



What is General Assembly? Just like the early church met in a gathered assembly in Acts 15, the General Assembly is the annual meeting of the national court of the church with Ruling and Teaching elders from all over the country gathering to receive training and resources, worship, and conduct the work and business of the church. This year we meet at Cherry Hills Presbyterian Church in Highlands Ranch, CO.



What do I do at General Assembly? Quite a bit.

Specific to the operation of the meeting itself I have two functions. First, as the timekeeper, I am responsible for running at least four clocks at one time to keep the meeting moving along in good order. A second function of the meeting I assist with is serving as a Minutes Reader/Reviewer. There is a team of recording clerks, and I am on a team that works (often late at night) to make sure the minutes are ready to publish the next day.

Another service that I have to the General Assembly is as a chair of a permanent national committee. The varied national committees of the general assembly function to accomplish the will and do the work of the general assembly in the other 51 weeks of the year when the national court is not formally convened. This is my sixth year as a member of the permanent committee on theology, which I have also chaired for the past four years. In the past year, we did not have any formal work on the theology committee, so there is nothing to present for ratification to the national court. The Stated Clerk has asked that the permanent committee present to the standing committee on theology (that meets only during GA) about the "how and why" of the permanent committee on theology. That means I will be giving a presentation on the constitutional and procedural information relevant to the work of our committee. Some people would rather watch paint dry than hear that presentation – I am not unaware of that – but for the one other person in the denomination that would enjoy that topic – I hope to be helpful.

THEOLOGY COMMITTEE



The Theology Committee report to the 42nd General Assembly of its work during 2021-2022, plus recommendations for consideration by the Assembly.

Use these quicklinks to navigate to a specific section of this report:

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Zach Hopkins

Chairman

TE, Presbytery of the Rivers and Lakes

At this point, I feel a burden to acknowledge, that this already sounds like a heavy degree of involvement. I agree. It is. But one of the blessings of Presbyterianism is that it allows for local representation at every stage of church government. Simply put, the work of the church is done by the people of the church. I consider “churchmanship” to be a great virtue and I want to serve where I can in whatever capacities allow for my gifts to be of aide to the Church. That is why, although my term as a member of the permanent committee on theology is coming to an end, I have accepted a nomination to serve on the Permanent Judicial Commission of the EPC. This is nine-member group that serves as the constitutional supreme court of the EPC, where judicial and disciplinary decisions are handled and appeals received and decided upon. As you might expect, this committee is composed almost entirely of Ruling Elders who serve as attorneys and judges – so this lowly Teaching Elder without legal experience will have a lot to learn.

Another form of service that I will be offering at this year’s GA is teaching in the Effective Biblical Leadership breakout sessions. I will co-teach this three-session workshop with my friend Marcos.

Our advertisement is below:

**EFFECTIVE BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP 2:
A MOST VITAL EXPRESSION: USING THE WESTMINSTER STANDARDS
IN THE 21ST CENTURY AND BEYOND**



Zach Hopkins



Marcos Ortega

Location: TBA

In 1897, B.B. Warfield called the Westminster Standards “the most vital expression that has ever been framed by the hand of man of all that enters into what we call evangelical religion.” How do we “sincerely receive and adopt” these standards in positive ways? Marcos Ortega and Zach Hopkins host this three-part discussion of the Standards, their place in EPC ministry, their multi-cultural applicability, and their practical implications for all areas of life and ministry.

Marcos Ortega serves as Lead Pastor of the Beacon, New York, campus of [Goodwill Church](#) in the Presbytery of the East. Zach Hopkins serves as Pastor of [Edgington Presbyterian Church](#) in Taylor Ridge, Illinois, and is Chairman of the EPC Theology Committee.

I will also be hosting three networking lunches under the banner of the Westminster Society, which is an informal group that uses the annual gathering of the General Assembly to organize lecture series and presentations for the purposes of continuing to develop our commitment to ministry in the reformed tradition. One highlight that I will share this year is securing the commitment of Dr. Jeff Jeremiah, former Stated Clerk of the EPC, to present on his academic specialty as advertised here:

**THE CONTEMPORARY SIGNIFICANCE OF WESTMINSTER DIVINE
EDWARD REYNOLDS (1599-1676)**



Jeff Jeremiah

Organization: Westminster Society

Host: Jeff Jeremiah

Location: TBA

Come and hear Jeff Jeremiah chronicle the life of Edward Reynolds, Bishop of Norwich in the Church of England and one of the Westminster Assembly divines, and how his ministry has application for today. Jeff Jeremiah was elected Stated Clerk of the EPC in 2007 and served in that role until 2021, at which time he was named Stated Clerk Emeritus.

Plenty going on at this year’s General Assembly – one final word of good news is that RE Kevin Oak will also be representing Edgington as a delegate to the assembly. This will be our first-time sending a RE delegate to the GA of the EPC. Please pray for us in the midst of what will be a very busy week!

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 - Joshua Gierlus	16 - Lexi Youck
3 - Kira Nelson	20 - Keegan Koresko
5 - Jeff Schmidt	21 - Wyatt Terrill
6 - Ken Benningfield	24 - Michelle Doonan
6 - Jason Rursch	24 - Zach Hopkins
6 - Jeff Thomas	24 - Cora Schafman
7 - Marlin Krueger	29 - Tyson Freyermuth
7 - Phyllis Titterington	29 - Terri Kiddo
10 - Scott Cullen	29 - Vicky Ruggles
14 - Daria Parchert	30 - Ken Kaiser
16 - Jim Schaubroeck	

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

4 - Wyatt & Karrie Fuhr
 10 - Jim & Carrie Reimers
 12 - Larry & Pam Pithan
 14 - Norman & Jan Dunlap
 16 - Kyle & Tara Johnson
 18 - Donnie & Brandee Neece
 18 - Steven & Amy Ryser
 20 - Rich Stilwell & Michelle Franklin
 20 - Marlin & Darcy Krueger
 22 - Robert & Alice Crawford
 24 - Jeff & Kathy Fuhr

Thank you to the church family for their thoughtfulness and prayers. A special thank you to Keith Wilson for the lovely message and memories for and about Bob.



MaryAnn Kadel & Family

Edgington Church, *Thank You*

Thank you all so much for your thoughts and prayers for our family during my mother-in-law's passing. This was such a comfort to us all.

Robin Preston & The Family of Madalynn Preston

I want to sincerely thank all my church family for the many cards and letters and for lifting me in prayer during these last few months of health issues. Your love and concern has touched me deeply and helped me walk through this valley in peace.



Deb Wagamon

GREETERS FOR JUNE

Sunday, June 4th - Phil & Dana Fuhr
 Sunday, June 11th - Mel & Pat Block
 Sunday, June 18th - Jason & Beth Flickinger
 Sunday, June 25th - Ken & Sandy Benningfield

TO OUR NEWEST FAMILY MEMBERS!

welcome

We are so thankful to God for our newest members and look forward to seeing how God grows them and uses them for His glory here at Edgington EPC and in our community.



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April 25th, 2023, at 7pm

Location: Conference Room

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. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and then read from Psalm 48. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation, then discussed part two of the book *A Praying Church*, by Paul E. Miller.

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

Approval of Minutes: The March 28th, 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 March 28th meeting, he conducted 1 office visit, and 1 hospital visit. He attended Women's Bible Study, conducted the Good Friday Service. He also attended the EPC Ministerial Vocational Committee and the RLP Ministerial Committee via ZOOM. Zach also took a week of vacation.

Correspondence: A letter of gratitude from Donald Docherty and family was received and read.

Old Business:

- Children's Ministry Director - Zach plans to have a conversation with the Sunday School teachers to gather feedback.
- The spring Membership Matters class were welcomed into membership at the April 2nd worship service. Participants welcomed were Kay Amy, Aaron Ehm, Michelle Ehm, Pam Ehm, Nathan Flickinger, Lyndsey Flickinger, Bailey Iverson, and James Pettit. They were welcomed with a reception after the service.
- Easter weekend services were reviewed. There was a lively discussion about the Good Friday sermon.

New Business:

- Zach reminded the Ruling Elders that the 43rd General Assembly will be held June 20th-22nd at Highland Ranch in Colorado. A motion was made and seconded to appoint RE Kevin Oak to serve as a delegate for GA. The motion carried. Zach will be leading a three-part series on "Applying the Westminster Standards to the Modern Church" at GA.
- Zach discussed the desire for a joint Elder – Deacon meeting. A Sunday after worship was suggested. Patrick will set up.
- Youth Mission trip is scheduled for July 9th – July 15th. There are many expected participants that have not yet signed up.
- Junior High, High School, and college graduates will be honored during the May 14th worship service.

SESSION

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- A request was made for the 2023 Ice Cream Social to be held on August 13th. A motion was made and seconded to approve the request. Motion carried. It was discussed that a video display featuring the various ministries of the church would be good for visitors to learn more about our church. Todd volunteered to find a resource to put this together.
- Zach listed two upcoming “Big” projects:
- Membership Class Materials - Zach would like to create materials that are more interactive and also have more digital content.
- Elder/Officer Nomination Process – Zach would like to make this an ongoing process and not left up to the last of the year. Zach asked for assistance in the process.
- Keith reminded the Session of the need for a formal review of the church’s membership rolls. This will be conducted at the May meeting.
- Communion will be held on Sunday, May 7th. The next Called Session meeting will be May 30th 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 9:28pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session

YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Monday, May 15, 2023

Pastor Zach opened the Spring Sunday School meeting in prayer.

We discussed the Children’s Ministry Director position in depth. Everyone was supportive of the position.

Plans were made for summer classes:

- Will be combined into one room for all ages through elementary
- Junior and Senior High students are encouraged to attend Sunday School, either with the Adult Class or as helpers with the younger ones
- Summer classes will run June 4th – September 3rd
- Extra adult helpers will be needed to make sure the younger children have enough supervision

Fall activities were planned:

- Fall Fishing Derby will be held a little later than usual on Sunday, September 10th at the Terrill Pond
- Fall Harvest Party will be Sunday, October 8th
- Trunk-or-Treat event will be Sunday, October 29th

More details will be shared as they become available.

Zach closed the meeting in prayer.

April 18, 2023

The Mission Committee met on April 18th, 2023 at 6:30pm in Conference Room. Those attending were: Deb Wagamon, Nancy Engstrom, Jim Johnson, Eric and Kelly Moel, and Session Rep. Kevin Oak.

Deb opened the meeting in prayer

Old Business:

- Reviewed and approved March minutes
- Reviewed mailings and local ministry newsletters
- **Local and Regional Missions:** We continued to discuss opportunities in our local communities where EEPCC can reach out to offer support or assistance. This will continue to be an agenda item as we go into the summer months. We did have a request for assistance from someone who had massive damage from our last storm. Jim Johnson will try to acquire more information to bring to the team so we may determine how we can assist.

New Business:

- **Youth Hope:** We continue to discuss our desire to offer additional support to the Camp Summit project at YouthHope and will discuss this more at our meeting in May. YH is still in need of \$30,000 to complete the building project at Camp Summit. Deb will present a YouthHope update to the congregation on April 23rd, focused on the banquet and needs in the 2023 year.
- **Rockridge School District Teachers:** All supplies were delivered, but we will continue to discuss the 2023/2024 supplies with Brandee so we can prepare for the 1st semester 2023 needs.
- **Pregnancy Resources:** Kelly will pick up the baby bottles and flyers from PR when they are ready so we can make them available to the congregation as we near Mother's Day.
- **Chicago Church Planting:** Deb would like to schedule a meeting in June with Jeff Lancaster to ensure we are staying abreast of the needs of this ministry. Jim Johnson will be going along and we will be able to update the Mission team and congregation on how this ministry is progressing. We will update the mission team as this meeting is scheduled.
- **Ministry Advocates:** Previously our mission team members have championed ministries we partner with so they can stay current on their special needs and successes, and bring this to the monthly meetings. The new members of our team will be thinking about which ministries they would like to champion and we will be discussing this at our May meeting.

Kevin closed the meeting in prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 16th, 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

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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

Our plans for this summer's VBS, "Stellar - Shine Jesus' Light", are moving forward!

We have compiled a partial list of needed supplies for camp. We will be updating this list as the remaining projects are decided upon and needs made known. If you would like to donate any items, please sign up on the list in the sanctuary foyer or contact Kathy Stegmiller. We ask that items be brought to the church by no later than July 16th.

Please include our VBS program in your prayers - that all the details will get worked out, for good weather, moderate temperatures, safety for the kids, counselors, and adult helpers, and most importantly - that God will work in the hearts and minds of everyone involved and draw them into a closer relationship with Him.

OTHER NEEDS:

- Empty 16.9 oz water bottles

Please pray that all involved with this outreach will heed God's direction and guidance to maximize positive results for His Kingdom.

Our next planning meeting will be on June 4th at 12:15pm.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers!

Hope it feels like spring for most of you now! L.... looks lovely with cherry and apple blossoms all over- makes walking places even more enjoyable!

A couple quick updates from last month. The Asha Easter service went well - we met in the evening and then had a bigger meal and fellowship afterward. We tried out our amazing acting skills and had a skit about the soldiers being told to lie about the body being stolen- wanting to show that this wasn't true and resurrection is real. Had good conversations with those attending, and are seeing comprehension of what Jesus means. Pray for a full grasp of this and acceptance in hearts.

S.... and I had a great four days in Iceland to celebrate our 25th. It is a beautiful place! We did some great hikes and saw multiple waterfalls, a black sand beach, geysers..and the northern lights! It was nice to get away and celebrate, and all the kids were fine at home- apparently Lillian is more strict than we are, so Annelise was happy to have us return!

Thank you for all your continued prayers and support. We have seen hard things here, and sadnesses in lives, and are very aware of the brokenness of this world, and the spiritual warfare that exists. We value your prayer and its power so much.

Some updates and ministry prayer needs:

We are looking ahead to a half term event for women and children at the end of the month - pray for the planning and logistics of that.

S.... has been tutoring an Egyptian man in English the past few months and they have become friends - pray that we can continue to build relationship with him and his wife and children and for opportunities to share what we believe. We recently met them for an afternoon at a park and had a great time with them. This family is not our outreach group. but feels like God has put them in our lives.

Our team leaders are transitioning away from the field in the next week. Pray for them as they look ahead to where God is leading them, and also pray for our team here as we sort through changes.

One of these changes is that S.... was recently installed as an elder in the Asha church - pray for him as he helps lead, that he will be wise and discerning, and also not too overwhelmed adding a new responsibility.

Now that Ramadan is over, pray for increased opportunities to connect with our Muslim neighbors again. And pray for time in general - there are a lot of bank holidays and teacher strikes this month that have kept the kids home from school. We love seeing the kids, but it feels hard to have a work routine right now!

The time of Eid always reminds us of where we live and the percentages of Muslims in our community. Both kids had off school for Eid, and A.....'s school had a big party for Eid when they returned. Continue to pray for our witness in our community.

Family prayer requests.

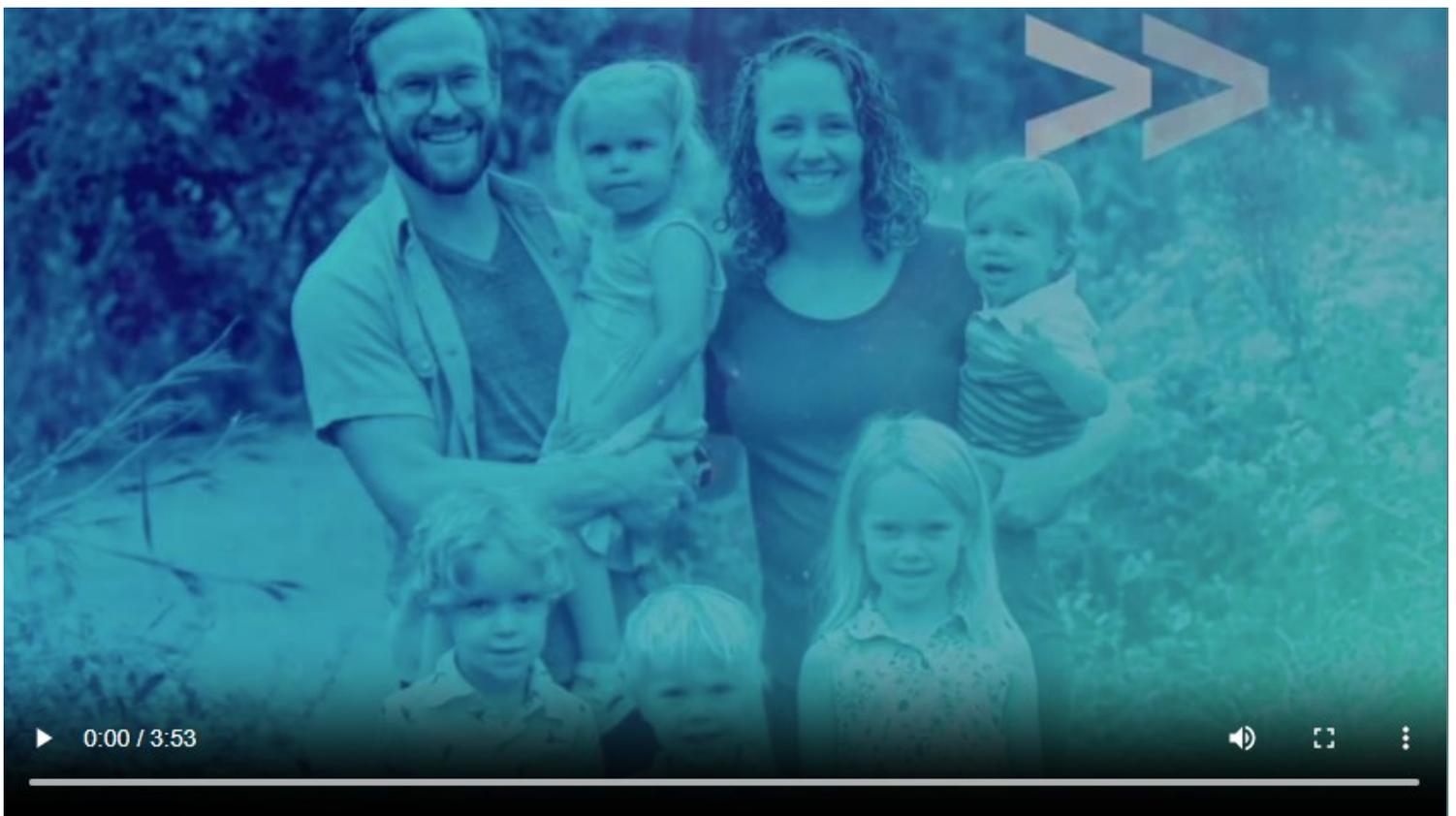
Continue to pray for J..... and his friends as they do their school Bible study. Pray that it encourages them as they meet together and also is a witness to others in the school. Pray that others will join them and ask questions.

A.....'s birthday is in a week. We are always grateful for her! Instead of a party, she just wanted to go ice skating with her best school friend - pray for that time and relationship, and for increased time to get to know this girl and her family.

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

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.

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.



We're Baaaaack!

Hello dearest supporters and friends,

Please let us take the opportunity to apologize! It's been such a long time since we've sent any sort of updates or ministry news. This past season has been one where we've done more work than ever before, but have communicated less with you all than ever before. Sorry!

You're such great partners and champions... we're hoping to find better rhythms of reaching out to celebrate with you, and to ask for prayers and help when things are hard/overwhelming. All that to say, we love you and appreciate each and every one of you!

As for the video above... we recently visited a supporting church in Thomasville, Georgia, and they made this wonderful video. It really encapsulates what we do so we wanted to share it here! The video was made for their church so there's some specifics that don't apply to viewers here, but we hope it gives you a good idea of our work.

Also, we're planning to start up regular communications again so keep an eye out for more updates in the coming weeks!

In Christ,
-the Hubers

THE HUBER FAMILY

Off To Budapest! Sort of...

Another cohort, another trip! Our fourth mission cohort (MC4), which began last August, is wrapping up their experience with a trip to Budapest, Hungary. For the past 9 months, they have gathered over Zoom, learned about missions, connected with global workers, prayed for each other, attended the Urbana Missions Conference in December (see conference picture), and prepared for this short term vision trip.

The MC4 crew just arrived in Budapest for a 10-day vision trip to work alongside EPC World Outreach missionaries who are actively serving Ukrainian refugees, and partnering with Ukrainian leaders/believers that have been displaced due to the war. This trip is different from previous ones though because, well, Saul didn't go! With all the work involved in preparing for the EPC's General Assembly in Denver next month, the journey just wasn't possible.

However, Saul has a close relationship with Sam & Christa (WO family working in Budapest), and through some very clear Holy Spirit inspiration, they worked out a way for this family to lead the trip on the field side, while Saul helped equip and prepare the cohort crew Stateside. A lot of work went into coaching students through support raising, designing trip t-shirts, booking flights, purchasing travel insurance, communicating with students and parents, getting release forms, and even setting up child safety training... but all that's done now and the crew has arrived (see selfie picture and outside picture)!

Over the past couple of months, Sam & Christa have taken the students through a training tool called, "Intro To God Movements," which focuses on disciple-making movements, to prepare them for the trip. Now that they're on the ground, Sam & Christa will walk alongside our cohort crew in an equipping journey to develop and apply skills related to cross-cultural ministry, especially in the urban context. This is also an opportunity for these young adults to see firsthand what overseas missions work looks like and to experience how God is moving in a variety of people groups located in Budapest and the surrounding communities.

Please, please be praying for Esther, Emily, Abby, Phebe, Jazz, Shawn, and of course, Sam & Christa's family... as all of them partner together to join in the Kingdom work already happening in Budapest, Hungary!



(Phebe, one of the cohort students, drew the artwork on the front and back of the Budapest shirts that Saul and Zuri are wearing)



Help Connect Kids and Teens to God at Camp Summit!

Greetings!

Summer Camp is an amazing place where lives are changed forever! YouthHope's Camp Summit provides kids and teens (Grades 3-12) a life-changing experience in a beautiful natural setting. This summer, campers will learn of the greatest Plot Twist of all time: Jesus died for our sins so we can be with God!

You have the opportunity to directly change a life and show a camper they are valued, treasured and loved! You will provide the opportunity to find HOPE in Jesus and to become children of the King!

Will you please help send a kid to Camp Summit this summer?

Sponsorship is \$250 per camper. You will provide low-income youth with the opportunity to attend for one week of overnight summer camp. You will guarantee three delicious meals each day, outdoor adventures, fun activities, skill building, and most importantly, an opportunity to experience God's love!

Kids and teens are searching for truth, peace, purpose, and hope. Kids and teens NEED this impactful summer opportunity! You will help teach and train them, build their confidence, courage, and character, and provide the opportunity to find HOPE for their future. Camp Summit offers eight amazing, fun-filled weeks of camp, where kids and teens unplug and connect with God, caring mentors, and new friends!

Our new building at Camp Summit is officially ready to house two groups of students this summer! Praise God! We need your help to make sure every low-income kid and teen who wants to attend Camp Summit is sponsored! Will you please help make this life-changing camp possible?

Your sponsorship is a critical piece in providing this powerful summer camp experience for low-income youth. Thank you for your sponsorship and for praying for the kids and teens this summer at Camp Summit!

Excited to see God move this summer and change lives forever!



"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." -Luke 18:16 (NIV)




Mark Drake
YouthHope Executive Director

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This is a story that praises God and His amazing grace. It's also a story about how the Lord uses Pregnancy Resources and how your generosity has changed my life.

Even though I was raised in a Christian home, in my 20's, I encouraged and paid for multiple abortions. **I knew that abortion was a sin and initial relief turned to deep shame and regret.** Alcohol, drugs, and anxiety were a big part of my life. In my 30's, I learned to manage the anxiety... allowing me to pursue a successful banking career. When I retired 4 years ago, I appeared to be the epitome of success. **But a dark cloud hung over my life. I was disgraced and embarrassed about the abortions.**

I told only one person, who dismissed it as nothing... and then carried that pain within for about 40 years... I searched and prayed for relief but felt there was no way that God could forgive me. **I often laid awake for hours tossing and turning in agony.**

Then one day, the Pregnancy Resources newsletter arrived in the mail. An article describing a program that serves men caught up in the tragedy of an abortion decision caught my attention. It took a few months for me to reach out, but when I finally did, everything changed.

The first night we met, we talked for a bit and then I took a deep breath, and I laid out my whole terrible tale. I could see the sorrow on the facilitators' faces, but they quickly offered me love and understanding. I expressed my fear of dying and facing God. My sins were so horrible, how could I ever be forgiven? **The men I met with assured me there was no sin that could not be forgiven,** and that Jesus's sacrifice was in our stead. They looked me in the eye and told me Jesus loves me.

That night I recall praying for forgiveness from the Lord. I felt a sense of relief and love, and every other positive sensation swell over me... the chains dropped off and the deal was sealed by the King. **I have been saved,** reborn, converted... take your pick. I now realized that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are real... and the Bible is literally true, too! **I thank the Lord that He has been there all along.** I wouldn't trade my salvation for anything. All praise to my Savior, Jesus Christ!

Lance Heuer, Volunteer

- **Do my dimes make a difference?**

YES! In 2021, over 500 individuals and families came together to impact families with their change. Each bottle made a difference and when it was all put together, those bottles made up over 10% of our ministry budget! (*estimated number of people due to anonymous givers)*

- **Is any gift too small?**

NO! Every penny will impact a mom or dad with holistic, gospel-centered care.

Mark 12:41-44 is the story of the widow's mite. Every penny is humbly received and we give thanks for your gift as urban missionaries. We could not reach those we do without YOU!

- **Who can participate in Baby Bottles?**

From the tallest to the smallest! People of all ages can participate in Baby Bottles. It is a great way to introduce giving to children and help them see the value of life and caring for others.

- **What is the impact of a Baby Bottle?**

*Every baby bottle is an opportunity to share the truth with compassion and love to a woman or man who enters the doors at Pregnancy Resources. **A baby bottle can hold up to \$50.00 in change!** That baby bottle could provide 2 pregnancy tests, with full options counseling and compassionate care with a peer-to-peer mentor.*

- **What if I miss my turn-in date at my church?**

No worries friend! You can drop your filled bottle off at either of our locations.



Edgington EPC will participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day to Father's Day!

EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report April 2023

		Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General (includes Edgington)	\$ 97,695.26	\$ 26,008.82	\$ 11,534.84	\$ 112,169.24
Education Fund (Jahn)	\$ 9,588.37	\$ 285.35	\$ -	\$ 9,873.72
Building Fund (see below)	\$ 248,381.22	\$ 30,060.20	\$ 128,135.68	\$ 150,305.74

April 2023 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - April 2023

Pledges	25,995.77
Interest Income - General Fund	13.05

\$ 26,008.82

Expenditures - April 2023

Administrative

\$ 3,340.45

ABS (copier rental)	195.82
AT&T - Phone for elevator	129.42
Computers: Software and Apps	79.99
Edgington Hardware	26.27
Lisa Bowman	1,139.85
MidAmerican Energy	755.00
Millenium Waste	53.71
Office Supplies	100.00
Reytel - Internet	119.44
Robin Preston / Jeanne Hayes	353.90
Insurance Payment	(2,742.77)
Nathan Sweet (drywalling)	1,600.00
Sunday School Repair Project	(1,142.77)
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	1,529.82

Discipleship (Internal)

\$ 8,144.39

EPC (health)	26.48
Fidelity (pension)	960.89
Flowers (Easter)	506.00
Housing Allowance	3,146.18
Mileage	217.46
Presbytery Expense	956.66
Resource Materials	54.71
Vehicle Rental (reimbursed from Youth Group)	(857.16)
VBS (reimbursed for program materials)	(42.99)
Zach Hopkins salary	3,176.16

Mission (external)

\$ 50.00

Mission - International	-
Mission - US	-
Mission - Local	50.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 11,534.84

NET OPERATING INCOME

\$ 14,473.98

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund of \$13,353.82 and Assistance Fund of \$5,153.46

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNTING

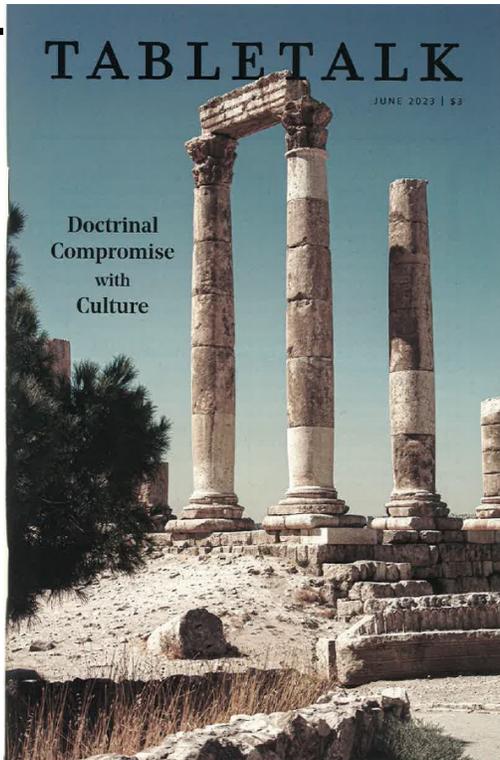
Lauby and Boughton funds were formally combined in April

\$28,135.68 was moved from Lauby to Building Fund plus \$1,448.33 in investment income to equal \$30,060.20.

\$100,000 was removed from Building Fund and placed in a 1-year Building Fund CD.

This \$100,000 withdrawal plus the \$28,135.68 equals the \$128,135.68 in disbursements.

GET YOUR JUNE COPY OF
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS NOTED)

6-7:30PM (UNLESS NOTED)

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

6.4 - WIFFLE BALL

6.11 - KICKBALL

6.18 - FATHER'S DAY

6.25 - TRIVIA NIGHT

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 July 2023 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, June 21st. 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, June 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.

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.

TO
GLORIFY
AND
ENJOY
GOD
FOREVER



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



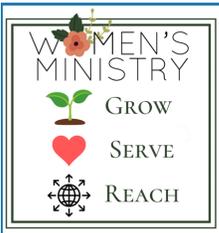
- Toddler - Hillary Terrill & Kortney Geirlus
- Pre-K - Beth Flickinger
- 1st-2nd - Katie Pearson & Sue Miller
- 3rd-5th - Kathy Stegmiller
- Junior High - Tara Johnson
- Senior High - Brandee Neece

This summer we will have our "one-room schoolhouse" model again for the kids ages toddler - Jr. H.

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

The High School Students are encouraged to join the Adult Class. See p. 6 for more details.

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



WOMEN'S MINISTRY QUARTERLY MEETING

Pat Block - Hostess

The Women's Ministry
Committee would like to invite

ALL the women of the church to our quarterly meeting on **Thursday, June 1st at 1pm**. We will be discussing a variety of things and hope you will come & share your ideas with us! We would love to hear from you!



Direct your children onto the right path,
and when they are older, they will not leave it.

PROVERBS 22:6



WOMEN'S MINISTRY RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE THANK YOU!!!



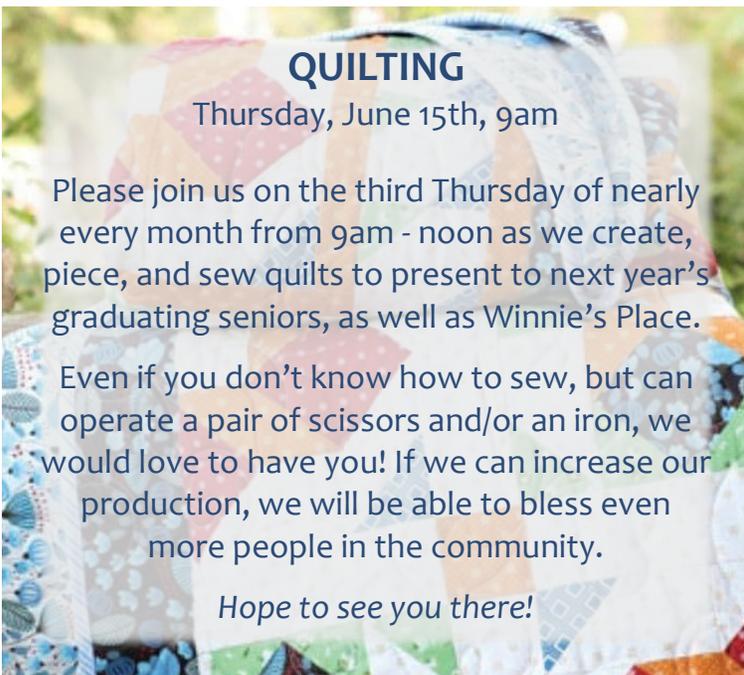
If you would be able to help with a Sunday School Class this summer, please see the sign-up sheet located on the table in the sanctuary foyer.

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

The Women's Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone for their contributions of various kinds, donations, support, attendance, and purchases at this year's rummage & bake sale.

We had a very successful sale, and the proceeds will help us to continue fulfilling our purpose to support the mission of the church.

Thank you again!!!



QUILTING

Thursday, June 15th, 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!



JULY 8-15 MISSION, SD

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trip 2023*

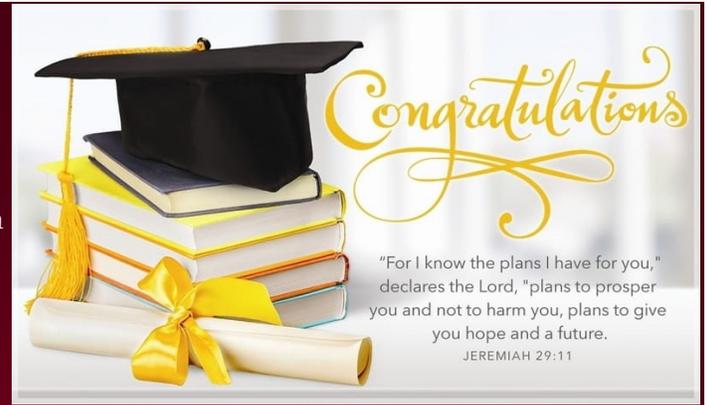
REGISTER STARTING IN MARCH

\$250

2023 GRADUATES

We would like to recognize and celebrate all our 2023 students that are moving on to their next adventure!

Please keep them in prayer as they try to discern God's path for their lives.



8th Grade moving into High School:

Caelen Fuhr

Jackson Parchert

Jacob Ryser

Grace Schmidt

High School Graduates:

Ella Goodnight

Plans to attend Luther College in Decorah, IA. She is studying neuroscience and will also be playing volleyball for them.

Laina Nelson

Plans to attend Augustana for pre-med. She will also be on their volleyball and track team.

Amelia Rursch

Plans to attend Rhoades College in Memphis, TN pursuing a degree in Political Science.

College/University Graduates:

Rachel Johnson

Graduated from St. Ambrose University with a degree in Early Childhood Education and a Special Education Endorsement, Cum Laude, Dean's List, & Kappa Delta Pi member. She will be teaching Kindergarten in Illinois City next fall.

Colby Mueller

Graduating this summer with an Associate's Degree in Agricultural Business from Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, IA. He will be returning back to the family farm and continue to grow corn, soybeans, and raise cattle with his father, Jason Mueller, and his great uncle, Jim Mueller. Colby spent his spare time in Ag Biz Club, where he networked with agricultural businesses and built new connections to help his future endeavors. During his second year of college he was elected President of the Ag Business Club. Colby and his fellow officers used their newly built connections to help new students start their networking as well.





Save the Date!
Ice Cream Social
Sun., Aug 13th
4 - 7pm



save the date

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 & FALL KICKOFF
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
 4 - 7PM
 TERRILL'S POND
 12622 84TH ST W
 TAYLOR RIDGE, IL 61284

Happy Father's Day



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 sponsored 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



WHO: High School Students / Ages 14+

WHAT: You and your group will provide home repairs at no cost for elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged people who need your help. Project crews typically serve the same resident for the entire trip, creating an environment where meaningful relationships develop. Projects typically include painting houses, repairing porches, and general home repairs.

WHY: Because you want to have a meaningful summer experience of service and Christian growth while making new friends from all over the country.



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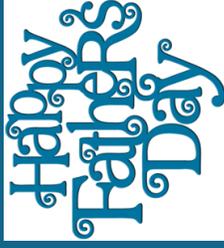
7/9-14 Worksite projects in Mission, SD – Staying at Local School

WHERE & WHEN?



- **I think I want to go! What do I need to do?**
 - Get this trip on your calendar! Make sure you don't have any schedule conflicts. Spots are limited so we need to be sure that those students who sign up can go.
- **How much is this going to cost?**
 - A deposit of \$100 will secure your spot. Turn this into the office ASAP.
 - A second payment of \$150 is due before the trip.
 - The total of \$250 covers ****everything****
 - Except whatever random snacks or weird things you might want to buy – that's on you!
 - Please don't let finances be a factor, there are support opportunities available to help you cover your costs. Just ask!
- **What's next?**
 - Register online starting March 1st (Church Facebook Page)
 - When we have our spots filled, there will be more info including: lodging details, tool lists, estimated schedule, and more!

JUNE 2023



EEPC

Sunday School 9am
Worship Service

Phone: 309-795-1713
Email: edgingtonepc@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.edgingtonepc.org

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 B.P Checks Youth Group, 6pm	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> NO Meal Site <i>MEMORIAL DAY LET US REMEMBER AND HONOR</i>	30 Meal Site	31 Meal Site	1 Meal Site Women's Ministry Mtg., 1pm	2 Meal Site	3
4 Food Pantry Sunday Youth Group, 6pm	5 Meal Site	6 Meal Site	7 Meal Site	8 Meal Site	9 Meal Site	10
11 B/P Checks Youth Group, 6pm	12 Meal Site	13 Meal Site	14 Meal Site	15 Quilting, 9am Meal Site	16 Meal Site	17
18 <i>Father's Day</i> Baby Bottles Due Back HAPPY <i>Father's Day</i>	19 Foot Clinic NO Meal Site	20 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	21 Meal Site Trustees Mtg., 7pm Newsletter Items Due	22 Meal Site	23 Meal Site Wedding Rehearsal	24 Johnson/Iverson Wedding
25 B/P Checks Deacon's Mtg., 11:30am Basement Reserved Youth Group, 6pm	26 Meal Site	27 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	28 Meal Site	29 Meal Site	30 Meal Site	1