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Dear Friends,

I wanted to use the opportunity of the August Newsletter to share about the upcoming plan for Christian Education in the fall. Even though I am primarily sharing about the plans for the Adult Sunday School class, I don't want to miss the chance to encourage participation in all ages of our Christian Education ministry. For our Pre-Kindergarten through High School classes, the one-room model will wrap up at the end of the summer and that means September 8th will be our return to a regular schedule. There is an age-specific class for your child, grandchild, niece, or nephew, so let me encourage you to make a renewed commitment to helping them attend. We are especially excited that after several years of service (thank you, Brandee Neece!) the High School class will be taught by Nathan and Lyndsey Flickinger. They will join the group of our faithful and dedicated teachers - Hillary Terrill, Kortney Geirlus, Beth Flickinger, Katie Pearson, Kathy Stegmiller, and Tara Johnson, who are ably led by our Children's Ministry Director, Rachel Johnson. It is an exciting time to be a part of our Christian Education ministry!

The adult Sunday School classes will also be resuming a regular schedule on September 8th. First, I want to thank the Elders who have been covering the summer classes which have been focused on discussion and fellowship. Second, I would like to introduce the topic for our fall class as a means of encouraging our regular folks to return, and also to encourage you, if you think Sunday School is not for you for one reason or another, that this will be a great time to join with us.

“Christian Anthropology” will be our topic this fall. So, what is that? Christian Anthropology is the study of humanity from a biblical perspective, exploring what it means to be human in light of God's creation, redemption, and purpose. This field delves into questions about the nature of human beings, our relationship with God and others, and the impact of sin and grace on our lives. In a world increasingly grappling with issues of identity, purpose, and morality, understanding Christian anthropology is crucial. It provides a foundation for discussing topics like dignity of human life, gender, and race through the lens of a biblical worldview. The format of our class will be a combination of teaching and table discussion followed by a summary with prayer.

I'd like to warmly encourage all of us to engage with the opportunities for growth offered in our Christian Education ministry. As we near the transition of summer to fall, I look forward to another season of ministry with you all.

Your Pastor & Friend,

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 Mic Penry
 Patrick Shovar
 Todd Stegmiller

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 Phil Fuhr
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 Colby Mueller
 Cindy Oak
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 - Wyatt Maxwell | 12 - Mary Kennedy | 29 - Travis Ryser |
| 1 - Matthew Youck | 12 - Michelle Krueger | 29 - JR Thomas |
| 2 - Kent Johnson | 12 - Emma Pearson | 30 - Jim Mueller |
| 2 - Logan Schelker | 14 - Tina Dochtery | 31 - Cassie Fuhr |
| 3 - Emily Flickinger | 14 - Dewey Flemming | 31 - Jimmy Johnson |
| 3 - Steve Thompson | 16 - Jackson Parchert | |
| 4 - Norman Dunlap | 19 - Edna Bingman | |
| 4 - Hadley Weinert | 20 - Joydene Koresko | |
| 5 - Dana Johnson | 20 - Larry Pithan | |
| 5 - Andrew Pearson | 22 - Grace Gierlus | |
| 6 - William Emery | 24 - Cade Fuhr | |
| 6 - Todd Stegmiller | 24 - Zach Krueger | |
| 7 - Richard Landi | 26 - Tracy Bayne | |
| 9 - Ryan Koresko | 26 - Joyce O'Hare | |
| 9 - Stephanie Rursch | 28 - Josh Adams | |
| 10 - Kim Freyermuth | 29 - Amanda Fuhr | |



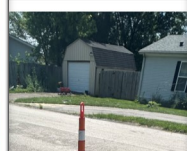
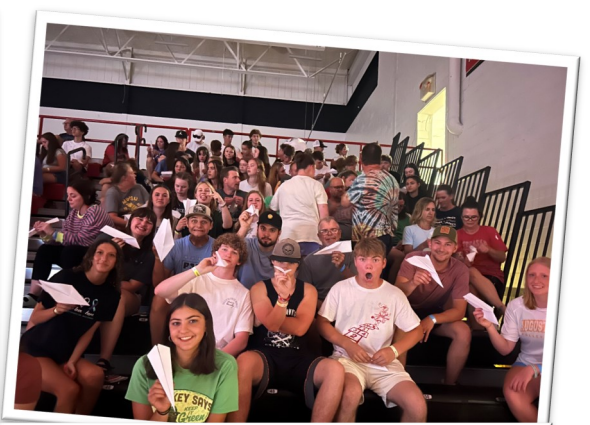
GREETERS FOR AUGUST

Sunday, August 4th - Brandee & Caroline Neece
 Sunday, August 11th - Nancy Engstrom
 Sunday, August 18th - Dorothy & Jason Rursch
 Sunday, August 25th - Tom & Connie Huntley

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

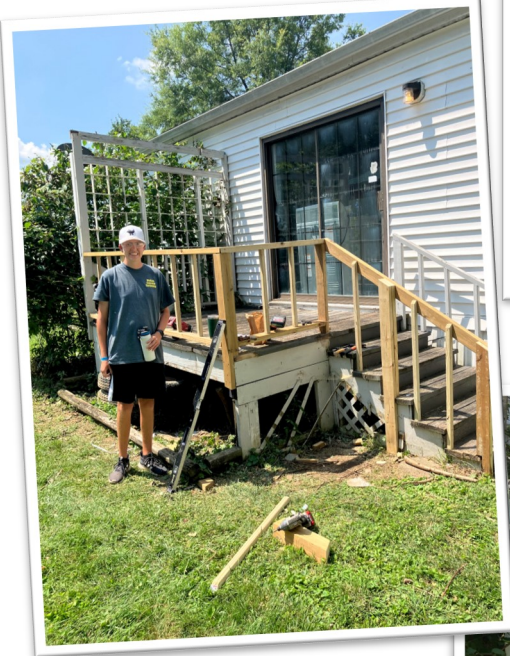
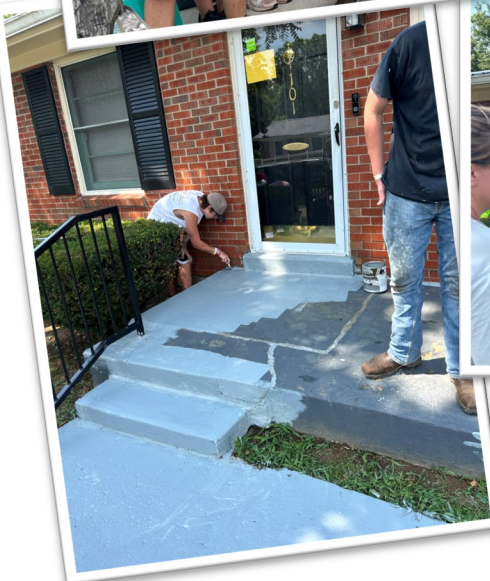
- 1 - Chris & Clarissa Stark
 2 - Shawn & Tina Docherty
 7 - Donald & Michelle Krueger
 13 - Phil & Tracy Bayne
 13 - Tom & Connie Huntley
 17 - Phil & Dana Fuhr
 23 - Mel & Pat Block
 23 - Larry & Ione Hesch
 23 - Nathan & Amy Oak
 24 - Steve & Teresa Morrison





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GROUP
MISSION TRIPS™



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June 25, 2024, at 7pm

Location: Church Basement

Present: TE Zach Hopkins and REs Jim Mueller, Mic Penry, Todd Stegmiller, and Keith Wilson. Absent (Excused) Patrick Shovar. A quorum is present.

Pastor Zach will act as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and read from Jeremiah 31: 31-34 and 1Peter 1:10-12. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation. The Session reviewed and discussed Chapter 8 of *Strange New World*, by Carl R. Trueman.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the May 28th, 2024, Session Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Correspondence: None

Zach's Report: Zach reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. During June, he conducted three office visits. He met with the adult leaders of the upcoming Youth Mission Trip. He also met with the RLP CC, met four times with the EPC Permanent Judicial Committee, and attended the 44th EPC General Assembly.

Old Business:

- The Session continued discussion on planning for a Sabbatical for Zach and decided to have a Called meeting on July 17th dedicated to this topic. The time and location are to be determined.
- Todd and Keith reported on plans for the Adult Sunday School summer schedule. The month of July will consist of small group discussions and in August the class will be led by different individuals with teachers to be determined. This schedule allows Zach time to spend in other classrooms and visiting with congregants prior to worship. Zach will resume teaching in the fall with lessons on Biblical Anthropology.
- The Session reviewed the preaching schedule for June and July. Session appreciated the preaching of Rev. Dr. George Salnave on June 23rd. On July 14th, Rev. Jeffrey Lancaster will preach during Zach's vacation, and on July 21st, Mr. Jeff Durham (candidate for a Dubuque church) will preach, with Zach present.
- Zach presented a document that summarized his plan and materials for conducting a Preaching Lab. The purpose of this lab would be to hold meetings for volunteers who would be willing to preach in the future. He would coach each volunteer on the creation and delivering of one or two sermons in a group setting over the course of a few months. Session members were encouraged to seek out individuals that would be interested to participating. The lab will kick off this coming fall.

New Business:

- Zach gave an overview of Session Membership terms:
- REs Keith and Patrick are serving their sixth year and would be taking their Sabbatical year in 2025.
- RE Kevin Oak desires to return in 2025
- The Session should be considering prospective Ruling Elders for future service.
- Zach gave a report on the EPC 44th General Assembly
- Next Communion will be held July 7th, 2024. The next Called Session meeting is July 17th, 2024, and Stated Meeting is August 27th. The Session will discuss Chapter 9 of *Strange New World*, by Carl R. Trueman at that time.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session



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

As of this publication date, August 11th, 25th, & September 1st still need helpers.

Any questions contact Rachel Johnson at 309-269-5386 ~ Thank you!

NEED A HAND OR ENCOURAGEMENT? ASK A DEACON!

The Deacons' charge is to care for the church body. You may already know that we provide delicious treats to celebrate new members, collect coats for those in need, and organize blood drives. But did you now that we are ready to serve in other ways, too?

Here are some of the ways a Deacon can help out:

- Visit shut-ins (including those who are temporarily unable to make it to worship) to provide cheer and recordings of the sermon.
- Deliver meals to those who are injured, ill, or have experienced a loss
- Visit widows(ers) to comfort and provide company.
- Send cards to recognize milestone birthdays and anniversaries, and express condolences
- Organize transportation to doctor's appointments (please give advance notice)

Please, if you or someone you know could benefit in one of these areas, please let a Deacon know right away. We try to anticipate needs, but we are only human, and need help with knowing needs!

The 2024 Deacon team includes: Jim & Teresa Balmer,
Marlin & Darcy Krueger, Dorothy Rursch, & Teresa Weber.



June 23, 2024

Attendees: Jim and Teresa Balmer, Marlin and Darcy Krueger, Dorothy Rursch, and Teresa Weber. Dorothy opened the meeting with prayer and read the Bible passage from Proverbs 4:18.

April 21st, 2024 meeting minutes were read. Eight May baskets were needed and nine were ordered instead of ten as noted in the minutes. Motion was made to approve the minutes as updated and seconded.

May - Jun Activities: 25 calls/visits/cards to shut-ins
31 additional calls/visits/cards - 0 baby, 0 baptism, 8 anniversary, 2 get well, 2 sympathy, 11 birthday, 8 thinking of you

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:

- Adult Communicant's reception was attended by a small group. May baskets were used as centerpieces and this worked out good.
- No updates were made regarding the addition of new Deacons.

New Business:

- Reached out to family of a previous member and contact will be made with the member.
- Question was brought up whether we need a session representative present in Pat's absence.
- Fall Blood Drive: The date has been set for September 14th, 2024. The date was pushed back a week because of the Walk for Life. Deacons volunteered to work shifts and arrangements were made for refreshments.
- Spring Blood Drive: Tentative date has been set for March 1st, 2025.
- Fall Coat Drive: The coat drive will now be led by the Mission Committee. Deacons will offer guidance if requested.

Motion was made to adjourn and seconded.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 25th at 11:30am.

Dorothy closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Weber



FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Monday, August 19th,
beginning 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.

June 18, 2024

The Mission Committee met on June 18th, 2024 at 6:30pm in the conference room. Those attending were: Nancy Engstrom, Jim and Bailey Johnson, Eric and Kelly Moel, Cassie Fuhr, Todd Stegmiller, and Deb Wagamon.

Deb opened the meeting in prayer.

Old Business:

- **Minutes:** No meeting last month
- **Review ministry updates** – newsletter & mail
- **Scott Burdsall Visit:** Discuss with team, how the visit went and any take aways.
- **Pregnancy Resources:** Baby Bottle campaign has ended. We need to ensure any stray bottles make it back to Moline campus.

New Business:

- **2nd Quarter Commitments:** Vote and approve payments

2024 Mission Commitments	Amount Committed
World Outreach (Burdsall)	\$ 2,125.00
World Outreach ITEN (Anderson)	\$ 2,125.00
World outreach ITEM (Kuhn)	\$ 2,125.00
World Outreach (Huber)	\$ 1,050.00
Youth Hope	\$ 2,312.00
Pregnancy Resources	\$ 812.00
	\$10,549.00

- **Rockridge School supplies:** The team is beginning to shop for Rockridge school supplies. We will obtain another listing from Brandee and have the supplies ready to donate before the start of school in August.
- **Youth Hope:** Has requested help with their summer camp. We are looking for volunteers to help out with serving food and other functions.
- **Kuhn Mission Trip:** We need to be in prayer that the materials Mike left in Kazakhstan will be utilized and bring many to Christ.
- **Ed and Nan McCallum:** Prayers for their future mission needs both spiritually and financially.
- **Scott and Colleen Burdsall:** Prayers for Scott's safe return and prayers that their permanent visa request will be approved.
- **Saul and Jesse Huber:** Several trips coming up to Asia and Memphis and they are needing \$6,000 to cover travel costs. The mission team voted to supply \$1,000 to their travel fund.
- **New Members:** Lori Meier will join the team in January 2025 and will begin attending some meetings to get to know the team before end of year. We also have another volunteer who will be named later. This should give a full team in January 2025.

Next meeting – July 16th, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Jim closed the meeting in prayer.



290 kids and teens have attended Camp Summit this summer, and they have been soaking up the camp theme found in Exodus 34:6 - God is Abounding in Love, Faithful and True, Gracious and Merciful, and Slow to Anger.

I have experienced YouthHope’s mission in real time at Camp Summit! The message I shared Thursday of Week 3 was “God is Abounding in Steadfast Love” taught the girls that God’s love for them is never-ending and overflowing and fills them with HOPE!

Jabari Jackson, Director of Outreach, and Kevin Perrine, Director of Operations, hold a high standard during their weeks at camp. Jabari, Kevin, and the staff are setting Godly examples for these young men and women. Staff use skits, worship, Bible study, messages, and small groups to give daily applications that grab kids’ attention, make the campers laugh, and are definitely memorable...

As I onboard and learn the ins-and-outs of being Executive Director, sharing with campers how much God loves them, directly highlights what our core mission is all about: sharing God’s love with kids! Investing in an authentic relationship with kids brings them to an authentic relationship with Jesus.

Speaking words of God’s love into the kids’ lives is special, especially when they may not hear words of life spoken over them often. Our camp staff go above and beyond from early morning to late evenings serving the kids, having fun, and sharing Jesus. Kids are experiencing deep joy as they learn about who God is and how they can accept His abounding love for them.

Thank you for helping send kids and teens to Camp Summit this summer! Campers are receiving salvation and growing in their walk with God. You have made an eternal investment!

Esther Joy King, Incoming Executive Director

P.S. Mark Drake is still the acting Executive Director until this November. Please Save-the-Date for November 3rd for Mark’s Retirement Open House at the Moline Youth Center!

To read the entire July 2024 report, click [HERE](#).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**After School - 1 Hour Once/Week
in Elementary School Locations**

**Saturdays - Teen Night (3 Hours)
Lots of Basketball!**

**Food Pantry - Once/Month
Help feed the hungry & break chains**

**Lunch Hour Mentoring - Once/Month with
School Partners**

Help Make a Difference as a YouthHope Volunteer!

YouthHope will train, equip, & empower you to change a child’s life?

**Want to help but not sure how? Let’s talk!
Please call us for more info! 309-762-4577**

If God is prompting you to get involved, we have a place for you at YouthHope.
You will make an impact!

LONG AWAITED CHURCH LINK UPDATE!

This year is flying by faster than we realized! Within our culture and our states things are constantly changing. Pregnancy Resources is able to be a beacon of steady enduring hope because of you.



Because of you, true hope through the Gospel is offered when the time is right to clients like Nichole*. Nichole was very nervous about her pregnancy. Her stress showed physically as her shoulders were hunched and tense. During her pregnancy test appointment, Nichole learned about her options, and a small window opened for the client advocate to share the Hope of Jesus. The advocate shared that God's people cared for Nichole and the little one she carried and how our Heavenly Father cares for them. Nichole's stress melted out of her body as she read the Father's Love Letter, a simple sheet of paper with scripture about how God the Father would like to have a relationship with her. Nichole has much to consider, and right now you are walking with her, giving her Hope for the future.



*Name changed for confidentiality

You have equipped us to provide HOPE to moms and dads in the Quad Cities! Thank You!

In the last 6 months:

- * 1156 Clients have come through our doors!
- * 114 Babies were born! (that we know of!)
 - * 501 Classes were taken!
 - * 385 Pregnancy Tests were done!
 - * 364 Ultrasounds were done!
- * 285 Men came with their partners to appointments!
 - * 79 Car Seats were given out!
 - * 23,328 Diapers were given out!
- * 132 New Baby Gift Bags were given to expecting Moms!

Walk for Life 2024

Saturday, September 7th, 2024

Ben Butterworth Park – East Shelter
5420 Old River Dr., Moline, IL 61265
(55th St. and Old River Dr.)



Join others for the two-mile family-friendly Walk along the Mississippi River, listen to live acoustic music, and have a treat with us provided by Whitey's. (Yum!)

PLUS, Walking for Life is always better with friends! Bring a new friend (18 years +) to the Walk, and you and the friend will receive a special gift from Pregnancy Resources. (*While supplies last)*



PRC 101 Volunteer Training

October 15-17, 2024 (Morning or Evening)

Morning Trainings are from 8:45am to 12:15pm & Evening Trainings are from 5:30pm to 9pm.

Now only 3 days, our volunteer training is required for volunteers who want to work directly with the women and men we help. Training covers helping skills, fetal development, adoption, abortion procedures and risks, ministry goals, and Biblical training on the sanctity of human life.

Want to register? Sign up online, [Register Here!](#)

Need more info? Contact Maia @ 563-386-3737 or Maia@qcpregnancy.org

HE CALLED ME "THE MAYOR OF WEWORK"

Hi Friends,



Since I last wrote in April, there's been a lot of ministry action going on.

Between mid-April and the first of June, Cathy and I hosted two happy hour events at my WeWork office space. These allowed me to start increasing some momentum for my Chicago Work Life Community Chaplain ministry initiative (<https://www.chicagoworklifechaplain.com>). It seems the Lord used these events to help me begin building greater goodwill with the crowd that shares co-working space at WeWork. I had one of the building managers tell me he thought I was now the mayor of WeWork. The Lord is using these efforts to help me slowly, but surely, establish an identity in this office space. Please **pray** people will begin setting up times to meet with me as a chaplain.

In addition to the Happy Hour gatherings, we invited the WeWork leadership to our house one evening for a smoked salmon dinner. In case you aren't aware, my smoked salmon recipe is some of my secret sauce in the ministry. There's something about table fellowship that the Lord of the Harvest has used down through the ages to display His hospitable heart for humanity through His people's willingness to invite others to share life with them. I can't help but add that the way Cathy decorates our home and makes dinners we host into such magical occasions has a way of ministering God's life-giving kindness and God's colorful being to our guests. Her touch provides another powerful doorway experience into the knowledge of God. One young woman came to the dinner along with her live-in boyfriend. She grew up in the church, but seems to have moved away from the faith. It's been so sweet to see how she has really warmed to our friendship and has been our most faithful helper in getting the word out to promote our events. God is at work!

In this same 7 week-ish time period from late April till early June, Cathy and I hosted 2 felt-need seminar lunches at my WeWork office. We had twelve attendees at the first one and five at the second one. Again, we're plugging away at establishing identity and trying to begin speaking the truths of Christ into the lives of a very unchurched crowd of people. I'm taking a break from WeWork events in July and August. It takes a lot to pull off these gatherings and I don't want to come on too strong. I'm praying for the Spirit to build people's interest in my corporate chaplaincy work. As I've shared in the past, this effort is one key strategy component in a longer-term vision to get a church-planting-church established in Chicago.

I'm thrilled to announce that a few people have shown interest in participating in a Bible study with me and Cathy. From July 17th - August 28th we will be hosting dinner/Bible study gatherings at our house each Wednesday evening. I'm calling these "What's Your Story?" Dinners (see flyer below). We will seek to answer the huge question: "What's the story of the world of which the story of your life is a part?" Or, another way of asking it is: "What's the story in which you are living?" To help us all wrestle with this question, I'm asserting that the story of the world of which the story of our lives is a part is contained, in a nutshell form, in Genesis 1-3. **Pray** for these gatherings. **Pray** for the Lord to vividly communicate His hospitable heart and the life of Jesus' kingdom as we share food and drink table fellowship together each evening. **Pray** for the Holy Spirit to animate our time as we dive into Genesis 1-3 and behold the great story of the mission of God in the world.

Here's how I would summarize God's vision for us and His creation: Humans are created/redeemed to join God's mission to (re)build His garden-like-city neighborhood temple through Christ.

There are a lot of riches to unpack in this rich portion of scripture. I think telling the story of God's big, glorious game plan for the world scratches where humans are itching and answers the big life questions that are always percolating below the surface in every human heart. **Pray** that these dinner/Bible studies would serve as our efforts at building an altar on which the Holy Spirit could send down the fire of God's glory and reveal the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Christ Jesus. **Pray** that each of these evenings God would make Himself large and unmistakable - too big to miss.

These won't be big crowds... probably 4-10 people each week. **Pray** that this day of small things would be the occasion for the Lord to continue to build something special in a mustard seed kind of way. **Pray** that these studies, along with my chaplain work and our networking ministry over the years, would be the seedbed out of which a church plant might sprout one day.

I need a big uptick in my support raising.

I would appreciate all of you who are sharing in this mission through your prayers and encouragement would consider either continuing in financial support of this kingdom endeavor or for some, perhaps God will lead you to come aboard in financially supporting this long-term mission. It's a long obedience in the same direction effort. We need people to stay with us if you can. And we're praying for some fresh supply line of givers to feel called to help buttress our work.

Here are some specific ways you could financially contribute to this mission.

You can:

- Sponsor our ministry relations budget – On average Cathy and I are sharing dinner out or dinner in our home with people or attending events with people 3-4 nights a week. I average about 4 lunches a week with people. \$1,100/month. \$13,200 annually.
- Sponsor WeWork office rental space - \$250/month. \$3,000 annually.
- Sponsor my part-time executive assistant \$800/month - \$9,600 annually.
- Sponsor our diaconal fund - \$5,000/year.
- Sponsor Chicago Work Life Community Chaplain WeWork Happy Hours (every other month) - \$1,500 an event = \$9,000 annually.
- Sponsor Chicago Work Life Community Chaplain “Life’s Gonna Life” outreach lunch seminars at WeWork – 9 seminars a year. \$450 an event. \$4,050 annually.
- Sponsor our missions giving in Chicago - \$5,000/year.
- Sponsor our “What’s Your Story” Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible Study Gatherings – Four 7-week studies a year. \$300 a gathering. \$2,100 for each 7 weeks. \$8,400 annually.
- Sponsor Holiday Parties and Group Dinner Nights at our home - \$5,000 annually.
- These are just some of the ways you can help support our mission. Additionally, there are my salary, housing, and benefits along with office supplies, discipleship resources, website and technology, etc. expenses.

I hold these words from Isaiah 43 near and dear to my heart:

Isaiah 43:19

[19] Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert. (ESV)

Pray for God to keep doing new things and to give me and Cathy the grace to see with spiritual eyes what He's up to and to follow Him filled with faith, hope, and love through Christ.

Sending much love your way from Chicago,

Jeffrey



Happy July! Happy Independence day (soon)! There is an election here on July 4th, which means A..... is off school because her school is a voting place. She thinks that is pretty good timing!

Some recent encouraging things at Asha that you can praise God for with us:

- A couple Sundays ago was Eid al adha and we were wondering if anyone would come to Asha at all. Many of our guests come regularly, but haven't made any decisions to change their beliefs, and this is a big celebration day in Islam...but people did come! Including one whole family, even the dad!
- The week after, we had a few of our plant team away, and a good number of guests. After the service one teammate noted that we had more Sylhetis than non-Sylhetis in the building that day!
- This week I was talking with one of our regular Asha guests and she was bringing up the things discussed the previous Sunday in the scripture we had studied. It was great that she remembered so well and was still thinking about it.

These aren't huge things, but they are exciting steps in an area that is hard and quite slow to change. **Please continue in prayer for God to be at work.**

We have also been reading about and seeing the pictures of the horrible flooding in our previous home of NW Iowa. We are praying for you all as you clean up and sort through so much damage and destruction.

Our next update will be in September. We will be travelling to the US this summer as a family, for a very short home assignment (fit in around the school schedule).

Some updates and prayer requests:

Our Indefinite Leave to Remain application was approved!! We are very happy and relieved. It is a **huge praise!** This will enable us to stay here long term and without needing to deal with temporary visas anymore.

We had the last girl's club at the end of June. It was sad to see it close, but hopefully we ended well and gave the girls a good send off. **Pray** that the years they have had being around Christians and hearing about faith will be something that God uses in their lives in the future. And, **pray** for the contacts I have with the older girls and graduates of the club, for continued chances to meet one to one with them and have deeper conversations or even read the Bible with them.

A neat thing from our last club - one of the girls gave us two leaders gifts that were Bible related. Mine had a list of scriptures to look at in times of trouble. We were really touched that she would be so thoughtful to look for gifts of a different faith than hers, and also that we had left the impression that our faith was important to us.

It has been encouraging to see the art drop-in continue to be a popular thing. This Monday I got to the building at 9:15am and there were already 4 people there waiting! This isn't a culture known for early mornings, so it was pretty exciting to see!

Pray for Asha services over the summer and also for trips that they will take - a day trip to the beach and a trip into central L..... We will be away, and other teammates will be in and out with vacation time planned. Pray for the team not to feel short-staffed, and for God's strength and joy. And **pray** for these trips, that lots of people come and for chances to grow in community and relationship with those that attend.

We will have our Asha plant team weekend away over July 12-14. **Pray** for a good time growing in unity and also for God's leading as we think and plan for the autumn.

In family news:

S.... got back... and was able to spend his first weekend back doing a camping retreat for dads and kids. A..... was thrilled that she got that time with her dad right away.

For safety reasons we are not linking the full 6 pg. report. There are MANY great pics & links. If you would like to receive their regular updates via email, please contact the church office and Lisa will connect you with Burdsall's to be added to their email list.

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We will travel to the US as a family on July 16th. We will spend about a month there, mainly visiting with family, before heading back to the U..... K..... in time for J..... to get his A Level results. **Pray** for safe travels and also for a good time of rest and time enjoying family.

J..... is officially done with school! **Pray** for him to rest well this summer and for good results on his tests so that all goes well for university in the fall.

Take care and thanks as always for your prayers and your support of us. It means so much!

C..... (for S.... and the kids)

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Fast McCallum Muse July 2024

Summary: Please pray as you are led.

- Classes start in V..... Monday morning and will finish Saturday noontime (Sunday evening to Friday evening US time zones).
- Too much rain is creating travel issues for some students and instructors.
- 2 courses: Theological Foundations and The Church: It's Nature, Mission and Leadership.
- Course descriptions below.
- B & F M. moving to Philadelphia Aug. 1 to serve at Liberian church...
- ITEN Evangelism and Missions course is heading strong to the July 31 deadline for translation.
- General Assembly news will come later. Saw God put us in helpful ITEN based conversations.

ITEN Summer Course: The... Teaching Team will again be teaching two courses over the next five days to the 32 men chosen by the Bible College. ITEN covers class costs: housing, food, translations of print material into H..., and printing of course books. As instruction is in their mother tongue there is no need for an interpreter.

If you want to pray during class hours: V..... is currently 12 hours ahead of Central Daylight Time.

Theological Foundations

- What theology is and why it is important.
- A practical method called "Issues-Doctrines-Practices" (I-D-P) to study and use theology for the good of the church, the community, and your own spiritual formation.
- Eight core theological doctrines
 - Scripture, God, creation, man, Christ, salvation, the church, and last things
- Teaching and applying theological doctrines in their ministries.

The Church It's Nature, Mission, and Leadership

- Deepen a personal relationship with God through study and application of his word.
- Understanding biblical teachings about the church and how those teachings lead to spiritual formation and mission.
- Understanding elements of church health and ways to lead churches so they are growing healthier.
- Planning and leading worship that glorifies God and builds up his people.
- Understanding biblical principles of spiritual leadership and practicing them in the local church.
- Understanding biblical principles for church government and how they apply to local and denominational ministry.
- Confidence and ability to lead others to these same learning outcomes.

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 Ed & Nan to be added to their email list.

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B, F and the 3 boys... are moving to Philly where B has a number of relatives in the immediate vicinity. He will be working at ... Bill writes:

The church wants me to “help design programs around discipleship, outreach to immigrants, and leadership development. ... their emphasis aligns with my passion and personal ministry vision which include spiritual formation through formation and economic empowerment through education and entrepreneurship. I believe this opportunity presents the platform to serve the Liberian community here in the US but also to foster my vision for Liberia as I anticipate traveling there yearly in the interim.

If you want to get on his newsletter to stay informed and/or join his support team for prayer and finances, please reach out to the church office.

The newly created Evangelism and Missions course should meet the end of the month deadline. This will allow enough time to translate before the September H.... Teaching Team meeting. Nan is the author with Ed as the editor. Good teaming.

Maybe you have wondered what is the big deal about mission. According to John Piper, a writer and teacher, "Mission exists because worship doesn't." Why is that? Like an earthy parent, Father God desires the sweetness of our praise. It's like a hug around the neck for Him Ecclesiastes 3:11 is a verse that shows a way God makes Himself known to humankind. "God has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end" May individuals in each of the currently unreached people groups tune in to this message!

Point of interest

It is estimated that of the 8.00 billion people alive in the world today, [a continually changing number; the most current World Population Clock says 8.1+ billion] 3.40 billion of them live in unreached people groups with little or no access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. According to Joshua Project, there are approximately 17,446 unique people groups in the world with 7,391 of them considered unreached (over 42% of the world's population)!

From Global Frontier Missions

Thank you for the role you play in your local community and alongside of us in ITEN. May the Lord be glorified by all of us.

Ed & Nan

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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

Distribution will be on Saturday, August 3rd from 9-11am. We will be packing food baskets on Friday, August 2nd at 9am. If you would like to help on Friday please let Shirley Flemming know.

We could use cans of Chunky Soup, please.

If you know of anyone in need of food, please let either Shirley Flemming or Sue Penry know so we can get them on the list.

Many thanks to all of you for your generosity in help, donations, and prayers from the Food Pantry Committee: Jim & Teresa Balmer, Don & Beth Easterla, Dewey & Shirley Flemming, Marlin & Darcy Krueger, Mic & Sue Penry, and Jim Schaubroeck

WOMEN'S MINISTRY - BIBLE STUDY & MEETING UPDATE

The Fall Women's Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, September 10th at 10am, with repeat lessons on Wednesdays at 6:30pm each week, so you have two options every week.

We are trying to decide between *Steadfast Book of James*, by Courtney Doctor (an 8 week program) or *Wisdom of God* by Nancy Guthrie (a 10 week program).

All ladies of the church and their friends are invited! Each class lasts about an hour. No matter which program we choose, we will be finished by Thanksgiving, so join us and learn even more about the amazing Word of God as He speaks to us in our study!

We welcome any suggestions regarding our choice of programs! Please call Sue Miller if you have any questions or suggestions! 309-781-8231. We will be announcing our choice of programs soon!

Our next business meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY**, September 4th, at 1pm, as Wednesdays seemed to work better for more people. Kathy Stegmiller will be our hostess. We really hope you will join us!

God bless!



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR USE

Are you aware that the church has a variety of medical equipment available for you to borrow as needed? We pray you never do need it, but life happens & if you need to borrow something, just contact the church office.

Here is the current supply list:

- Bath/Shower Chair
- Bedside Commode
- Commode Safety Rails
- Cane & Quad Cane
- Crutches
- Knee Scooter
- Medical Seats
- Raised toilet Seat
- Walkers
- Walkers w/seats & brakes

EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report June 2024

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	End. Balance
General Fund	\$ 111,143.49	\$ 16,240.42	\$ 23,605.21	\$ 103,778.70
Education Fund (Jahn)	\$ 10,127.94	\$ 124.58		\$ 10,252.52
Building Fund	\$ 217,481.02	\$ 1,675.59	\$ -	\$ 219,156.61
Youth Group	\$ 10,904.35	\$ 10.00	\$ 184.70	\$ 10,729.65
	\$ 349,656.80			\$ 343,917.48

June 2024 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - June 2024

Pledges	16,067.22		
Interest Income - General Fund	13.20		
Per Member Asking	160.00		
		\$ 16,240.42	\$ -

Expenditures - June 2024

Administrative		\$ 3,089.16	
ABS (copier rental)	192.56	13.1%	
AT&T - Phone for elevator	26.45		
Cemetery Upkeep	750.00		
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	59.99		
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	424.71		
Johnson Controls			
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	813.73		
Kone (elevator)			
MidAmerican Energy	508.00		
Millenium Waste	64.08		
Office Supplies			
Repairs & Maintenance - general			
ReyTel - Internet	119.69		
Shipping/Postage			
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	129.95		
Discipleship (Internal)		\$ 8,967.05	
Children's Director	393.25	38.0%	
Continuing Education	47.06		
Deacon Expense			
EPC General Assembly			
EPC (health)	26.48		
Events			
Fidelity (pension)	1,038.28		
Flowers			
Housing Allowance	3,762.52		
Meals			
Mileage			
Music			
Pastor Salary	2,782.08		
Presbytery Expense	605.32		
Pulpit Supply	150.00		
Resource Materials	162.06		
Sunday School			
Worship Supplies			
Mission (external)		\$ 11,549.00	
Mission - International	\$ 6,375.00	48.9%	
Mission - US	2,050.00		
Mission - Local	3,124.00		

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 23,605.21 \$ -

NET OPERATING INCOME \$ (7,364.79)

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund of \$4,383.68 and Assistance Fund of \$4,483.46

GET YOUR AUGUST COPY OF
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS NOTED)

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

EPEC YOUTH GROUP

8.4 - WHIFFLE BALL

8.11 - ICE CREAM SOCIAL

8.18 - SLIP N SLIDE KICKBALL

8.25 - GAME NIGHT

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS

CADE REIMERS FOR MORE INFO

309.373.2488



NEWSLETTER

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 September 2024 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, August 21st. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

Do you know anyone that is not receiving the Edgington EPC Newsletter each month? If so, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com and let me know. I will be happy to make arrangements for it to be received by whatever means works best.

The newsletter is distributed via email and postal service. It is also posted to our Facebook page and website: edgingtonepc.org.

Thank you so much for your help!

QUILTING

NO Quilting this month

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 donate to various ministries.

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!

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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

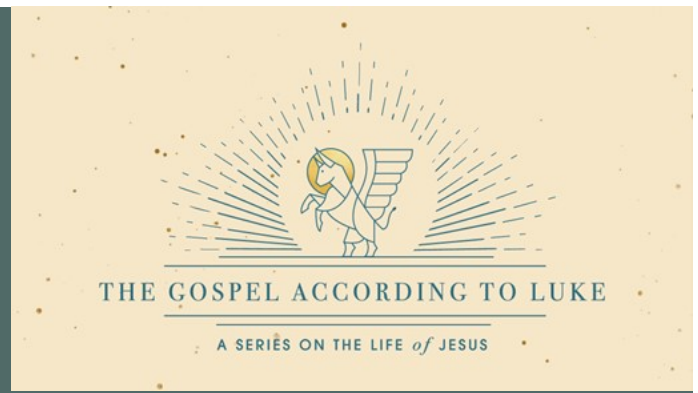
Sunday, August 4th - [Luke 8:26-39](#)

Sunday, August 11 - [Luke 8:40-56](#)

Sunday, August 18th - [Luke 9:1-9](#)

Sunday, August 25th - [Luke 9:10-17](#)

(Scripture passages are subject to change.)



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.

IT'S ALWAYS 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

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.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

"The Blessings of God's Church in Edgington"

Please join us each Sunday morning in August as we look at the many ways God has blessed this family of God over the years.

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
Senior High	- Brandee Neece

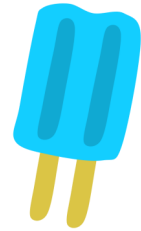
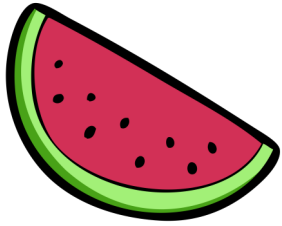
This summer we will have our "one-room schoolhouse" model again for the kids ages toddler - Jr. H.

We will be working through Group Publishing's "All-in-One Sunday School for ages 4-12: When you have kids of all ages in one classroom". Each lesson comes with active learning experiences, interactive Bible stories, life applications, take home handouts, and more.

The High School Students are encouraged to join the Adult Class.

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

We need an adult helper for August 11th, 25th & September 1st 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!!!



EEPC Youth Group Presents:

Back to School Bash

Friday, August 2nd

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Swimming



Yard Games



Pizza



Aledo Pool

104 NE 15th Ave, Aledo, IL

For all EEPC families and children!

Please RSVP at the QR Code





Join us!
Ice Cream Social
Sun., Aug 11th
4 - 7pm



GOODBYE
SUMMER

HELLO
FALL



see you there!

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& FALL KICKOFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH
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 RACHEL JOHNSON.



BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Saturday, September 14

7:00 am - 10:30 am

Fellowship Room

13228 140th St. W.



To schedule an appointment, call Teresa Balmer at 309-738-9757 or email at jbtb530@mchsi.com, scan the QR Code, or click [HERE](#).

Appointments preferred. Walk ins welcome.

Promo info coming soon...

*Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID.
Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 7/20/24
Group Sponsor Code: 070*

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Edgington EPC Basement
Sunday, August 11th, 4 - 7pm
SOCIAL ON SUNDAY, PREP ON FRI. & SAT.



Here is the schedule leading up to the Social itself:

***Friday, August 9th 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 9th at 3:00pm:**

- Crank the ice cream

***Saturday, August 10th at 8:30am:**

- Mix the potato salad
- Get the beans ready

***Sunday, August 11th 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

EDGINGTON EPC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Edgington EPC Education 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 Edgington EPC Education 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 25th**. 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.

AUGUST 2024



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

EEPC

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 B/P Checks	29 Meal Site	30 Meal Site	31 Meal Site Lisa Out of Office	1 Meal Site	2 Food Pantry Packing, 9am Meal Site	3 Food Pantry Distribution, 9-11am
4 Food Pantry Sunday Christian Ed. Mtg., 11:30am Basement Reserved Youth Group, 5:30pm	5 Meal Site	6 Meal Site	7 Meal Site	8 Meal Site	9 Meal Site	10
11 B/P Checks Ice Cream Social, 4-7pm	12 Meal Site	13 Meal Site	14 Meal Site	15 Meal Site	16 Meal Site	17
18 Youth Group, 5:30pm	19 Foot Clinic Meal Site	20 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	21 Meal Site Trustees Mtg., 7pm <small>NewsLetter</small> DEADLINE	22 Meal Site	23 Meal Site	24
25 B/P Checks Deacon's Mtg., 11:30am Youth Group, 5:30pm	26 Meal Site	27 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	28 Meal Site	29 Meal Site	30 Meal Site	31