



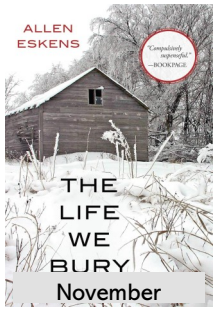
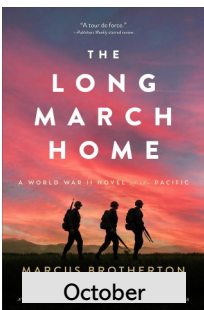
**TODAY'S MUSIC:** French composer **Cécile Louise Stéphanie Chaminade** was the recipient of numerous honors. In 1897, she was honored by Queen Victoria and given the Jubilee Medal. She received the Laurel Wreath from the Athens Conservatory and the Order of the Chefakat by Sultan Abdul Hamid II of the Ottoman Empire. In 1913, she was elected a Chevalier of the National Order of the Legion of Honour, a first for a female composer. **Heather Sorenson** is a composer who currently lives in Dallas, TX. She served as an elementary school music teacher and professor at Baylor University before transitioning to full-time composer.



**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 12: ***The Long March Home* by Marcus Brotherton & Tosca Lee.**

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



**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  
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Donna Gustafson.....Office Manager  
Andy Kalnins.....Weekend Custodian  
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Brett Meier.....A/V Tech  
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**EASTRIDGE**  
Presbyterian Church



*The weekly lamp*

**TODAY AT EASTRIDGE—October 11, 2026**

9:30am                  Worship —Sanctuary  
11:00am                Session/Trustee Meeting—Huxtable Lounge  
1:00pm                  Special Musicians—Narthex or M12

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

**Worship Connection:** Kris Adler-Brammer

**Music:** Chancel Choir, Will McGuire, Brent Shaw, Kristen Unterseher, Madeline McGuire

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**What We Hold**  
**in Common**

**Fourth Friday Women's Coffee Fellowship:** Join the ladies in Huxtable Lounge on October 23 at 8:30 am for our monthly coffee fellowship.



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

**STEWARDSHIP SEASON:** Psalm 98 is a song of thanksgiving and joy for the many ways God's presence has been with God's people, is with God's people today, and will be with God's people. The Psalmist writes, "let the hills sing Together for Joy." We will soon be mailing estimate of giving cards for 2027. Filling out a card helps our Finance Team build a budget that reflects our priorities and values for the upcoming year. **We will collect these cards during the month of October, with a special celebration on October 25.**



Sing to God a new song,  
for God has done marvelous things.  
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.  
Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy.  
+ Psalm 98



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## From Values to Action

### ENGAGING IN CIVIC LIFE

A conversation with Nancy Petitto,  
Executive Director of **Civic Nebraska**



Nancy Petitto



WEDNESDAY  
OCT 14 2026  
Noon-1:00 PM



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IN PERSON  
& ON ZOOM



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

## From Values to Action: Engaging in Civic Life with Nancy Petitto, Executive Director of Civic Nebraska

Wednesday, October 14 12:00–1:00 PM  
Huxtable Lounge + Zoom

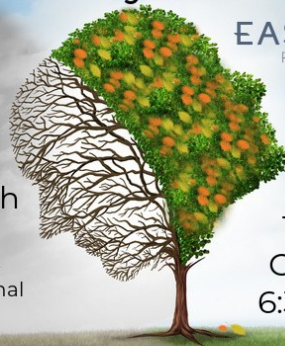
Join the Faith Coalition of Lancaster County for a conversation with Nancy Petitto, Executive Director of Civic Nebraska, as we explore the many ways our shared values can find expression in civic life.

## When the Days Grow Shorter

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Mental Health  
Café:  
Seasonal Affective  
Disorder and Seasonal  
Mental Health



Thursday,  
October 29,  
6:30-7:45 pm

## When the Days Grow Shorter Mental Health Café: Seasonal Affective Disorder and Seasonal Mental Health

Thursday, October 29, 6:30-7:45 pm.  
Join us for our next Mental Health Café as we learn more about SAD and seasonal mental health, explore practical ways to care for ourselves and others, and connect with helpful resources and support.



**Pop-up orchestra:** Any musical instrument of any level welcome! (Rain sticks, windchimes, and other percussion available with little or without any experience.) Rehearse Sunday, November 15 after the church service (about 10:45am) then play the prelude on Sunday, November 22 which is the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Talk to Brent at organman77@gmail.com or 919-609-5362 to get sheet music before hand or a part that fits your ability of any musical instrument.



Flowers today in honor of **Berna Stading's birthday (October 7)**, from her son Bryan and daughter-in-law, Natalie.



### COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:

For more information on college care packages, check out the October newsletter. Below is a list of suggested donations:

- Individual servings of cookies, oatmeal, crackers, pop tarts, etc.
- Mac n Cheese (in the envelopes), ramen noodles, instant noodles

· Halloween candy, granola bars/protein bars, gum, crystal light/drink powder packages

· Laundry pods & dryer sheets (non-scented)

· Fun pens/stationary/office supplies

· Band-aids, cough drops

Please have all items to the church office by Oct 22 so we will have everything to pack them up on Sunday, October 25: we would invite you to join us!



**TRUNK OR TREAT** – Sunday, October 18: 4:30-6:00 pm. Again this year, the EPC youth group is going to join with the youth and congregation of First Presbyterian Church to offer Trunk or Treat for the neighbors of First Presbyterian Church.

Ways to help:

- You can decorate a trunk, or the youth group would be happy to help you!
- Help serve hot dogs and popcorn
- Candy donations can be dropped off in the church office

If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact Kris Adler-Brammer at [kadlerbrammer@eastridge.org](mailto:kadlerbrammer@eastridge.org).

**Trailblazers** gathered for their monthly meeting September 18 and were excited to hear a presentation on *Pre-Historic Nebraska* by Jeremy McMullin from UNL State Museum. Prior to the presentation, the group enjoyed yummy fruit pizzas and other treats. There were 28 in attendance (members plus guests). If anyone is interested in attending the meetings, please let the office know so we can add you to the reminder call list. We meet September through May and meetings begin at 6:00 pm. **For October: Michael Jha and Kristen Unterseher with A Musical Program: Name That Tune! 6:00 p.m.—Huxtable Lounge**

