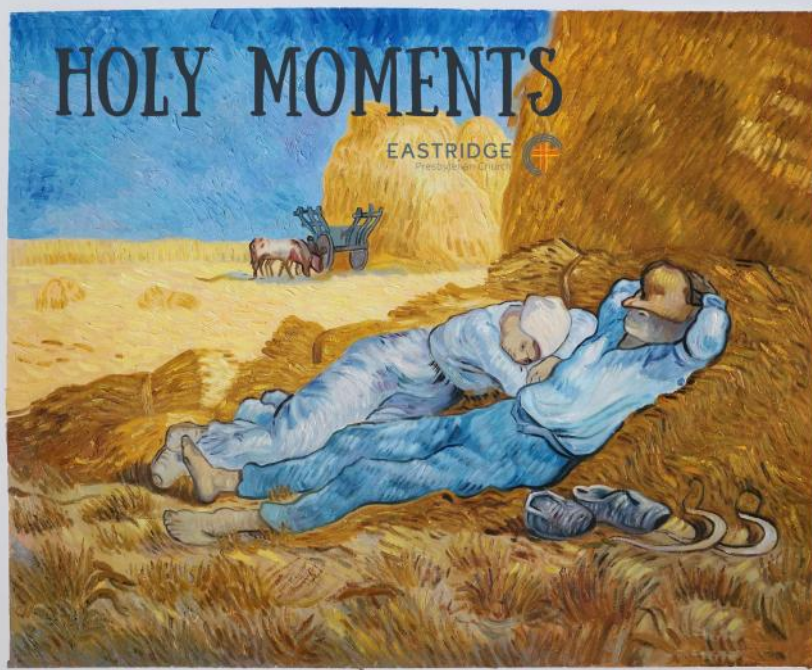




From the Pastor's Pen...

Earlier this year, Thomas shared a prayer resource called *Every Moment Holy* by Douglas McKelvey. As we looked through its pages, we both realized the treasures it offered for prayers - both personal and with our faith community. It contains prayers for planting a garden, beginning a book, finishing a book, paying bills, the sound of sirens, road rage, for missing someone, for the first hearth fire of the season, and for a cup of coffee in the morning. As we thought about the many prayers in the three volumes of this work, we realized we wanted to share them as a community in our worship. It was the first seed of this fall's theme, "Holy Moments: Finding God in the Midst of the Everyday."



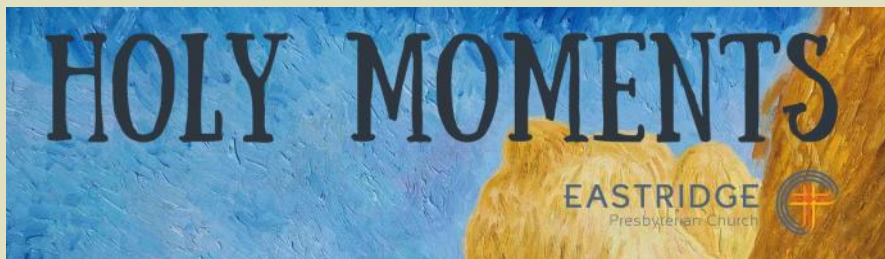
I didn't realize at the time how many small gifts would be given and received as we weave these things together - thoughts of the small things done with love, the rhythm of prayers for the mundane everyday tasks of our lives, the studies and retreats and conversations, the music, and the listening sessions. It seems everywhere I turn I'm being reminded to share these moments, these precious everyday moments, and to pay attention as we stop, look, and listen.

In the foreword to the first volume, author and songwriter Andrew Peterson, writes, "this book reminds us that there are no unsacred moments; there are only sacred moments and moments we have forgotten are sacred. If that's true, then it is our duty to reclaim the sacredness of our lives, of life itself."

May you continue to find and savor the holy moments of your days, amidst your labor and vocation of the mundane everyday tasks of life. "Many are the things that must be daily done. Meet me therefore, O Lord, in the doing of the small, repetitive tasks.... Receive then this my service, that even in the midst of labors that hold no happiness in themselves, I might have increasing joy. Amen." (from a liturgy for Domestic Days)

In laundry, washing dishes, dusting, scrubbing, cooking, baking, reading, listening, talking, and all the daily tasks, may you find Holy Moments.

- Melodie Jones Pointon





Listen.

Since the earliest of days, when Genesis tells us that the newly created humanity heard the Lord God in the garden of Eden, the sense of hearing, listening, communicating has been an important way to feel the divine presence. It's so important that listening becomes a repeated refrain, with the Hebrew word "shema" being used so often in the Hebrew scriptures that it's difficult to count. It can mean listen. It can mean obey. It always means pay attention and use that sense of hearing to listen and feel (in a way of knowing) the presence of the divine among us. Whether it's to the people of God gathered at the base of the mountain in the desert (Deuteronomy 6:4), or the prophetic writings of Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, or the baptism of Jesus when a dove descends and the divine speaks. In my Christian tradition, listening is a very important way to know the divine.

We don't live in a world that listens very well. Of course, I blame social media for the division only algorithms can produce. That's our current medium for division and strife to continue to separate and divide. Don't like what you're seeing on social media? Well, there's an easy fix for that! Just jump to a different platform and you can find people who agree with you. In the end, though, it's all still just chatter, in 30 second sound bites. If we're honest with ourselves, though, we only need to look at our human history to know that divisions happen without social media.

Listening is counter-cultural, and according to our sacred texts, prophetic. Prophetic here meaning the "good trouble" Representative John Lewis taught us to be up to. It's a sort of holy chaos (Richard Rohr's term) that has the potential to re-order, re-structure, and adapt. It's one of the many reasons I am dedicated to the listening session process that begins our annual cycle for Justice in Action. I love to tell other pastors about the holy spaces that are created when members of our faith communities invite their friends to gather together and listen to each other.

In our questions and intentional listening, we move past the niceties of "how are you today" to share what is weighing on our hearts and minds, what is keeping us up at night, what drives us to tears.

Speaking the truth is the first step to recognizing the shared pains and hurts that bind us together in the common human experience, which is the beginning of the good trouble of holy chaos. In his most recent book, *The Tears of Things*, author Richard Rohr elaborates on this important act by saying, "We need to stop being surprised or shocked by reality and recognize that evil flourishes best when it is denied. Evil relies on being considered rational, necessary, and expedient by otherwise good people." He continues, "You can't see what your

group can't see. But once you "out the demon" (the real hidden problem) in any group or on any issue it loses much of its potency." What we participate in is a process that gives us context for the holy potential of the chaos we are currently experiencing.

Now I have to use that word - the p word - because prophet-

ic acts are political. A google graph tells me that over the past 100 years this word has been used more to divide and label us than to bring us together. A friend recently shared with me that he believes this word is used when what we're saying makes others uncomfortable. In this act we are discovering what is happening in each other's lives, and it will likely make us uncomfortable - holy, divinely, uncomfortable (he said with a wry smile).

Political is does not inherently carry a positive or negative value. It simply means how people living in community make decisions for the whole group. Being political becomes an act of divine love out of a holy space of listening, as we live faithfully through acts of mercy and justice. "Any social analysis is still called by some "mixing politics with religion," Richard Rohr writes. "But that's exactly what the prophets do. They call out the collective, not just the individual, as a way of seeking the common good and assuring us that some common good might just be possible."

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The invitation that comes to you this fall is to participate in the prophetic act of listening for the divine as we listen to each other. There may be laughter, tears, anger, caring which will likely make us uncomfortable. There will be the mingling of the human and the divine as we share our connections as

people of faith. Out of these moments, together we will be motivated - even called - to the prophetic political work of making our community a more just society.

As we enter these holy spaces this fall, please consider accepting that invitation or even asking if you can attend a listening session. My experience is that they will take your breath away with the prophetic act of listening.

I want to end with the words of Joseph T. Kelly from an article he wrote for "A Faith That Does Justice" called

Synod and Shema. He says, "Listening does not always mean agreement. It does not mean we discard our thoughtful positions or deep convictions. Listening does not make problems and disagreements disappear. True listening means that despite our shortcomings and our sins, and because of our faith, we engage one another, explain and explore our differences. Guided and strengthened by God's grace, we move forward in a shared search for understanding, judgment and decision."

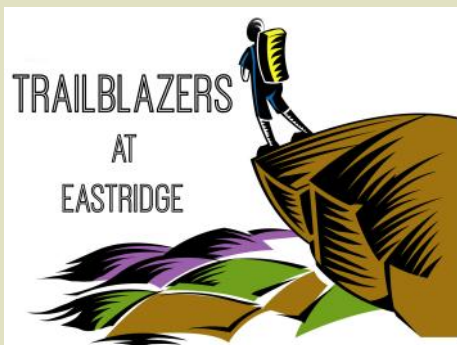
May we each find the divine presence in our listening this fall.

*- written by Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon,
Eastridge Presbyterian Church*

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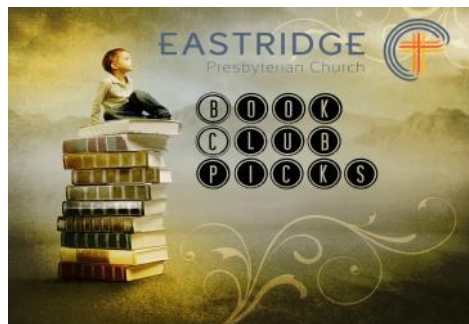
Trailblazers is a group of older adults at Eastridge that provides an opportunity for men and women, singles as well as couples, to participate together in the life of the church—in service and fellowship. We usually meet the third Friday night of the month, September through May.

October 17: Speaker & refreshments, 7:00 pm – Huxtable Lounge

Pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago by Thomas Dummermuth

Committee: *Berna Stading, Dean & Marlene Johnson

If you are interested, please contact Sandra Hilsabeck at 402-770-4289.



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! To view the year's list, head to the Eastridge website, calendar page.





BOLD HOPE
FINDING POSSIBILITIES WHEN THINGS SEEM IMPOSSIBLE

ALYNN SAMPSON
Executive Director
matt talbot
kitchen and outreach

Oct 8
12 PM | WED

AT EASTRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1135 Eastridge Drive

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FAITH COALITION OF LANCASTER COUNTY

Bold Hope: Shelter, Dignity, and the Work of Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach

A Conversation with Alynn Sampson, Executive Director of Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach

Faith Coalition of Lancaster County – October Gathering

Wednesday, October 8 | 12:00–1:00 PM
Eastridge Presbyterian Church | 1135 Eastridge Drive, Lincoln
In-person (bring your own lunch) or via Zoom

How do we create a sense of shelter that goes beyond walls?

How do we restore dignity, possibility, and hope when everything feels impossible?

Join us for a conversation with Alynn Sampson, Executive Director of Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, as part of our fall series on “Shelter and Belonging.” Matt Talbot is a vital presence in Lincoln, providing more than 100,000 meals a year—but food is only the beginning.

Rooted in values of compassion, inclusion, empowerment, and dignity, Matt Talbot helps people experiencing hunger and homelessness find bold hope in the face of hardship. Together with a team of staff and volunteers, they work to relieve hunger, overcome homelessness, address addiction, and provide advocacy and outreach in our community.

This conversation will explore:

- What faith leaders should know about the reality of homelessness and hunger in Lincoln
- What clients and staff wish others understood
- What gaps remain in our community response—and how we can do better, together

Join us as we listen, learn, and reflect on how faith communities can be part of creating shelter and belonging in real and lasting ways.

In-Person or Online Participation:

If you're attending in person, please bring your own brown bag lunch.

For those joining remotely, Zoom access is available.



do with love

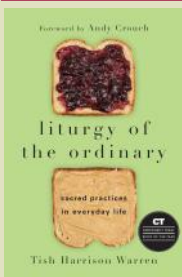
What's a small act that helped you feel God's presence in your everyday life?

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. We're calling it our #dowithlove 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.

Remember that nothing
is small in the eyes of God.
Do all that you

do with love.

St. Therese of Lisieux



Wednesday Night Book Study! ***Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren.**

Wednesdays 6-7 pm, October 8-29 (4 weeks) led by Pastor Melodie

Books available soon on the Welcome Desk.

A Gleaner's Table is a Sharing Table

In her book, *The Serviceberry*, Robin Wall Kimmerer shares what a "gift economy" might look like. "In a gift economy," she writes, "wealth is understood as having enough to share, and the practice for dealing with abundance is to give it away." (pg. 32)

Our faith community is invited to participate in a gift economy **Sunday, October 26**, as we share produce and pantry items with each other! As we think about what we might have in abundance - whether from our gardens (fresh or canned/made into jam/frozen), or from our pantries (that time we bought too much yellow mustard or lentils) - we are encouraged to give it away so others might enjoy it. These food items will be collected on a Gleaner's Table in the Welcome Center as we gather for worship. As we leave, we'll take items we can enjoy later.

"When August rolls around, my neighbor Sandy down the road in an old farmhouse puts out a card table under her front maples. The canning jars with stalks of bright gladiolas caught my eye. There is also a stack of zucchini, a basket of new red potatoes, and a sign that says "free." A person can only use so many glads, and so she shares the gladness with whoever might stop." (pg. 41)

May our giving and receiving share gladness with all!

Quotes from Robin Wall Kimmerer, The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World, Kindle Edition.





Lincoln Pronounced Certified Welcoming *

A few weeks ago, we gathered with local partners and hundreds of community members to kick off Lincoln Welcoming Week with a special announcement at Lincoln Unites. Lincoln has earned the prestigious Certified Welcoming designation from Welcoming America! In fact, we are one of only two communities in the nation to have earned the designation at a 4-star level!

The effort to become Certified Welcoming required dozens of community partners from nonprofit organizations to local government and community leaders. It is truly indicative of the spirit of collaboration that we emulate in Lincoln - working together to make our community stronger and more vibrant.

The Asian Center was a key partner in our community's Certified Welcoming effort, contributing to the evidence provided for nearly half of the 80 Certified Welcoming requirements, across all seven areas of focus. In 2024, Asian Center advocates used their skills as community health workers trained in mental health and domestic violence support to serve more than 1,800 immigrant neighbors.

We are proud to see Lincoln recognized with this special honor. We have been a welcoming community for many years. Now we get to celebrate that with four stars!

**from our friends at the Asian Community and Cultural Center*



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



While many of us have never personally experienced food insecurity, we are called to respond to those in need. As a Matthew 25 congregation, we are committed to addressing systemic poverty. One way we can live out this mission is by supporting our Pantry during this critical time

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

Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

- Distribution: <https://bit.ly/FPDistFood>
- Filling boxes: <https://bit.ly/FPFillingBoxes>



Discover Eastridge:

If you are interested in exploring membership at Eastridge, join us for a “Discover Eastridge” event. Look for a sign up soon!

Even if you are not ready to join, you are welcome to attend to find out more about our community. It will be held October 19 at 10:45 am (following worship) in Huxtable Lounge.



The Peace & Global Witness Offering is an initiative of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) designed to empower congregations and communities to promote peace by addressing various conflicts and injustices globally.

This offering is part of the church's commitment to fostering peace and reconciliation in a world often marked by anxiety and discord.

The offering is typically received on World Communion Sunday, which falls on October 5 in 2025.

The Gratitude and Generosity of Giving

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing[a] in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

"If our first response to the receipt of gifts is gratitude, then our second is reciprocity: to give a gift in return." - Robin Wall Kimmerer, *The Serviceberry*, pg. 13.

Join us on Sunday, October 26, as we celebrate the receiving and giving of gifts in worship and at our Gleaner's Table (see A Gleaner's Table is a Sharing Table.) In worship, we'll sing songs of gratitude and hear messages that inspire us to be thankful and to share. This is the Sunday we'll also collect the estimate of giving cards for 2026, giving thanks for the generosity that keeps our ministries going.



The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 2 Corinthians 9:6



HIGHLIGHTS



Session Highlights:

Approve Session Meeting Minutes for August 3, 2025.

Acknowledge that communion was served on Sunday, September 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Acknowledge that Rev. Thomas Dummermuth officiated the wedding ceremony of Eliza Felix and Benjamin Amen on August 15, 2025 at Eastridge.

Acknowledge that Rev. Thomas Dummermuth officiated the memorial service of Nyajock Kong on August 31 at Eastridge.

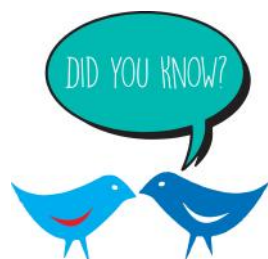
Acknowledge Ministry of Engagement and Support letter recognizing Eastridge Presbyterian Church's donation of \$1,195.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

The Finance report indicates sixty percent of the budget has been donated to date. Eastridge is encouraging donations be given to the general fund through the remainder of the year to meet the budget needs for the church.

The Outreach Committee is working on new signage to be placed along 56th Street.

The theme for Advent will be "What do you fear (insisting on hope this Advent)? This Advent season, let us insist on hope and trust that good news is greater than fear.

The 2026 Winter theme is "Appreciate These Things." Philippians 4:8, Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.



Did you know?

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

Check it out!

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.



SERMON SERIES PLAYLIST: Once again, our pastors have compiled a playlist to accompany our Holy Moments series. "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."



Community volunteers needed!

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for Lancaster County trains and supports volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children and be a voice for them. When everything else in a child's life is in chaos, a CASA is a stable adult presence giving the child a fighting chance to gain a voice, achieve safety and stability, and develop a sense of self-worth. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to advocate for a child's best interests until the case is closed and the child is in a safe, permanent home. CASA volunteers make sure children's needs are met while they are in the system and assist in moving cases forward so that children do not linger needlessly in foster care. For more information about becoming a CASA volunteer, ask Kris Brenneis, current CASA volunteer, and/or visit www.casa4lanaster.org.



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 Care Connections: This group, which is similar to our former Deacon Ministry but not exactly the same, meets for quarterly gatherings.

Our current Care Connections team is organized into three areas: Families; Death, Dying, Grieving; For Those at Home.

Contact the church office if you are interested in this ministry!

Join us as we gather around a Common Table October 5 following worship.

Eating together around a common table fosters community through shared meals and experiences. Our theme for October is apples, and we encourage anyone who would like to bring an apple themed dish to bring one!





Holy Encounters on the Camino

This summer Pastor Thomas joined a group of pastors on a two-week pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago in Spain. They walked coastal cliffs in the Basque Country, crossed small Galician villages, and ended at the Cathedral of St. James in Santiago de Compostela.

The Camino is more than a long hike—it is a journey of body and spirit, of questions and discoveries, of holy encounters in unexpected places.

Thomas will be sharing photos and reflections from this



sabbatical journey at two upcoming gatherings. Both are part of ongoing Eastridge programs, but these particular meetings are open to anyone who would like to come:

- **Wednesday, October 15, 1:00 pm – at the monthly meeting of Eastridge Presbyterian Women (EPW).**
- **Friday, October 17, 7:00 pm – at the monthly Trailblazers fellowship meeting.**

Come and join us for stories, images, and reflections on what pilgrimage can teach us about our own walk of faith.

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.





COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

It is time to send care packages to our EPC college students, and we need some goodies to fill the boxes. Below you can find a list of some of the favorites. Once you have shopped, the items can be dropped off in the church office. If you don't want to go out and shop, you can also purchase online and just have it shipped to the church. If you are looking for ideas, you can use the following link to access our Amazon Wishlist. (<https://a.co/e4dn6le>) Please send it ATTN: Kris Adler-Brammer. And if you aren't up for shopping, cash donations are also helpful to purchase those last additional items or help cover the cost of postage (\$17.10 per box shipped).

- Individual servings of cookies, oatmeal, crackers, etc.
- Mac n Cheese (in the packets), ramen noodles
- Halloween candy, granola bars/protein bars, gum, crystal light/drink powder packages
- Laundry pods (non-scented), dryer sheets (non-scented)
- Fun pens/stationary/office supplies

- Band-aids, cough drops

We will be filling about 20 care packages so items in multiples are appreciated. If you have any questions about donating, please feel free to contact Kris Adler-Brammer at kadlerbrammer@eastridge.org. Please have all items to the church office by Thursday, October 23rd so we will have everything to pack them up on Sunday, October 26th. We will be packing baskets/boxes on the 26th following worship and we would invite you to join us!



YOUTH DINNER

We LOVE having visitors at Youth Group on Wednesday evenings. It's a chance for us to get to know others in the congregation outside of the normal Sunday morning setting. One of the ways to get to know our youth, and be in fellowship with them, is to provide dinner on a Wednesday evening. It can be a group of people providing dinner, a couple of families getting together, or individuals. We feed around 8-10 people each week. If you provide

dinner, it is most helpful for us if the volunteers can set up, serve dinner, and clean up, and most importantly JOIN US for dinner. It's a great time to hear about what the youth are doing in their life. Often times, you only have to ask one question and they will take it and run! If you would be willing to volunteer, you can sign up with the following link or QR code. Thank you in advance for your support of our youth!

<https://bit.ly/youthdinner25-26>





TRUNK OR TREAT –

Sunday, October 19

For the second year, the EPC youth group is going to join with the youth and congregation of First Presbyterian Church to offer Trunk or Treat for the neighbors of First Presbyterian Church. In the last few years, this Trunk or Treat has served around 400 children in and around the area attracting many children from McPhee Elementary School. It is a fabulous event for the area!!

First, we would love for you to put Sunday, October 19th on your calendar and bring your children/

grandchildren. The event is from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. It will be held in the east parking lot at First Presbyterian (17th & F St.)

Second, would you like to volunteer?? We could use MORE trunks. You can decorate the trunk, or the youth group would be happy to help you! Or, would you like to come and help serve hot dogs and popcorn?

Third, we could use donations of candy. Serving 400 children means A LOT of candy! Any size donation of candy would be welcome. Candy donations can be dropped off in the church office.



If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact Kris Adler-Brammer at kadlerbrammer@eastridge.org.

TUESDAY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING

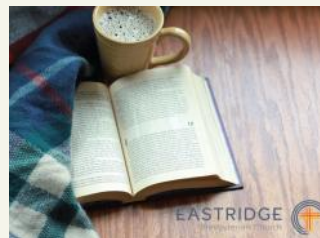
We are off to a great start! We have 15 children who join us each week for play, fellowship, snack, and study. They have a GREAT time at church! They look forward to A LOT of things while they are here and one of those things is snack. After a long day at school, they are ready for something fuel their energy. Our families bring snack, but we would welcome the congregation's help in filling our cupboard with some goodies. We would love some donations of cookies, crackers, granola bars, fruit snacks, goldfish, etc. If you are willing to donate a box/bag or two, please drop it off in the church office or give it to Kris on a Sunday morning.





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.



Coffee Groups:

Fourth Friday Women's Coffee: On the fourth Friday of each month, join this (mostly) retired group of ladies that meet in Huxtable Lounge here at Eastridge for coffee at 8:30 am. Join us October 24!

Men's Tuesday Morning Group: Join us at The Mill on Prescott/48th street (near Union College) every Tuesday at 8:30 am for discussion and coffee.

Faith Partners: Eastridge Faith Partners' mission statement: The Eastridge Presbyterian Church Faith Partners offers alcohol, drug, and other addictions awareness, prevention, education, referral assistance and recovery support to the people served by this congregation in a safe, non-judgmental environment. Contact the office if you'd like to be a part of this committee!



JUSTICE IN ACTION: do justice, love mercy & walk humbly with your God—Micah 6:8

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. We have the power to make change when we work together. We listen to the concerns of our community, democratically select an issue to work on, and then delve into research about that issue. Research teams find solutions which are shared with elected officials at our annual Nehemiah Assembly.



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 or contact Sara Bevans at sarabevans62@gmail.com.

- **September 28 in Huxtable Lounge, right after worship.**
- **Eastmont: October 7 in the Sky Lounge.**
- **Look for info on a rescheduled session (Jean Schulze hosting)**



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. Sign up:

<https://bit.ly/gatheringplace2025epc>



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FOOD PANTRY

EASTRIDGE FOOD PANTRY:

Links for volunteers 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



EASTRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

COORDINATING TEAM MEETING:

Wednesday, October 15 @ 12:15 pm, Room M12

EPW GATHERING: Wednesday, October 15 @ 1:00 pm, Huxtable Lounge for Program

Topic: Reverend Thomas Dummermuth will speak to us about his recent sabbatical

Hostess & Devotions: Pat Grieser & Berna Stading

Eastridge financial update: As in other years, our giving tapers off during late summer. We need approximately \$ 15,535 per week (Sept—Dec) to make our 2025 budget goal. (For comparison, we took in \$ 3581 in general fund offerings this past week Sept 21).





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