#### INSIDE THIS EDITION

The fall season greets us with many different opportunities for you and your family to plug in and enjoy the blessings of Christian fellowship and discipleship here at EEPC. With so many things going on, I couldn't help but simply highlight what you'll find as you flip through this September edition of the newsletter. Please be sure to make special note of the following:

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- The early elementary students will receive new bibles during Kid's Kirk Sunday School Promotion – September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Did you know?! Our Sunday School roster has over 50 students across six classrooms. How incredible would be to see all of them here at one time. Parents and grandparents – let's encourage the next generation and shepherd their hearts toward the Savior.

#### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

- Fall Bible Study beginning September 6/7 "The Lamb of God: Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy." Don't miss this great opportunity to grow together as Christian women.
- Did you know?! The spring study saw over 40 different women across 3 generations participating together.

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

o Activities resuming for High School students on Sunday evenings! See pp. 20 & 21 for more info!

#### **COMING THIS FALL!**

- New Sermon Series after completing Colossians, we'll return to the Old Testament to pick up the second half of the story of God's grace to the Patriarchs of Israel as we study "Generations of Grace - The Covenant Continues: Isaac & Jacob" in Genesis 25-35.
- "Membership Matters" our inquirers class for adult new members will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. If you're considering taking the next step of commitment to our church family - please plan to join us!
- **Church Harvest Party** October 9<sup>th</sup> save the date for this annual tradition!
- Community Trunk-or-Treat October 30th NEW THIS YEAR! We'll setup in our north parking lot and welcome kids from all over the community to come and enjoy a safe and fun environment for trick-or-treating. Plan to reserve your spot in the parking lot!

#### **MEN'S MINISTRY**

Chili Cook-Off – December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm – Save the date, men!

There's a place for you here at Edgington. To grow. To serve. To glorify God & Enjoy Him forever!

#### **ELDERS**

Keith Wilson - Clerk Jim Mueller Kevin Oak Mic Penry Patrick Shovar

#### **DEACONS**

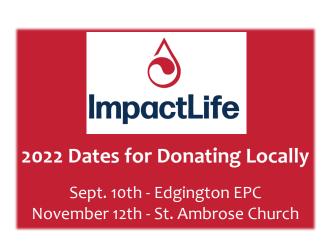
Beth Flickinger - Chair
Beth Easterla - Secretary
Jim Balmer
Teresa Balmer
Don Easterla
Marlin Krueger
Darcy Krueger
Teresa Weber

#### **TRUSTEES**

Mel Block - Chair
Larry Pithan - Secretary
Ken Benningfield
Kim Freyermuth
Jeff Fuhr
Phil Fuhr
Darren Hall

#### SEPTMEBER BIRTHDAYS 1 - Taylor Cullen 16 - Deb Thomas 1 - Hayden Ruggles 20 - James Cooksey 1 - Olivia Ryser 20 - Kevin Oak 3 - Greg Gierlus 22 - Sue Miller 4 - Sandy Benningfield 23 - Debra Landi 5 - Lindsay Fuhr 24 - Conte Bingman 5 - Nathan Oak 24 - Camden Docherty 6 - Betty Miller 25 - Judy Bingman 6 - Anna Pearson 25 - Amy Oak 7 - Kathy Stegmiller 26 - Alyssa Landi 9 - Denis Doonan 27 - Justin Landi 13 - Deanna Parchert 27 - Brad Schafman 5 - Teresa Morrison 29 - Ben Goodnight











Session did not meet in July, so there are no minutes to publish this month.



Date: 8-17-22

Present: Mel Block, Kim Freyermuth, Larry Pithan, Treasurer Barb Freyermuth.

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:12pm.

Treasurer's report for June was reviewed.

Minutes for July 20th meeting were reviewed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Entrance door panic bar was removed, repaired and replaced.
- Lockset on office door was replaced.
- Will set up work-day in September to do exterior fall cleanup and lawn repair.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Reviewed siding bid from ADB Contracting Services. Bid includes replacing siding on steeple, dormers and all south side of sanctuary and Sunday School addition. Total cost of \$46,587. Work to be completed in September/October. Trustees voted to approve the bid (e-mail voting after meeting).
- Stained glass window in east wall that has condensation inside glass will be removed and repaired by Glass Blast.
- Checked light switch in basement that was reported to be warm. This is a dimmer switch and will heat up a little in operation. No problem noted.
- Proposal from Top-Notch Productions for video equipment updates was approved after the July meeting. Total cost of \$3,330.05. Trustees will install electrical outlet for rear video monitor.
- Condensing unit coils for rear of sanctuary and main entrance were cleaned.
- Work day projects to include:
  - Nail down parking lot bumpers
  - Level heat pump condensing unit for main entrance
  - o Trim all landscape plantings
  - Re-till and re-seed portions of yard

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



Date August 21st, 2022

Jim and Teresa Balmer, Don and Beth Easterla, Beth Flickinger, Marlin and Darcy Krueger, Teresa Weber, and Session Representative Patrick Shovar were all present.

Beth F. opened with prayer and read an encouraging scripture passage from the Bible.

**Minutes from June meeting:** Approved as written.

June – August Activities: 32 calls/visits/cards to shut ins and 37 additional cards mailed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

• Shut-ins: Update on shut ins and discussed others that need extra prayers.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Fall Blood Drive:** The blood drive is set for Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Discussed who will make calls for the blood drive, what time everyone will work the day of the drive, and what food everyone will need to bring that day.
- **Fall coat drive:** We will have the fall coat drive in conjunction with the fall food distribution. The date has not yet been decided. Remind Congregation that we will be collecting used coats that are in good shape or new coats for the distribution. There will be boxes to drop off coats located at the church.
- **New Members Reception:** Will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Discussed set-up, what would be served and who is responsible for bringing what is needed for the reception.

Next Deacon meeting will be held on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Beth F. closed meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Easterla

#### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL UPDATE**

The 2022 Ice Cream Social was another great success because of all our church family doing so much to make it all come together.



I cannot thank everyone enough for your help! When I sit back and look at all the hands it takes to make this a success it amazes me what a great church family we have, because everyone contributed someway, somehow.

So again, an overwhelmed heartfelt THANK YOU! It was a wonderful evening of fellowship - people visited for hours! There were times I looked and there were no places left for people to sit. We made 125 gallons of ice cream and sold almost all of it. We have a few gallon buckets left and 4 half-gallon containers.

Thank you again for your support. May God Bless you! ~ Tara Johnson



August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

In attendance were Mic Penry, Brandee Neece, Tara Johnson, Kathy Stegmiller, Katie Pearson, Beth Flickinger, and Hillary Terrill.

Beth and Mic opened the meeting in prayer. We read Proverbs 22:6 and were reminded that our main responsibility is to teach the children of the church, and help them grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord, and not to get too distracted with event planning.

Fall classes were discussed and will be organized as follows:

Class	Teacher(s)
Toddler (2-3)	Hillary Terrill & Kortney Gierlus
PreK + K (4-6)	Beth Flickinger
1 <sup>st</sup> + 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Katie Pearson
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Kathy Stegmiller
Jr High	Tara Johnson
High School	Brandee Neece

The 1st/2nd grade class is large and would benefit from a helper.

Promotion Sunday will be Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, and Bibles will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup> graders.

The Fishing Derby will be Saturday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 7pm at the Terrill pond. Thank you to Hillary and Shawn for hosting again! Everyone should bring a fishing pole, chairs and dish to pass.

The Harvest Party will be Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 7pm at the church. Everyone should bring a dish to pass.

New this year, we will host a Halloween alternative that is like a trick-or-trunk. The goal is for adult members to meet kids in the church and for community members to meet our church family. This will be Sunday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 6:30pm.

Mic Penry closed the meeting in prayer.





#### **GREETING CARD MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY**

Greeting cards have become so ridiculously overpriced but to the one receiving the note, it is priceless!

Each Sunday, Pastor Zach announces member's concerns and celebrations. So many reasons to dash of a note! So, to encourage your participation, new church photo cards and envelopes have been generously donated and placed on the table in the sanctuary foyer for your use. Please feel free to take a free card and make someone happy!:)

May you find joy in this new opportunity to encourage & support others!

#### **NEED A HAND OR ENCOURAGEMENT? ASK A DEACON!**

The Deacons' charge is to care for the church body. You may already know that we provide delicious treats to celebrate new members, collect coats for those in need, and organize blood drives. But did you now that we are ready to serve in other ways, too?

Here are some of the ways a Deacon can help out:

- Visit shut-ins (including those who are temporarily unable to make it to worship) to provide cheer and recordings of the sermon.
- Deliver meals to those who are injured, ill, or have experienced a loss
- Visit widows(ers) to comfort and provide company.
- Send cards to recognize milestone birthdays and anniversaries, and express condolences
- Organize transportation to doctor's appointments (please give advance notice)

Please, if you or someone you know could benefit in one of these areas, please let a Deacon know right away. We try to anticipate needs, but we are only human, and need help with knowing needs!

The 2022 Deacon team includes: Jim & Teresa Balmer, Don & Beth Easterla, Beth Flickinger, Marlin & Darcy Krueger, & Teresa Weber.



#### **FALL COAT DRIVE**

The deacons are again are collecting gently used coats, hats, mittens, and scarves to help those in need in our community.





Coats can be dropped off at the Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church. All sizes are needed, but especially children's sizes. The distribution date is TBA.

If you have questions, or would like to recommend someone to receive a coat, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713.



We bring youth HOPE! This was the most summertime ministry program ever offered through YouthHope! The impact on kids and teens has been

awesome! God has done incredible ministry, healing, redemption, and brought peace to our student. Thank you for being a part of this ministry! Praise and glory to God!

Please join us in praying for God's will to be done this school year and for protection for all these new believers! Thank you to all who prayed, sponsored, volunteered, hosted, and joined as part of this incredible summer!



#### 343 KIDS & TEENS ATTENDED **CAMP SUMMIT!**

(Left: Praying with high school girls after their baptisms!)

**QUOTES FROM** CAMP SUMMIT

"I had the best week ever!" -H., Junior High Boy

"Thanks for camp! I love it! I like the bed so I can sleep!" -A., Elementary Girl

"My favorite memory of camp was meeting my counselor!" -K., Jr. High Boy

"Thank you for the food and fun! I had so much fun. I loved the home and the bed and swimming." -M., Elem. Girl

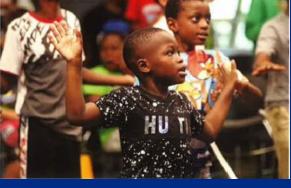
"I learned that God loves me just the way I am." -E., Jr High Girl

"My favorite thing about YouthHope was carpet ball and giving my life to Jesus." -D., Jr. High Boy

"Thank you for making sure we have a comfortable place to sleep and a place to call home. We appreciate the love and respect that you have for us and for a child like me who really needed a getaway." -N., Jr. High Girl

Right: Freedom, Healing, and deep Connection to God happen during worship!

So many campers accepted Christ!!



# CRE8studios



Do you have a creative passion? Come share your gift and knowledge with the kids and teens!

> Baking & cooking, ceramics, rock painting, you name it! We **NEED** volunteers like **YOU** this school year!

To read the entire YouthHope August 2022 Report click **HERE** 

#### **NEW Ultrasound Machines are HERE!!**

We asked for your support through prayer and giving, and now all Three new ultrasounds machines have arrived at the centers! Praise the Lord. In the coming weeks, our nurses will begin training on the new machines, and abortion-minded moms will see and HEAR their baby's heartbeat. You are making such a difference because of your response to the Lord's leading to share what you learn and know with you church and community!

#### I have an urgent prayer request.

Pregnancy Resources is now the sole source of Mobile Medical Life-Affirming Pregnancy Care in our area. Please pray for our staff as we continue to reach areas that have no life-affirming care other than Pregnancy Resources and care of those for who society teaches abortion is their only option. You and I are standing the Gap for Life.

Please let me know if you have any questions -Blessing to you, friends! Liz Ryan, Outreach Director







To read Trisha Wilson's

(Executive Director)

monthly blog click **HERE** 

#### Pregnancy Resources Walk for Life 2022! Purposed Steps

We are back at the Ben Butterworth East Shelter River Walk location!

Be intentional and join like-minded individuals taking deliberate steps to help moms and dads see and choose life Saturday, September 10th, 2022. Become a registered walker or sponsor your favorite Walker and raise funds to support life-affirming services that help empower a mom or dad to make an informed decision about their pregnancy, plus offer support through all nine months and beyond! Walk Check-in begins at 8:30 am, and you can walk with family and friends anytime between 9 am and 11 am. Enjoy scenic river views along with live music and refreshments. Together, as God's PURPOSED people, we can be intentional, deliberate, and mindful messengers of truth and compassion. (Click on the image above to get registered!)

#### PRC 101 - 2022 Volunteer Training Sessions

October 4-6, 2022 (Morning or Evening)

\*Morning Trainings are from 8:45am to 12:15pm & Evening Trainings are from 5:30pm to 9:00pm.\*

All trainings are held at our Moline Center (3825 16th St., Moline, IL 61265) Our volunteer training is required for volunteers who want to work directly

with the women and men we help. Training covers helping skills, fetal development, adoption, abortion procedures and risks, ministry goals, and Biblical training on the sanctity of human life. There are many different

types of volunteer positions at the centers. **Spanish-speaking volunteers needed!** 

**Prayer Requests:** If you would like to receive their weekly prayer requests, please contact Marissa at 563-386-3737 or Marissa@qcpregnancy.org.



Volunteers Needed!

Want to register? Need more info? Contact Marissa @ 563-386-3737 or Marissa@qcpregnancy.org

#### **HUBER-VENTURES**

#### A Family Gathering in Greece

Every three years World Outreach brings all of their people together from across the globe for a weeklong retreat called Family Gathering. This was our first time being part of one (we were support-raising when the last one happened) and it was such a joy to put faces to the names of lots of people that we work with, to be in community, worshipping together, eating meals together, and taking in the beauty of the Mediterranean.



It was meant to be a week of rest, but traveling with small kids is hard work. On our long flight across the Atlantic, we had everyone asleep when Salem woke up puking and then struggled with motion sickness for the rest of the flight. At one point, 3 out of 5 kids were screaming. Once we arrived in Greece, we tried to keep our kids up to get on the right time zone and limit the jet lag. It was a really hard day with kids falling asleep everywhere we went and both of us exhausted right along with them. A coworker asked us, "How did you see God answer prayers for your journey here?" and we were both convicted that we hadn't actually asked God for anything as we traveled. We both have a tendency to push through hard things and try to do it all in our own strength. Sometimes we succeed, but mostly we are exhausted. It was a beautiful reminder that our first instinct can be to ask God for help. And He will!

The importance of doing things through Christ's strength and not our own was reiterated in many of our conversations with coworkers from across the globe, in various stages of transition, who are living that out in the midst of great uncertainty. Their faith is an inspiration to us, and we are grateful to support them in prayer and through mobilizing the church to partner with them in their work!......

To read the rest of this update, click **HERE** 

#### Fall '22: Job Transition... it's here!

Now that we're back from our world travels and settled in, we have officially transitioned into our new role as the Coordinators of Mobilization for EPC World Outreach. How exciting! And how terrifying! I've (Saul) said over and over that if Shawn (our former boss) is extremely busy without five small children, there's NO WAY we can do this job while raising our family. Fortunately, we have a great MoGage (Mobilization/Church Engagement) Team in place, and worked to have clear job descriptions and disperse the responsibilities amongst the other leaders on the team. Even more importantly, our God is able... especially when we are not! This is His work, not ours. Can't wait to see what He does!



Now more than ever we need your prayers for ministry/life balance. We already have several missions events on the calendar for this Fall/Winter including attending presbytery in September, visiting a supporting church in Northern Illinois in October, networking at a missions conference in Nashville in October, getting our missionary candidates ready for an assessment event in November, joining a mobilization leaders summit in Dallas in November and taking a group of college students to the Urbana Missions conference in Indianapolis at the end of December.

That's all in the midst of a new homeschool year for a 1st grader, kindergartner, and handful of preschoolers (pray for Jesse!), as well as Sam and Zuri starting soccer, a camping trip for Jesse's birthday, visiting family, and trying to enjoy the wonderful Fall activities that are available in Southern Illinois.

Thanks for being with us in this. We couldn't do it without you!



Much love, Saul, Jesse, Zuri, Samwell, Salem, Zola, and Sidon

#### **THE BURDSALL'S -**A quick mid- August update :)

Serge Grace at the Fray

The summer is usually a ministry downtime, so the last few weeks have been slightly different than our school year schedule- but wanted to share some photos and also a life update/rundown, along with some prayer requests.

Probably the big item of interest for many of our EPC supporters is the World Outreach gathering at the end of July. It was a very good time of spiritual refreshing and overall relaxing. We enjoyed worshipping with and reconnecting with many friends and mentors, and J..... was especially helped by the time with the

For safety reasons it has been decided not to include a link to their full update. If you would like to receive their regular updates via email, please contact the church office and Lisa will connect you with the Burdsall's to be added to their email list.

youth. A few highlights: A tour of ancient Corinth with a guide that brought history to life and gave us chills as she read scripture and explained context of Paul's writings, worshipping on the beach on the last night all together, and catching up with people that have been in our home years ago, and sharing what God has done in all our lives since then.

The week after being in Greece with WO, C...... and the kids all helped with our local church's holiday club (like Vacation Bible School). It was a fun week of learning and teaching about Jonah to local kids-many non-churched.

The first week of August we took a 4 day trip to Brussels as a family vacation - with all of us except C..... It was hot, but a great time exploring a new city. We enjoyed the cathedrals, the chocolate, and the many parks and fountains. For A....., the best part was riding in a tram!

This past week J..... has been away at a Christian camp with many kids from his church youth group - he came back very encouraged in his faith, which is wonderful to see.

Next weekend C..... will be away with the girl's club on a residential (retreat). Pray for the time to be positive and encouraging to the girls, and for chances to share faith with them and continue some deeper discussions with them (our last regular school year meeting with them ended with a discussion where the older girls stayed behind and asked about why we believe in God- and we were able to share testimony and scripture!).

Asha has been having picnic gatherings each Sunday during the summer holidays. It has been great to have people continue to come to these and sit and talk and share. This past Sunday there was time to pray with some of the ladies that came. Pray that relationships will continue, as Asha grows in community that shares God's love together.

S.... has been meeting almost weekly with a man who is wanting to know about faith - they have been reading the Bible each time. Pray that God's truth will become more and more understandable and real to this man.

J..... will get his GCSE results back next week. Pray for positive results for him, and for everything to go well as he registers for his new Sixth Form school for the autumn term.

L..... has been preparing for university this month as she gets ready to move in the beginning of September. Pray for her and the adjustment to university, and for her to find a good church family there in C.......

C.... is back at Iowa State and starts his last semester next week. Pray for him as he finishes up and sorts out what he will do next.

Looking ahead to September - please pray now for regular outreach, ministries and services that will begin again with the school term. Pray for new ways to connect with people and for good plans that follow God's working and moving in this area.

Thanks for your support and for your prayers for us! We appreciate you all and are praying for you and your churches!

With love,

S...., C....., and kids

#### **MCCALLUM'S MAY MUSE**

August/September 2022

Our time in S..... L.... was not in a relaxing setting but we were served 3





meals daily around a table with gracious hosts.... The temperature was hot and sticky allowing our sweat to flow freely cleaning our pores. We

had a "canopy" bed (covered with mosquito netting), private bathroom with abundant fresh water in a tall plastic garbage can like container to pour over us. Very cooling and refreshing shower. Water came from a deep, cool well, which we drank from our filtering bottles. It rained more than we have EVER experienced. Amazingly, it soaked into the ground!

The setting is remarkable. Six Evangelical Presbyterian Churches of S..... L.... have been strategically planted in rural Muslim villages reaching to various tribes who had not been exposed to Christians and the good news of Jesus Christ. In June 2022 at the General Assembly meeting in Northville MI, the EPC of the US voted to have fraternal relations with this A..... denomination. What an honor to come as the first EPC delegation since this special relationship was created.

The back story of this denomination began years ago after the S.... L.... civil war when families from the Buffalo area adopted orphans from this conflict and wanted to do more. Connecting with local chiefs, the need for schools, clean water, and clinics unfolded. One thing led to the other and EduNations was born with the commitment "to educating the whole child in mind, body, soul and spirit. This education plan is supported by four core pillars of development: intellectual development, physical development, psycho-social development, and spiritual development." Along with meeting the felt needs of S.... L......, church planting pastors were sent to meet spiritual needs these Muslim/animist people. Currently 15 schools are operating including a secondary school with boarding facilities. EduNations was birthed as an NGO to ignite hope in under-resourced communities by comprehensively educating rising generations and to honor Christ in all we do. If you want to learn more, listen to Dean Weaver's conversation with Edunation's Executive Director, Samuel Sesay, on the EPC's "In All Things" Podcast.

The six pastors, their current elders, and elders in the pipeline attended the Pastor Training Program (PTP). Ed taught Old Testament Survey (the same materials used in Vn with some tweaking done to fit the setting). Learning a "handle" for each O.T. book led to plans of how to teach this material in their churches. The course included choosing:

- 1. ten stories and people that explain salvation and
- 2. five prophecies fulfilled by Jesus

Being able to articulate this information from the O.T. fulfills international standards for non-formal Old Testament Survey classes. Comparing the pre/post tests, the students demonstrated significant growth during the week.

Just prior to our leaving S..... L...., ITEN's Rev. Dr. Mike Kuhn and Jason Dunn, (World Outreach Associate Director) arrived to teach Understanding and Communicating the Bible.

Nan met with the wives, walking through who we are in Christ as image bearers of God, yet impacted by sin and as *ezers*. This Hebrew term for *helpers* is used twice about Eve and 16 times about God. All people are to be helpers of others as we fulfill the God given task of caring for and putting in order the world around us. Bringing 3000 plastic bags with us, the women learned how to braid them into jump ropes for their families, churches and villages - a sustainable creation care craft with bags they have (an idea from Doris VanValkenburg at Cherry Creek Community Church, Denver area). Not thinking it was possible, they learned how they could illustrate the stories of O.T. Joseph drawing stick figures - a daunting idea when most don't know how to write. The McCallum clan motto, *they have attempted difficult things*, helped give them courage to take markers/paper home motivated them to do the impossible successfully! And they could tell all the stories we studied by the end of the week!

Blessings,

Ed & Nan McCalllum

Again, there is MUCH more to this update than I can squeeze in here. If you would like the full update please contact the church office











PROUDLY SERVING SENIORS SINCE 1968

For many years now Edgington EPC has been a host site for Senior Meals. The doors are now open here for meals **EVERY WEEKDAY!** 

Meals are available for a suggested donation of \$3 to anyone 60+ years or with a disability. If you are new to the program, you need to call 309-788-6335 the day before to request your meal.

Those who attend regularly come early to play cards and enjoy each other's company for a little longer than just meal time.

If you would like more information or want to check out the menu for the month click the Project Now logo above for the link to their website or call 309-788-6335.



#### 2022 VBS UPDATE

VBS 2022 was a **MONUMENTAL** week of celebrating God's greatness through:

- Exciting Bible lessons learned by 185 kids
- Applications made for our lives today
- Perfect weather (Thank You, God!)
- Friendships made / re-established
- Snacks devoured
- Great outdoors enjoyed through archery, BB guns, swimming & games
- 4,068 meals packaged for Kids Against Hunger
- \$1,203.24 raised for missions with our change contest
- Masterpieces created
- Knowledge gained about Native Americans, geodes, rocks of the Southwest, & therapy dogs
- Limbs picked up and 18 fire hydrants painted
- Other campers at Camp Summit being assisted
- Singing out praises to God



We want to once again thank those who helped in anyway from baking cookies, donating money or necessary items, praying for us, and especially to the 44 high school counselors and 50+ adults who gave generously of their time. This camp would not be possible without you.



# BLOOD DRIVE

**BLOODCENTER.ORG** 

Click on the image to schedule your appointment

## Edgington Presbyterian Church

Saturday, September 10 7:00am - 10:30am

Basement 13228 140th Street W., Taylor Ridge, IL

#### MASKS AND APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.

To schedule, please visit

https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/113128.

Questions? Call Beth Easterla at (309) 738-7816.



Give blood Juy 11 through

September 11 and get a voucher

for a gift card or bonus points

to shop our collne store!



Click on the image above to hear how your donation saves lives!

Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID. Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 7/16/22 Group Sponsor Code: 070



#### EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Treasurer's Report July 2022

	Balan	ce		Receipts	Dis	bursement	Bal	ance
General (includes Edgington)	\$	101,614.74	\$	20,746.87	\$	11,478.65	\$	110,882.96
Education Fund (Jahn)	\$	9,759.27	\$	142.51	\$	-	\$	9,901.78
Building Funds								
Boughton	\$	197,417.49	\$	739.03	\$	600.00	\$	197,556.52
Lauby	\$	25,597.63	\$	232.45	\$	-	\$	25,830.08
JULY 2022 GENERAL FUND EXP	ENSES							
Zach Hopkins salary	_			4,552.34				
Housing Allowance				1,800.00				
Fidelity (pension)				960.89				
EPC (health)				25.23				
Mileage				170.63				
Lisa Bowman				1,048.41				
Robin Preston				345.08				
Reytel				116.73				
AT&T				109.20				
MidAmerican Energy				803.00				
Millenium Waste				46.70				
Worship Services								
Office Supplies				139.48				
ABS (copier)				210.41				
Shipping & Postage				31.90				
Software & apps				281.25				
Continuing Education				27.82				
Mission				50.00				
Resource Materials				167.08				
Sunday School				592.50			_	
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*Boughton Fund includes sale o	f manse	2	\$	159,000.00				

#### TREASURER'S REPORT Cont. from p. 14

Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss July 2022

•		Jul-22
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Int. Income - General Fund		12.99
VBS Revenue		50.00
Basement Rent		50.00
Pledges		20,633.88
Total Income		20,746.87
Expense		
Pastor's housing allowance		1,800.00
Operating Maint General		46.70
Presb. expense		-
Resource materials		167.08
Worship supplies		
Continuing Ed.		27.82
Mileage		170.63
Mission		
U.S. Mission - Presb.		
Int. Mission - Presb.		
Local Mission	50.00	
Total Mission		50.00
S. School Expense		592.50
Office Supplies & Expenses		
Internet & TV Services	116.73	
Copier	210.41	
Office Supplies - Other	139.48	
Software and apps	281.25	
Shipping & Postage	31.90	
<b>Total Office Supplies</b>		779.77
Payroll Expenses		
Custodian Payroll	345.08	
Pastor Salary	4,552.34	
Secretary Services	1,048.41	
Total Payroll Expenses		5,945.83
Pension & Health Care		986.12
Utilities		,
Gas & Electric - Church	803.00	
Telephone	109.20	
Total Utilities	, ,	912.20
Total Expense	•	11,478.65
-	•	9,268.22
Net Ordinary Income	i	9,200.22

ALL submissions for the October 2022 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than



Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> - (Please notice that this date is A WEEK EARLIER than normal!) Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

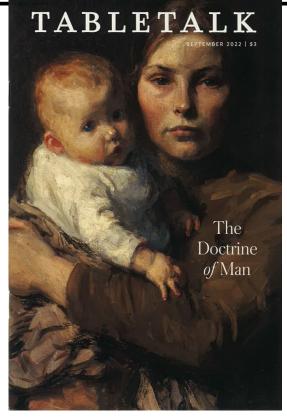


Do you know anyone that is not receiving the Edgington EPC Newsletter each month? If so, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com and let me know. I will be happy to make arrangements for it to be received by whatever means works best.

The newsletter is distributed via email and postal service. It is also posted to our Facebook page and website: <a href="edgingtonepc.org">edgingtonepc.org</a>.

Thank you so much for your help!

### GET YOUR SEPTEMBER COPY OF THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

#### **NEW SERMON SERIES**

After completing Colossians mid-September, we will return to the Old Testament to pick up the second half of the story of God's grace to the Patriarchs of Israel as we study

"Generations of Grace - The Covenant Continues: Isaac & Jacob" in Genesis 25-35.

We hope you will join us!

Sunday, September 4th – Colossians 4:5-6

Sunday, September 11th - Colossians 4:7-18

Sunday, September 18th - TBA

Sunday, September 25th - TBA

GENERATIONS OF GRACE

THE COVENANT CONTINUES: ISAAC & JACOB



#### **SCRIPTURE LINKS** - Download the apps!







ESV.org is an online Bible reading tool created to help you read and engage with God's Word. While many features of the site are available without signing in, we invite you to **create a free account**, which makes it easy to save personal notes, highlight favorite verses, and start interactive reading plans.

(Click on the images to go to their websites)



Blue Letter Bible provides powerful tools for an in-depth study of God's Word through our free online reference library, with study tools that are grounded in the historical, conservative Christian faith. We view the Bible as central to our study resources. We intentionally designed the website to include study tools that are linked directly to Bible passages. Dig deep into the Word using commentaries, encyclopedias, maps/images and much more. One of our most used tools is the Lexicon search, which

gives users immediate access to the original Hebrew and Greek words.

#### READ THE BIBLE WITH YOUR PASTOR

**From Ligonier Ministries:** R.C. Sproul reminded us that "Disciples of Christ abide in His Word. Those who abide in His Word know the truth and are free."

We hope you made a plan for 2022 and are following it, but if you have not yet, it is NEVER too late to begin! We invite you to explore several Bible reading plans designed to help you prioritize abiding in



God's Word. Each plan differs slightly, and we encourage you to find one that fits your unique learning style and study goals for the year. Whether you'd like to read straight through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation or focus your attention on one book, we hope these plans will serve you as you grow as a disciple of Christ and share the truths you are learning with those in your life.

Click **HERE** to see all Ligonier's Bible reading plans.

Pastor Zach encourages you to join him in the study that was in January's Newsletter. Hard copies are still available in the office. You could also reach out to Lisa in the office and ask her to email one to you.

Pastor Zach is on Facebook Live every Sunday morning at 10am for our Lord's Day Worship Service .



If you are not already a member of our Facebook group, please click on the image for the link. "Like" our page and request to join. We are pretty quick to respond. Make sure you are "following" our page and turn your notifications setting on if you would like to receive a notification when Pastor Zach begins to stream. We will post a worship guide each week in advance of the service.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, consisting of a summary of Christian doctrine in 107 questions and answers, was written by the Westminster Assembly in London over 350 years ago. When Presbyterianism came over the Atlantic Ocean to the shores of this country, the Catechism came as well. The Catechism has been acknowledged by many to be the most accurate and succinct summary of the Christian faith ever produced. So is it still useful today? Join us in Sunday School to learn more.





**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 2022** 

#### THE SHORTER CATECHISM

9:00AM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

We meet every Lord's Day morning at 9am in the church basement. Please join us!



#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am



Toddler - Hillary Terrill & Kortney Geirlus

Pre-K - Beth Flickinger 1st-2nd - Katie Pearson 3rd-5th - Kathy Stegmiller

Junior High - Tara Johnson & Deanna Parchert

Senior High - Brandee Neece

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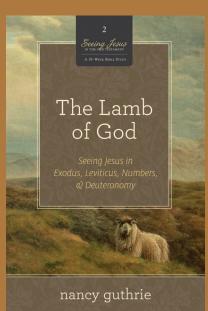
All of Scripture is the unfolding story of salvation and Jesus is its focus. We show how Jesus, revealed throughout the Bible, came to seek and save the lost.

We look forward to the privilege of caring for and teaching your children about Jesus each Sunday!

MANY THANKS to all of you who helped with the children's Sunday School Class over the summer!

THANK YOU!!!

#### **NEW FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**



Is Jesus in the Old Testament? We're not always sure. This second study in the "Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament" series from Nancy Guthrie explores the last four books of Moses: Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy to show how these books are all about Jesus!

Come and study the Scriptures alongside your sisters in Christ this Fall with the EEPC Women's Ministry.

**Dates:** Ten Weeks, beginning Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am & Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Books are \$10 each. We will also have audio files available if you miss a class.

#### QUILTING

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am

Please join us on the third Thursday of nearly every month from 9am - noon as we create, piece, and sew quilts to present to next year's graduating seniors, as well as Winnie's Place.

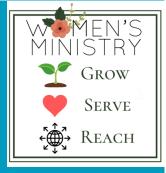
Even if you don't know how to sew, but can operate a pair of scissors and/or an iron, we would love to have you! If we can increase our production, we will be able to bless even more people in the community.

Hope to see you there!

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY QUARTERLY MEETING

Thurs., September 1st, 1pm

All women of the church are encouraged to come to our 3rd quarterly meeting this week. We will be discussing



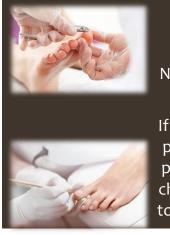
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and voting on several issues, including, money making projects, missions, and women's ministry sponsored events.

Please join us if you can!



# UNITYPOINT FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Mon., Sept. 19th starting at 9am

If you would like to receive a pedicure done by a medical professional, please call the church office at 309-795-1713 to schedule an appointment.







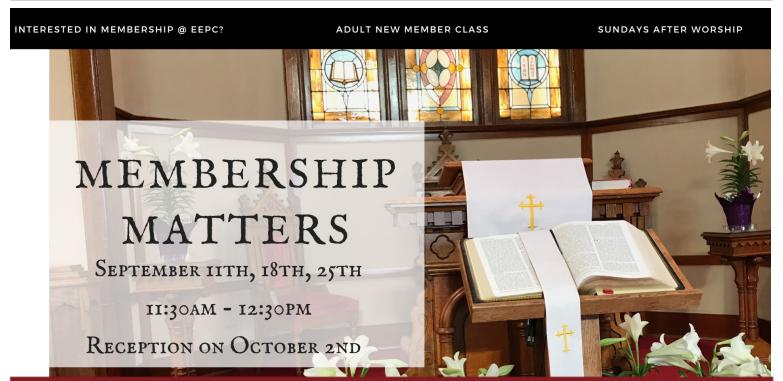
# NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! TECH TEAM SERVANTS NEEDED!

We are hoping to assemble a team of people that will share in the duties of running the tech equipment during each worship service. We would like to set up a rotating schedule, that would hopefully have each team member scheduled no more than once a month. Lisa will send out the schedule each month, as well as send out reminders each week. If for some reason you will not be unable to serve the Sunday you are scheduled, it should be easy to find someone to fill in or switch with another member of the team.

Pastor Zach will schedule a training day and time as soon as there are enough people signed up. There are two people needed for each Sunday - one to run the PowerPoint and one to run the FB Live feed. Neither of these tasks is very complicated, especially if all is working well, but if it isn't Pastor Zach will be there to help!

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the sanctuary foyer. Please consider signing up and joining this team to help things run smoothly every Sunday!

Thank you in advance for your participation!!!



Here is a wonderful opportunity to learn more of what Edgington EPC is all about!
The class is offered to anyone seeking more information about Edgington EPC; what it means to be a church member, our denomination, what we stand for, and much more. If you have been attending for awhile, but not yet committed to membership, you're encouraged to check this out!

If you are looking to join, you definitely want to mark your calendar!

Please call the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtopepc@gmail.com or put your name on the signup sheet and pick up, fill out, & return the Membership Personal Information form (both located on the table in the sanctuary foyer) by no later that September 7th.



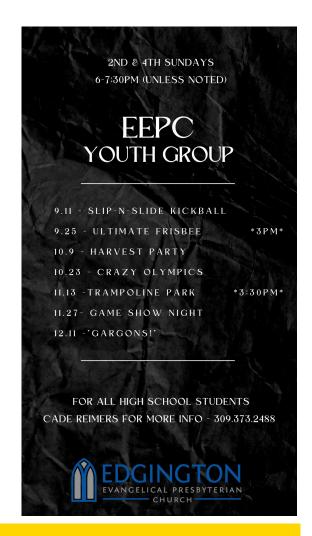














#### YOUTH GROUP



A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

#### **IDEAS FOR ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN THE BOX:**

**Toys:** Dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, soccer balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**Non-Liquid Hygiene Items:** Toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

**Accessories:** T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

Crafts: Make your own items. Go to website for ideas: <a href="https://www.pinterest.com/occshoeboxes/">https://www.pinterest.com/occshoeboxes/</a>

**Ideas for Older Children:** Hammer, nails, small tools, and sewing kits.

A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.



DO NOT INCLUDE: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

The deadline for dropping off donations & the pizza packing party are yet TBD.



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SUN	MOM	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 B/P Checks	29 Meal Site	30 Meal Site	31 Meal Site	1 Meal Site Women's Ministry Mtg.,	2 Meal Site	3
Lisa out of office				_		
4 Food Pantry Sunday	5 NO Meal Site	6 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	7 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	8 Meal Site	9 Meal Site	10 Fall Blood Drive 7-10:30am
11 B/P Checks Promotion Sunday S.S. Classes Resume Membership Matters, 11:30am Basement Reserved	12 Foot Clinic Meal Site	13 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	14 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm *Newsletter Items Due *Earlier date	15 Quilting, 9am Meal Site	16 Meal Site	17
18 Membership Matters, 11:30am Basement Reserved	19 Foot Clinic Meal Site	20 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	21 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm Trustees Mtg.,	22 Fall Begins Meal Site	23 Meal Site	24
25 B/P Checks Membership Matters, 11:30am	26 Meal Site	27 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Session Mtg., 7pm	28 Meal Site Women's Bible Study,6:30pm	29 Meal Site	30 Meal Site R&LP Mtg., Aurora, IL	1 R&LP Mtg., Aurora, IL