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INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

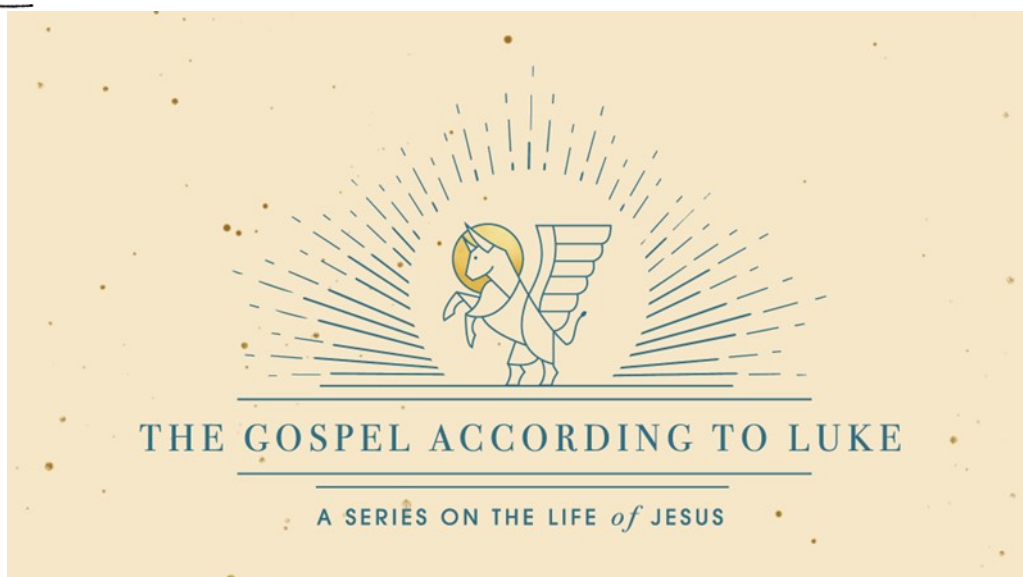
The month of September will bring us to a new study in the Gospel according to Luke, and “A Series on the Life of Jesus.” As has regularly been the preaching habit at Edgington, we rotate between an OT and NT books with topical series in between. Luke was selected because although we did a short series though the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) during 2019-2020, we have not worked through a complete Gospel account since we were in Mark, and that was a full decade ago. In terms of New Testament preaching, it’s good to have a steady diet of each kind of writing (Gospel – Epistle – Apocalyptic), but it is especially good to have regular time focused directly on the person and work of Jesus Himself.

A few introductory notes about the Gospel according to Luke that I hope will draw your interest. If Luke has a key theme/thesis/main point it could be this: “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10). Where Matthew has a Jewish audience in mind, and Mark more of a Gentile audience, Luke has a diverse audience in mind for a specific reason. As a physician he is incredibly observant about people’s conditions and how Jesus responds to them. Luke sees sinners, the poor, and the lame who are rejected by the world be embraced by Jesus, while the religious leaders who are approved by the world be rejected by Jesus. This paradox lies at the heart of the type of Kingdom Jesus reigns over as King – the Kingdom of Heaven come to earth as embodied in Christ Himself. The uniqueness of Christ: His living, His teaching, His suffering, dying, and rising make Jesus the most important person to make observations about. The physician Luke leads us in those observations so we can see for ourselves and be glad.

I look forward to settling into this wonderful book of the New Testament and seeing you and your family each Lord’s Day morning.

Your Pastor & Friend,

ZACH



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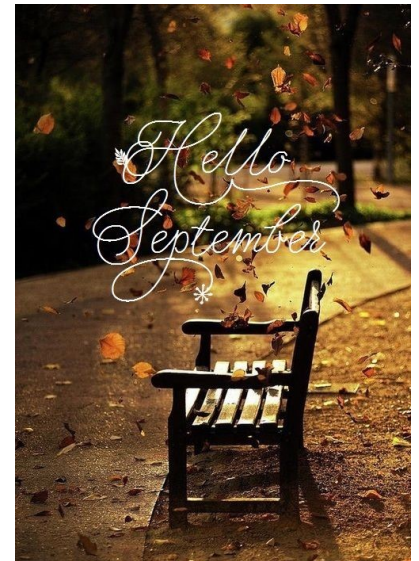
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SEPTMEBER BIRTHDAYS

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



Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers, support, and messages during my knee replacement & recovery!



Blessings,
 Patrick Shovar

SEPTMEBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 - Kim & Barb Freyermuth
 6 - Bill & Lisa Sloan
 15 - Jeff & Paige Schmidt
 18 - Terry & Mary Johnson
 21 - Marvin & Peggy Weiss



GREETERS FOR SEPTMBER

Sunday, September 3rd – Colby Mueller & Cade Reimers
 Sunday, September 10th – Bill & Lisa Sloan
 Sunday, September – Kay Amy & MaryAnn Vroman
 Sunday, September – Karrie Fuhr & Ken Kaiser

August 20, 2023

Attendees: Jim and Teresa Balmer, Beth Flickinger, Marlin and Darcy Krueger, Dorothy Rursch, Teresa Weber, and Session Representative, Patrick Shovar.

Dorothy opened the meeting with prayer and read scripture from Psalm 52:8.

Minutes from the June 25th Meeting: Approved as written.

July – August Activities:

- 26 calls/visits/cards to shut-ins
- 55 additional calls/visits/cards (1 message/9 calls/4 visits/41 cards)
0 baby, 0 baptism, 15 birthday, 9 anniversary, 7 get well, 1 sympathy, 9 thinking of you

Old Business:

- No old business was discussed.

New Business:

- **Concerns:**
 - Concerns were expressed for several church members.
- **Fall Blood Drive:**
 - Will be held September 9th from 7:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
 - Sign-up is progressing well (23 have signed up and 3 double reds).
 - Discussed details of setting up and hosting.
- **Fall Coat Drive:**
 - Will be held in conjunction with the fall food pantry distribution (date to be announced).
 - Rockridge will be informed of the food pantry/coat distribution date when it has been decided.
- **Adult New Member Reception:**
 - Will be held October 1st immediately after church.
 - Discussed details of setting up, hosting the reception and cleaning up.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Next Deacon meeting will be held on Sunday, October 15th at 11:30am.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Weber

July 18, 2023

The Mission Committee met on July 18th, 2023 at 6:30pm in 1st floor conference room. Those attending were: Deb Wagamon, Nancy Engstrom, and Jim Johnson.

Deb opened the meeting in prayer

Old Business:

- **June Minutes:** June meeting was via text to approve the 2nd Quarter Commitments; no minutes
- Reviewed mailings and local ministry newsletters
- **Local and Regional Missions:** The team continues to discuss and generate ideas on local area ministry. We are currently working with the local schools to provide supplies for the 2023/2024 school year and we are looking for additional areas where we can get involved. We have also reached out to Tierney Fischer for an update on how she is doing and if any other assistance is needed as she recovers from the loss of her Rock Island home.

New Business:

- **Youth Hope:** We are discussing a visit to Youth Hope to participate in a weekly youth meeting and get more information on upcoming activities we can help support this year. We have reached out to Hannah to get this visit scheduled and to get a listing of fall and winter activities.
- **Rockridge School District Teachers:** We have been shopping for the 2023/2024 school year supplies and have been interacting with Brandee Neece to get a listing of teachers and locations that are needing support. The team will vote on the contribution amount at the August meeting and we will inventory our current supply and determine what else is needed so we can complete the shopping and delivery of supplies to Brandee by mid-August.
- **Pregnancy Resources:** EEPC will be participating in the Walk for Life being sponsored on Sept. 9th. Deb will reach out to Lisa to get a bulletin insert prepared so we may give enough notice to the congregation to encourage participation in this event.
- **Chicago Church Planting:** Deb and Jim are awaiting an invite from Jeff to come and meet with him on the new focus of his ministry in Chicago. Some changes are occurring in this ministry and we hope to get time to discuss the new focus and support Jeff in any way we can. More information will be forthcoming on this ministry.
- **Ministry Advocates:** At this time, we have the following ministry advocates: Deb – Youth Hope, Kelly – Pregnancy Resources, and Jim – Jeff Lancaster Church Planting. These individuals will be the liaison between these local ministries and the Mission Team so we can ensure we are supporting and engaging with these ministries as much as possible.

Jim closed the meeting in prayer

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday August 15th, 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 VBS WRAP-UP

VBS is in the books for another year! This one will be remembered for being **extremely** hot! It was in the 90's all week.



Despite the heat challenge, we had 190 different campers that came, and attendance ranged from 172-180 each day. 22 of our campers listed no church affiliation. We had 51 young adults signed up as counselors and averaged 45/day. We had an additional 60 adults in various leadership and helper positions coming and going throughout the week.

The heat made us rethink some planned activities and location of things. Not to mention the road in front of the camp was being worked on, causing delays in drop-off and pick-up. From my standpoint, what stood out this year was how everyone worked together and made the necessary adjustments for the sake of the campers and others involved.

New this year was daily communication with parents via Facebook - what we were teaching and specific prayer requests. Nearly 800 pictures were posted to give everyone a taste of what goes on at VBS! I hope you took advantage of this opportunity to see local mission at work. The campers raised \$1,300.00, which was split between a global mission of buying bibles in the native languages of countries in Africa, Central America, and Middle East and locally to an organization in Rockridge School system that provides food and essential supplies to kids in need.

The saying, "It takes a village to raise a child" is certainly true and our VBS is a prime example of this. I would like to thank **EVERYONE** who did anything to make this program available to the children of our community. From those who helped at camp, or worked behind the scenes, to those who generously donated money or supplies, to those who made cookies, or prayed for the safety of all involved. Each job is equally important and allows us to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

Blessings, Kathy Stegmiller

SUMMER OF 2023: PLANTING SEEDS!

Seeds planted at Camp Summit and Youth Center programs will help grow kids and teens into strong, faith-filled, Jesus-loving leaders!

The teens pictured below are Counselors-in-Training (CITs) and were a *major* part of the ministry this summer! These young leaders relate to and love others regardless of age or circumstances. The seeds planted in these teens in the past are blooming! We thank God for them and all their hard work, energy, joy, dedication, and compassion this summer!

This was by no means a perfect summer, but **God's strength shines in our weakness and He uses all things for good!** Our mistakes and shortcomings were brought to light this summer - more than we would like to admit. Like deleting our entire camp registration or

throwing away food paperwork while cooking at camp... God used these failures (and others) to connect uniquely to students, communicate more with families, and deepen our appreciation for our volunteers. It forced us to adapt, elevate our thinking, improve our processes, and ultimately advance His Kingdom by sharing the Gospel.

169 students attended camp for the first time, learned about Jesus, and experienced the love of God! We learned a lot this summer (the hard way) and enter this school year a stronger team ready for victory together in Christ! **We praise God for all He did this summer!**

Thank you for praying, sponsoring, volunteering, and helping plant seeds of faith this summer. Please keep us in your prayers this school year to continue reaching youth and serving our Lord! God bless you!

– Hannah Carr, Development Director



Want to read the rest of the August Report? Click [HERE!](#)



**Sporting Clays Fundraiser
September 30, 2023
Call to Register!**

309-762-4577

**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!**



LIFE SAVED!

You have made a HUGE impact so far this year! Since the beginning of February, there has been a 25% increase in material assistance appointments for families' needs compared with 2022.

To date (July 20th, 2023), you have helped bring hope to moms and dads:

- 2,547 Total Center Visits
- 674 Parenting Classes Attended
- More than 464 interactions with dads
- AND 95 New Baby Gift Bags for newborns

Last quarter you heard about Post-Abortion Medical Screenings (PAMs). These medical screenings are truly making a difference in the lives of abortion-determined moms. Staff nurses provide moms with limited medical screenings, blood work, and emotional wellness check-ups in the days or weeks following their decision.

Bethany* arrived at Pregnancy Resources with abortion pills in hand. After providing care, Bethany still left strongly abortion-determined. She was placed on our PAMs list. A staff nurse contacted Bethany in the days after her decision. Bethany shared that she had not take her abortion pills... yet. However, real concerns rose as the nurse began her screening. Based on the nurse's medical assessment, Bethany was strongly encouraged to go to the emergency room. The nurse's concerns were confirmed when Bethany arrived at the emergency room with an ectopic pregnancy! The abortion pill regimen does not end an ectopic pregnancy. Had Bethany taken her abortion pills, it would have masked the complications of the ectopic pregnancy, and Bethany could have died! However, your diligence, faithful prayer, and financial support spared Bethany's life.

Be encouraged as we stand united in one heart and one mission. Lives are spared because of your care and concern.

**Name changed for confidentiality*

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.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
BABY BOTTLE DONATIONS!**
Edgington EPC raised a total
of \$1,317.70!

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



OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Do you have young adults in your lives who are looking at careers or for a life path to participate in building the Kingdom of God globally and in their neighborhoods?



Here's an option provided by EPC's World Outreach, the mission arm of the denomination. Not all of our local churches can provide this type of experience but as a community of missional churches, World Outreach can.

Young Adult Missions Cohort begins August 21 Join a year long monthly video chat with others across the US to explore missions. Build relationships while delving into current missions across the world/in your community, study the Bible's view of kingdom of God, reaching the unreached, talk with missionaries, & visit a ministry field at the end. Led by Saul/Jesse Huber, young adult mobilizers for EPC World Outreach. For more info and/or to sign up [click here](#)

If you want more information, give Nan a call. She has talked with a number of people who have participated in a Cohort and is impressed. She has also vetted many who participate in visiting a mission field. Trips have gone to Sacramento, Jordon, and Budapest.

Join us in praying for this session of the Cohort.

May those of us who are grandparents be beacons of light to younger generations.

As for us, we are:

- ♦ Surviving the Arizona heat.
- ♦ Celebrating 50 years as a couple.
- ♦ Welcoming Nan to the Septuagenarian Club mid August.
- ♦ Editing ITEN materials & Planning Coaching Class.
- ♦ Coming alongside Bill/Faith/3 kids encouraging/guiding
- ♦ Praying for believers in My..... to trust in the Lord's omnipresence and sovereignty.
- ♦ Praying for the young men re-teaching Ministry Leadership Training Institute courses to accomplish the task well.
- ♦ Rejoicing in your friendship!

Blessings,

Ed and Nan McCallum

FALL COAT DRIVE

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



Coats can be dropped off at the Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church. All sizes are needed, but especially children's sizes. The distribution date is TBA, but will coordinate with the Fall Food Pantry Distribution again

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

EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report July 2023

		Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General Fund	\$ 111,326.21	\$ 12,947.58	\$ 23,947.71	\$ 100,326.08
Education Fund (Jahn)	\$ 10,083.59	\$ 198.66	\$ -	\$ 10,282.25
Building Fund	\$ 151,735.93	\$ 1,342.07		\$ 153,078.00

July 2023 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - July 2023

Pledges	12,763.89
Interest Income - General Fund	13.69
Per Member Asking	120.00
Basement Rent	50.00

\$ 12,947.58

Expenditures - July 2023

Administrative

\$ 5,573.45

ABS (copier rental)	
AT&T - Phone for elevator	128.99
Cemetery Upkeep	
Computers: Software and Apps	79.99
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	454.18
Johnson Controls	
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	1,142.89
MidAmerican Energy	755.00
Millenium Waste	58.71
Office Supplies	530.85
Repairs & Maintenance - general	770.63
Reytel - Internet	118.93
Shipping/Postage	
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	1,533.28

To be reimbursed from Youth Group in August

Discipleship (Internal)

\$ 7,774.26

Continuing Education	109.58
Deacon Expense	
EPC General Assembly	
EPC (health)	26.48
Fidelity (pension)	960.89
Housing Allowance	3,176.18
Meals	34.91
Mileage	169.65
Pastor Salary	3,176.16
Presbytery Expense	
Pulpit Supply	
Resource Materials	120.41

Mission (external)

\$ 10,600.00

Mission - International	5,000.00
Mission - US	2,550.00
Mission - Local	3,050.00

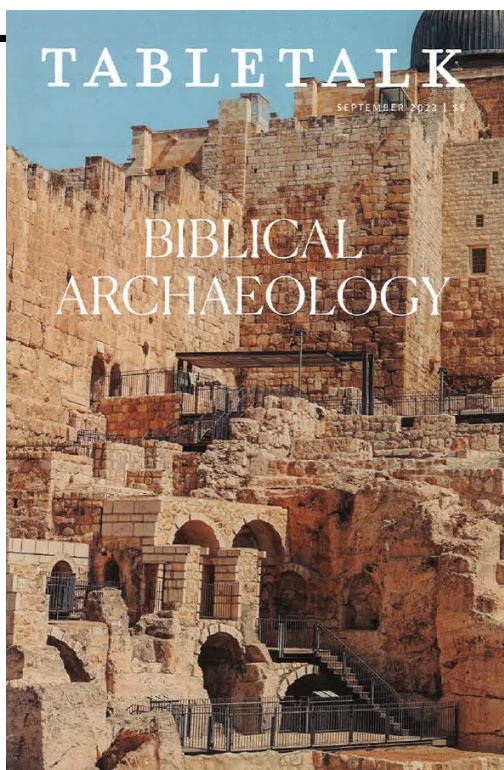
TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 23,947.71

NET OPERATING INCOME \$ (11,000.13)

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund of \$9,867.40 and Assistance Fund of \$5,153.46

GET YOUR SEPTEMBER COPY OF
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS NOTED)

5:30-7:30PM (UNLESS NOTED)

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

9.3 - FANTASY FOOTBALL DRAFT

9.10 - FISHING DERBY

9.17 - ULTIMATE FRISBEE (YOUTH
VS. ADULTS)

9.24 - JACK BOX PARTY GAME

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 October 2023 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, September 20th. 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, September 18th 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.

NEW SERMON SERIES

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” – Luke 19:10

We hope you will join us as Pastor Zach begins a new sermon series this month preaching through the Gospel of Luke. Luke brings a unique perspective to the life of Christ as he view things through the lens of a physician caring for the conditions of the people.



We look forward to seeing you and diving deep into God’s Word together!

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 ATTRIBUTES OF GOD



We will begin a new study in September titled "The Attributes of God". This class will examine what the Church has referred to as God's attributes or characteristics according to Scripture.

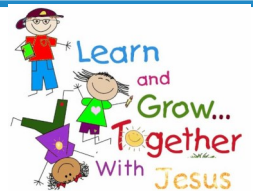
Knowing who God is, is a key part in trusting Him.
Join us!

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



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am



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



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

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

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



see you there!

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& FALL KICKOFF

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

BRING A FISHING POLE IF YOU HAVE ONE & A DISH TO PASS.
ALL ARE WELCOME!
QUESTIONS? CALL OR EMAIL BETH FLICKINGER.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

Harvest Party

OCTOBER 8TH 4-7 PM @ EEPCC

FUN FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY!

PICNIC GAMES 'SMORES HAYRACK RIDES



TRUNK or TREAT

OCT 29 4-6PM

CANDY | APPLE CIDER | PRIZE DRAWINGS

Open to the entire Rockridge Community!

If you would like to have a space in the parking lot please reserve your spot TODAY!

Church Office: 309.795.1713

A MATTER OF BALANCE

Improve Your Strength and Balance!

CONCERNED ABOUT FALLING?

Classes on Mondays & Wednesday for 4 weeks, beginning September 25th, from 1 - 3pm.

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 another MOB class in our church basement this Fall.

If you have expressed an interest we will be in contact to confirm with you. If you haven't previously notified us of your interest, please contact Nita Darland, Sharon Orr, or Kathy Stegmiller.

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

Basement *13228 140th 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!



SCAN ME!



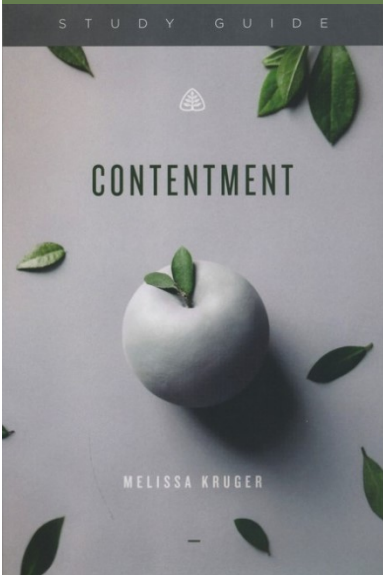
Give and get your choice of a gift card or a donation to support local teachers. Learn more at bloodcenter.org/teach.

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



ImpactLife

NEW FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



We are excited to share that we're going to be going in a new content direction in hopes of reaching as many ladies as possible.

Listen to these words from the Apostle Paul. *"For I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content."* - Philippians 4:11

Many Christians struggle with comparison, covetousness, and complaining. But the Apostle Paul was content in plenty and in want. What was Paul's secret, and how do we cultivate contentment in our lives? In her study called *"Contentment"*, Melissa Kruger considers what it really means to be content: to place our trust in our good and sovereign God. God's love for His people is unchanging, and He is using every detail of our lives to shape and fashion us into the image of Jesus Christ. As we look back

to the cross of Christ and look forward to the hope of heaven, we will discover that ultimate contentment is found in Him.

Melissa Kruger is an internationally known author, blogger, and speaker working with the Gospel Coalition Women's Ministry Network. She is married to EPC Teaching Elder, Mike Kruger who is president of the Charlotte Campus of Reformed Theological Seminary. You can read more about Melissa on her website, melissabkruger.com, and her blog entitled (this is easy to identify with) *"Wit's End: Having Nothing, Possessing Everything."*

The Contentment study includes eight video lessons, about 20 minutes each, with discussion. It does NOT require advanced preparation.

Books are available for \$10 each. We're going to order some advance copies, but if you would like to order your own book just click on the image of it above.

Dates: 8 Weeks, beginning Tuesday, September 5th at 10am & Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30pm



QUILTING

Thursday, September 21st, 9am

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

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

Hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY QUARTERLY MEETING

Thurs., Sept. 7th, 1pm

All women of the church are encouraged to come to our 3rd quarterly meeting. We will be discussing the Harvest party, setting dates for Christmas activities, Matter of Balance class, and 2024 nominations for officers.

Dorothy Rursch will be our hostess.

Please join us if you can!



"Membership Matters"



Adult New Member Registration

Here is a wonderful opportunity to learn more of what Edgington EPC is all about!

The class is offered to anyone seeking more information about Edgington EPC; what it means to be a church member, our denomination, what we stand for, and much more. If you have been attending for awhile, but not yet committed to membership, you're encouraged to check this out! If you are looking to join, you definitely want to mark your calendar!

Please scan the QR Code above and fill out the Personal Information/Registration Form by no later than Thursday, September 7th. It will be automatically submitted to the church office and only viewed by elders and staff. If you have any problems call the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com and someone will assist you.

If you are viewing this with your phone the QR Code will be hard to use, so just click [HERE](#) for the link.

YOUTH COMMUNICANT'S CLASS

If your 7th, 8th, or 9th grade child is interested in joining the church, please keep Sunday evenings from 6-7pm open starting October 1st. There is a parent meeting that evening and student classes will begin on Sunday, October 15th.

Parent's of eligible children should have already received a letter in the mail with all the information. If

you did not, and your child is interested, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com.

Parent's, please scan the QR Code above and register your child(ren). If you are viewing this with your phone you can click [HERE](#).



Communicants Class Registration

ICE CREAM SOCIAL UPDATE

The 2023 Ice Cream Social was another great success because of all our church family doing so much to make it all come together.

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

So again, an overwhelmed heartfelt THANK YOU! It was a wonderful evening of fellowship - people visited for hours! There were times I looked and there were no places left for people to sit. We made 120 gallons of ice cream and sold it all.

Thank you again for your support. May God Bless you!

~ Tara Johnson



YOUTH GROUP

A small shoebox can have a big impact.

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

IDEAS FOR ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN THE BOX:

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

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

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

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

Crafts: Make your own items. Go to website for ideas: <https://www.pinterest.com/occsboxboxes/>

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

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



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

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



THE YOUTH GROUP HAS ISSUED A CHALLENGE TO THE YOUNG(ISH) ADULTS...

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

SUN. SEPT. 17TH - 3PM

ROCKRIDGE BAND PRACTICE FIELD

SEPTEMBER 2023



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 B/P Checks Youth Group, 5:30pm	28 Meal Site	29 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	30 Meal Site	31 Meal Site	1 Meal Site	2
3 Food Pantry Sunday Youth Group, 5:30pm	4 NO Meal Site <i>Labor Day</i>	5 Meal Site	6 Meal Site	7 Meal Site Women's Ministry Mtg., 1pm	8 Meal Site	9 Fall Blood Drive, 7 - 10:30am
10 B/P Checks Promotion Sunday Membership Matters, 11:30am Fall Kick-Off/Fishing Derby, 4 - 7pm	11 Meal Site	12 Meal Site	13 Meal Site	14 Meal Site	15 Meal Site	16
17 Membership Matters, 11:30am Youth Group, 5:30pm	18 Foot Clinic Meal Site	19 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	20 Meal Site Trustee Mtg., 7pm Newsletter Items Due	21 Quilting, 9am Meal Site	22 Meal Site RLP Mtg., Sartell, MN	23 RLP Mtg., Sartell, MN
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