

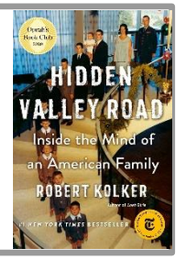
Annual Calendar fundraiser: This year's nature calendar fundraiser will benefit the Eastridge choral scholar ministry!

Sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact the church office. Please leave payment in the office inbox.

Music in Advent:
Nov. 29 - Sarah and Joel Herrera
Dec. 6 - Saxophonist Bob Fuson, Madeline McGuire with our choir
Dec. 13 - Choir and Bells
Dec. 20 - Brandon Baker singing from Handel's Messiah, choir singing *O Holy Night* with Kristen Unterseher on violin.



Join **Eastridge Faith Partners** for a book discussion of ***Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family*** **by Robert Kolker.**
We'll meet Monday, December 7 at 7:00 pm in M12. Expect discussion of the book and themes it addresses, plus light appetizers! Sign up is encouraged, but not required!
View sign up here: https://bit.ly/hiddenvalleydiscussionepc



EASTRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

Eastridge Food Pantry volunteer sign ups:
Distribution: https://bit.ly/FPDistFood
Filling boxes: https://bit.ly/FPFillingBoxes

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EASTRIDGE Presbyterian Church

The weekly lamp

TODAY at EASTRIDGE—November 29, 2026

9:30am	Worship —Sanctuary
11:00am	Trustees Meeting – Conference Room
7:00pm	Sunday Night Solutions – Fellowship Hall

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

Worship Connection: Kris Adler-Brammer

Music: Sarah and Joel Herrera, Abigail Kabell, Brent Shaw

Advent Candle Lighters: if you are interested in lighting the advent candle on Sundays or Christmas Eve, contact the church office!



Soup in Advent! Join us for a soup lunch following worship on Sunday, December 20. We'll gather in the Welcome Center for soup and fellowship. We need 8-9 people to bring a crockpot of soup!
Sign up here to bring soup: https://bit.ly/soupadventepc

At Home Monastery: During this busy season, we'd like to offer an opportunity to slow down and reflect on how we are invited to participate in God's story. Look for this year's devotional in the Welcome Center, the online devotional, and in our podcast.
Thanks to this year's writer, Paige Convis.

Winter Wanders: Beneath the Bare Branches. Sunday, December 20, 3–4 p.m.
Join Pastor Thomas for an unhurried winter walk, with pauses to listen, look closely, and make room for surprise. Among bare branches, winter birds, and signs of other creatures, we'll notice what is happening around us—and our place within it. A winter wander near the shortest day of the year! Watch for more information in the December newsletter, plus in the sign up: **https://tinyurl.com/winterwander26**



EASTRIDGE Presbyterian Church — *The weekly Lamp*



This year **Eastridge Presbyterian Women will host a cookie fellowship** instead of a sale!

Join us on Sunday, December 13 to share coffee, cookies, fellowship in the Welcome Center.

If you'd like to contribute cookies for this event, please bring them to M12 that morning.

FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE: "In the Blink of an Eye: Open someone's eyes"



No matter how you say it, the ability to see clearly can change someone's life. EPC is collecting gently used prescription eyeglasses and UV resistant sunglasses for a mission trip to Kenya. Place your donations in the designated boxes in the welcome center before Dec. 31.

Cookie Decorating Sunday, December 6!

Christmas cookie decorating is a tradition for some and yummy for all. Following worship on December 6 everyone will have an opportunity to decorate a sugar cookie. Your decorations can share something about your family tree, be a work of art or just taste amazing! Join us!





Faith Coalition: Understanding and Recognizing the Complexities of Religious and Faith-Based Differences

Wednesday, December 9, | 12:00–1:00 p.m.

In person and via Zoom

With Jordan Soliz, Professor and Chair of Communication Studies at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Check out the poinsettia donation forms at the Welcome Desk and in your bulletin today! Please include payment and info on the form and return to the office, offering plate, or office inbox.

To be included in a prayer list, either here in the bulletin or in an online private group, contact the office.



STEWARDSHIP SEASON:. The Psalmist writes, "let the hills sing Together for Joy." We have mailed 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 are currently collecting pledge cards.

Thank you for filling out a card!



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



FUND MATCH: For the SEVENTH year in a row we have been given a matching gift for our general fund through a generous anonymous donor.

This year the gift is $12,000!

We are thankful for this generous gift as we enter the season of gratitude, as it encourages giving to the mission and ministry of Eastridge. Please note "fund match" in the memo line (or in the comment section if giving online). You may also email the office to let us know if an online donation is coming from you toward the fund match. **We have $ 7,900 to date toward the fund match!**

LEFLER LION CHRISTMAS TREE: We are partnering with Lefler Middle School again this year for our annual Christmas "Angel Tree". To join in this outreach project: Remove an envelope from the tree. Purchase a gift card in the amount of $20, $25 or $50 at one of the following: Super Saver, Target, Hy-Vee, Walmart. Place gift card in envelope.

Deliver envelope/gift card to the black mailbox outside the office door or give directly to Donna in the office by Dec. 25. Thank you in advance!