



THE DIACONATE: FIVE ESSENTIAL TRUTHS IN FIVE(ISH) MONTHS (4 OF 5)

Through 2025 I have committed to reserving newsletter cover articles for the subject of the church office of deacon. Last year, the Session determined that the Diaconate would be a major concentration of our interest and training, not only among Church Officers, but across the whole church family. Deacons are essential to the Church. They are one of two specific offices provided to the people of God as the gifts of the Ascended Christ. By the absence of His Heavenly Session where He reigns upon Heaven's Throne, Jesus presents to His body two orders of officers to mediate His presence and authority and service by the empowerment of His Spirit. Those offices are Elders and Deacons. Deacons are essential for the life of a healthy church.

The Mission of the Church and the Service of the Diaconate

The office of Deacon exists not only to meet practical needs but to express the love of Christ in visible, tangible ways. In [Acts 6](#), the early church appointed Deacons so that the ministry of mercy would flourish without neglecting the ministry of the Word. That same partnership continues today. As the church proclaims the gospel, the Deacons help the church embody it by caring for those in need, stewarding resources, and coordinating acts of service that reflect the heart of Christ.

This means the work of the Deacon is deeply connected to the mission of the church. We are called not just to believe the gospel but to live it out together. Scripture is full of "one another" commands that describe how the body of Christ is to function: "love one another" ([John 13:34](#)), "bear one another's burdens" ([Gal. 6:2](#)), "serve one another" ([1 Pet. 4:10](#)), "encourage one another" ([1 Thess. 5:11](#)), and many more. The Deacons help the church organize and respond to these biblical imperatives, ensuring no one falls through the cracks and that our care for one another reflects the grace we've received.

In this way, Deacons help to foster a culture of mercy, service, and mutual support. Their work is not just behind-the-scenes administration, it's frontline ministry that strengthens the witness of the church and deepens our life together. As we seek to grow in faithfulness to Christ's mission, we give thanks for our Deacons and the many ways they quietly, but powerfully, build up the body of Christ in love.

ELDERS

Kim Freyermuth
Jim Mueller
Kevin Oak
Mic Penry
Todd Stegmiller
Steve Wagamon

DEACONS

Angie Freyermuth - Chair
Dorothy Rursch - Secretary
Kay Amy
Mitch Anderson
Connie Huntley
Tom Huntley
Melody VanOteghem
Deb Wagamon

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Mel Block - Chair
Larry Pithan - Secretary
Ken Benningfield
Aaron Ehm
Jeff Fuhr
Phil Fuhr
Colby Mueller
Cindy Oak
Bill Sloan
JR Thomas

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Melissa Woeckener	14 - Marion Oak
4 - Robbyn Ransdell	15 - James Hetzler
5 - Don Easterla	16 - Bailey Woeckener
5 - Jon Easterla	20 - Bandon Tomlin
6 - Janet Dunlap	21 - Bill Sloan
7 - Judy Bote	23 - Joseph Gierlus
7 - Pam Pithan	24 - Henry Wood
7 - Paige Schmidt	26 - Katie Pearson
9 - Jim Balmer	26 - Alina Schafman
9 - Jaylyn Madison	27 - Owen Freyermuth
10 - Sophia Fuhr	27 - Tara Miller
11 - Jacob Woeckener	28 - Sophie Anderson
14 - Morgan Flickinger	28 - Jacob Ryser
14 - Nichole Monson	31 - Shirley Flemming

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

10 - Tyson & Angie Freyermuth
12 - Jim & Nancy Cooksey
12 - Steven & Melissa Woeckener
21 - Shawn & Hillary Terrill
24 - Steve & Cindy Thompson
26 - Andrew & Cassie Fuhr



GREETERS FOR JULY

Sunday, July 6th - Eric & Kelly Moel
Sunday, July 13th - Steve & Deb Wagamon
Sunday, July 20th - Keith & Debbie Wilson
Sunday, July 27th - Nathan & Amy Oak

Thank you to my wonderful church family for your prayers, concern, cards and notes during the time my sister, Lorraine Larsen, was ill and when she passed.

You have surrounded me with love and support, which made this time so much easier.

May God bless you.

Shirley and Dewey Flemming



happy independence day!!!

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Location: Church Conference Room

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Approval/Amendment of Docket: It was M/S/C to approve the docket.

Approval of Minutes: It was M/S/C to approve the minutes from the April 2nd, 2025, Session meeting.

Correspondence: None

Zach's Report: The Session reviewed and discussed the sabbatical process. We discussed what went well and items that could be improved in a future sabbatical. The consensus was that it was a positive experience for both our church and our pastor. As a session we appreciate everything our pastor does and are happy to have him back.

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New Business:

- The men's ministry vision was reviewed and discussed. It will be implemented in a 3-phase process with more details to follow. We anticipate this to begin in the middle to late June.
- "The year of the Diaconate" was discussed
 - Study of chapter 4 of "*Gospel Training for Deacons*" on June 8th will be led by Zach
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Date: 6-18-25

Present: Mel Block, Aaron Ehm, Jeff Fuhr, Colby Mueller, Cindy Oak, Larry Pithan, Bill Sloan, JR Thomas, Treasurer Barb Freyermuth, Elder Kim Freyermuth.

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

Minutes for May meeting reviewed.

Treasurer's report for May reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- Replacement of concrete stoop at south entrance will be scheduled when contractor becomes available.
- Possible new bathrooms on second floor of SS building on hold pending other projects.
- Lawn tractor has been repaired.
- Light fixtures for balcony stairs and south door on hold for now.
- Youth Group has agreed to help paint the garage. Will schedule after the mission trip.

New Business:

- Drywall work in SS building scheduled to begin week of June 23rd. Trustees have worked for several days to prepare walls.
- Trustees rented a dumpster for attic cleaning and drywall project. Items from the attic, boiler room, furnace room and basement closet have been cleaned out and discarded.
- Trustees approved the purchase of a new drinking fountain with bottle filler. Will be installed after drywall work is completed.
- After the meeting, trustees spent time cleaning the attic storeroom and other areas.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

Just want to send a HUGE THANK YOU to our Trustees, who have been working very hard on many different projects around the church lately. Here are just a few of the things they have been up to:

- Rebuilt the front area of the sanctuary to accommodate a couple more pews
- Constructed a platform in the balcony for the new A/V sound board
- Cleaned up the yard and planted some new bushes to replace ones that had died
- Cleaned up/purged the attic of items no longer needed
- Prepped the walls for drywalling in the office and Sunday School wing hallways

Please let them know how much you appreciate all the time and care they give to our church facility!



**THANK
YOU!**

Date: June 8, 2025

Present: Kay Amy, Angela Freyermuth, Connie and Tom Huntley, Dorothy Rursch, Deb Wagamon and Session Rep. Mic Perry

Paster Zach opened with prayer.

Gospel Training for Deacons: Zach went over Lesson 4 - *The Inward Responsibilities of Deacons* and we went over the questions.

- The August meeting will be on Lesson 5: *The Outward Responsibilities of Deacons*. We also will be meeting with the Elders at this time.

Old Business:

- Cards: Connie provided a card update and is doing a great job.
- Shut-in/Eyes on You List: The Shut-in/Eyes on You have been assigned and was suggested we meet with the Elder that we are paired up with and discuss a strategy of engagement and caring for our church members.

New Business:

- Greeters: Made sure the greeters were being done and turned to Lisa on time.

There will be no Meeting in July.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 10, 2025, at 11:30 after church service.

Deb closed meeting with a prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Dorothy B. Rursch

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!

Your 2025 Deacon team includes: Kay Amy, Mitch Anderson, Angie Freyermuth, Tom & Connie Huntley, Dorothy Rursch, Melody VanOteghem, & Deb Wagamon.



Summary of June 2025 Meeting

Present: Pat Block, Teresa Balmer, Shirley Flemming, Pam Pithan, Kathy Stegmiller (Hostess) and Sue Miller

Thank yous: Sue shared a passage on “believing” from Joyce Meyer’s book, 100 Ways to Simplify Your Life. She thanked the ladies present for their genuine examples of being Christian women who truly believe and do not just show up for church on Sunday. We received heartfelt thank you notes in the mail from both Logan and Reid Schelker for their graduation quilts; Mercer County Family Crisis Center for the donation of personal items, quilts, toys, diapers, and more (see picture for more), Bethany for Children & Families for handmade quilts.

Old/ Ongoing News:

- We established a guideline for graduation quilt gifts: Recipients need to be a member of the church or a regular attendee.
- We decided to raffle a quilt at the ice cream social and discuss it at our next quilting work session. We will check with Tara Johnson first to make sure she will be okay with the raffle.
- We discussed giving cookbooks to new members.

Treasurer’s Report by Kathy

Missions: Shirley and Dewey delivered \$136.69 worth of personal items, toys, diapers, and WM quilts to the Mercer County Family Crisis Center. Shirley brought a picture of the baskets of goods, etc. which is a great way to recognize all the ways the recipients are blessed with this donation of goods and the time it takes to gather and deliver! Shirley and Dewey also delivered quilts to Bethany for Children & Family. We appreciate the love and support the Flemmings offer so selflessly!

To Grow: We decided on a Bible Study curriculum for the fall and Zach endorsed it that afternoon! We are going to use: *Steadfast A Devotional Bible Study on the Book of James*, by Courtney Doctor. She was a speaker on one of the videos we used a few years ago, and Nancy Guthrie has used this program for a women’s Bible Study at her church! It is an 8-week study. It has great reviews. We want to promote it as soon as July to get people interested and hopefully increase attendance. Sue will work on a blurb/tease for the FB page, newsletter and bulletins, and reach out to Lisa about these as well as looking for a “deal” on prices.

To Serve: Father’s Day gifts are ready for distribution by the Sunday school kids and Matter of Balance Classes will hopefully resume this fall if there is enough interest.

We also discussed and prayed over some family members of our group that are currently struggling.

WELCOME OUR 2025 CAMP SUMMIT

Camp Summit is YouthHope's overnight summer camp where hundreds of at-risk kids and teens from low-income neighborhoods encounter the love of Jesus in a powerful way! Camp is a place where joy, safety, and transformation collide – all surrounded by God's creation. We have an amazing team of a dedicated summer staff.

Miguel knows firsthand how life-changing Camp Summit is! Miguel came to camp years ago and then Camp Director (Kevin Perrine) poured into him, encouraged him, and helped him grow in his relationship with God. Miguel has been a teen CIT (Counselor-in-training), and now he's back as a full counselor! Miguel is ready to lead and love kids who are just like him. His story is just one example of how Camp Summit creates a ripple effect of HOPE!

At Camp Summit, at-risk kids and teens receive what we might take for granted: three healthy meals a day, a clean and safe place to sleep, and a community of people who care and surround them with God's love, truth, and grace.

Thank you for making Camp Summit possible through your generosity. If you've already given, thank you! If not, there's still time – we have more kids waiting to be sponsored. You're investing in eternity.

With deep gratitude,
Esther Joy King, Executive Director
Click [HERE](#) to read the entire YouthHope June Report.



CAMP SUMMIT



YouthHope

We bring youth HOPE!

Ways You Can Help this Summer

School Supplies Needed:

- New 17" Quality Backpacks
- Looseleaf Paper, Folders
- Spiral Notebooks, Binders
- Pencil Boxes, Pencils, Pens
- Folders, Markers, Crayons
- Pencil Sharpeners & Tissues

Summer Camp Needs:

GENERAL SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 200 Teen Bibles (Student NIV/NLT)
- 200 Children's Adventure Bibles (NIV)
- 10,000 Bunch-O-Balloons
- 400 Composition Journals
- 20 Packs of InstaMax Film
- 10 Gallons of Laundry Detergent
- 24 Pillow Cases
- 500 Shaving Cream (Foam)
- 200 Sun Screen
- 200 Travel Size Toiletries

FOOD/SNACKS NEEDED:

- 400 Chocolate Bars (S'mores)
- 16 Cases of Chips (Individual Bags)
- 1000 Freeze Pops
- 1000 Fruit Snacks
- 200 Boxes of Graham Crackers
- 200 Boxes of Granola/Snack Bars
- 30 Bags of Large Marshmallows (S'mores)
- 40 Cases of Bottled Water



Sponsor a Kid! CAMP SUMMIT





Father's Day was last month. At Pregnancy Resources, not only can you help moms, but your prayers, time/talents, and financial gifts help dads! Dads are very important in the decision-making process. His voice can help encourage her to choose life!



William and his girlfriend Veronica stared at the ultrasound screen. Veronica was scared, uncertain of their future, and now she saw a tiny beating heart. What would they do? How could she have this baby? **All the uncertainties swelled in her mind like static and almost drowned out the next voice she heard.** William looked back from the ultrasound screen and held his girlfriend's hand. They looked at each other for a heartbeat. *His next words changed his and Veronica's lives forever.* "We **can** do this." He said. The noise and questions Veronica had settled down, and she breathed a sigh of relief. **They would choose life.** *Dads like William need Christ-like leadership, giving them compassion and truth, one conversation at a time.*

Are you called to help young men become healthier dads or share tiny seeds of faith? Are you willing to step in and help a man have a Legacy of Life? You can help Moms by encouraging their partners. **Pregnancy Resources needs believing men who are willing to say yes and be present for the Dads who come to Pregnancy Resources.**

To learn more, join the PRC 101 Training happening two more times this year! [Click here to sign up!](#)



When: Saturday, September 6, 2025
Check in anytime from 8:30 - 10:00 am
Walk Rally at 9:00 am
Walk anytime from 9:15 - 10:30am

Where: Ben Butterworth Park - East Shelter
5420 Old River Dr., Moline, IL 61265

Join with like-minded friends and family and step into a Legacy of Life by becoming a pledge-raising walker! Your pledged support will help provide pregnancy testing with full options education and life-affirming ultrasounds. You can help parents who have recently had a miscarriage with hope and comfort through the Reproductive Loss Program. But that's not all! Your participation will also help parents grow their parenting skills through free parenting classes, and help growing families with diapers, car seats, and more. You can pass on a Legacy of Life to the next generation. Enjoy a two-mile family-friendly walk, river view, treats, and more. Be encouraged as you meet others, helping to share hope! [Click Here to Register!](#)

We love our volunteers!!!

If you are interested in more information or would like to register, please either click on the image to the right or email maia@qcpregnancy.org

Morning Session
8:30am - 12:00pm

Evening Session
5:30pm - 9pm
Dinner provided

July 22 - 23 - (Morning only, **NOTE date change!**)

Training Dates
October 21 - 23



VISITING TRINITY IN PLYMOTUH MI & TRAVEL UPDATE

May Highlights SE. A.

1. Our last 2 trips Ed had health issues. GRATEFULLY there were NONE this time.

2. Team taught Spiritual Formation to the 34 "D" church leaders.

Significant time spent in small groups processing and praying together.

Heard reports of their reteaching that magnified the financial challenges they face.

Half of them had been able to retrain the last class. The others struggled with demands of their churches and their bi-vocational farming. **Pray for them to be able to meet their goals.** Life isn't easy for them. We discovered that many are oral learners. **Pray we can adapt quickly to this need.**

3. Had a smooth transition with our new national assistants for the "H" Teaching Cohort. Ed reviewed New Testament Survey and colleague, B. A., taught Christian Community Development. Nan goes with the flow. **Pray for the Cohort teaching July 4-15. May the 34 participants learn and go home to retrain successfully.**

4. The Kin people in V..... make up about 86% of the population and are considered an unreached people group. The Joshua Project defines this term: "no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group without assistance." We visited three Kin city churches, each uniquely reaching out effectively. **Pray for Kin people to have a holy dissatisfaction that leads them to Jesus.**

5. Our focus has been with the "H" minority group who had mass conversions beginning in the '90s. We've responded to their need for trained leaders who desire to reach out in the approximately 30 unreached people groups around them. Westerners are not able to live in these areas of the country. May those who have been trained mobilize teams to reach their predominately animistic neighbors.

US churches blessed the "D" class via cards with love, drawings, verses, and encouragement. Cards by children were hot commodities. Participants: Grace Community Church in Surprise AZ, All Souls House Church in Phoenix, AZ and people from the Presbytery of the West.

Our next trip is early September. **Contact Nan if you'd like to participate.**

Ed's Health: We are very grateful for Ed's medical care providers. They have been used by God, in what seems to us, in miraculous ways. No longer needs insulin; just careful diet, pills and exercise.

ITEN is growing! Rejoice! Two new families have been approved and are raising support:

Rev. Dr. B. G. from PA, will jump into the teaching team with Ed in September. **Pray for his preparation and adjustment on his first time in V.....** He comes with rich global teaching experience.

Rev. N. M. from WA, has made two ITEN trips to N.....

The remainder of 2025 is travel dense

July: World Outreach Family Gathering, a conference in Cyprus. A refreshing time via Bible teaching and relaxation with like minded teammates. ITEN people will arrive 2 days prior for teaming. Family Gatherings are held every 3 to 4 years. To maximize our time in this area, we decided to add some vacation travel prior to the conference.

September: Back to V..... for 3 weeks of teaching & learning including visit to a student's village. Our new ITEN member, Rev. Dr. B. G., will join us. (see his info above)

November: Our final trip to V..... Teaching Cohort will teach the final courses of Ministry Leadership Training Institute. We will be there to see them finish and to rejoice in the completion of training done without Westerners. The baton will be symbolically passed from us to them. ITEN values the example of Paul in 2 Timothy 2:2. "What you have heard me teach publicly you should teach to others. Share these teachings with people you can trust. Then they will be able to teach others these same things." (Easy to Read Version) The denomination and Bible College has the task to plan forward. Already ideas are floating.

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



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"D" class will study New Testament Survey looking at themes of each book. There's a possibility that another ITEN person will join us.

2026 and Beyond In upcoming newsletters we'll talk more about our stepping back from global travel. We aren't leaving ITEN but looking at state side service will include. **Join us in prayer.**

Hoping to see many of you in June in Indiana, Michigan, and Ontario. It will be sweet to thank you face to face for your encouragement, prayers, and financial support!

Please ponder and absorb this blessing from I Peter 2:9. Ed used in V..... and will this weekend in Ajo, AZ :

"But you are his chosen people, the King's priests.

You are a holy nation, people who belong to God.

He chose you to tell about the wonderful things he has done.

He brought you out of the darkness of sin into his wonderful light."

Ed's memory statement:

"We (includes you) are a people, chosen by God, spite of ourselves for a compelling purpose."

Ed & Nan McCallum

THE HUBER FAMILY - ON THE ROAD AGAIN (to General Assembly)

Hi praying friends and family,

This morning we got up early to drive to the Detroit, Michigan area for the EPC's annual General Assembly. This is our 8th year attending and we have some responsibilities that we'd love to invite you to pray for:

- our kids are with us and will be in the children's program (like a day camp) while we are at GA. **Please pray for their health—Salem is not feeling well, for their safety, that they'd have fun and enjoy friends.**
- we have the honor of introducing the 16 new workers who will be commissioned this year at a dinner on Wednesday night. **Please pray that we would communicate well and that churches would come behind these workers and support them financially and otherwise.**
- we have 6 young adults from our mission cohort program staying with us at our Airbnb. They will be helping us share about WO, and specifically hosting a lunch on Thursday discussing "Why Missions Needs Young Adults."
- there are 8 people attending GA this year who are in the process of discerning if they are called to go with WO or that we are actively coaching through the application. **Please pray for good connections and conversations for them and that they'd have a clear sense of the organization and opportunities that might be a fit for them.**
- please pray for everyone who will come by our WO display or interact with our workers. Pray that they would begin to see their role in the great commission, and have courage to move forward in it.
- pray for Saul and I to have the stamina to get through the long days, and most importantly, to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading in all of our interactions. We want people to leave conversations with us feeling encouraged and able to breathe a little deeper.



Thank you for your partnership with us and your prayers for our whole family this week!

Jesse

Hello all!! May has seemed like a month of parties and food and celebrations - both within our family and with ministry and Asha contacts. It also has been a month of bank holidays and half term (already!) which has made things feel a little disjointed.

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Within our family, we celebrated A.....'s birthday with her party, which was a diy escape room for her friends, then celebrated on the actual day as a family. Her party went well and she had one school friend come, along with her mom. Another school friend didn't end up coming, but the mom has since been quite friendly at school pickup. Also, this month the university kids finished up their classes- first year successfully finished for one, and university career finished for the other! We also had our anniversary! Spent the first bank holiday celebrating (along with A.....) at the seaside for the afternoon.

In Asha services we have been going through Acts, both with the adults and the kids. We are seeing how much God and the Spirit moved people to believe and also changed hearts. It is encouraging to be reminded of God's power, and we also pray for Him to be at work in the hearts of those that are attending and listening. We are praying for you and your churches as well, that you also would have confidence in God's spirit at work!

Updates on the last month:

- We had a baptism at Asha! It was for the daughter of a teammate and a joyful time with their family and friends, which also lead to good discussions with the regular Asha guests (a couple of them who are considering baptism and what that would mean and look like). **Please be praying for this girl as she lives out her faith, and for those at Asha who are considering what faith decisions would look like.**
- C..... had the chance to celebrate the birthday of a friend who is currently in a refuge after choosing to flee family. It was good to reconnect and to celebrate her life. **Pray for her as she moves forward with some hard things, and pray for her to see God as one who is loving and for her.**
- Our Asha team tries to visit the ladies that come to English classes and to Asha services. Hospitality is a huge thing in this culture, and a lot of value is placed on visiting. Most of those visits include food, which is always amazing! **Continue to pray for deeper friendships and connections with those we see each week, and that our love would flow out of God's love.**
- The most recent bank holiday we took a walking trip along the Thames and then down to Greenwich. It was a good time together with other Asha attendees, including ice cream at the end!

Items for prayer:

The language that is spoken by the majority of Bengalis around us, and the language we use at Asha is Sylheti. At this point, a Bible in the Sylheti language doesn't exist in entirety. And the parts we have are basically first editions of translation, that was translated with Bangladesh in mind. As we use the translation we have, there have been differences in word choices for the language here, and some parts of scripture that just don't exist yet. **Pray for the translators that are doing this difficult work (both here and in Bangladesh) and pray for our team as we discuss and pray over how best to use what we have, even with some words that don't fit this context as well. Pray for wisdom and guidance for all!** I think we tend to take for granted sometimes our English translated Bible, since it has been around so long. We could also **praise God that we are able to read it in our own language so well!**

We are currently at around 90% 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 Lo.....! If you are considering support, we do ask that you pray about that and talk to us if you have questions. You can contact us by reaching out to your church office.

Thank you as always for your prayers and your support and your care for us and for those we live among!

With love,
C....., for S.... and the kids



2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

As I am writing this article, it is one month to the start of our summer VBS. That makes me a little nervous, as there are still a lot of loose ends to tie up.

One of the loose ends is gathering needed supplies. We have made a list and it is located on the table in the sanctuary foyer. If you are interested in helping, place your name behind the item listed and bring the items to church by Sun., July 13th.

We would also very much appreciate \$5 gift cards for Casey's, Shivers and Shakes, Whitey's, Starbucks, and McDonalds to hand out to our High School volunteers

Last, but certainly not least (especially if you ask the kids), we appreciate any and all cookie donations, homemade or store bought. You can send them to camp with your kids or leave them on the counter in the church kitchen. We will see that they get to camp.

The above are physical items that we will use or hand out at camp, but what we need most from our church family is your prayers. Please pray for good weather, safety of all helping or attending, plenty of energy for our volunteers, and willing minds that open their hearts to hear God's word.

Counselor training dates are Sunday, June 29th, from 4 - 5:30pm or Thursday, July 10th, from 6 - 7:30pm. All High School Counselors must attend one training session. If neither of the above dates work, please contact Beth Flickinger at 309-648-1219 or Tami Clarke at 309-235-3137 to make other arrangements.

Set up is Sunday, July 21st. If you are able, you could help load the trailer with supplies after church or meet at Loud Thunder Boy Scout Camp at 1:30pm.

Everyone is invited to a short program on Friday, July 25th at 4pm at the camp for the children to share what they have learned. Bring a lawn chair and see the hands and feet of God at work in our community.

Our last meeting before VBS begins is Sunday, June 29th, at 12:15pm.

Thank you for your continued support for this program. We would not be able offer it without your help.

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Project NOW
Community Action Agency



For many years now Edginton EPC has been a host site for Senior Meals. The doors are now open here for meals **EVERY WEEKDAY!**

Meals are available for a suggested donation of \$3 to anyone 60+ years or with a disability. If you are new to the program, you need to call 309-788-6335 the day before to request your meal.

Those who attend regularly come early to play cards and enjoy each other's company for a little longer than just meal time.

If you would like more information or want to check out the menu for the month click the Project Now logo above for the link to their website or call 309-788-6335.





EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 2025



	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	End. Balance
General Fund	\$ 103,393.93	\$ 18,376.59	\$ 23,463.63	\$ 98,306.89
Education Fund (Jahn)	\$ 15,556.29	\$ 152.23	\$ -	\$ 15,708.52
Building Fund	\$ 160,838.61	\$ 2,356.43	\$ 114.81	\$ 163,080.23
	<i>Checking</i> 55,784.89	2,356.43	114.81	58,026.51
	<i>CD</i> 105,053.72	-	-	105,053.72
Youth Group	\$ 14,531.08	\$ 100.00	\$ 184.70	\$ 14,446.38
	\$ 294,319.91	\$ 20,985.25	\$ 23,763.14	\$ 291,542.02

May 2025 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - May 2025

Pledges	18,363.64		
Interest Income - General Fund	12.95		
Per Member Asking	-		
		\$ 18,376.59	\$ -

Expenditures - May 2025

Administrative

		\$ 2,784.90	
ABS (copier rental)		11.9%	
AT&T - Phone for elevator	250.58		
Cemetery Upkeep	-		
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	341.99		
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	501.39		
Johnson Controls			
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	920.40		
Kone (elevator)			
MidAmerican Energy	564.00		
Millenium Waste	70.58		
Office Supplies	8.43		
Repairs & Maintenance - general	-		
Reytel - Internet	-		
Shipping/Postage	-		
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	127.53		

Discipleship (Internal)

		\$ 10,129.73	
Children's Director	393.25	43.2%	
Continuing Education	242.70		
Deacon Expense	-		
EPC General Assembly	361.02		
EPC (health)	48.54		
Events	-		
Fidelity (pension)	1,084.98		
Flowers	756.00		
Housing Allowance	4,000.00		
Meals	-		
Mileage	-		
Music	-		
Pastor Salary	2,782.08		
Presbytery Expense	-		
Pulpit Supply	403.20		
Resource Materials	31.98		
Sunday School	-		
Worship Supplies	25.98		

Mission (external)

		\$ 10,549.00	
Mission - International	\$ 6,375.00	45.0%	
Mission - US	1,050.00		
Mission - Local	3,124.00		

TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 23,463.63	\$ -
		100.0%	
NET OPERATING INCOME		\$ (5,087.04)	

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund of \$13,118.25 and Assistance Fund of \$4,483.46

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

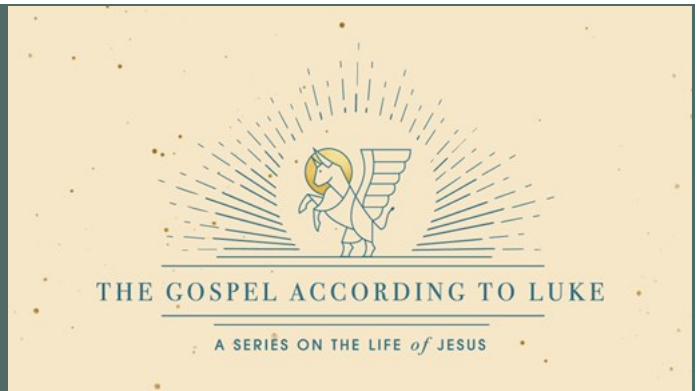
Pastor Zach continues preaching through *The Gospel According to Luke*. Please join us each week! We look forward to seeing you and diving deep into God's Word together!

Sunday, July 6th - [Luke 12:49-59](#)

Sunday, July 13th - [Luke 13:1-5](#)

Sunday, July 20th - [Luke 13:6-17](#)

Sunday, July 27th - [Luke 13:18-21](#)



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.

DAILY BIBLE READING FROM AN HISTORICAL APPROACH

Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to read the Old Testament in ancient Israel? Or, the New Testament as the books were written? In this plan, the order of the Old Testament readings is very similar to Israel's Hebrew Bible, progressing from Law to Prophets to Writings. The New Testament ordering is based upon research regarding the order in which the books were authored. Although this research is not conclusive, it may offer helpful insights to your Bible reading.



Click on the image for the digital link

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 an historical reading plan from Blue Letter Bible. It is a 1-year reading plan and you can start at any time. The new year is always a great time to start fresh!

If reading through the entire Bible in one year seems like an insurmountable challenge, just mark off each reading as you complete it and then move to the next. Each day progresses you through the books in the order they are believed to be written in and once you reach number 365, you will have done it!

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.

Hard copies are located on the table in the sanctuary foyer.

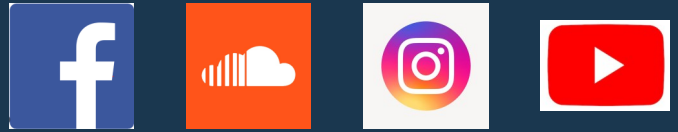
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Just scan the QR codes to go directly to each one of our accounts on the various platforms or search for us on the ones you use. Text & icons below are linked.

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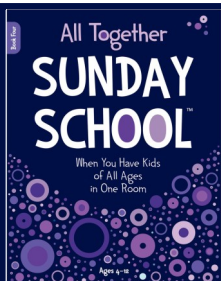


Have you ever been intrigued by the prophetic books of the Old Testament?

The Adult Sunday School class "The Prophets Agree" will survey the prophetic witness of the Old Testament. Each class will feature the historical and biblical context for each prophet and a summary of their message. God spoke through prophets in the course of history and their words are still relevant to us today. Please join us as we grow in our knowledge of God's Word.



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



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am

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

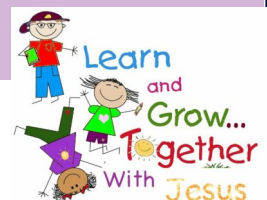
We look forward to the privilege of caring for and teaching your children about Jesus each Sunday!

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

We are looking for volunteers to help the teachers each week. There is a signup sheet in the sanctuary foyer.

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

See p. 5 for more details.

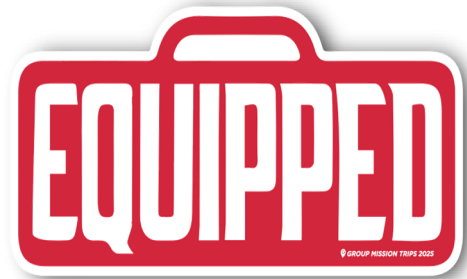


Summer Sunday School

Join us every Sunday at
9:00am for Sunday School!



If you would like to volunteer to help in our Sunday School classroom, you can sign up on the sheet located in the foyer!



2 Corinthians 9:8

Watch next month's newsletter for an update and pictures from our youth group, who are wrapping up their mission trip in Ashby, MN at the time of this publication.



What a joy it is to worship in a multigenerational church!

Titus 2

¹ But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. ² Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. ³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. ⁶ Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. ⁷ Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, ⁸ and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

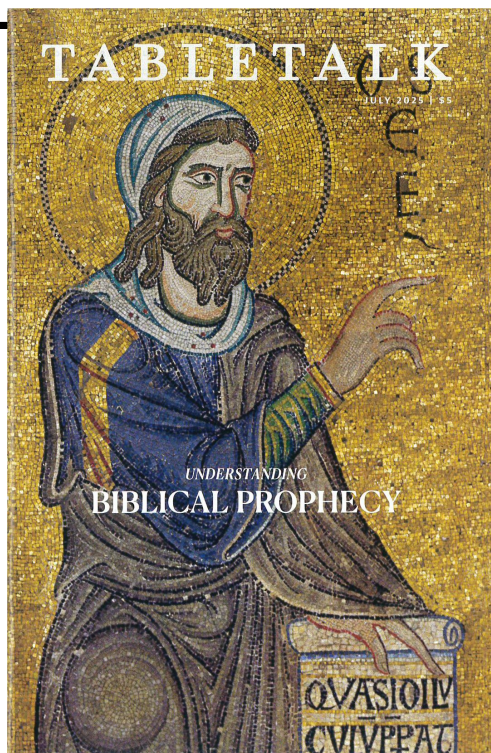


Our Sunday School teachers could use some help this summer assisting the younger students in our one-room Sunday School Class.

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 until it has been filled.

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

GET YOUR JULY COPY OF
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS NOTED)

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

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

NO YOUTH GROUP FOR THE
MONTH OF JULY.

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS
CADE REIMERS FOR MORE INFO
309.373.2488



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

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

ALL submissions for the July 2025 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER than Wednesday, July 16th** or they may not be included in 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!



FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Monday, July 21st,
beginning at 9am

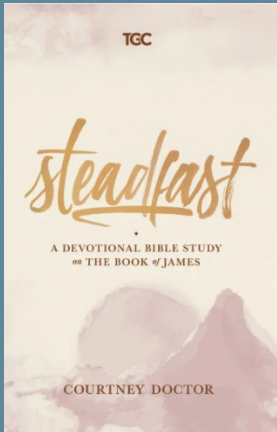
If you would like to receive a pedicure done by a medical professional, please call the church office at 309-795-1713 to schedule an appointment.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WM Met on Wednesday, June 4th at 1 pm. Kathy Stegmiller was our hostess this quarter, and we had six in attendance. We were still able to make accomplishments, but would love to have more of you ladies join us! **ALL ladies are welcome.**

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 3rd at 1 pm in the church basement.

Mark your calendars! Anyone wishing to read our meeting summary can check out page ???.



We have chosen our **Fall Bible Study** curriculum, so mark that on your calendars too! *Steadfast, A Devotional Bible Study on the Book of James*, by Courtney Doctor is our choice for several reasons:

- it's only 8 weeks long; it's endorsed by Nancy Guthrie who used it to lead a Bible study in her own church the reviews are outstanding; the format fits our small group setting; it's recommended for those new to Bible study and those who have been studying a long time; the books are less than \$5 each!

Faithfulness regardless of our circumstances. That's what it means to be steadfast. But in a world where so much can undermine our faith or pull us off track, steadfastness is often a rare and elusive trait.

James longs for his readers to be steadfast. His letter meets us in our suffering and sickness, our trials and temptations, our wealth and poverty, our ups and downs. He confronts our sin, our speech, and our pride. He encourages believers to have a more resilient and concrete faith: not just to hear the word, but to do it. He calls us to persevere in truth in a world of lies, to see that God's steadfast love is ultimately the source of our steadfast faith.

We plan to start the week of September 15th and will finish the week of November 3rd, which is 3 weeks before Thanksgiving. We are keeping the Tuesday mornings at 10am and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 formats to offer some flexibility in your schedules.

Give Bible study a try and you will be glad you did!

We are going to raffle off one of our handmade quilts at the ice cream social this year! Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Wouldn't you love to snuggle up this winter under a quilt made by the ladies of your church!

The Women's Ministry wants to thank everyone who had fellowship and made a donation after our annual meeting. Thanks to your support we have been able to bless so many with contributions that show Jesus in action, loving and caring for those in need.

God bless you!

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!



Save the Date!
Ice Cream Social
Sun., Aug 10th
4 - 7pm



PROMOTION
SUNDAY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST



save the date!
fishing derby
& FALL KICKOFF

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



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Edgington EPC Basement
Sunday, August 10th, 4 - 7pm
SOCIAL ON SUNDAY, PREP ON FRI. & SAT.



Here is the schedule leading up to the Social itself:

***Friday, August 8th 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 8th at 3:00pm:**

- Crank the ice cream

***Saturday, August 9th at 8:30am:**

- Mix the potato salad
- Get the beans ready

***Sunday, August 10th 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 20th**. 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.

JULY 2025



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

EEPC

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WEBSITE: www.edgingtonepc.org

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 VBS Mtg., 12:15pm Basement Reserved VBS Counselor Training, 4 - 5pm	30 Meal Site	1 Meal Site	2 Meal Site	3 Meal Site	4 Independence Day 	5
6 Food Pantry Sunday	7 Meal Site	8 Meal Site	9 Meal Site	10 Meal Site VBS Counselor Training, 6-7:30pm	11 Meal Site	12
13 B/P Checks Basement Reserved	14 Meal Site	15 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	16 Meal Site Trustees' Mtg., 7pm 	17 NO Quilting Meal Site	18 Meal Site	19
20 VBS Set-up, 1:30pm	21 Foot Clinic Meal Site VBS 	22 Meal Site VBS 	23 Meal Site VBS 	24 Meal Site VBS 	25 Meal Site VBS 	26 Basement Reserved
27 B/P Checks	28 Meal Site	29 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	30 Meal Site	31 Meal Site	1 Meal Site	2