



Faith Partners at Eastridge:

Please take a moment to complete the survey from last week's bulletin OR in the Constant Contact email sent October 16.

Paper copies at the Welcome Desk. You may leave the survey in the offering plate or the office inbox just to the left of the office door.

Thank you, and look for a Faith Partners-sponsored event soon!

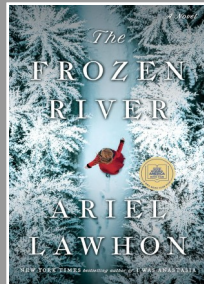


Even though Advent is still a month away, we wanted to let you know about the changes in **Christmas Eve worship time: candlelight worship on Wednesday, December 24 will be at 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm.**



Eastridge Care Connections Teams:

Join us for our next **Eastridge Care Connections** gathering on Sunday, November 9 following worship (11:00 am). We'll gather in Huxtable Lounge.



The **Eastridge Presbyterian Book Club** meets again November 10 at 7:00 pm. Our pick for the month is: ***The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.**

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

Join us for discussion and refreshments! Check out the entire year's list online (link in online version of this bulletin):

[Book Club - Eastridge Presbyterian Church - Lincoln, Nebraska](#)

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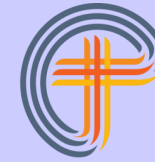
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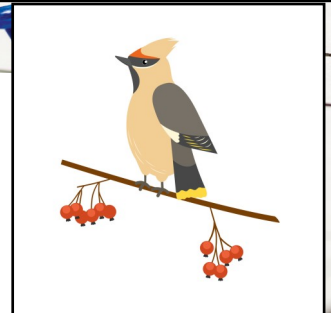
EASTRIDGE
Presbyterian Church



The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—October 26

9:30 am	Worship —Sanctuary and online
10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship —Welcome Center
10:45 am	Pack boxes for college care packages
11:00 am	Trustee Meeting—Huxtable Lounge
12:45 pm	Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge
2, 4, 6 pm	Marble Music Recital—Sanctuary

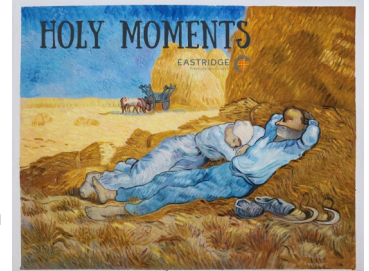


Stewardship Sunday

TODAY in worship: Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Music: Kirk Ringers, Guest quartet from the Lincoln Continentals Barbershop group: BJ Montague- Tenor; Rick Pape - Lead; Harry Osterman - baritone; Tom Treadway- bass, Abigail Kabell (flute).



A Gleaner's Table is a Sharing Table

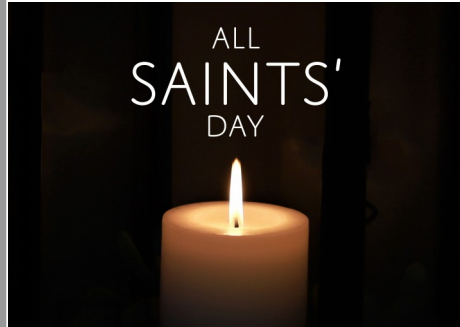
In her book, *The Serviceberry*, Robin Wall Kimmerer shares what a "gift economy" might look like. "In a gift economy," she writes, "wealth is understood as having enough to share, and the practice for dealing with abundance is to give it away."

Our faith community is invited to participate in a gift economy Sunday, October 26, TODAY, 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.





All Saints' Sunday – November 2:

On All Saints' Sunday, we give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us in faith. During worship, we will read the names of church members and others connected to our congregation who have died in the past year. If you have lost a loved one in the past year and would like their name included in this time of remembrance, please contact the church office by Monday, October 27.



FUND MATCH: For the **SIXTH** year in a row we have been given a matching gift for our general fund through a generous anonymous donor.

This year the gift is **\$12,000!** Right now we are at **\$ 6,838** toward the match. We are thankful for this generous gift as we enter the season of gratitude, as it encourages giving to the mission and ministry of Eastridge. Please note "fund

match" in the memo line (or in the comment section if giving online). You may also email the office to let us know if an online donation is coming from you toward the fund match.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:

Join us TODAY, Sunday, October 26 in M12 following worship to pack boxes!

Thank you to those who have donated to this ministry.



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. Look for a new sign up soon for 2026! <https://bit.ly/gatheringplace2025epc>

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.



Eastridge financial update: As in other years, our giving tapers off during late summer/early fall. We need approximately \$ 17,169 per week (Oct—Dec) to make our 2025 budget goal. **We did take in \$ 17,610 in general fund offerings this past week, though! Thank you to those who have responded to the fund match!**

Stewardship Sunday: TODAY, Sunday, October 26, we will 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.**



EASTRIDGE
FOOD PANTRY

TO VOLUNTEER:

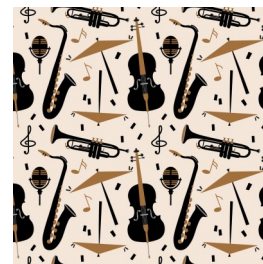
Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

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

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



Per Capita/Denominational Giving: For 2025 the assessed Per Capita is \$ 38.54 per member of Eastridge. However, if you are so called, a gift of \$100 will help us cover our denominational funding obligations and assist those who may not be able to contribute towards this obligation.



MUSIC AT EASTRIDGE:

Returning jazz trio friends UNL professor Dr. Peter Bouffard and his trio will be back with us in worship the Sunday (Nov. 23) before Thanksgiving to help kick off the holiday season. He and Brent have collaborated many places over the years, and we are grateful for when Peter can take a break from busy touring and teaching to help lead us in worship again at Eastridge.