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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN
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"TO GLORIFY GOD, & ENJOY HIM FOREVER"

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Happy New Year

The stories behind the great hymns of our faith are always a blessing to learn about. Thomas Chisholm, the author of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and 1200 other poems was born in a log cabin in Kentucky in 1866, and he lived a quite ordinary life: he worked as a schoolteacher, a newspaper editor, and insurance agent, then he retired and spent his remaining days at the modern equivalent of a nursing home. Unlike many hymns that have heart-wrenching stories behind them "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" is inspired by the simple realization that God is at work in our lives on a daily basis. Chisholm wrote, "My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me on until now. Although I must not fail to record here the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness." Doesn't that add some beautiful context to the words:

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

Years and time and seasons seem to roll on with increasing speed; and the Lord God is present in each of them to meet us in grace and faithfulness.

A PRAYER FOR END OF YEAR – 2023

ALMIGHTY GOD, who has been the dwelling place of Thy people in all generations, and who in Thy mercy has brought us to the close of another year; we praise Thee for all the ways by which Thou hast led us, and we humbly beseech Thee to continue to us Thy lovingkindness. Help us to cast our weakness on Thy strength, that amid all the changes of this transitory life we may rest ourselves on Thine immutability. We lament that in the closing year there has been so much to fill us with shame. Pardon our offenses, we beseech Thee, and as Thou dost commit to us the solemn trust of life, help us to walk in watchfulness, redeeming the time, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR – 2024

ETERNAL GOD, who of old hast laid the foundation of the earth, and whose Word is forever settled in the heavens; whose mercy is from everlasting, and rises anew in the morning of another year; give us grace to arise into Christ Thy Son, who is our morning light; and grant that in all the years of our pilgrimage, walking by faith in Him, we may put on strength, and be enabled to persevere in the way of life unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Looking forward to seeing you in worship in 2024,

Your Pastor & Friend,

ELDERS

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

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

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Madison Bayne	17 - Karla Pearson
2 - Ginny Brockett	18 - Cheryl Lowe
2 - Mary Rose Kerres	18 - Mitch Miller
4 - Lydia Terrill	21 - Cora Hopkins
5 - Megan Koresko	22 - Isaac Anderson
7 - Jan Fuhr	22 - Brett Johnson
10 - Reid Schelker	22 - Kelly Ruggles
11 - Everlee Oak	24 - Mary Johnson
12 - Drake Johnson	25 - Laina Nelson
15 - Kaiver Fischer	28 - Landon Schelker
17 - Molly Cook	31 - Jake Fuhr
17 - Gloria Gierlus	31 - Tatum Stegmiller
17 - Tonya Hall	



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Jason & Sarah Mueller
7 - Eric & Kelly Moel
12 - Lane & Hadley Weinert
23 - Greg & Kortney Gierlus
24 - Ken & Sandy Benningfield

HAPPY

NEW YEAR

GREETERS FOR JANUARY

Sunday, January 7th - Jim & Teresa Balmer & Judy Vaughn
Sunday, January 14th - Steve & Amy Ryser Family
Sunday, January 21st - Dewey & Shirley Flemming
Sunday, January 28th - Keith & Debbie Wilson



Location: Conference Room

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

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and read from Psalm 71. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation. Continuing education was a discussion of Ch. 2 from Carl Trueman's *Strange New World*.

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

Approval of Minutes: The November 1st, 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 November 1st meeting, he conducted one home visit and two lunch meetings. He participated in: Communicant's Class, Youth Group, OCC Shoeboxes, FPC Aurora Session Meeting, and EPC Ad-Interim Committee Meeting.

Old Business:

- The Session discussed the Church Officer Nominating Process. A review of elder's terms was discussed. Several other committees and prospective candidates were discussed.
- The 5pm Lessons & Carols service for Christmas Eve was discussed. Names were suggested to recruit for involvement for assisting in worship including reading and musical offerings.
- The 2023 Annual Meeting will be January 28th, 2024.

New Business:

- Discussed interest in the two lots east of the church property adjacent to the church.
- Hearing integration for the sound system was presented. Because of the reasonable price tag and interest in pursuing this technology, it was M/S/C to move forward with this project. The Trustees will be notified.
- A budget meeting to draft a 2024 budget was scheduled for December 7th at 9:30am. RE Wilson and RE Mueller will attend with Treasurer Barb Freyermuth.
- TE Hopkins and RE Penry will be meeting with a prospective candidate for the Children's Ministry Director position. A report will follow.
- M/S/C to not have Sunday School on December 24th. The Christian Education department will be informed.
- M/S/C to approve the Baptism of Grace Gierlus with RE Mueller assisting.
- M/S/C to approve vacation the week of December 25th for TE Hopkins. Subsequently M/S/C that RE Penry will fill the pulpit on December 31st.
- A December social gathering of the Elders and spouses was discussed. A date is TBD.
- Communion will be held December 3rd, next stated Session meeting is January 17th, 2024.

M/S/C to adjourn the meeting at 9:55pm.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session

Date: 12-20-23

Present: Mel Block, Kim Freyermuth, Jeff Fuhr, Darren Hall, Larry Pithan, Treasurer Barb Freyermuth, and Session Representative Jim Mueller.

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:02pm.

Treasurer's report for November reviewed and approved. Reviewed and discussed proposed budget for 2024.

Minutes for October 18th meeting reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- Siding work and painting for the south wall is complete.
- Need to add additional ceiling support for the second floor Sunday School rooms.
- Barb has not yet received the ERC refund.
- Carpet has been replaced on the stairs and balcony. LVT flooring installed in the old entry and coat closet.

New Business:

- Lisa has purchased a new chair for her desk in the office.
- New entrance floor mats purchased and installed.
- New light fixture installed in old basement stairway.
- New quarter round milled and installed in old entry and coat room.
- Light fixtures on balcony repaired.
- Ice melt in place at entrances.
- Outside bushes sprayed and trimmed.
- Mower battery removed for winter.
- Contractor scheduled to replace gutters and downspouts on south side.
- Trustees will obtain bid to replace balance of siding on the west and north sides – for next summer.
- Discussed occasional need for additional parking space. Looked at options including across the road or perhaps additional space on the school property.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 6:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



Date: December 03, 2023

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

Dorothy opened the meeting by reading from Psalm 106:4-5.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved as written.

Oct – Dec Activities:

- 22 calls/visits/cards to shut-ins
- 31 additional calls/visits/cards
 - 1 baby, 2 baptism, 16 birthday, 4 anniversary, 3 get well, 3 sympathy, 2 thinking of you
- 3 meals

(Note: Birthday cards are sent to those who are 70 years of age or more. Anniversary cards are sent to couples married 25 years and then every 5 years. After 50 years of marriage cards will be sent annually.)

Old Business:

- **Fall Coat Drive:**
 - Dorothy thanked Beth for chairing and everyone else who helped.
 - 40 coats were given to those who requested in advance and additional coats were distributed that day.
- **College Care Packages:**
 - Ten packages were given and the recipients were very thankful. We have one extra package and a possible recipient from St. Ambrose was mentioned.

New Business:

- **Blood Drive:**
 - The 2024 blood drive will be held March 2nd, 2024.
 - Teresa B. volunteered to chair again in 2024.
 - There is a new account rep for 2024.
- **Greeters:**
 - Jim and Teresa B. are responsible for January and February greeters.
 - Teresa W. is responsible for obtaining greeters for March.
- **New Member Reception:**
 - Will be held on Psalm Sunday, March 24th, 2024.
 - Young communicants will be recognized.
 - More conversation will be held during the February meeting.
- **Deacon's Term Completion:**
 - Beth has served as a Deacon for 10 years and her term ends in February.
- **Cards:**
 - A supply of cards has been offered to us for our ministry. We will thankfully accept.
- **Shut-In List:**
 - The shut-in/eye-on-you/widow(er) list has been updated and sent to Lisa.

Beth made a motion to adjourn. Darcy seconded the motion.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 18th at 11:30 a.m.

Beth closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Weber

December 7, 2023

The Edgington Evangelical Women's Ministry (WM) met with 8 members present.

The treasurer's report showed \$9,959.16.

The food pantry served 38 families in the November distribution.

TO GROW:

- There was discussion on the spring Bible study. Some members wanted to stay with Melissa Kruger and other members wanted to go back to Nancy Guthrie. We will take a poll of the members who attended any of the sessions to make a decision on which to use for the Spring.

TO SERVE:

- Members selected from 18 Candy boxes and 1 poinsettia to deliver.
- Because we had trouble getting someone to volunteer for the Vice-Chairperson and Historian positions, the group agreed to an alternative: continue without a Vice-Chairperson and someone will be selected at each meeting to take notes.
- In 2023 the Women's Ministry voted to support several outside organizations: \$1000 to the Andalusia Ambulance, \$200 to Rockridge School Foundation Fund. We also gave 12 quilts to Winnies Place, 2 quilts and \$82.18 to Aledo Crisis Center and 10 baby quilts to Pregnancy Resources.
- The Christmas decorations will be taken down at 9am on Thursday January 4th. The numbers were very low to decorate. Please consider helping to take the decorations down.
- The Women's Ministry will do a Soup Luncheon on January 28th before the Congregational meeting. Last year we had 7 soups, 6 desserts and 2 relish trays. We are still in need of 4 desserts and 4 soups.
- Pam Pithan and Darcy Krueger will set a date to clean the storage area south of the kitchen. If you have any items that do not belong there, please remove. There are some items that will need to be carried to the attic. If you can help, please notify one of them.
- We need a hostess to sign up for June and one for December. If you would like to volunteer, please let one of the officers know.
- Shared Church member concerns.

QUILTING:

- The next quilting days will be January 18th and February 15th from 9am - noon. There will be no quilting in December. We need more women to participate. If you cannot attend for every session or the whole time, please consider providing whatever help you can.

HOSTESS: Shirley Flemming.

Next Meeting - March 7th at 1 o'clock

In March we will discuss how to recognize Mothers on Mother's Day.

October 24, 2023

The Mission Committee met on October 24th, 2023, at 6:30pm in the 1st floor conference room. Those attending were: Deb Wagamon, Nancy Engstrom, and Eric Moel.

Deb opened the meeting in prayer.

Old Business:

- **Minutes:** August minutes were reviewed and approved
- **Mailings:** Reviewed mailings and local ministry newsletters
- **Rockridge School Lunch Debt:** The committee voted to pay the lunch debt for the Andalusia family needing assistance. There are four children, and the debt is \$1,600 for the 2023/2024 school year. Kelly will determine if the check will be sent to the Andalusia principal who can distribute the funds to the appropriate schools. Kelly will also find out what coat sizes the children require, and Deb will get this information to Beth Flickinger who will get the coats delivered. At this time, we must assume we have met this need unless we get more information from the source individual.
- **ITEN:** Deb received a very nice introductory letter from Mike Kuhn, Director of ITEN. He listed his historical progress with ITEN and where the ministry is today. Deb asked to be added to his newsletter distribution list and invited Mr. Kuhn to come visit if he is every in our area. We will continue to stay current with his needs.

New Business:

- **Youth Hope:** Deb will be working with Youth Hope this winter and will be in a better position to keep the committee updated on their needs and upcoming events in which we may participate.
- **Pregnancy Resources:** Kelly reports there are no current needs at this time but will keep us updated.
- **Jeff Lancaster:** Mic forwarded a very informative update from Jeff concerning the status of his ministry in Chicago. We will continue to keep Jeff in our prayers and ask God to strengthen him for the work he is committed to.
- **Scott B.....:** Scott will be visiting us in April 2024. The committee will plan a lunch for him so we may talk with him and learn more about his ministry and its needs. More information to come as we progress into 2024.

Deb closed the meeting in prayer

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28th, 2023, at 6:30pm.

A large, colorful, 3D-style graphic that reads "HAPPY NEW YEAR!". Each letter is a different color and has a shadow, giving it a festive, celebratory appearance.



ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS OF EDGINGTON EPC

The end of the year is rapidly approaching!

If you lead/head/chair any committee or group you need to have a report in the Annual Report. Please start working on it as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, or should need to see a copy of last year's report please contact Lisa in the office at 309-795-1713.

The Annual Congregational Meeting date is Sunday, January 28th.

Please be sure to join us for the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 28th, at approximately 12:30 (Following the Women's Ministry Soup Luncheon that will be held immediately after the worship service that morning).

This is a great opportunity to hear a summary of all the ministry and events that took place in the year 2023. Whether you are a member, regular attender, or just someone interested in more information on what Edgington EPC is all about, please come and join us as we revisit the past year and worship God for His hand and provision.

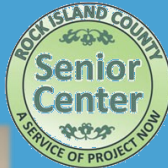
We look forward to seeing you there!



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

{get involved}
be the church

**PROUDLY SERVING
SENIORS SINCE 1968**



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.





Greetings!

Daniel has been attending YouthHope for two years, and his family is grateful for the programs, resources and support for all their kids! His tutor has a special spot in Daniel's heart, and this time at YouthHope is shaping who he will become. His future is so bright, and we can't wait to see what God has planned for his life!

You can help Daniel, and hundreds of kids like him, continue to have access to committed, positive, faith-based role models and mentors to ensure his future path is well established and lit by the Word of God!

Will you help kids like Daniel have a safe place to learn, read, eat, have fun, and grow their faith?

This past year, **316 low-income kids and teens** attended after-school programs with mentoring, tutoring, life-skills training, creative arts, educational support, and Bible studies! **365 at-risk youth** attended our week-long summer camp at Camp Summit! **9,900 individuals** have received food assistance at YouthHope's Food Pantry.

The demand and need is greater now more than ever, and many of our programs have a waitlist! We need your help to continue to encourage, equip, and empower at-risk youth and help bring youth HOPE in Christ!

Will you please prayerfully consider a generous year-end gift toward the **\$30,000 Matching Challenge** to continue reaching kids and teens through YouthHope? Your gift will be doubled thanks to a matching challenge from some generous donors! This is an amazing blessing and an incredible opportunity to double your impact!

We are so grateful for you! Thank you for your partnership and God Bless You!

Mark Drake, Executive Director

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YouthHope

We bring youth HOPE!



Merry
Christmas

For unto us is born this day in
the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.

-Luke 2:11

**Merry Christmas to you
and your loved ones!**

The faces on this card are just
a few of the many lives you
helped change forever!

Thank you for being a vital
partner in bringing youth HOPE!

Praying your new year is filled
with love, hope and joy!

With love from all of us at



Handwritten signatures:
Hannah Can, David, Kevin, Deanna, Jwille, Josiah Wilson, Samuel Niyonkura, Amina, Wheeler, DON SMITH, Evan Martinez, Mimi, Kaeden Jenkins, Michaela, Favour Noya, Kendall Hedrick, Ally Pierre-Chancy, and others.

Merry Christmas

from Pregnancy Resources!



Dear Edgington EPC,

As we prepare for Christmas, we are celebrating the pre-born lives that have been saved in 2023! Because of you, happy faces like the one above are experiencing the joy of their very first Christmas.

But not everyone feels like celebrating. Today, women and men in crisis will walk through the doors of Pregnancy Resources. Some have just discovered they are pregnant; others have known for a while and are still unsure what to do next. **The life of their pre-born child hangs in the balance.**

As we approach this holiday season, I need YOU TO HELP these moms and dads CHOOSE LIFE.

Earlier this summer “Maddie” came to Pregnancy Resources for a pregnancy test and ultrasound. Maddie left the center planning to continue her pregnancy and parent her child. Then just a few weeks ago, Maddie was back in the center, starting her 3rd trimester of pregnancy -- and planning to abort the following week. Her relationship had turned violent, her boyfriend was in jail, and Maddie was hopeless and overwhelmed. As Maddie met with a nurse for a follow-up ultrasound, **she felt safe, seen, and heard, and she re-discovered hope.** Maddie cancelled her abortion and is now considering adoption!

Today your Christmas or End-of Year gift to Pregnancy Resources will help other moms like Maddie choose life.

Together we can raise \$60,000 by December 31st, 2023 to provide uninterrupted ministry when life hangs in the balance.

You are a faithful supporter of the life-saving work. Today you can help another mom like Maddie choose life! **Help protect the pre-born** and send your BEST Christmas or End-of Year gift as soon as possible.

Your best gift – of any amount – will make a difference!

Trisha Wilson, Executive Director

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JEFFREY LANCASTER

Darkness: Distraction from or deep dive into Christmas Joy?

While living in another city several years ago, a couple a few doors down experienced a heartbreaking nightmare. Their dear sweet 29-year-old daughter, who loved and enriched the lives of many others, succumbed to suicide after a long bout with soul-shattering depression. This horror rocked their world. It rocked the worlds of all the neighbors on our street – we cherished this precious family and longed to help them wade through the deep waters of their grief. Many neighbors stepped up to serve by being present and grieving with them, taking them meals, running errands, and seeking to meet other practical needs.

After several months passed, we were entering the Christmas holiday season. I knew this would be an extra excruciating time for this family given it was one of the many firsts they would journey through without their beloved daughter. I wanted to find a way to reach out and let them know we were still celebrating their daughter's life, grieving her death, and hoping in Christ's resurrection reunion. We were still in their corner with our hearts leaning their way.

Over the course of my ministry, when families have lost children, it has been my custom to let some time pass and then give them a Nicholas Wolterstorff book entitled *Lament for a Son*. Wolterstorff lost his 25-year-old son in a tragic rock-climbing accident. This impactful book, characterized by profound honesty and vulnerability, narrates his journey through an intense period of lamentation and grief, akin to traversing a deep valley of emotional experiences. I've seen God use this treasure to help many grieving parents process the horrifying experience of the death of their child.

A few days before Christmas I walked over to this couple's house to give them this book. The wife greeted me at the door and seemed grateful for the gift. She and her husband were/are such gracious people and such exemplary neighbors. It was fascinating for me to see how she was able, amidst her grief, to point out how amazing the neighbors on our street had been in loving them. While plagued with gut-wrenching suffering, she was finding ways to be thankful for others.

I kept my visit brief and as I turned away to walk home, she said something that stopped me in my tracks. She warmly noted that she appreciated the gift, but she wanted to let me know that she and her husband didn't want us feeling sad for them at this time of year. They wanted all their neighbors to be free from sorrow so we could have a Merry Christmas. In some strange way, though they were experiencing the worst nightmare of their lives, they didn't want their grief to spoil the happy holidays for others. Now let me hasten to say that I was BLOWN AWAY by her and her husband's selflessness – they were always like that... always thinking of others. Always out to do random acts of kindness for people. I commended her for her generous expression of kindness. But... I also had to offer what I hoped and prayed would be a comforting rebuttal to her sentiment. I told her that I love the holiday season and all the merriment... no doubt about it. I'm a big fan of Christmas merriment as a cultural holiday. However, I also believe that we can easily misconstrue and therefore miss the truly enchanting nature of the Christmas story.

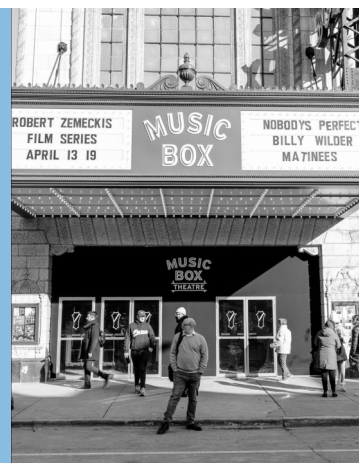
Dark times don't undermine the joy of Christmas. They accentuate the jubilation of this magical season.

Advent is about us practicing actively waiting on God to arrive... to show up amidst this world's sickness, suffering, sinfulness, injustice, darkness, and death. God's a "showing up" kind of God. He comes to pitch his tent slap dab in the middle of this fascinating and frustrating life adventure with us. He comes to be "God with us."

The rather famous Advent hymn, *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*, captures it well by targeting the cheerful news of the birth of God's son right at the bull's eye of our pain and sorrow.

*Come to earth to taste our sadness,
he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.*

Did you catch it? The hymn writer is insisting on the true nature of Christmas merriment. Here's "the everlasting wonder" – He's saying that this is the true magic of Christmas... this is what makes for holiday cheer. The Christ (The world's true King of Love and Hope. The one alone who makes all things new.) is born the Lord of all. This is the eternal Son of God –



"he whose glories knew no end." AND... what was the heartfelt job description which prompted the Son of God to be launched into this life with us? This is God in a Bod...and for what? He did it because he wanted to "taste our sadness" and through his deep-dive headlong plunge into our sadness he would go judo on it, reverse it and end up healing this broken world and our broken lives. He tastes our sadness to bring us gladness... as the old book says, he turns our mourning into laughter. He does this not by avoiding the darkness plunge but by embracing it.

Advent invites us to step into the story of the gospel. The whole light shining in the darkness experience. Like immersive theater (Tish Warren's description), where the audience participates in the play, during Advent, we join the people of Israel in their anticipation of the Messiah. As Tish Harrison Warren puts it in her wonderful book, *Advent: The Season of Hope*, "... we imaginatively enter into the confusion, longing, frustration, and sense of dreams deferred that the people of Israel felt year after year, generation after generation. We prepare for the joy of Christmas by waiting on the dark streets of Bethlehem, our eyes straining to glimpse the dawning of that everlasting light."

Christ entered into our pain and confusion. He walks those roads with us to redeem and restore the neighborhood he created in love and he set out to redeem in love. It is precisely because he's a God who arrives in the darkness to bring his everlasting light that we can journey through the darkness into the light and so that we can be instruments in this Redeemer's hands spreading his light and life to all around us. We do this knowing that there's a second advent coming where Christ will arrive in glory to make all things new. Here's Tish Harrison Warren (*Advent: The Season of Hope*) once again for the win:

"We celebrate that Jesus came in his incarnation and find comfort in how he comes to us in our daily lives, but all of our longings meet their end in Christ coming again, bringing healing, peace, joy, and an unimaginable wholeness in his wake. The final return of Christ is the undoing of cancer. It is the utter dismantling of white supremacy and racism. It is the delivery of justice for the victimized, for the weakest and most vulnerable whom the powerful have brutalized with seeming impunity. It is the regeneration of dead coral reefs. It is the end of global pandemics. It is the vindication of those falsely imprisoned. It is the weeping of children giving way to their eternal laughter. It is the death of death."

Back to the book, Nicholas Wolterstorff's *Lament for a Son*, I gave as a Christmas gift to our neighbors grieving the loss of their daughter. This is a beautiful quote filled with all kinds of Advent/Christmas themes:

"Rather often I am asked whether the grief remains as intense as when I wrote. The answer is, No. The wound is no longer raw. But it has not disappeared. That is as it should be. If he was worth loving, he is worth grieving over. Grief is existential testimony to the worth of the one loved. The worth abides.

So I own my grief. I do not try to put it behind me to get over it, to forget it. I do not try to dis-own it. If someone asks, "Who are you, tell me about yourself," I say – not immediately, but shortly – "I am one who lost a son." That loss determines my identity; not all of my identity, but much of it. It belongs within my story. I struggle indeed to go beyond merely owning my grief toward owning it redemptively. But I will not and cannot disown it. I shall remember Eric. Lament is a part of life.

A friend told me that he had given copies of *Lament* to all of his children. "Why did you do that?" I asked. "Because it is a love-song," he said. That took me aback. But Yes, it is a love-song. Every lament is a love-song.

Will love-songs one day no longer be laments?"

Advent and Christmas help us join the church through the ages in immersing ourselves in the powerful one-two punch of Lament and Love that the story of Christ's arrival provides us with. We are to own it, live it, walk it out, and share this glorious good news with the world. We can journey full of faith, hope, and love precisely because God sent his son into the darkness. He is a God "who lost a son" in order to bring many daughters and sons out of the darkness and into his marvelous light.

One day love-songs will no longer be laments! Hallelujah! Christ has come! Christ has lived! Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

As we celebrate this Advent and Christmas season, let us remember the true essence of these holidays - the arrival of Christ's hope and love amidst our darkness.

Your unwavering support, whether through prayer or financial contributions, has been vital in helping us spread this message in our Chicago community. As with most ministries and non-profits, **we REALLY need a good year-end giving push** to finish strong and to usher us into a new year of ministry. Please prayerfully consider donating if you can. **You can find other giving options on our website: www.chicago720vision.com**

Wishing You and Yours a Meaningful Advent and a Merry Christmas!

Sending much love your way from Chicago, Jeffrey

For safety reasons we are not linking the full report. If you would like to receive their regular updates via email, please contact the church office and Lisa will connect you with S & C to be added to their email list.

Happy December! Happy Advent and rejoicing in the birth of Jesus!

Last week (on Thanksgiving!) the market that is across the road from our home had a big Christmas light switch on event. We walk through the market everyday to take A..... to school, so she has been watching them add lights and Christmas trees in preparation, and was very excited to go see the lights. We got there in time for the countdown and a blast of fake snow as the (very bright) lights turned on. Then Elton John's *Step into Christmas* started blaring. Looking around, we were surrounded by Muslim market stall owners, and a mix of kids and parents, half of whom were also Muslim. I was struck again by how unique this area is- we are a minority here both in faith and in ethnicity, and most days we see more hijabs and halal food signs than anything else. Yet we also live in a secular western society, and our Muslim neighbors have adapted to it enough to be able to enjoy the fun and lights and free hot chocolate right alongside our secular atheistic neighbors. And, they are all missing the depth of significance that this is the celebration of God coming to live with us in order to save us! It is a challenge to speak truth here, because there are so many layers of belief and acceptance. But we have confidence in a God that did choose to come to earth to save us- and that fills us with joy in him and hope for those around us to hear and understand. Please rejoice with us and pray with us too.

A look at our December! We have extra events for Christmas and we also have the everyday events of normal... and then we have a break for the holidays.

We'll start the month slowly, with normal things like S.... doing ESOL one-to-one lessons, spending Mondays and Tuesdays in the bookshop talking to those who stop by, or having planned meetings to discuss faith, and book table on Friday afternoon. We also have a staff meeting every Wednesday and Asha services on Sunday afternoon. C.....has a couple slower planning days on Mondays and Tuesdays that will be spent on safeguarding training, and then lunch clubs on Thursday and Friday, art drop in, and girl's club.

December 6th, 12th, and 20th, and potentially the 11th and 13th as well, C..... will be assisting an organization called Crossteach with assemblies for area schools. Crossteach focuses on partnering with local churches to reach local schools with the truth about Jesus. Religion is taught in schools here, but not always accurately, so Crossteach offers to run assemblies at Christmas and Easter to explain Christian beliefs- they are fun, engaging, and accurate. These are also a way for local churches to be present and involved in the community in a positive way.

December 10th we will invite our Asha family and guests to a nativity play at a local farm- we are hoping this will be a way to get families involved and also a fun way to talk about the story of Christmas, as we walk through the farm. December 17th is our Asha Christmas service. Events at the holidays are popular here, and usually bring a larger crowd. This will have a meal after and some acting of the Christmas story during the service.

December 22nd will be a girl's club Christmas dinner and talk about Christmas. We will put on a full dinner for them, and are also asking the graduated girls to come back and help cook- hoping for good times of conversation.

Then we will have a couple weeks off while the kids will be on holiday from school!

We are currently at around 97% of our needed monthly support, and we are very grateful to all of our supporters! You are all amazing and we are very grateful for how God is using you to help share Him with SE Asians here in L.....! Some of our support does come from year end gifts and one time gifts, both of which help boost those monthly numbers. If you are considering a year end gift, we do ask that you pray about that and talk to us if you have questions. You can contact us by email or Whatsapp, or check out our giving pages at either S.... or WO. And thank you for your part in reaching out with God's love here in E... L.....

With love,

S, C, and family

EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report November 2023

		Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General Fund	\$ 94,250.33	\$ 19,877.98	\$ 13,313.64	\$ 100,814.67
Education Fund (Jahn)	\$ 9,684.64	\$ 104.22	\$ 500.00	\$ 9,288.86
Building Fund	\$ 132,805.92	\$ 707.73	\$ 38,333.70	\$ 95,179.95

November 2023 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - November 2023

Pledges	19,357.61
Interest Income - General Fund	12.37
Per Member Asking	483.00
Basement Rent	25.00

\$ 19,877.98 \$

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Expenditures - November 2023

Administrative

\$ 5,327.61

ABS (copier rental)		40.0%
AT&T - Phone for elevator	132.73	
Cemetery Upkeep		
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	239.49	
Crawford Company	1,425.00	
Insurance		
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	589.86	
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	871.63	
MidAmerican Energy	615.00	
Millenium Waste	58.71	
Office Supplies	105.76	
Repairs & Maintenance - general	1,062.14	
ReyTel - Internet	119.94	
Shipping/Postage	3.92	
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	103.43	

Discipleship (Internal)

\$ 7,936.03

Continuing Education	306.72	59.6%
Deacon Expense	136.00	
EPC General Assembly		
EPC (health)	26.48	
Events		
Fidelity (pension)	960.89	
Flowers	(420.00)	
Housing Allowance	4,227.04	
Meals	58.17	
Mileage	49.78	
Pastor Salary	2,125.28	
Presbytery Expense		
Pulpit Supply		
Resource Materials		
Sunday School	465.67	
Uncategorized		

Mission (external)

\$ 50.00

Mission - International		0.4%
Mission - US		
Mission - Local	50.00	

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 13,313.64 \$
100.0%

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NET OPERATING INCOME

\$ 6,564.34

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund of \$13,330.73 and Assistance Fund of \$5,153.46

GET YOUR JANUARY COPY OF
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL

TableTalk devotionals should be arriving some time the first week of this month. Sorry for the delay!

LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

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

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

1.7 - BOARD GAMES/SPOONS
1.14 - GARGONS
1.21 - EGG DROP EXPERIMENT
1.28 - SLEDDING (REPLACEMENT
TO BE DETERMINED)

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS
CADE REIMERS FOR MORE INFO
309.373.2488



Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

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

ALL submissions for the February 2024 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER**

than Wednesday, January 17th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

Newsletter

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!



FOOT CLINIC

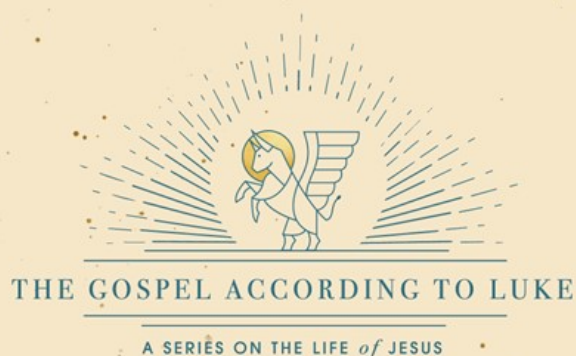
Next Clinic: Monday, January 15th starting at 9am

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

Pastor Zach will return to The Gospel According to Luke series January 7th.

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.

2024 IS A GREAT TIME TO START FRESH IN GOD'S WORD!

Each year Pastor Zach provides a new reading plan to help equip you to spend time reading through God's Word. This year he has chosen a plan with Navigators.

The *Navigators Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan* takes you through the entire Bible in one year, providing two readings for each day.

The first reading alternates between Old and New Testament books with the Gospels spread throughout the year. The second reading takes you through a chapter of the wisdom literature and Isaiah.

You can begin at any point of the year.

Each month consists of twenty-five readings. You'll have a few extra days each month to meditate more deeply on something that was significant to you in the past week, to catch up on missed readings, or to revisit favorite passages.

If reading through the entire Bible in one year looms as too large a task, you can alter the plan to meet your needs. For example, you could read the first reading this year and the second reading next year.

In the year ahead, ask God each day to speak directly to you from the Scripture portions you read. Be expectant, and let your continual exposure to God's Word reshape your attitudes and behavior as you gain a better understanding of every part of His written testimony to us.



Click on the image for the digital link or see the next 2 pages .



Navigators Discipleship Tool



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THIS TOOL IS MEANT TO BE SHARED.
Download the *Navigators Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan*
at navlink.org/book-at-a-time

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Month 10

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Month 1		
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3. □ 6-9	□ 3	
4. □ 10-11	□ 4	
5. □ 12-14	□ 5	
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9. □ 24-26	□ 9	
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14. □ 40-42	□ 14	
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16. □ 47-50	□ 16	
MARK		
17. □ 1-3	□ 17	
18. □ 4-6	□ 18:1-24	
19. □ 7-9	□ 18:25-50	
20. □ 10-12	□ 19	
21. □ 13-16	□ 20	
EXODUS		
22. □ 1-4	□ 21	
23. □ 5-8	□ 22:1-11	
24. □ 9-11	□ 22:12-31	
25. □ 12-14	□ 23	

Month 2		
EXODUS	PROVERBS	
1. □ 15-17	□ 1	
2. □ 18-20	□ 2	
3. □ 21-24	□ 3	
4. □ 25-27	□ 4	
5. □ 28-31	□ 5	
6. □ 32-34	□ 6	
7. □ 35-37	□ 7	
8. □ 38-40	□ 8	
ACTS		
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10. □ 4-6	□ 10:1-16	
11. □ 7-9	□ 10:17-32	
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13. □ 13-15	□ 11:16-31	
14. □ 16-18	□ 12:1-14	
15. □ 19-21	□ 12:15-28	
16. □ 22-25	□ 13:1-12	
17. □ 26-28	□ 13:13-25	
LEVITICUS		
18. □ 1-4	□ 14:1-18	
19. □ 5-8	□ 14:19-35	
20. □ 9-11	□ 15:1-17	
21. □ 12-14	□ 15:18-33	
22. □ 15-18	□ 16:1-16	
23. □ 19-21	□ 16:17-33	
24. □ 22-24	□ 17:1-14	
25. □ 25-27	□ 17:15-28	

Month 5		
JUDGES	PROVERBS	
1. □ 13-15	□ 18	
2. □ 16-18	□ 19:1-14	
3. □ 19-21	□ 19:15-29	
ROMANS		
4. □ 1-3	□ 20:1-15	
5. □ 4-5	□ 20:16-30	
6. □ 6-8	□ 21:1-16	
7. □ 9-11	□ 21:17-31	
8. □ 12-13	□ 22:1-16	
9. □ 14-16	□ 22:17-29	
10. □ RUTH 1-4	□ 23:1-18	
EPHESIANS		
11. □ 1-3	□ 23:19-35	
12. □ 4-6	□ 24:1-22	
1 SAMUEL		
13. □ 1-3	□ 24:23-34	
14. □ 4-6	□ 25:1-14	
15. □ 7-9	□ 25:15-28	
16. □ 10-12	□ 26:1-16	
17. □ 13-15	□ 26:17-28	
18. □ 16-19	□ 27:1-14	
19. □ 20-22	□ 27:15-27	
20. □ 23-25	□ 28:1-14	
21. □ 26-28	□ 28:15-28	
22. □ 29-31	□ 29:1-14	
23. □ PHIL. 1-4	□ 29:15-27	
2 SAMUEL		
24. □ 1-3	□ 30	
25. □ 4-7	□ 31	

Month 6		
2 SAMUEL	PSALMS	
1. □ 8-10	□ 72	
2. □ 11-13	□ 73	
3. □ 14-17	□ 74	
4. □ 18-20	□ 75	
5. □ 21-24	□ 76	
6. □ COL. 1-4	□ 77	
1 KINGS		
7. □ 1-3	□ 78:1-39	
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13. □ 20-22	□ 83	
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2 KINGS		
16. □ 1-4	□ 86	
17. □ 5-7	□ 87	
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22. □ 22-25	□ 91	
LUKE		
23. □ 1-3	□ 92	
24. □ 4-6	□ 93	
25. □ 7-9	□ 94	

Month 3		
HEBREWS	PSALMS	
1. □ 1-3	□ 24	
2. □ 4-6	□ 25	
3. □ 7-10	□ 26	
4. □ 11-13	□ 27	
NUMBERS		
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12. □ 25-27	□ 35	
13. □ 28-30	□ 36	
14. □ 31-33	□ 37:1-22	
15. □ 34-36	□ 37:23-40	
GALATIANS		
16. □ 1-3	□ 38	
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DEUTERONOMY		
18. □ 1-4	□ 40	
19. □ 5-7	□ 41	
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23. □ 17-19	□ 45	
24. □ 20-22	□ 46	
25. □ 23-26	□ 47	

Month 4		
DEUTERONOMY	PSALMS	
1. □ 27-30	□ 48	
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JAMES		
3. □ 1-2	□ 50	
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JOSHUA		
5. □ 1-3	□ 52	
6. □ 4-6	□ 53	
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MATTHEW		
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25. □ 10-12	□ 71	

Month 7		
LUKE	ECCLIESIASTES	
1. □ 10-12	□ 1	
2. □ 13-15	□ 2	
3. □ 16-18	□ 3	
4. □ 19-21	□ 4	
5. □ 22-24	□ 5	
AMOS		
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7. □ 4-6	□ 7	
8. □ 7-9	□ 8	
1 CHRONICLES		
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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.



A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES:

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Adult Sunday School Winter 2024

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



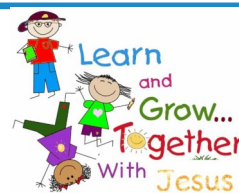
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SOUP LUNCHEON/FUNDRAISER

Sunday, January 28th,
Immediately following the worship service

The Women's Ministry will provide soup luncheon before congregational meeting. There will be a variety of homemade soups to choose from and all available for a freewill donation.

The Women's Ministry does much work and support behind the scenes for the church, so please stay and support them while filling your bellies with some warm, comfort food!



Have any of you happened to notice that there are lots of buttons missing from the cushions on the pews in the sanctuary...? Well, Teresa Balmer did and another little church mouse told me that she has taken it upon herself to go about repairing and replacing them.

THANK YOU, TERESA!!!



QUILTING

Thursday, January 18th, 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!

HELP NEEDED – MEN TOO!

The small storage room located between the janitor's closet and lounge, just behind the kitchen, has become a general "catch all" area and is in need of cleaning and organizing.

Darcy Krueger and Pam Pithan would like to get a small group of people together to work on emptying the shelves, wiping them down, and then organizing what should go back on the shelves, and getting rid of what shouldn't - either by finding its owner or throwing it out.

If you have anything stored in that room and/or if you would be willing to help clean it, please reach out to one of them. They need at least one person that is willing to get on a ladder or taller stepstool for the top shelves.

Darcy - 300-798-2198 or Pam - 309-798-2926





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