

Fall Programming Schedule

Elementary Faith Formation (K-5th grade) – We began 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.

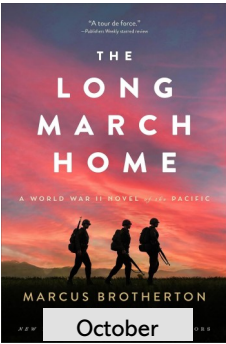
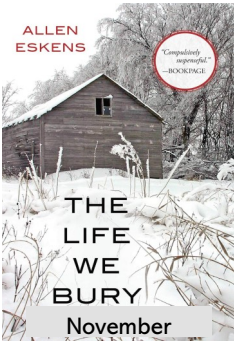
We can always use additional volunteers in all our programming. If you think you might be interested in volunteering with our children and youth in any way, with any commitment level, please talk with Kris Adler-Brammer.



EPC Book Club: We meet the second Monday of each month in M12, September—June. More information on the church website, calendar page. For October: *The Long March Home* by Marcus Brotherton & Tosca Lee.

For November: *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens.

For the entire year's list, head to the church website, calendar page.



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

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Our Staff

EASTRIDGE

Presbyterian Church



The weekly lamp

TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—September 20, 2026

9:30am	Worship—Sanctuary
10:30am	Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center
10:45am	Justice in Action Listening Session—Huxtable Lounge
1:00pm	Special Musicians—Huxtable Lounge

TODAY in worship:

Pastors: Melodie Jones Pointon, Thomas Dummermuth

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Music: Brett Vogler and Maddux Eckles (trumpets), Chancel Choir, Will McGuire, Kristen Unterseher, Brent Shaw



What We Hold in Common



Youth Meal Sign Up: Sign up to provide a meal for our youth! Middle & High School Faith Formation (6th – 12th Grade) has begun. 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>



This fall we have made some changes in the sanctuary to provide a space that fits our children k-5.

In place of the two pews that we are currently using for the Worship Connection, we will provide them chairs that fit them and allow their feet to touch the ground as well as a tabletop space that will allow them to fully engage in the worship experience appropriate for their age. In this space, we will provide them with creative ways to participate in worship. We hope you will welcome these changes for our children in worship!



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: Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 23 at 8:15 am. We'll start at Leon's (meet in the parking lot on the east side) and head down the Rock Island Trail. **If raining, we'll meet at the Gateway Food Court at 9:00am.**

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 \$ 5,507 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



PRAYERS

Prayers for the family of Douglas Reimer. Service information for Doug to be announced.

Contact the church office to be included in the prayer list.



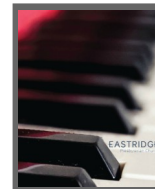
Fourth Friday Women's Coffee Fellowship:

Join us in Huxtable Lounge on September 25 at 8:30 am for our monthly coffee fellowship.

Let the office know if you would like to be included in an email reminder.

FROM THE ELEVATOR COMMITTEE: The elevator committee met throughout July and August and has developed a plan. We are currently in the process of seeking proposals from multiple elevator companies both as to the scope of the project and the cost. Once the proposals are in, the committee will forward a recommendation to the Trustees and Session and once the Session/Trustees approve a proposal the church will begin fundraising for this project.

A capital campaign will include the elevator project and other capital needs of the church as determined by the Session and Trustees. This campaign will begin later but now is the time to consider your end of year tax plan including any required minimum distributions. The committee urges you to give serious consideration to this vital need. ~ *The Elevator Committee*



Fall start up dates for choirs: 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