



EDGINGTON

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

“TO GLORIFY GOD, & ENJOY HIM FOREVER”



July Newsletter 2023

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Loved Ones,

With summer in full swing, I am sure that your family is already in the midst of a busy season with many opportunities for rest and recreation. Between sports and activity schedules, church commitments, and family events, the summer calendar fills up fast. I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect on a reality for the church in the midst this season, that of pulpit supply.

When I use the term pulpit supply – I mean it in its short-term application – that of someone filling the pulpit for single weeks at a time, rather than a long season of someone filling the pulpit for consecutive weeks when a church is without a pastor. When I am away on personal vacation or church business, worship on the Lord’s Day still needs to be conducted and the Word still needs to be preached – so we turn to pulpit supply in these instances. I’m so thankful for our Elders in assisting in this process, especially RE Mic Penry who regular fills the pulpit in my absence. It is also wonderful to have existing relationships with other ministers who can travel to Edgington on select occasions to preach the Word – I especially think of Rev. Derek Morrison who has ably exhorted our congregation many times.

In addition to times when I am away, I will also try and secure pulpit supply at the end of a busy season of church business, especially presbytery meetings. In these instances, I like to have other ministers, especially retired ones like Dr. Salnave and Dr. Tromble, come to Edgington to fill the pulpit even though I am not away. It is a joy for me to sit in the congregation with you, under another man’s preaching and teaching.

The reason why I am reflecting on this topic is because we are currently in the midst of a five-week period when I am only preaching one time. Two of the weeks, I will be or have been gone, two other weeks I have been present, but not preaching because of other week-long ministry commitments (General Assembly, Youth Mission Trip). Here is my central point in all of this, it is a good, even a healthy thing for a congregation to have a variety of preachers. While it will certainly be the case that the pastor of the church is the primary/regular preacher, having others preach protects against thinking it is the person that matters in preaching. I always like to think about it like fine dining; there may be different people serving the food (preachers), but it is the substance, the food (the Scriptures), that is actually the focus. When we think about it like this, it is a joy to have different men delivering the Scriptures to us because it protects us from thinking that the way I preach is the only way to serve the food of the Word and gives us cause to delight in the Word rather than the preacher. This is important for a healthy church to establish.

So, I would like to encourage you, even if it is not the regular waiter, come to the feast of the Word and delight yourself in the truth of God here in Edgington.

Your Pastor & Friend,

ELDERS

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

DEACONS

Dorothy Rursch - Chair
Teresa Weber - Secretary
Jim Balmer
Teresa Balmer
Beth Flickinger
Marlin Krueger
Darcy Krueger

TRUSTEES

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Melissa Woeckener	14 - Marion Oak
2 - Cody Bingman	14 - Nichole Wistedt
2 - Molly Bingman	15 - Sally Fuhr
4 - Robbyn Ransdell	16 - Bailey Woeckener
5 - Don Easterla	20 - Bandon Tomlin
5 - Jon Easterla	21 - Cindy Cullen
5 - CJ Elliott	21 - Bill Sloan
5 - Natalie Fenchel	23 - Joseph Gierlus
6 - Janet Dunlap	24 - Henry Wood
7 - Pam Pithan	26 - Katie Pearson
7 - Paige Schmidt	26 - Alina Schafman
9 - Jim Balmer	27 - Owen Freyermuth
10 - Sophia Fuhr	27 - Tara Miller
11 - Gene Meredith	28 - Jacob Ryser
11 - Jacob Woeckener	31 - Shirley Flemming
14 - Morgan Flickinger	

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

10 - Tyson & Angie Freyermuth
12 - Jim & Nancy Cooksey
12 - Jason & Stephanie Rursch
12 - Steven & Melissa Woeckener
16 - Kent & Pam Johnson
21 - Shawn & Hillary Terrill
24 - Steve & Cindy Thompson

Deb Wagamon has retired and would like for all of you to update her email address in your contact list. Her email address is now: dsw2556@gmail.com



Thank you so much for all of the prayers, cards, phone calls, & texts after my accident. I am feeling better everyday. It's so wonderful to be a part of our church family.

thank you

Amy Weiss

GREETERS FOR JULY

Sunday, July 2nd - Jim & Teresa Balmer
Sunday, July 9th - Marlin & Darcy Krueger
Sunday, July 16th - Eric & Kelly Moel
Sunday, July 23rd - Steve, Shelly & Luella Doonan
Sunday, July 30th - Steve & Deb Wagamon

May 30, 2023, at 7pm

Location: Church Basement

Present: TE Zach Hopkins and RE's Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Mic Penry, Patrick Shovar, Todd Stegmiller and Keith Wilson. A quorum is present.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. He opened the meeting with prayer and read from Psalm 8. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation.

Approval/Amendment of Docket: Motion was made and seconded to approve the docket. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: The April 25th, 2023, Session minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Zach's Report: Zach reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. Since our April 25th meeting, he conducted 4 office visits and 4 home visits. He presided over the wedding of Sophia Pithan, attended 2 meetings with the Countyline pastors, participated in the 38th RLP Meeting, participated in the Rockridge High School Baccalaureate service, participated in RLP Coordinating Council Church Planting meeting. He also met with a prospective member and attended a Sunday School Teacher meeting.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- Mic and Keith reported on the 38th Rivers and Lakes Presbytery Meeting that was held April 28th – 29th in Warrenville, IL. The Roseland Reformed Church from Blomkest, MN was received into membership of the RLP. Rev. Mark Groen of Edgerton, MN was examined and received as Teaching Elder in RLP.
- The Session discussed Zach's summer preaching series of 'Hard Questions'. Zach has received several suggestions for the series and is open to more suggestions.

New Business:

- Membership Review – The Session conducted a review of membership rolls.
- Zach reviewed the schedule for summer preaching. Mic will preach on June 18th when Zach is at General Assembly and July 9th when Zach is gone on the Mission Trip. Zach has arranged for Derek Morrison to preach on June 25th and is seeking someone to preach on July 16th. Zach asked for input on topics for the month of August.
- Zach asked for suggestions for content for the next Adult Sunday School series.
- Zach reminded the Session that the 43rd General Assembly will be held June 20th – 22nd at Highland Ranch, CO. Kevin and Zach are registered.
- The need for a joint Elder – Deacon meeting was discussed. Patrick will schedule.
- Youth Mission trip is scheduled for July 8th – July 15th at Mission, SD. There are 4 teens committed plus 5 post teen adults.

- VBS is scheduled for July 24th – 28th at Loud Thunder Boy Scout Camp.
- Communion will be held on Sunday, June 4th. The next Called Session meeting will be June 27th at 7:00pm. The Session will discuss Part 3 of the book *A Praying Church* by Paul E. Miller at that time.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:02pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session

GAS ON STOVE

The gas burner on the stovetop of one of the ovens in the church kitchen has been left on a few times now. On most of those occasions the flame has gone out and it's been discovered due to the smell of natural gas by someone entering the building. This is obviously a very serious hazard.



If you use the stove for any reason, please always be sure to check and double-check that all the burners are in the off position before you leave.

QUILTING

NO QUILTING FOR JULY - Quilters are encouraged to help with VBS in someway, if possible.

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!



If you would be able to help with a Sunday School Class this summer, please see the sign-up sheet located on the table in the sanctuary foyer.

Any questions contact Beth Flickinger 309-206-4292 or Tara Johnson at 309-235-4054.
~ Thank you!

June 1, 2023

The Edgington Evangelical Women's Ministry (WM) met on June 1, 2023, in the church basement with 7 members present. Moderator Karyl Parrish opened the meeting with a prayer and members read Our Purpose Statement.

Shirley Flemming read minutes of the March meeting and thank you notes from Nancy Rursch, Amelia Rursch, and Laina Nelson. Kathy Stegmiller was absent, but Moderator Karyl Parish presented the Treasurer's Report and stated our balance was \$10,148.29.

Shirley Flemming, Mission Chairman, stated that she had purchased items for Aledo Crisis Center for \$82.18. This included 4 baskets of toiletries, toys, baby items, and 2 quilts. She delivered them on May 26th.

TO GROW: There was discussion on the fall Bible study. It was suggested that it be staggered with the Bible study at Buffalo Prairie. Karyl will check with Barb Downey at Buffalo Prairie.

TO SERVE:

1. **Rummage Sale** - successful for the church, but individuals did not fare as well. WM raised \$1,409.50. Nancy Cooksey suggested that we not have one next year.
2. **Mother's Day Roses** - Purchased 72 roses for \$60. They had an appropriate Bible verse attached to them which Teresa Balmer and Pat Block had chosen. Sue Miller will check with Kathy Stegmiller to see how many roses were used. Women who received them were very pleased.
3. **Father's Day Recognition** - The number of roses used will help to determine how many candy bars to purchase for Father's Day, June 18th. Sue Miller will do the purchasing.
4. **Class on Balance** - It was filled by senior citizens from Project Now. Another class will be scheduled in the fall.
5. **MC Caregiver** - Karyl Parish contacted Mercer County to see if people from Rock Island County were eligible for the benefits. They are not, but Rock Island County has a similar program. It offers some free resources to those who are caretakers.
6. **Church Concerns** - Member concerns were discussed.

TO REACH:

1. **Spaghetti/Trivia Night Fundraisers** – It was decided not to have fund raisers unless we have a specific project for the funds in mind.
2. **Mother Daughter Banquet and Father Son Banquet** - It was suggested that we again resume these banquets. Further discussion will be held next year.
3. **September Hostess** – Dorothy Rursch

QUILTING: The next quilting day will be June 15 from 9am – noon. We need more women to participate. Shirley stated she was the only one there on May 18. There will be no quilting in July and August.

NEXT MEETING: September 7th, 2023. Dessert will be provided by Dorothy Rursch

HOSTESS: Dessert was provided by Pat Block

Karyl Parrish closed the meeting with prayer and the group said the Mizpah Benediction.

Shirley Flemming, Secretary

May 16, 2023

The Mission Committee met on May 16th, 2023 at 6:30pm in 1st floor conference room. Those attending were: Deb Wagamon, Nancy Engstrom, Jim Johnson, and Eric Moel.

Deb opened the meeting in prayer.

Old Business:

- Reviewed and approved April minutes.
- Reviewed mailings and local ministry newsletters.
- Local and Regional Missions: Continuing to discuss and generate ideas on how we may reach out to our local area and with our regional ministries to be more active in the community. This will continue to be an agenda item as we go into the summer months. We did have a request for assistance for Tierney Fischer who lost her home in Rock Island due to storm damage. The members voted to send Tierney \$1000 to help her in her recovery.

New Business:

- **Youth Hope:** We continue to prayerfully consider additional monies to help the Camp Summit project. They are needing \$30,000 to finish the funding for this building. The mission team voted and approved sending (2) children to camp this summer at a cost of \$500. Deb provided Lisa with a list of supplies needed for Camp Summit this year and an insert will be going into the bulletin on the 21st. Deb will deliver the supplies where needed.
- **Rockridge School District Teachers:** We are continuing discussions with Brandee on supplies for the upcoming 2023/2024 school year. We hope to have a complete list of supplies by July so we may obtain the items and have them at the school for the start of the new session.
- **Pregnancy Resources:** EEPC will be sponsoring their Baby Bottle Campaign beginning Sunday, May 21st through Sunday, June 18th. The bottles will be on the table for the congregation as they depart from church services. The bottles will be returned to the church and the mission team will deliver them to PR.
- **Chicago Church Planting:** Deb has reached out to Jeff Lancaster to see if we can schedule a meeting to come to Chicago and learn more about his ministry and its needs so we may update the congregation. As soon as a date can be secured, Jim Johnson and Deb will visit with Jeff and hopefully deliver more information to EEPC on this ministry.
- **Ministry Advocates:** Hoping to assign ministry advocates to our local and regional ministries so committee members can work directly with these local/regional ministries each week and bring their needs and fundraiser/volunteer opportunities back to the committee meetings. In this way, we can be more proactive and be more supportive of this missions. Kelly has volunteered to team with Pregnancy Resources, currently Deb is the YouthHope advocate. The rest of the team will report on their choices next week.

Deb closed the meeting in prayer

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 20th, 2023 at 6:30pm.



Check out the next several pages for the ministries we support and for ways that you can get personally INVOLVED!

{get involved}
be the church

PROUDLY SERVING
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Project NOW
Community Action Agency



For many years now Edginton 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.

2023 COMMUNITY-WIDE VBS

It takes a lot of preparation to make VBS run smoothly!

1. Campers have been divided into 19 groups.
2. Volunteers secured for specific jobs.
3. Counselors have been assigned to groups. We are in the process of training them
4. Supplies are being gathered for the various areas. Thank you for your contributions.
5. Each adult leader is busy making plans for his/her station & figuring out how to carry out those plans.
6. Juggling schedules to make sure each group has a chance to do every activity.
7. Afternoon speakers and activities secured and double checking that days and times work.
8. Lots of information is being organized in the computer and printed out to make sure we have everything we need to know about camper/helpers at our fingertips at camp.
9. We will be sending out a mailer the week of July 19th filled with information to each camper. If your family has youth attending and doesn't receive a letter by July 15th, please notify Kathy Stegmiller.
10. We are trying this year to keep all interested families and church members abreast of what is happening at camp. Check out our Facebook page each day of the week of camp for pictures and a brief summary of the day's event, Bible story, Bible verse, and any prayer needs. **ALERT: IF** Parents would like to opt-out of having their children's photos posted to our private FB group page, they will need to sign & return the **SOCIAL MEDIA OPT-OUT FORM** being sent in the informational mailer.

We will be packing things up immediately following the worship service on Sunday, July 23rd and then meeting at the Boy Scout Camp at 1:30pm to get everything set-up.

HELP IS WELCOME & APPRECIATED!

Please pray for good weather, safety of campers & workers, & the Holy Spirit working on the hearts of all involved.



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.

Some updates and ministry prayer needs

The coronation watch party went well. The coronation had a lot of Christian symbolisms and meanings, and there were many good conversations about what everything meant with the people who came, including a discussion about communion and the meaning behind it!

The Monday after the coronation we went to a community party in a nearby churchyard. The community band J..... is a part of was playing as entertainment. We saw many people there that we knew, and had a good chance to connect with some contacts we hadn't seen for awhile. It was a productive day, and also left us feeling that we have a community here!

The half term event went well - we talked about Daniel 3 with the kids, and the ones that came seemed to enjoy and interact well with the story. It was great to see the kids acting out the story and seeing God saving Shadrach Meshach and Abednego from the fiery furnace! There were also 12 ladies that came and heard the story of Ruth.

S.... has had opportunity to meet again with J at the bookshop - he has wanted to spend time learning more about faith and the Bible - pray this time together and the growth continues.

S..., J..... and a couple other teammates have recently started playing cricket in the park on Thursday nights. It has been hard here to connect and get to know any Bengali men, especially younger ones - but now they have had up to 12 guys coming out to play cricket each week. They are excited about the relationships that can be built.

Over half term we had a trip with girl's club to paint ceramics and picnic in V. Park - it was a good time to talk with the girls and hear how they are. Pray for increased times to share more deeply with them. A couple weeks ago we had a session where our teammate shared her testimony - pray for opportunities for her to chat with the girls in future if they have questions about what she shared.

S.... is continuing to run book tables on Fridays and some Saturdays - pray for the people that stop and pick up material or who talk. Some who come by are very well trained in how to argue - pray for wisdom for S.... in those moments and for God to speak through him.

A teammate and I had a recent chance to share about Asha with a local church. She was sharing facts about Bengalis here in L..... and commented that she knows of two, maybe a couple more, Sylheti believers here - those two are part of our plant team. It struck me just how hard this outreach is, but also how amazing these two are, and what a blessing they are to all of our team and those attending Asha. Please pray for them!

Family prayer requests.

A..... had a good birthday - she and her friend enjoyed ice skating, and got a surprise of L..... coming down to help out. Continue to pray for good connections and relationship building with her friend and family.

L..... has finished her first year of university and will be home next week for the summer - we are all looking forward to having her back, but pray for the time as we readjust to 5 people in the house again!

This weekend S.... and A..... are going camping together for a dad and kid camping weekend- pray for them and the time together.

With love, C..... (for S.... and kids)

As always, there is more to this update than there is room. If you would like to read more and see pictures, please contact the church office.

A POWERFUL SUMMER AHEAD (To read the entire June Report, please click [HERE](#).)



The power of camp is extraordinary and lives are changed forever at Camp Summit! We have already seen a s=wide array of homelife kids are coming from. But one commonality exists: the need for the love of Christ!

52 Rock Island elementary boys launched our summer camps last week! The theme was Jonah and the whale. One night we sat, imagining being inside a whale, and during the quiet we waited to hear from God.

When we stop, listen, and wait - God always is there! The boys experienced Him, learned He will speak to them, and will cherish and cling to His words for the rest of their lives!

I encourage you to take a moment, imagine you are sitting in a what, and give God the space, time, and quiet to speak to you.

Please continue to pray for our staff, students, and volunteer! We ask for wisdom, energy, safety, protection, and God's presence to be so thick that campers remember it the most of all things experienced at Camp Summit!

Thank you for helping send kids to camp and praying for us! We are grateful for you and deeply appreciate your prayers, partnership, and support. God bless you!

Hannah Carr, Development Director

OUR DOORS REMAIN OPEN...



Life is getting interesting, and the state of Illinois is proving once again that they are not pro-women, pro-families, or pro-life. Recent legislation passed by the Illinois House and Illinois Senate is now awaiting the governor's signature. *The Deceptive Practices of Limited Services Pregnancy Centers Act* is a **clear attack on life-affirming Pregnancy Centers in the state of Illinois – the sole purpose of this legislation is to shut down any pregnancy related organization** that does not refer for or provide abortion.

We are both aware of and troubled by these actions – but we are not afraid. **Pregnancy Resources will not be BULLIED by the state to change who we are or how we serve the greater Quad Cities.**

- Pregnancy Resources is committed to providing excellent care, compassionate support, and honest information to those facing pregnancy decisions through authentic relationships that display grace, honor life, and foster community.
- As an organization that embraces integrity, we do not condone, approve of, or excuse the actions of those who use deception, false advertising, or manipulation to mislead women — whether that individual or organization stands for or against abortion.
- At Pregnancy Resources, we believe women deserve to be treated with respect and compassion, giving her the time and space she needs to make her pregnancy decision without pressure or coercion. Since 1990, we have stood on the principles of both truth and love, and we are committed to continuing to offer women our best in the years to come.

Today the doors of Pregnancy Resources are open – and will remain open! Centers in Davenport and Moline will continue to serve women and men six days a week. The Mobile Medical Unit will continue to **serve our neighbors in Muscatine, Rock Island, and East Moline.** Work is continuing at the new permanent location at the QC Mission – and just a few weeks ago your team visited this new site to pray and to dream and to plan. Stay posted for information on the open house scheduled at this new location in then Fall of 2023.

Together, we will continue to offer Hope, Help and Compassion in the name of Jesus Christ at every opportunity.

Together we will empower moms and dads to choose hope and choose life!

Trisha Wilson, Executive Director

THE END AND A BEGINNING

Phase 1 Competition! Wonderful closure celebration! On to Phase 2 in the fall. A recap.

Ed: When I hit 65, I wasn't interested in retirement but rather in redeployment. I had a burden for the huge number of global churches without trained leaders - hundreds of thousands of church leaders have little or no access to solid Biblical education. When we began with ITEN, none of us knew God had been drawing an ethnic group to faith in SE in LARGE numbers who needed training. But their needs and ITEN's skills as a team were a match!

The ITEN SE journey has been stretching. It's amazing what we have pulled from our wells of experience and what new things we have learned. God has convinced us afresh that "we are His workmanship, created for good works which God made in advance that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10.



May 19th we celebrated completion of the Ministry Leadership Training Institute (MLTI) Phase 1 of training.

If you are a numbers person...here are some stats for you:

- 30 Church leaders trained as trainers (pastors, evangelists Church-planters).
- Out of the 30 who began, 26 completed all the requirements. Four are working to do so.
- 210 churches have received training with MLTI curriculum.
- At least 67 training sessions took place through the first 8 classes.
- 6 different denominations in seven provinces have been impacted.
- 8 men from Phase 1 have been approved to be the instructors for Phase 2 courses with coaching from us.
- Ed has written a reference Study Bible for them - a first of its kind in the mother tongue of the students.

If you are a relational person, we have parental/brotherly love the men of MLTI they are like our sons...only 2 are over 50. Praying with them, worshiping, hearing stories, and eating together has been deepened our relationships. Nan has collected information about their families and prayer needs and can share them if you would like to provide prayer support for them contact her.

Meetings and meals with the leadership of the denomination and bible school we partner with have been warm. Having the denomination's president reach over and put food on our plates showed either we are terribly awkward eating or they are honoring us as they would older members of their family. Likely a little of both based on relational interactions we have seen.

We are more than pleased with what has been accomplished and are looking ahead to Phase 2.

Rejoice before the Lord with us! Pray for the men to be faithful in re-teaching the two final classes in their regions.

June 5-7 M & S K., team leaders for ITEN, will come for a few days to meet B. & F. and their kids. B. has taught ITEN classes in SL for ITEN. He is working on a masters at ... here in B. finished his first year of courses successfully. His twin sons, turning 5 years old June 14, got into different schools for about a month. Ezra totally loved the stimulation. Ezekiel got to ride the "big Velveeta" school bus to his school. They will begin kindergarten in the upcoming school year. Ephraim (3 y/o) is on a list to get info Head Start preschool in the fall. Pray for ongoing relationship.

ITEN will have a full team retreat in the Denver area June 16-19 - first ever in our organizational history.

August 4th we'll celebrate our 50th anniversary and Nan's 70th birthday on the 15th indicating that we are actually old.

We will be working on revisions on MLTI materials so it can be used more broadly overseas...even at your church. The courses are being used in SL and plans are in the works for a S. A. country in partnership with another World Outreach worker. We'll be back in touch prior to our return overseas as the dates are arranged.

Pray for the details to come together. Look for an email the 2nd half of August.

With appreciation for the road we share together.

Blessings! - Ed & Nan McCallum

**There is more to this update!
Email the church office to read
it all!**

EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report May 2023

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Ending Balance
General (includes Edgington)	\$ 112,169.24	\$ 11,553.04	\$ 15,037.10	\$ 108,685.18
Education Fund (Jahn)	\$ 9,873.72	\$ 114.48	\$ -	\$ 9,988.20
Building Fund	\$ 150,305.74	\$ 779.53		\$ 151,085.27

May 2023 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - May 2023

Pledges	11,417.75
Interest Income - General Fund	15.29
Per Member Asking	120.00
	\$ 11,553.04

Expenditures - May 2023

Administrative	\$ 4,888.59
ABS (copier rental)	202.10
AT&T - Phone for elevator	128.90
Computers: Software and Apps	319.99
Jeanne Hayes	519.09
Johnson Controls	793.97
Lisa Bowman	969.16
MidAmerican Energy	755.00
Millenium Waste	53.71
Office Supplies	73.87
Repairs & Maintenance - general	28.85
Reytel - Internet	118.93
Shipping/Postage	381.00
Sunday School Repair Project	450.00
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	94.02
Discipleship (Internal)	\$ 8,598.51
Continuing Education	101.75
EPC General Assembly	649.45
EPC (health)	26.48
Fidelity (pension)	960.89
Housing Allowance	3,206.18
Meals	24.21
Mileage	106.77
Presbytery Expense	
Pulpit Supply	346.62
Zach Hopkins salary	3,176.16
Mission (external)	\$ 1,550.00
Mission - International	
Mission - US	
Mission - Local	1,550.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 15,037.10**

NET OPERATING INCOME **\$ (3,484.06)**

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund of \$14,313.59 and Assistance Fund of \$5,153.46

GET YOUR JULY COPY OF
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL

TABLETALK

JULY 2023 | \$5



Called to Discipleship

LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS NOTED)

6-7:30PM (UNLESS NOTED)

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

**Youth Group will not be
meeting during the month
of July due to the Mission
Trip & VBS.**

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS

CADE REIMERS FOR MORE INFO

- 309.373.2488



If you would like to submit something for the newsletter, **please** be sure to have it in by the deadline.



ALL submissions for the August 2023 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, July 19th. 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: edgingtonepc.org.

Thank you so much for your help!



UNITYPOINT FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Monday, July 17th 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.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

1 Peter 3:15 encourages Christians to be prepared with an answer for the hope we have. Sometimes we have to give that answer to others who are asking us questions - other times, we have to give that answer to ourselves.

Knowing what you believe and why you believe it matters - especially with difficult and sensitive subjects. "Hard Questions" will explore some of those subjects.

Please join us as we dive in to find the answers God has given us in His word.

Hard Questions

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.

MAKE A PLAN TO BE IN GOD'S WORD

We hope you have a plan to be in God's Word for 2023! To help you with that, Pastor Zach has a chronological Bible reading plan on the table in the sanctuary foyer.

ESV.org has a number of Bible reading plans and if you are reading this in a digital copy you will find the link to those **HERE** and on the top of the reading plan on the two next pages.

You will also find a link to **BacktotheBible.org** at the bottom of the reading plan. It has too many opportunities to list to help you grow in your walk with the Lord, including a link to goTandem, which is basically a spiritual fitness app designed to assess your spiritual fitness and help you set goals, get strengthened, and be spiritually healthy. Check it out!

We encourage you to explore these plans designed to help you prioritize abiding in God's Word. Each plan differs slightly, so find one that fits your unique learning style and study goals for the year. We hope these options will serve you as you grow as a disciple of Christ and share the truths you are learning with those in your life.



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.

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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 & Sue Miller
3rd-5th	- Kathy Stegmiller
Junior High	- Tara Johnson
Senior High	- Brandee Neece

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



This summer we will have our "one-room schoolhouse" model again for the kids ages toddler - Jr. High. High School students are encouraged to join the Adult Class.

We will be working on building Christian Character using material from a book titled the same, by Teacher Created Materials, Inc.

We need adult helpers over the summer months. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table with the offering plates in the sanctuary foyer if you can help. THANK YOU!!!



**A MATTER OF
BALANCE**

Improve Your Strength and Balance!

CONCERNED ABOUT FALLING?

Matter of Balance (MOB) is a falls prevention program designed to help reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults. Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging (WIAAA) is sponsoring a MOB class in our church basement in April & May and if all goes as planned, we will offer it at our church again in early Fall of this year.

If you are interested, please notify Nita Darland, Sharon Orr, or Kathy Stegmiller and your name will be put on a waiting list. Then you will be notified when plans are finalized for the next class.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Edgington EPC Basement
Sunday, August 13th, 4 - 7pm
SOCIAL ON SUNDAY, PREP ON FRI. & SAT.



Here is the schedule leading up to the Social itself:

***Friday, August 11th at 8:30am:** (Please let me know if you are able to help)

- Mix the ingredients. Please bring your own blender if you have one, if not come anyway - there will be extras.
- Set up the basement

***Friday, August 11th at 3:00pm:**

- Crank the ice cream

***Saturday, August 12th at 8:30am:**

- Mix the potato salad
- Get the beans ready

***Sunday, August 13th at 2:30pm:**

- Cut the desserts
- Set up the serving line to be ready to start by 4:00pm

I will be sending postcards asking for donations about 2 weeks ahead of time. I ask all donations be to the church by Sunday morning unless otherwise specified on your postcard.

This event is always an amazing time for our church family to come together. I am so thankful for everyone who helps!

If you have any questions you can contact me at 309-235-4054. ~ Tara Johnson

JAHN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Jahn Family Scholarship was established to benefit Youth and Students of Edgington EPC as they pursue academic and spiritual growth through education.

If you are preparing to further your education and meet the requirements listed below, please go to the website, hover over the About Us tab, then on the drop down box hover over What We Believe, and click on the Church Facility Use, Requests... & Forms. Scroll down to the graduation cap and click on that. A PDF of the Jahn Scholarship Fund form should come up in a new window. You could also just on this link [HERE](#).

Once you have filled out the form submit it to the office by **NO LATER than AUGUST 27th**. Session will review your request at their August meeting the next evening.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Be an active member of Edgington EPC.
2. Requests must be submitted to the office by the August Session meeting for approval. (The form says July, but August is correct. The form will be updated soon!)
3. Update the Church about your educational and spiritual growth.



2023 Youth Mission Trip July 8th – 15th



Saturday, July 8th, 5 teens, 4 adults, and your pastor are leaving for Mission, South Dakota to spend a life-changing week with the Lakota people of the Rosebud Sioux Reservation, and many will never be the same! They'll never forget the wild beauty of the land where the Sicangu Lakota, "Burnt-Thigh Nation," live. The Rosebud Reservation is an exciting world of rolling grassy hills and deep, tree-lined creek bottoms—like the scenery you may have glimpsed in the movie *Dances with Wolves*. For centuries these prairies were ruled by the proud horse culture of the Sioux, who roamed and hunted buffalo from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains.

Today the various bands of the Sioux Nation live on reservations scattered across several states. The Rosebud is one of the poorest counties in the United States. Many here face a harsh choice: leave the reservation, the family, friends, and culture they love—or stay and live in shocking poverty, where up to 80% cannot find a job. Life is especially hard on the elderly, whose sons and daughters move away to find work, leaving them either alone or left to raise their grandchildren.

The teams will demonstrate Jesus' love and compassion in tangible ways, serving real people in need while working on projects like building wheelchair ramps and handrails, weatherizing homes and trailers, reconstructing sagging porches, significant painting projects, interior and exterior carpentry, and other home repair projects that the homeowner cannot otherwise complete.

Please be in prayer for all of them, the people they are going to serve, the other teams that they will be working with, and those leading them, plus so many other aspects of the trip.

Thank you!

Happy Independence Day,
★ America! ★

JULY 2023



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25 B/P Checks Deacon's Mtg., 11:30 Basement Reserved Youth Group, 6am	26 Meal Site	27 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	28 Meal Site	29 Meal Site	30 Meal Site	1
2 Food Pantry Sunday	3 Meal Site	4 Independence Day NO Meal Site	5 Meal Site	6 Meal Site VBS Counselor Training, 6:30pm	7 Meal Site	8 Youth Mission Trip
9 B/P Checks Basement Reserved VBS Mtg., 12:15pm	10 Meal Site	11 Meal Site	12 Meal Site	13 Meal Site	14 Meal Site	15
Youth Mission Trip, Mission, SD						
16	17 Foot Clinic Meal Site	18 Meal Site Mission Comm., 6:30pm	19 Meal Site Trustees Mtg., 7pm Newsletter Items Due	20 Meal Site	21 Meal Site	22
23 B/P Checks VBS Set-up HELP WELCOME	24 Meal Site VBS	25 Meal Site VBS	26 Meal Site VBS	27 Meal Site VBS	28 Meal Site VBS	29
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