

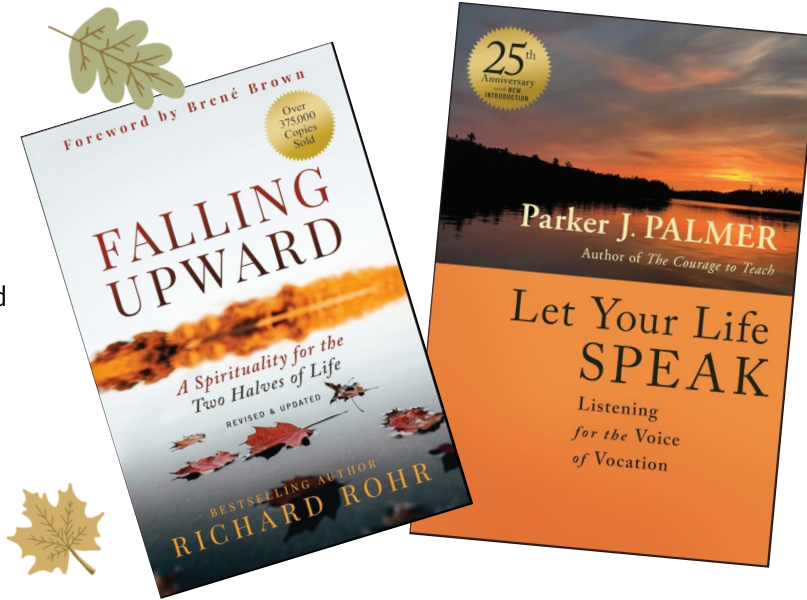


LADIES NIGHT OUT EVENT: We are planning a trip to Ashland to visit the Glacial Till Tasting Room on August 16. There are several little shops along the main street in Ashland (actually Silver Street) and, if interested, we could leave an hour for a bit of shopping. If you'd like to carpool from the church parking lot we'll plan to meet here at Eastridge at 2:00 pm. Otherwise, if you plan to drive on your own or with friends, we will meet at 4:00 pm at Glacial Till.

Save the Date: Fall Retreat September 12-13 | Camp Calvin Crest

In a world that rewards achievement and constant motion, what happens when we begin to listen more deeply—to the quiet voice within, to the seasons of our soul, to the wisdom found in falling and rising again?

Join us this fall for a weekend of reflection, rest, and renewal inspired by Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward* and Parker Palmer's *Let Your Life Speak*.
More details and registration coming soon.



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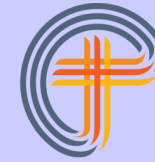
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EASTRIDGE
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The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—July 27

9:30 am Worship —Sanctuary and online
10:30 am Popcorn and a Mister Rogers episode! - Sanctuary
1:00 pm Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge



TODAY in worship: Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon,
Thomas Dummermuth
Liturgist: Doug McDaniel
Music: Brent Shaw, Will McGuire, Iesha Clanton



August
Sermon
Series

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August Sermon Series: Dreams play an important role in the biblical narrative. 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. We'll also have some fun along the way!

do with love

What's a small act that helped you feel God's presence in your everyday life?

This fall, we are asking for stories about small acts that helped you feel God's presence in your everyday life. Some of these stories may be shared in newsletters, sermons, in worship, or on our podcast, *The Sunrise Road*. We're calling it our **#do with love moments**, and it will relate directly to our fall series, "Holy Moments: Finding God in the Midst of the Everyday."

To share your story, please email them to the office at office@eastridge.org, or send a video recording to 402-817-9004.



What is a Land Acknowledgment?

We can trace the beginnings of Land Acknowledgment from Australia through Canada to the United States. Its original intention was to "give honor to the Aboriginal peoples and as a way to increase the rights of these Indigenous peoples." It is most often a statement recognizing that a building or event is on land originally inhabited by Native Americans.

Why would EPC consider a Land Acknowledgment?

The 223rd General Assembly (held in 2018), urged many church bodies to consider this as a step in dismantling racism and addressing the denomination's



historic harms against Indigenous people. Following her sabbatical last year where she researched her genealogy and her family's journey west along to

Mormon Trail, Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon (Senior Pastor and Moderator of the Session) asked the Session to consider establishing a committee to explore the desire for a Land Acknowledgment at EPC.

Who will be on the committee? We are currently asking members if they would like to serve in this way. The committee will include diversity of voices, including

Native American heritage. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact the office or email mjonespointon@eastridge.org.



The Eastridge Presbyterian Book Club starts again in September. Our first meeting of the year is Monday, September 8 at 7:00 pm.

Join us in M12 to discuss ***Becoming Madame Secretary*** by **Stephanie Dray**.

Check out the church website on the calendar page for a list of this year's picks.



Join us for our annual Back-to-School Sunday on Sunday, August 10. In addition to celebrating the beginning of a new year, we will bless backpack, present Bibles to our 3rd Graders, and have a few activities following worship. One of those will be to stay for children's themed lunch! In addition

to lunch, we will have a few activities for all ages. The youth will be hosting a "shoe cutting party" which is part of the mission of Sole Hope. We hope you will stay and see why we asked for your old jeans.



Condolences to the family of Ruth Ann Lyness. Ruth Ann's memorial will be held Friday, August 1 at 11:00 am at Eastridge.

"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you." ~ Jeremiah 29:12

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

TODAY'S BOOK referenced in the sermon: ***Where the Wild Things Are*** by **Maurice Sendak**

This iconic story has inspired a movie, an opera, and the imagination of generations. When Max dresses in his wolf suit and causes havoc in the house, his mother sends him to bed. From there, Max sets sail to an island inhabited by the Wild Things, who name him king and share a wild rumpus with him. But then from far away across the world, Max smells good things to eat...



EASTRIDGE
FOOD PANTRY

Preparing for Food Shortages: A Call to Action

The Lincoln Food Bank has issued a warning to all partner agencies to begin preparing for upcoming food shortages.

How You Can Help:

- Check our list of needed items and donate what you can
- Make a financial contribution designated specifically for the Pantry
- Volunteer your time to help distribute food or assist shoppers
- Share your excess garden produce with us

- Pray for pantry and our clients

Items we can use:

- Personal care items i.e. shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper
- Cleaning items i.e. laundry soap, dish soap
- Feminine hygiene products
- Canned fruits, vegetables, tomato products
- Canned meats
- Spaghetti pasta

TO VOLUNTEER:

Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

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

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