

Fall Programming Schedule Preview

Elementary Faith Formation (K-5th grade) – We will begin on Tuesday, September 15. We gather at the conclusion of the school day and meet until 5:30pm.

Middle & High School Faith Formation (6th – 12th Grade) – We will begin on Wednesday, September 9. We gather from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. We will continue our partnership with the youth group at First Presbyterian Church. We continue alternating churches each month beginning with Eastridge in September.



***NEW* Children of all ages** – We have something EXCITING in the works beginning Sunday, September 20! We don't want to let "the cat out of the bag" just yet but we have some exciting ways planned for our children to fully participate in the worshipping community.

We can always use additional volunteers in all our programming. If you think you might be interested in volunteering with our children and youth in any way, with any commitment level, please talk with Kris Adler-Brammer.

Second Quarter Financial report: Total Income \$321,000 (includes interest, tithes, and donations)

Total Expenditures \$398,000

Thank you for all your gifts to the ministries of Eastridge Presbyterian Church!



Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:

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

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

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
Kristen Unterseher.....Choir Accompanist

Office number.....402-488-7844

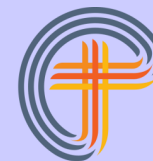
Melodie Jones Pointon's extension: 101
email: mjonespointon@eastridge.org

Thomas Dummermuth's extension: 102
email: tdummermuth@eastridge.org



Our Staff

EASTRIDGE
Presbyterian Church



The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—August 16, 2026

9:30am	Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am	Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center
4:00pm	Session Meeting via Zoom

TODAY in worship:

Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Music: Fernando Martins (violin), Will McGuire, Brent Shaw, Michael Jha



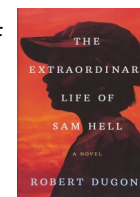
Eastridge Care Connections: Join us for a Care Connection Gathering on Monday, August 24 from 6:30-7:30 pm for fellowship and updates!

We'll meet at the **402 Creamery at Telegraph (330 S 21st St Ste 101)**. See you then!

Feel free to make carpool arrangements from church with others.



EPC Book Club: Join us 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. See you in September!



Fourth Friday Women's Coffee Fellowship: Join the ladies in Huxtable Lounge on August 28 at 8:30 am for our monthly coffee fellowship. Let the office know if you would like to be included in an email reminder.



Elevator Committee News: Our elevator service provider has informed us that the manufacturer of our 40-year-old elevator no longer supports or makes parts for our model. A committee was formed to address this situation and recently met. Because replacement will take time the committee decided it was important to replace the elevator sooner rather than later.

This project is just getting started and we are seeking proposals. Soon, fundraising will be necessary. When the time comes, we hope you will prayerfully consider donating for this purpose. **Please check out the article in the August newsletter for more information!**



Tables of Eight: it's not too late to sign up!
Looking for a way to meet and connect with others in our church? Tables of 8 is a chance to gather in small groups for potluck meals this fall.
Once you sign up, you will be organized into groups. You'll receive a confirmation with your meal date, time, location, and host. Hosts will provide an entree, and each guest is invited to bring a dish that holds some personal meaning—something tied to a memory, tradition, or story, or just something you want to share with others! Hosts will be in touch to coordinate any other specifics. To learn more, please take a moment to preview the registration details below! **Sign up TODAY!** (Sign up link below)

<https://forms.gle/3foagpitBQzeVGL16>

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!

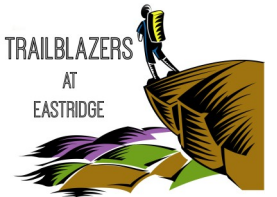
Check it out here: <https://bit.ly/epcgatheringplace26>



Prayers/condolences for the family of Mark Rouse. A Celebration of Mark's Life will be held at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, August 19, at First Free Church, 3280 S 84th Street, Lincoln. Mark's parents are Charlene & Richard Neal.



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. If you are interested, please contact Sandra Hilsabeck at 402-770-4289. **For September 18: Prehistoric Nebraska** by Jeremy McMullin, Highway Salvage Preparator at UNL State Museum.



August 16 - Fernando Martins (violin)

August 22 - Guests Leila and Philippe (guitar/piano)

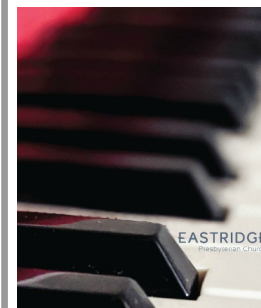
August 30 - Jen Olsen, Kylie Meter, Abigail Kabell, Kristen Unterseher

September 6 - Hymn Sing with Patty Niemann

The Gathering Place:

You're invited! Please join their groundbreaking for the new Gathering Place on **Monday, August 17 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm at 919 S 12th Street**. They'll have remarks from Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird, Congressman Mike Flood, and Senator Pete Ricketts.

Learn more at: [Home - The Gathering Place](#) (link in online version of this bulletin).



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 or 919-609-5362.

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