones for free to the participant to keep indefinitely. The headphones are prepped with a downloaded playlist of approximately 100 songs curated with bands/music genres associated with the person's stated preferences. The only information required on the application is the person's name, address, birth year, and music preferences. Visit <https://www.alzheimersmusicproject.org/> for details.



Photos from worship and coffee fellowship this summer!





## HIGHLIGHTS



### Session Highlights

Acknowledge communion was served on Sunday, May 4 at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday, June 1 at 9:30 a.m.

Acknowledge that Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon officiated at the memorial services for Eleanor Johnsen, Rose Shortridge, Kathryn Phipps, Judy Jewett and Lance Rankin and the funeral service for John Wolfe.

A motion was made and seconded to allow the Outreach Committee to work with the Lefler Middle School social worker in conjunction with the school to determine students' clothing needs. Clothing and/or gift cards would be accepted and given to Lefler for emergency needs.

The Session approved the Fall Study proposal, "Holy Moments: Finding God in the Midst of the Everyday." The series would explore the connection between the work of our daily lives and God's purpose for us in the world.

### Consent Agenda

Acknowledge communion was served on Sunday, July 6 at 9:30 am.

Acknowledge that Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon officiated at the memorial service for Kathryn Phipps on 6-6-25.

Acknowledge that Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon officiated at the funeral service for John Wolfe on 6-10-25.

Acknowledge that Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon officiated at the memorial service for Judy Jewett on 6-14-25.



### Eastridge Blood Drive:

Join us Tuesday, July 15 from 12:00—6:00 pm in the Huxtable Lounge to give blood! Sign up here:

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

For more information contact the office.

**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**  
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#### 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.

### Fourth Friday Women's Coffee Fellowship:

Join the ladies in Huxtable on July 25 at 8:30 am for our monthly coffee fellowship!

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







*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.*

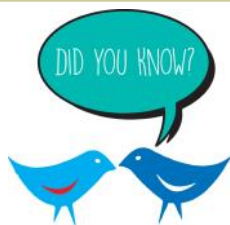
*With gratitude,*

*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.



### 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 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.



New in the Eastridge library:

***The Scientist and the Serial Killer* by Lise Olsen**, daughter of Carolyn and the late Duane Olsen. Synopsis: *Investigative journalist Lise Olsen brings to life the teens who were hunted by a killer hiding in plain sight and the extraordinary woman who would finally give his unknown victims back their names and their dignity.*



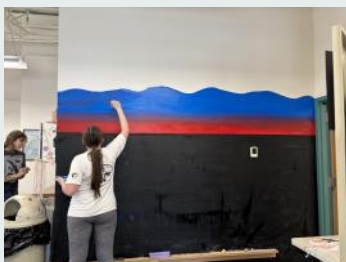
## Youth in Mission

This summer our youth are participating in some in-town mission days. We gather for breakfast in the morn-



ing and then head out to volunteer in the community. Our first day was Wednesday, June 11th and we partnered with the F St. Community Center. (Our wonderful

church member Chris Boden is the Director.) During our time there, we led Bingo for a group of adults, painted hopscotch and four square in their outdoor rec area, did some decorative painting in their art room, prepped art supplies, and clean and organized cabinets and art supplies. We also had the opportunity to learn about



who the community center serves and why this is an important ministry in the neighborhood.

For our second day of in-town mission, we partnered with the Center for People. During our time, we worked in the

pantry. This pantry is set up much like the Eastridge Pantry in that it is a store and offers folks the opportunity to shop for what they actually need and like. We talked with families, helped them shop, restocked shelves, did



some sorting, and at the close of the pantry we helped with the clean-up to prepare for the next set of guests. Then, after all that great work, we took some time to have some fun and played a round of putt-putt at Prehistoric Putt.



Our third day will be on Wednesday, July 9th. 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.

If you have a pair or two sitting around that you no longer wear or just don't like the fit, we will be happy to take them



off your hands. This is the material that we will be using to make the shoes. Jeans can be dropped off to Kris in the office at any time.







## 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>



**EASTRIDGE**  
FOOD PANTRY

## EASTRIDGE FOOD PANTRY:

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](mailto:mjonespointon@eastridge.org)

Thomas Dummermuth: [tdummermuth@eastridge.org](mailto: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!

## 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.





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