

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.

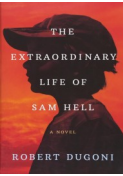
Middle & High School Faith Formation (6th – 12th Grade) – We will begin on Wednesday, September 9. We gather from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. We will continue our partnership with the youth group at First Presbyterian Church. We continue alternating churches each month beginning with Eastridge in September.



***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.

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!





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



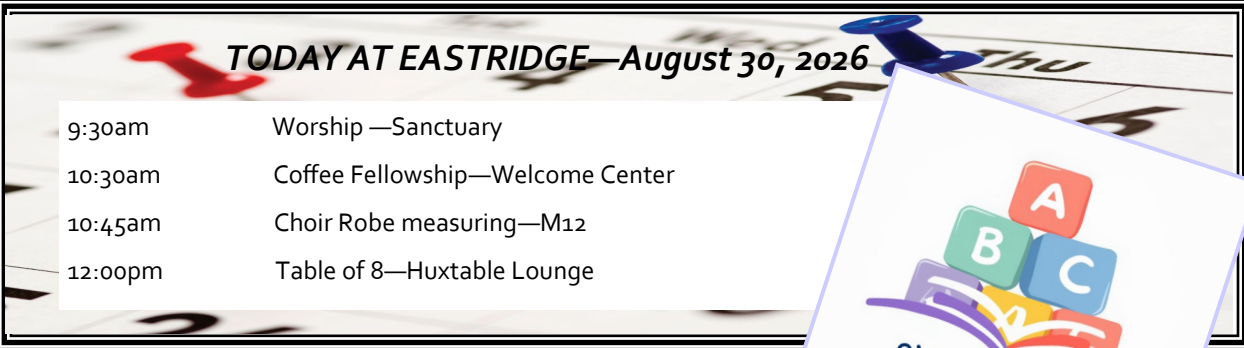
Our Staff

EASTRIDGE

Presbyterian Church



The weekly lamp



TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—August 30, 2026

9:30am	Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am	Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center
10:45am	Choir Robe measuring—M12
12:00pm	Table of 8—Huxtable Lounge

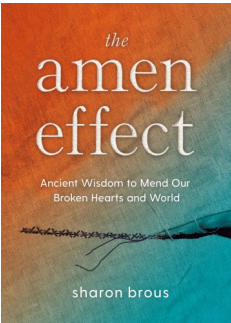


TODAY in worship:

Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Music: Kylie Meter, Jen Olsen, Abigail Kabell, Kristen Unterseher, Will McGuire, Michael Jha



The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend our Broken Hearts and World

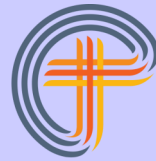
Wednesdays, beginning September 9 | 6:30–7:30 p.m.

This fall, join us for a conversation around Rabbi Sharon Brous' *The Amen Effect*, a thoughtful and deeply human exploration of the practices that help communities become places where people are truly seen, known, and accompanied.

Drawing on ancient Jewish wisdom, contemporary research, and stories from congregational life, Brous explores our longing for connection — and what it can look like to be present to one another in joy and grief, in difference and disagreement, and in the ordinary moments of life together.

We'll read, reflect, and talk together, considering what it means to show up, to listen, to bear witness, to make room for grief and joy, and to recover a sense of wonder. Come ready to listen, reflect, and join the conversation.

Copies of *The Amen Effect* by Sharon Brous will soon be available at the Welcome Desk at church, or wherever you purchase books. Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/amenfall26>



Justice in Action listening sessions are under way, and you are invited to join one of the conversations!

Each year Justice in Action begins their work by listening to voices in our congregations. Your engagement in these sessions helps us determine what issues are affecting our city and county.

For questions, contact Sara Bevans at sarabevans62@gmail.com

Join us at one of the following gatherings:

- Sunday, Sep. 20 at 10:45am in the Huxtable Lounge
- Thursday, Sep. 24 at 7:00pm at the home of Jean Schultz
- Sunday, Sep. 27 at 10:45am in the Huxtable Lounge



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!

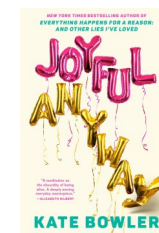
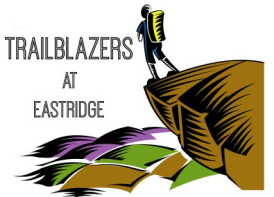
Check it out here: <https://bit.ly/epcgatheringplace26>



FINANCIAL UPDATE: As summer ends, it's a great time to get caught up on giving. Thank you for your gifts to date in 2026! Help us reach our end of year giving goal of \$ 550,000. We are currently at \$ 304,014 in general fund giving in 2026(August 23); average-wise, we should be at \$ 359,615. Thank you for giving to the ministries of Eastridge Presbyterian Church!



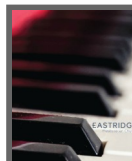
Trailblazers is a group of older adults at Eastridge that provides an opportunity for men and women, singles as well as couples, to participate together in the life of the church—in service and fellowship. We usually meet the third Friday night of the month, September through May. If you are interested, please contact Sandra Hilsabeck at 402-770-4289. **For September 18: Prehistoric Nebraska** by Jeremy McMullin, Highway Salvage Preparator at UNL State Museum.



The **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** group begins *Joyful, Anyway* by Kate Bowler on September 2 at 10:30 am (we meet in Huxtable Lounge). Contact the office for more information. This study is led by Donna Gustafson.

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



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.



NEWSLETTER:

Check out the September newsletter online or at the Welcome Desk!

We highlight all of the Eastridge ministries in this back-to-fall programming newsletter.