

Fall Programming Schedule

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.

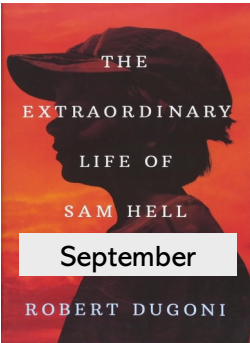
Middle & High School Faith Formation (6th – 12th Grade) – We started on Wednesday, September 9. We gather from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. We will continue our partner-

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 (tomorrow)! 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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Thomas Dummermuth’s extension: 102
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Our Staff



The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE– September 13, 2026

9:30am	Worship —Sanctuary
10:30am	Coffee Fellowship— Welcome Center
11:00am	Session Meeting—M12



**What We Hold
in Common**

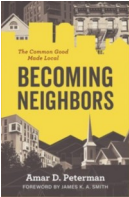
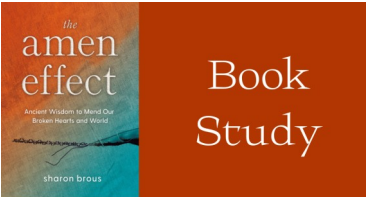
TODAY in worship: Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Music: Drop-in Choir, Ariana Musgrave (harp), Kristen Unterseher, Will McGuire, Brent Shaw

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



Weekly morning walking group first outing! **Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 16 at 8:00 am.** We'll start at Leon's (meet in the parking lot on the east side) and head down the Rock Island Trail.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Eastridge financial update: As in other years, our giving tapers off this time of year. We need approximately \$ 15,000 per week (Sept—Dec) to make our 2026 budget goal. (For comparison, we took in \$ 3,575 in general fund offerings this past week). **Thank you for your gifts to the church!**

New Member Orientation: 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. Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/discoverEPC>



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

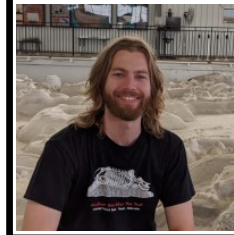


Help

The **Food Pantry** is in dire need of volunteers on Sept. 16th.

To sign up click on this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4ca4a623aof85-food2#/>



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.



Join us at the **Eastridge Presbyterian Gathering on Wednesday, September 16 at 1:00 pm** to hear from **Kris Adler-Brammer** on the **PCUSA General Assembly 2026**.

Formerly called "Eastridge Presbyterian Women Gathering", we would like to invite any and all members of our Eastridge community to attend! Light snacks served.

See you on Wednesday.

Youth Meal Sign Up: Sign up to provide a meal for our youth! Middle & High School Faith Formation (6th – 12th Grade) began last week. 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, so this is the month to sign up to provide a meal!

Sign up: <https://bit.ly/26-27YGdinner>



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.

A Thank You: Eastridge church family, we were blessed by your love and support during this difficult time. Our son, Mark Rouse, lost his battle with Glioblastoma (brain cancer) on August 9. Your kindness, prayers, and cards have brought us comfort. We give thanks for our caring church family at Eastridge. *Love, Richard and Charlene Neal*

Heartfelt Thanks