

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.






Faith Partners will meet Wednesday, August 26 at 3:00 pm in Huxtable Lounge. Join us or contact the office if you are interested in learning more about this committee.



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
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TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—August 23, 2026

9:30am	Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am	Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center
10:45am	Tables of 8 Facilitator meeting—M12
10:45am	Choir Robe measuring—Huxtable Lounge



TODAY in worship:

Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Music: Nancy Hall, Leila Zila and Phillippe Siassia, Brent Shaw

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).**

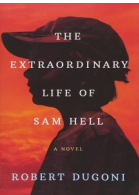
See you then!



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 September 14!



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.





Faith Community Friends: Here's a special invitation to hear from many of the candidates for state legislature representing Lincoln/Lancaster County on their views about **environmental issues**. The forum is 6:30- 8 pm, Tues, Aug 25 at the Unitarian Church of Lincoln. A reception with the candidates will follow. OR, use this link to watch a livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/live/QdZUe1L9o1k>

Topics are expected to include: AI Data Centers, Use of Nebraska Environmental Trust Funds to Fill Budgetary Gaps, Water Quality, Clean Energy, Weather

Extremes and Building Climate Resilience, Natural Climate Solutions/Carbon Sequestration, Reducing Carbon Emissions, Green Amendment to the Nebraska Constitution that Citizens have a Right to Clean Air, Clean Water and Healthy Environment. ~ from the EPC Earth Care Committee



Volunteer Information: We are thankful for ALL who volunteer in many ways with the children and youth at Eastridge Presbyterian Church. One of the ways we work to provide safe spaces is doing national background checks on those people working with our young people. The 2026-27 school year brings us to a year where it is time for us to re-do these background checks. If you volunteer with our children and youth in any way, you will receive information from Kris Adler-Brammer, Director of Christian Education, on completing the necessary forms to fulfill our requirements as listed in Eastridge's "Safe Church – Child Protection Policy." All information that is collected and received is kept confidential on file in the church office! If you are a children and/or youth volunteer and you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kris in the church office.

children's ministry
VOLUNTEERS

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>

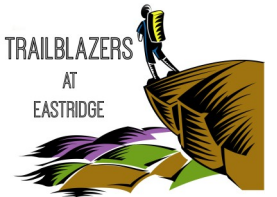


Contact the church office to be added to the **prayer list** in this bulletin, or in an online (semi-private) group.

Sign up here to **provide flowers** in worship on Sundays: <https://bit.ly/epcflowers2026>



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 23 - Guests Leila and Philippe (guitar/piano)

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

September 6 - Hymn Sing with Patty Niemann

Join us for a **hymn sing on September 6 during worship!** Dress casual that day, if you'd like.

Some favorite hymns will include: • I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light • God of the Sparrow • Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet • I Come with Joy • God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me



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

