

## Eastridge Faith Partners: DID YOU KNOW?

As part of Eastridge Faith Partners' focus on caregivers, we'll be sharing some information over the next month on support, etc.



**70% of working-age caregivers are employed while also providing care.**  
~from AARP magazine



**Calling all instrumentalists!** We will have a "drop in" instrumental group again. All levels or abilities welcome! Practice after church on **Sunday, Jan 18** then play the prelude **Sunday, January 25**. Let Brent know you want to join so he can have music of the right instrument or ability. If you do not currently play a musical instrument but want to join in, we have wind chimes and rain sticks that take no experience to play! Just reach out to Brent, 919-609-5362 or organman77@gmail.com.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord!**



## EASTRIDGE NEWSLETTER:

Pick up a copy of the January newsletter at the Welcome Desk today! The monthly newsletter is emailed to members and those who request it, but let the office know if you would like a hard copy mailed to you.

## Eastridge Church Staff

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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  
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# Our Staff

## EASTRIDGE Presbyterian Church



*The weekly lamp*

### TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—January 4

9:30 am	Worship—Sanctuary
10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center
1:00 pm	NA Leaders Meeting—Fellowship Hall



### TODAY in worship:

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

**Music:** Patty Niemann, Diane Worrell Eaton, Brent Shaw, Will McGuire

**Worship Connection:** Kris Adler-Brammer

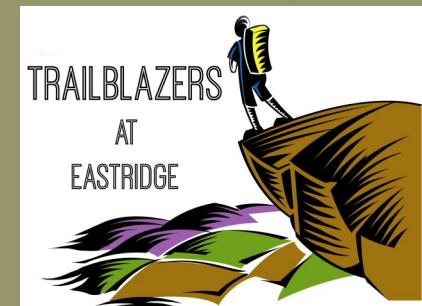
### Trailblazers for January:

Join us on January 16 for Soup, Supper, Games (including Bingo!)

**6:00 p.m.—Huxtable Lounge**

Committee: \*Richard & Charlene Neal, Bill Woito.

Contact the church for more information about this group.



### 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.

**The Gathering Place for 2026 sign up is online now!**

Check it out here: <https://bit.ly/epcgatheringplace26>





**Fourth Friday Women's Coffee Fellowship:** This fellowship group resumes in January! Join the ladies in Huxtable on January 23 at 8:30 am for our monthly coffee fellowship. Let the office know if you would like to be included in an email reminder.



**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION:** Look for more information soon on a sign up for providing meals for our youth. The months we will do this in 2026 are: February and April!

#### 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.



**TO VOLUNTEER in the EPC Food Pantry if you are a regular volunteer, see below. If you'd like to learn more about volunteering, contact the office!**

**Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:**

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

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

  
**EASTRIDGE**  
**FOOD PANTRY**

Just a reminder that a flash drive copy of the **Nebraska Corona Bible** makes a great gift! Flash drives are \$ 35 each and have the entire Bible (all 66 books!) handwritten by 483 project participants. We have several available in the church office.



#### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:

Following worship today, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations here at church. We'd love it if you stayed to assist!

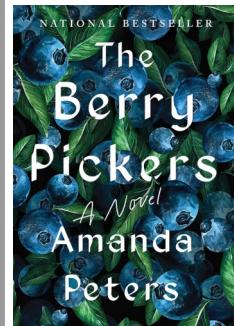


**Starting this week!** The pastors will lead a Zoom study based on the book, ***Appreciate These Things: Eight Ways of Cultivating Compassion*** by Jill Duffield.

This will also be the sermon series this winter.

Sign up here for the zoom study:  
<https://bit.ly/appthesethingsstudy>

**The Gratitude and Generosity of Giving:** "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*. **Please consider turning in an estimate of giving card for 2026 so that our stewardship/financial committee can plan a budget for next year.** We give thanks for the generosity that keeps our ministries going! Pledge cards are available at the Welcome Desk. Thank you for your gifts to the fund match!



The Eastridge Presbyterian Book Club meets again January 12 at 7:00 pm. Our pick for the month is: ***The Berry Pickers*** by Amanda Peters.

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](#)

The **January Annual Meeting** will be Sunday, January 25, following worship.

Committee leaders, please turn in your submissions for the Annual report by Sunday, January 11.

**ANNUAL REPORT**