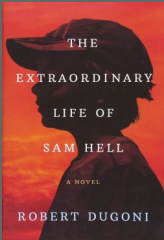




Community Action Partnership is looking for volunteers who can help in the Community Action Store on a temporary or ongoing basis. The Store distributes hundreds of clothing and hygiene items to families every week. Volunteers will be responsible for stocking shelves, tidying the store, bundling diapers, helping with laundry, assisting guests with their shopping, and other tasks as needed.

Store hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday. You can sign up for a shift or contact the CAP office if you'd like to volunteer on a more consistent basis (contact EPC office for help).

Sign up for a shift: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC45AAAF23A6F5C25-64677721-community#/>



**EPC Book Club:** Get a head start on your reading for our first book club meeting of the school year! We will start off September by reading *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni.

We meet the second Monday of each month in M12, September—June. More information on the church website, calendar page. Join us!

Library Open House:

Stop in for a bite to eat and see our church library! We'll host an open house on Sunday, August 9 right after worship.



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.....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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The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—July 26, 2026

|         |                                  |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| 9:30am  | Worship—Sanctuary                |
| 10:30am | Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center |
| 10:45am | Trustee Meeting—M12              |



TODAY in worship:

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

**Worship Connection:** Kris Adler-Brammer

**Music:** Bill Bevans, Michael Jha, Brent Shaw



Ladies Night Out is planning a trip to  
**The Dairy Store on August 6 at 6:30 pm.**

Meet us there or make your own carpool plans from the church.

For more information, contact the church office.  
Additional discussion in the event on Facebook/  
LNO Facebook group.



SUMMER MUSIC:

July 26 - Bill Bevans

August 2 - Jen Olsen

August 9 - Dulcimer club

August 23 - Guests Leila and Phillippe (piano and guitar)



Session members: **August Session meeting** has been moved to August 16.

Watch for more information soon on **Back-To-School events** the prior Sunday, August 9.



**Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:**

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

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



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 be added to the daily email prompt, contact the office as well!

**Special Note:** Devotion writers, we'd love to hear your response to the *What's Your Story* prompts at right (opposite page).

Our **Eastridge Earth Care** team would like to encourage you to carpool to church and/or church activities! If you're in the neighborhood, walk or bike. We know some of you already do this, especially those of you who live in the same assisted living/apartment/care facility.

Thank you for caring for our earth!



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>



**Eastridge Presbyterian Giving:**

Second quarter statements have gone out! Inquire in the church office if you did not receive yours in the mail, or have other questions.

**We want to hear from you. Take a look at the prompts below and see what speaks to you. Then return your story to the church office or email it to [office@eastridge.org](mailto:office@eastridge.org).**

- Tell a story about a time when you didn't have the whole picture and were asked to trust anyway.
- Tell a story about a time you had to be brave or bold.
- Tell a story about a time you knew you were in the wrong but struggled to admit it. How did others show you grace?
- Tell a story about a time you chose to do what you believed was right, even when it might upset others or risk your reputation.
- Tell a story about a moment when you realized you were growing up—whether it felt too fast, too slow, or just right.
- Tell a story about a time you tried to remain neutral, chose a side, or felt pulled in different directions. What helped you discern what to do?
- Tell a story about a time when a child spoke or revealed a truth that others needed to hear.
- Tell a story about a time when others expected you to have it all together—or to know more than you did.



**Thank you to all of our summer music volunteers!**

**Fall start up dates for choirs will be:**

Wednesday, September 9 for **Chancel Choir** and Tuesday, September 15 for **Kirk Ringers (handbells)**. All are welcome! Talk to Brent if you would be interested in joining either group for the fall - [organman77@gmail.com](mailto:organman77@gmail.com) or 919-609-5362. *"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! Praise ye the Lord!" - Psalm 150.*

