



## Post-Mission Trip Reflections

Last Sunday (7/16) we were able to hear some reflections from the group of students who returned from their week of service in Mission, SD. If you weren't able to be there or hear their report, I would encourage you to go back to the video on Facebook and enjoy their comments. I also wanted to add some of my own for the encouragement of our church. They could be summed up with this: we have an amazing group of young people! Let me share a few reasons why we should all be proud of them.

First, they were wonderfully participatory and supportive of everyone in the group. There was a range of age diversity represented on the trip, but everyone bonded very well together. I enjoyed seeing them work together and hearing them talk together. Some of my favorite interactions came when they would collectively come to me with a decision or a question that they had already agreed upon. For example, at one point on the way home, the question came up, "We already talked this through, now we want to hear how you answer it: how were believers in the Old Testament saved before the death and resurrection of Jesus?" Amazing!

Second, they each worked incredibly hard. One of my favorite parts of the trip each year is hearing from other adults from around the country coming and saying, "is \_\_\_\_\_ one of your kids?" To which I am always enthusiastic to say "absolutely!" and my joy compounds when they say, "they are such a hard worker!" That has a lot to do with where they're from, to be sure, but it reflects a quality of character that we should all be proud of. Many of our students end up leading and directing the work on their crews, not because they are brash, but because they are competent, confident, magnetic, and hard working.

Third, I was very proud of the way they not only bonded in friendship, but also in spiritual growth, as they all shared their stories of what God had been doing, how they understand what He is doing, and what they hope for in their futures. This kind of honest sharing takes courage, but they each found it, and they were blessed for it.

Finally, I am especially proud of the young adults who were leaders on this trip, who have been attending workcamps together since they were early in their teenage years, and who intend to continue leading groups of students from our church into the future. They know that family and life circumstances make it very difficult for me to be away for home and they are stepping up and already talking about the summer of 2024. Seeing young students grow into young adults and step into leadership is a thrill to this pastor's heart.

Join me in thanking God for this group of young people, representative of the quality of young people we have amongst our entire church family.



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6 - William Emery	19 - Edna Bingman	30 - Jim Mueller
6 - Todd Stegmiller	19 - Marc Milner	31 - Jimmy Johnson

# August Birthdays



## GREETERS FOR AUGUST

Sunday, August 6th - Tyson & Angie Freyermuth  
 Sunday, August 13th - Darren & Tonya Hall  
 Sunday, August 20th - Sally Fuhr  
 Sunday, August 27th - Dorothy Rursch

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Chris & Clarissa Stark  
 2 - Shawn & Tina Docherty  
 7 - Donald & Michelle Krueger  
 13 - Tom & Connie Huntley  
 17 - Phil & Dana Fuhr  
 23 - Mel & Pat Block  
 23 - Larry & Ione Hesch  
 23 - Nathan & Amy Oak  
 24 - Steve & Teresa Morrison  
 29 - Mitch & Linda Anderson

June 27, 2023, at 7pm

**Location:** Church Basement

**Present:** TE Zach Hopkins and RE's Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Mic Penry, Patrick Shovar, and Todd Stegmiller. Guest Mr. Paul Vroman and EEPc Member Chris Stark. A quorum is present. Absent, Excused: RE Keith Wilson.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. He opened the meeting with prayer and read from 1 Peter 5. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation, then discussed Part III of A Praying Church.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The May 30th, 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 May meeting, he conducted 3 office visits, 3 home visits, 1 hospital visit, and attended the 43rd General Assembly of the EPC and conducted the wedding of Jim and Bailey Johnson.

**Correspondence:** None

#### **Old Business:**

- A report from the 43rd GA was offered by attendees RE Kevin Oak and TE Zach Hopkins.
- 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.
- The Youth Mission Trip is scheduled for July 8-15 in Mission, SD. TE Hopkins is leading the trip along with several adult helpers.

#### **New Business:**

- Dunlap Cemetery – Paul Vroman and Chris Stark reviewed the deed history and information regarding the cemetery with specific emphasis on the record of ownership. Chris guided the proceedings with his exceptional knowledge of our community's history and was able to bring a resolution to Mr. Vroman's inquiry to the satisfaction of his attorney. The Session warmly commends Chris Stark for his knowledge and caretaking of Dunlap Cemetery in addition to the other pioneer cemeteries he works with in the community.
- It was M/S/C that RE Mic Penry will fill the pulpit on July 9th while TE Hopkins is away on the Youth Mission Trip.
- It was M/S/C to move forward with the proposed Foot Clinic plan presented to the elders via email. TE Hopkins will follow up with Lisa Bowman.

- Communion will be held on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The next Called Session meeting will be August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The Session will discuss Part 4 of the book *A Praying Church* by Paul E. Miller at that time.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Motion Carried.  
Ruling Elder Mic Penry closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session

 **TRUSTEES**

7-19-23

Present: Mel Block, Ken Benningfield, Jeff Fuhr, Phil Fuhr, Darren Hall, Kim Freyermuth, Cindy Oak, Larry Pithan, Treasurer Barb Freyermuth, Session Representative Jim Mueller.

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00pm.

Treasurer's report for June reviewed and approved.

Minutes for April 19th meeting reviewed and approved.

**Old Business:**

- Spring yard cleanup done.
- Second floor Sunday School classroom ceiling repaired and painted.
- Siding job to start in August.
- Installed drain line for dehumidifier in basement.
- Added salt for the water softener.
- Barb has applied for ERC refund.

**New Business:**

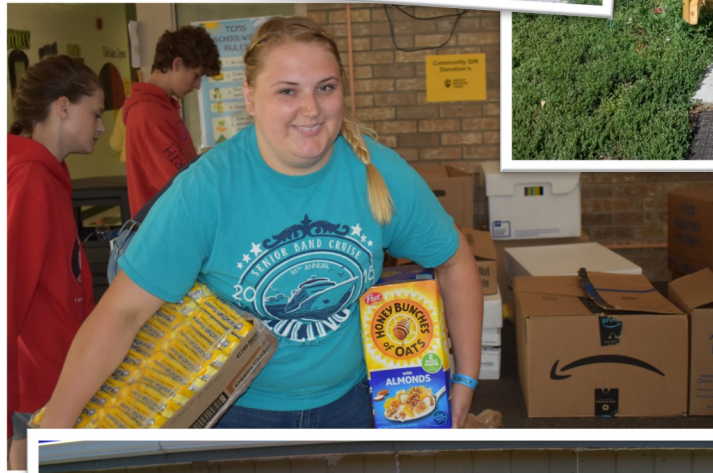
- North S.S. door closer adjusted after the meeting.
- Discussed need for CO2 fire extinguishers in certain areas. Will ask for additional information.
- Discussed mowing of Dunlop Cemetery. Agreed to increase pay to Chris Stark. New pay will be \$150 per mowing.
- There have been problems with ants and spiders in the basement. Trustees have sprayed multiple times and installed ant traps.
- Discussed replacing carpet in balcony. Will contact some carpet suppliers to get additional pricing and information.
- Changed filters for the A/C units after the meeting.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan







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

{get involved}  
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**Project NOW**  
Community Action Agency



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.



## FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION



The Food Pantry will do a distribution on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 9 - 11am. Packing will be done on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

If you are able to help pack on Friday, load vehicles on Saturday, or know of someone who needs food, please contact Shirley Flemming (sflemming@juno.com) or the church office.

We appreciate the support we have received and ask that you continue to support this outreach, which helps so many families.

After this distribution, we will again need to stock the shelves. We can always use nonperishable items such as tomato and fruit juices, canned meats, soup, canned fruit, baked beans, kidney beans, chili beans, pork and beans, canned pasta products, peanut butter, jelly, gelatin, pudding, saltine crackers, graham crackers, cake mixes, pancake mix, pasta sauce and dried pasta.

We thank you in advance for your support and your prayers.

Dewey & Shirley Flemming, Jim Schaubroeck, Mic & Sue Penry, Don & Beth Easterla

## JULY & AUGUST UPDATE/PRAYER REQUESTS

### A few dates this summer to pray for specifically:

- July 24-28 - a kid's holiday club at a local church- J..... and C..... will be helping- pray for some Asha kids to come, and for all the kids attending to understand what they hear about Jesus.
- Aug 5-12 - J..... will be away at camp - pray for a good time of fun and faith growth for him.
- Aug 16-18 - C..... will be with the girl's club at a residential trip - pray for deeper connections with the girls and for chances to have spiritual conversations.
- Aug 21-26 - We are away on vacation as a family in N. I..... - pray for the time to rest and for time together.
- Aug 30 - a trip day for Asha- pray for a fun time and deeper relationships together, and good chances to talk about faith.

Beyond these specific things, pray for continued ministries - S.... and meeting people at the bookshop and with ESOL tutoring, and for book table conversations.

Much of C.....'s school work will stop over summer, but we are hoping to do some relationship building with teammates at local parks and greenspaces - just getting to know our neighbors more.

Asha services will change slightly over the summer break, and we will have weekly picnic gatherings in the park with food and cricket. Pray that we can continue to have good convos about God and faith and for chances to build deeper relationships and also reach out to new people in the community.

Continue to pray for cricket outreach - many guys have been coming and S.... has gotten to talk to some more as they realize we all live near to each other, and one man has a child in school with A.....!

Girl's club and the church youth group will have an end of school BBQ event where they can gather and bring friends and also "grill a Christian" and talk about faith things. Last year this brought in a lot of non- Christian kids who had good questions and conversations - pray this happens again this year.

Continue to pray for the contacts we have here that struggle with hard things in their lives- either circumstances or abuse or poverty or health - pray we can help their immediate needs, but also show the love of God through our actions and speech.

Our Asha team just had a weekend away - it was great for visioning and for team building. Pray that we can continue to build on the things we talked about and planned and continue to grow together.

### Family prayer requests:

L..... is home for the summer and working many hours. Pray for her as she grows through this time, and for good times as a family together this summer.

J..... will be visiting another university this weekend - pray for wisdom for him as he plans his future.

A..... just had a ballet show and loved it! It was great to see her enjoy dancing and want to continue that next year.

C.... is in Alaska this year! He is enjoying his time there, but we are not sure when we will see him next - pray for safety for him and good ways to stay connected with him.

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.*

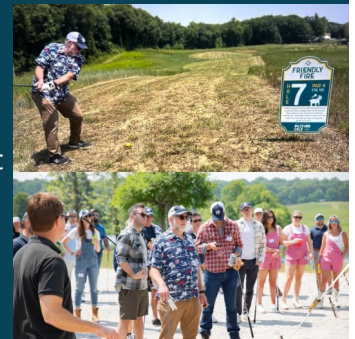
*As always, there is more to this update than there is room. If you would like to read more and see pictures, please contact the church office.*

## EVER PLAYED GOLF IN A FARM PASTURE?

As I shared last time, this is the Lancaster Sons Wedding Summer. We got Bedon married off to Caroline Pollard on May 6th. Next up is Jeffrey Jr. who marries Anne Russell Webb on August 12th. Gets me so excited I could do a toe touch... actually did a toe touch (see photo) at Bedon's wedding reception. I may be a little older now, but it appears I've still got game...



...In June I was invited to a corporate event at the farm of one of my street neighbors. When I say "farm" think more along the lines of 100'ish acres of pasture, woods, and a fishing pond that a couple of Chicago families use as a getaway from the city. It was a day of fun & celebration with this company's workers and some of their vendors. It's their annual "Pasture Golf" event (see photo below). With a bush hog mover they carve out a 9-hole golf course at their farm in Indiana. They put on quite an event with all kinds of sporting competition (in addition to the golf) and with a great meal at the end of the day. Had a brief, but great, conversation with one gentleman while driving back from the farm. He's someone who left the church a long time ago. He was curious to learn about church planting. I told him one of the things I do is to try to help people think through their lives. You know... what's the meaning of it all? I asked him a question which, over the years, I've found quite useful in provoking people to think on a deeper level about their lives. My question was, "What's the story of the world of which the story of your life is a part?" He seemed somewhat intrigued yet still had his guard up. I proceeded to say that your life can never be any bigger or better than the actual story of the world. If the story of the world is a meaningless story then your life is, at best, meaningless. If the story of the world is indiscernible then the story of your life is indiscernible. If the story of the world is kind of ho-hum then the story of your life at best is ho-hum. If the story of the world is a fascinating story of a glorious creation, a tragic fall, and a story of a personal redeemer who comes to make all things new then you have the opportunity to have your life anchored in a meaningful story with a glorious horizon. Again, he seemed intrigued. I was just trying to sow some seeds. Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to water them.



With friends old and new, we had a July 4th gathering of about 19 people at our home. I smoked 4 pork shoulders to be served along with my much beloved Baked Beans and some handy Costco potato salad and coleslaw. We polished the meal off with some of Cathy's delicious homemade vanilla ice cream which will make your tongue slap your brains out. Anyhow, it was great to include a new couple who just moved on our street a couple of weeks ago. Fun to assist them in getting to know some of their neighbors. Additionally, we had enough leftovers to take to our neighbors, who just had a baby, as well as to take some to a ministry friend whose 5-year-old son struggles with an extremely rare disease which caused him to need a double hip replacement last week.



Lastly, I'm starting to re-enter the world of co-working space. As I write this newsletter I'm working out of the WeWork office a mile and some change from our house. It's a slow Friday, but it's good to be here. Met one gentleman today. Look forward to meeting many more.

Please keep praying for us! We covet your devotion to this work in prayer.

\*\*\* As mentioned in my last newsletter, we've been experiencing a bit of a drop off in support recently. I ask that you prayerfully consider donating to our work if you're able. We're grateful for everyone who's contributed to this mission. You're all a vital part of this ministry enterprise.

Sending much love your way from Chicago!

Peace, Jeffrey

As always, there is more to this update than there is room. If you would like to read more and see pictures, please click [HERE](#).

## TEAMWORK AND COMMUNITY

332 kids and teens have attended Camp Summit so far this summer and we have two weeks left to wrap up this year's camps!

We praise God for the opportunity to pour into these kids and teens, enjoy getting to know them, and be witness to what God is doing in their lives! Campers have found peace and serenity in the presence of God.

These youth are searching, inquisitive, and have deep questions! Camper teams have worked together and celebrated success once they found unity. Life lessons are learned through every camp experience and the love, care, and community they find at Camp Summit is something they take home.

The staff has been incredible, and bonded, and supported one another! We are so grateful for this staff! Please keep all the Camp Summit and YouthHope staff in your prayers as summer camps wind down, and they follow God's leading to their next path with protection, favor, and purpose.

We thank God for all He has done this summer and ask you to join us in praying for these last 2 weeks to be life-changing! Thank you for your faithful support to bring youth HOPE! God bless you!

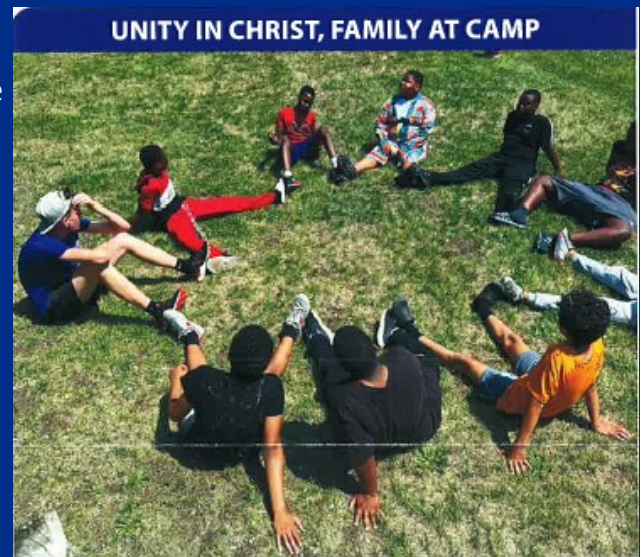
Thank you all for being so wonderful and caring to our son at Camp Summit! He came home and his smile hasn't left his face!! He also has shown us some dance moves!...it has gotten the whole family up and singing! He thoroughly enjoyed himself and I am over the moon thankful. We were a little nervous how he would do, but he is already asking to go back! Thanks so much!"

– Mom of Junior High Boy

Seeing the transformation happen from Monday to Friday each week is so powerful! Kids and teens start out with nervousness, hesitation, frustration, attitudes, and anger, which transitions into trust, surrender, friendship, unity, and joy by the end of the week!



YouthHope's Reimagine Program works to prevent juvenile violence. The teen toured the Rock Island Police Department.



### Volunteers Needed for School Year Programs!

Sign-Up for a Volunteer Orientation  
and help serve kids and teens!

**Volunteer Opportunities  
with kids, teens, admin,  
facilities, camp, schools,  
and more!**



## HAVE YOU HAD AN ABORTION?



“Have you had an abortion, and now regret it?” While many women probably read that and say to themselves, “Yes,” the idea of actually talking with someone about that regret is often daunting. **It can be a difficult first step to pick up the phone and talk with someone.** But with this first step, the healing process that has been put off, sometimes for decades, can begin.

Pregnancy Resources utilizes a resource called “Forgiven and Set Free,” by Linda Cochrane. It is a 10 week Bible study steeped in scripture. Typically, meetings are done in a group setting, but one-on-one arrangements can be made as needed. The group setting allows the participants to realize that they are not alone. At the beginning, women are often nervous and unsure about having signed up for this! The group leaders, who are also post-abortive, offer assurance that God has healing in store – if they will just keep at it. And when they do, He is faithful!

At the end of the study, each woman has an opportunity to name her baby. We hold a memorial service where she can then tenderly release her child into God’s care. It is always a touching and meaningful time. **The women of the group have bonded and celebrate their healing together.**

Here are a few thoughts from previous participants in their own words:

“From the first meeting, I felt completely loved and safe to begin the journey to forgiveness and healing.”

“I feel like I have finally left this confessed sin forever at the foot of the cross and won’t pick it up again.”

“I have forgiven myself for not making a better choice for my baby and I can accept God’s forgiveness.”

God uses the After Abortion Care ministry at Pregnancy Resources to heal hearts and change lives. It is a blessing to be able to offer this important help to those who take that first step. **So, have you had an abortion and now regret it? If so, please take that first step and call. You won’t regret that!**

Kathy Nagle, After Abortion Care

To register for the 2023 Walk for Life, click on the image

## Walk for Life 2023

**You are part of God’s beautiful Mosaic!** Help empower a mom or dad to make an informed decision regarding pregnancy when life hangs in the balance.

**Show your support** for moms, dads, and the preborn!

**Put on your Walking Shoes** and help make Lifesaving & practical help available.

**Be engaged... Take BOLD STEPS. Register Here Sat., September 9th, 2023.**

Become a **Fundraising Registered Walker**, or **Sponsor** your favorite **Walker** to support life-affirming services then...

- **Walk Check-in begins at 8:30am.**
- **Walk** with family & friends anytime between **9am and 10:30am.**
- Enjoy a 2-mile family-friendly walk with scenic river views, live music, and refreshments.

### What can your BOLD STEPS & fundraising provide?

1. **Pregnancy Testing with full options information** to help a mom make an informed decision.
2. **Life-affirming Ultrasound with a trained R.N.** so a mom or dad can see their child for the first time as life hangs in the balance.
3. **NEW Post-Abortion Medical Screening** – Provide needed Medical Screening for post-abortive women in the weeks after an abortion for their health.
4. Help launch the **NEW brick-and-mortar location** at the Q.C. Mission in East Moline and expand life-saving early pregnancy care.
5. Plus, much more.

Consider how you would like to participate in this year’s Walk for Life to help meet the unique spiritual, physical, and practical needs of every mom and dad entrusted to our care.



# EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Treasurer's Report June 2023

			Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General Fund	\$	108,685.18	\$ 14,950.67	\$ 12,309.64	\$ 111,326.21
Education Fund (Jahn)	\$	9,988.20	\$ 95.39	\$ -	\$ 10,083.59
Building Fund	\$	151,085.27	\$ 650.66		\$ 151,735.93

### June 2023 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

#### Receipts - June 2023

Pledges	14,936.64
Interest Income - General Fund	14.03
Per Member Asking	-
	<b>\$ 14,950.67</b>

#### Expenditures - June 2023

##### Administrative

ABS (copier rental)	275.28
AT&T - Phone for elevator	128.99
Cemetery Upkeep	400.00
Computers: Software and Apps	79.99
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	460.09
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	1,225.17
MidAmerican Energy	755.00
Millenium Waste	53.71
Office Supplies	-
Repairs & Maintenance - general	14.99
ReyTel - Internet	118.93
Shipping/Postage	5.29
Sunday School Repair Project	-
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	93.67
	<b>\$ 8,648.53</b>

##### Discipleship (Internal)

Continuing Education	350.22
Deacon Expense	221.40
EPC General Assembly	-
EPC (health)	26.48
Fidelity (pension)	960.89
Housing Allowance	3,176.18
Meals	-
Mileage	77.95
Pastor Salary	3,176.16
Presbytery Expense	-
Pulpit Supply	559.63
Resource Materials	99.62
	<b>\$ 50.00</b>

##### Mission (external)

Mission - International	-
Mission - US	-
Mission - Local	50.00
	<b>\$ 12,309.64</b>

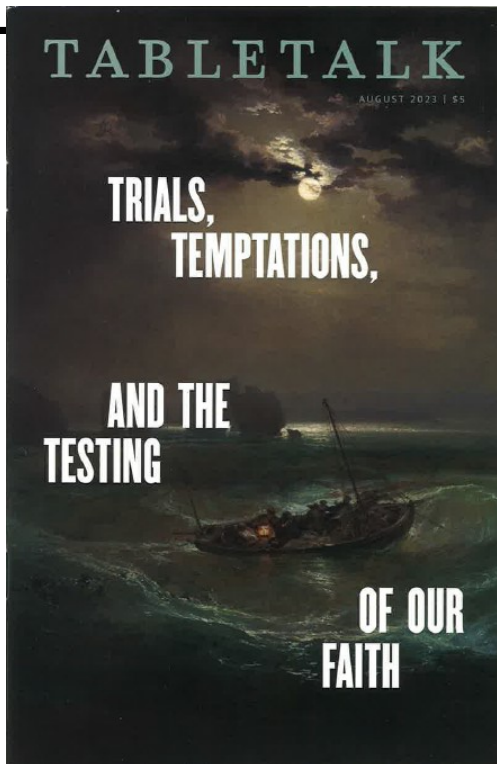
**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$ 12,309.64**

**NET OPERATING INCOME** **\$ 2,641.03**

#### INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund of \$17,627.09 and Assistance Fund of \$5,153.46

GET YOUR AUGUST 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

8.7 - WEED PARK (TBD)  
8.13 - ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
8.20 SLIP N SLIDE KICKBALL  
8.27 WIFFLE BALL TOURNEY

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 September 2023 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](http://edgingtonepc.org).

*Thank you so much for your help!*



## UNITYPOINT FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Monday, August 21st 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.



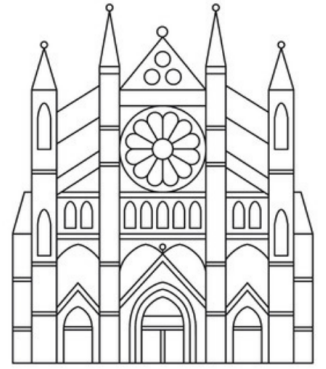
Pastor Zach is on Facebook Live every Sunday morning at 10am for our Lord's Day Worship Service .



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 an adult helper for September 3rd as of this publication. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table with the offering plates in the sanctuary foyer if you can help. THANK YOU!!!**

## 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.



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**2023 LOCAL BLOOD DRIVES**

Sept. 9th - Edgington EPC, 7 - 10:30am  
Nov. 11th - Midwest Bank in Andalusia  
on the donor bus (tentative), 1 - 4pm


*Harvest Party*

OCTOBER 8TH 4-7 PM @ EEPCC

FUN FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY!

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 **A MATTER OF  
BALANCE**  
*Improve Your Strength and Balance!*

### CONCERNED ABOUT FALLING?

Mondays & Wednesday beginning Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Times TBD.

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.

# BLOOD DRIVE

**BLOODCENTER.ORG**

**Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

**Saturday, September 9 7:00am – 10:30am**

**Basement** *13228 140<sup>th</sup> Street W, Taylor Ridge, IL*

**MASKS ARE OPTIONAL. APPOINTMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED.**  
To schedule, please call Teresa Balmer at (309) 738-9757 or scan the QR code below.

Aug. 21st - Sept. 10th donors who register for their FIRST time with ImpactLife at mobile blood drives like this one will be eligible to redeem their promotion voucher for a \$50 Gift Card!



Give and get your choice of a gift card or a donation to support local teachers. Learn more at [bloodcenter.org/teach](https://bloodcenter.org/teach).

SCAN ME!



*Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID.*  
Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 7/15/23  
Group Sponsor Code: 070



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# AUGUST 2023



Sunday School 9am  
Worship Service

**EEPC**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 No Youth Group	31 Meal Site	1 Meal Site	2 Meal Site	3 Meal Site	4 Meal Site	5
6 Food Pantry Sunday Basement Reserved Youth Group, 6pm	7 Meal Site	8 Meal Site	9 Meal Site	10 Meal Site	11 NO Meal Site Mix Ice Cream, 8:30am Crank IC, 3pm	12 Prepare beans & salad, 8:30am
13 B/P Checks Ice Cream Social, 4 - 7pm	14 Meal Site	15 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	16 Meal Site Trustee Mtg., 7pm Newsletter Items Due	17 NO Quilting Meal Site	18 Meal Site	19
20 Deacon's Mtg., 11:30am Youth Group, 6pm	21 Foot Clinic Meal Site	22 Meal Site	23 Meal Site	24 Meal Site	25 Meal Site Food Pantry Packing, 9 am	26 Food Pantry Distribution, 8:30 - 11am
27 B/P Checks Youth Group, 6pm	28 Meal Site	29 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	30 Meal Site	31 Meal Site	1 Meal Site	2