



**Justice in Action** is an interfaith, grassroots coalition of faith communities in Lancaster County, Nebraska. We harness the power of organized people to address big community problems.

The first step is LISTENING. We invite you to join one of our “LISTENING SESSIONS” this fall (see below) to help us determine what issues we want to address this year. For additional information or to get involved go to: [www.justice-in-action.org](http://www.justice-in-action.org) or contact Sara Bevans at [sarabevans62@gmail.com](mailto:sarabevans62@gmail.com)

**NOTE:** The Eastmont session is scheduled for October 3 in the Sky Lounge. Contact Sara Bevans if you have questions!

**Sept. 25**  
7:00pm  
Jean Schulze's  
Home

**Sept. 28**  
10:45am  
Huxtable  
Lounge

**Oct. 12**  
10:45am  
Huxtable  
Lounge

**DATE TBD**  
1:30pm  
Eastmont



### A THANK YOU!

**Thank you** for the cake, singing, sign, and cards to celebrate our milestone birthdays!

Celebrating with our church community is a highlight we will treasure!

*~Pastors Melodie & Thomas*



**The Food Pantry is again in need of your clean plastic bags** from grocery/retail use. You may leave them in the grocery cart in the Welcome Center.

Thank you!

### Eastridge Church Staff

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.....Choir Director/Organist  
Will McGuire.....Worship Leader  
Vince Ruhl.....Director of Online Worship  
Brett Meier.....A/V Tech  
Sydney Mitchell.....Nursery attendant  
Laura Siemsen.....Administrative Assistant  
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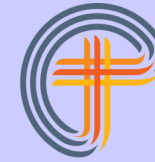
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# Our Staff

**EASTRIDGE**  
Presbyterian Church



*The weekly lamp*

### **TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—September 14**

9:30 am	Worship —Sanctuary and online
10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship —Welcome Center
11:00 am	Session Meeting—M12
1:00 pm	Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge

### **TODAY in worship:**

**Pastors:** Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

**Worship Connection:** Kris Adler-Brammer

**Music:** Chancel Choir, Kirk Ringers, Maddux Eckles (trumpet), Brent Shaw, Kristen Unterseher, Bill Reichert, Will McGuire

**Welcome back** Kirk Ringers joining with our Chancel choir today and guest trumpeter Maddux Eckles! Maddux is a UNL student and friend of our own Ella Young!



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

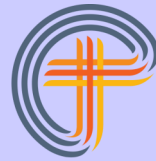
We have some wonderful opportunities in place for our children and youth coming this fall. Our volunteer opportunities vary in commitment and preparation – they can be a weekly, twice a month, or even monthly commitment. We will need:

**Teachers** – prepare and teach a lesson. At this time, we do not have enough people to cover our class needs.

**Youth Group advisors** – lead recreation, prepare and teach a lesson/activity

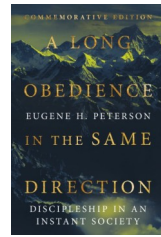
If you think you might be interested in assisting the children and youth programming and would like additional information about these opportunities, please talk with Kris Adler-Brammer.





**Monday Night Bible Study:** Our study began on Monday, September 8th at 6:30 in Huxtable. We are using the book "***A Long Obedience in the Same Direction***" by Eugene H. Peterson (second edition, 2000). We meet from 6:30-7:30 pm each Monday during the school year.

For more information, contact the church office!



**Meal for Youth:** Each Wednesday evening, youth group begins with a meal. Providing a meal includes a main dish, side(s), and dessert. The church provides drinks and all the paper products. This year the group will consist of about 7-9 people. If you are willing to provide a meal, the following link can be used to sign up for a meal for the remainder of the year.

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/youthmeal2526>



The **Eastridge Presbyterian Book Club** meets again October 13 at 7:00 pm. Our pick for the month is: ***The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton.**

The EPC Book Club meets monthly from September—June in M12.

Join us for discussion and refreshments!



**Trailblazers:** Please pick up your yearbooks at the Welcome Desk today! We start another year of fellowship on Friday, September 19 at 7:00 pm. If you would like more information on this group of (mostly) retired individuals, contact Sandra Hilsabeck or the church office.

*"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!" -Psalm 150*

**Chancel choir** resumed rehearsals Wednesday September 3 at 7:00pm.

**Kirk Ringers** resumed rehearsals Tuesday September 9 at 6:30pm.

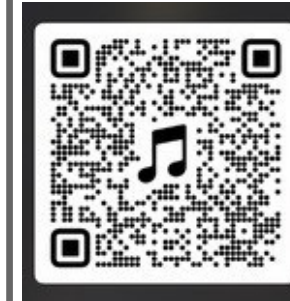


## Finance Report

**Eastridge financial update:** As in other years, our giving tapers off during late summer. We need approximately \$ 15,000 per week (Sept—Dec) to make our 2025 budget goal. (For comparison, we took in \$ 3,416 in general fund offerings this past week).

**Thank you for remembering the church in your giving!**

**SERMON SERIES PLAYLIST:** Once again, our pastors have compiled a playlist to accompany our Holy Moments series. Groove along to the season with much loved favorites from James Taylor, Natalie Merchant, Peter Paul and Mary, and Simon and Garfunkel. Discover artists like Madison Cunningham,



Sara Jarosz, and Audrey Assad. Be inspired by music from our worship services from Porter's Gate, Over the Rhine, Lauren Daigle, and Carrie Newcomer. "These songs help us focus on those moments that are part of our everyday lives. Some of these songs remind us of the tasks associated with being parents, friends, children, spouses; some are about our search for meaning; some remind us that we are human beings and not human doings. They all speak to those moments that are holy in the midst of the everyday."



## Preparing for Food Shortages: A Call to Action

### 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>

**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](mailto:office@eastridge.org), or send a video recording to 402-817-9004.

*do with love*