

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.

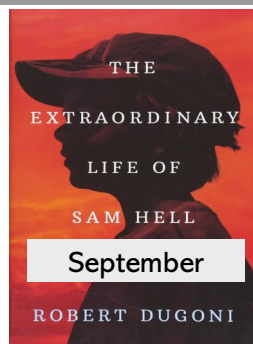
Middle & High School Faith Formation (6th – 12th Grade) – We will begin on Wednesday, September 9. We gather from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. We will continue our partner-

ship with the youth group at First Presbyterian Church. We continue alternating churches each month beginning with Eastridge in September.



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! For October: *The Long March Home* by Marcus Brotherton & Tosca Lee.



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

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Our Staff

EASTRIDGE
Presbyterian Church



The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—September 6, 2026

9:30am	Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am	Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center



TODAY in worship:

Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Music: Patty Niemann

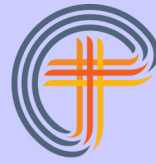
The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend our Broken Hearts and World: Wednesdays, beginning September 9 | 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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. 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. 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>



Book
Study

Book Study: Becoming Neighbors by Amar D. Peterman: Amar D. Peterman explores how the common good can be cultivated through the practice of neighbor love. And he encourages Christians to join their neighbors at what he calls "the shared table"—a space where communities gather across differences to work towards the flourishing of the whole. This study meets Thursdays on Zoom beginning September 10 and continuing through October 8, and is led by Pastor Melodie. **Sign up at:** <https://bit.ly/epcbecomingneighbors>



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

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

Join us at one of the following gatherings:

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



Are you interested in forming a **weekly morning walking group**? If so, contact Susan Budler (susan.budler@outlook.com) or Donna Gustafson (dgustafson@eastridge.org). Let us know what day of the week might work best and what time in the morning. To give

some variety we'll look at various locations, such as the trails by Leon's and the Children's Zoo, or maybe Holmes Lake. Don't feel like you must come every week, this is just a chance for some fellowship, walking and taking in nature. If there is an interest, we'll follow-up with more information.

MEN'S COFFEE: Join the Men's weekly coffee group at Le Quartier in Edgewood on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 am. Conversation and coffee (and maybe a pastry!)



NEW Member Class

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Interested in membership at Eastridge? Come on October 4 following worship (10:45 am) to find out more! We will meet in Huxtable Lounge that morning.

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>

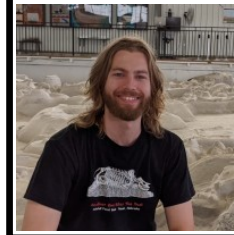
VOLUNTEER



PRAYERS

Prayers for the family of Richard (Dick) Longacre.

Dick's memorial service will be held Friday, September 11 at 1:30 pm at Eastmont.



Trailblazers is a group of older adults that provides an opportunity for men and women 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 the church office. **For September 18: Prehistoric Nebraska** by Jeremy McMullin, Highway Salvage Preparator at UNL State Museum.

WHAT WE HOLD IN COMMON | 2026-27

From Listening to Action

DISCOVERING WHAT MATTERS TO US

A conversation with the organizers from **Justice in Action**.



Beth Graverholt



Olivia Butts

WEDNESDAY
SEPT 9, 2026
Noon-1:00 PM

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1135 Eastridge Dr, Lincoln

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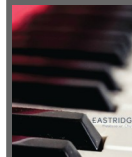


Promoting unity, understanding, and mutual support
Among different Faith Traditions in Lancaster County

From Listening to Action, Discovering What Matters to Us: A conversation with Justice in Action. Join the **Faith Coalition of Lancaster County** as we begin our new programming year, What We Hold in Common, with Beth Graverholt and Olivia Butts, organizers with **Justice in Action. Wednesday, September 9 | 12:00–1:00 PM. In person and on Zoom.**

DID YOU KNOW? (From Faith Partners):

September marks the start of National Recovery Month, a time to recognize the strength of people in recovery, celebrate the communities that support them and raise awareness about the resources that help make recovery possible.



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.

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 \$ 305,999 in general fund giving in 2026 (August 30); average-wise, we should be at \$ 370,192. Thank you for giving to the ministries of Eastridge Presbyterian Church!

