



MEN'S MINISTRY: DISCIPLESHIP ON PURPOSE

What a joy it is to share with you about the beginning of something that has long been a prayer and desire in the life of our church - men's ministry at Edgington EPC! This past Lord's Day evening we were blessed with a phenomenal kickoff event: over 55 men gathered for our Men's Ministry BBQ. We shared (a lot of) delicious food, enjoyed the company of Christian men, and most importantly, we heard heartfelt testimonies from brothers whose lives have been shaped by discipleship in Christ. The energy and encouragement from that evening were a clear reminder that God is at work among us.



As we step into this new season, our men's ministry seeks to strengthen the commitment of every man to the Lord and His Church through intentional discipleship. Beginning the first week of September, and running for 13 weeks, men will gather to work through The Walk, a practical study designed to strengthen our

faith and equip us to follow Jesus in everyday life. These groups will provide opportunities for searching the Scriptures, honest conversation, and encouragement in living as Christian men in our homes, workplaces, and community.



To the men of Edgington EPC: now is the time to join in. Whether you are a young man seeking guidance, a father looking for fellowship, or a seasoned brother eager to invest in others, there is a place for you at the table. It doesn't matter if you have known the Lord for days and weeks, or years and decades –men's discipleship is for you!

While these discipleship groups are specifically for men (high school aged and above) it is also generally a gift for our whole church family. When men grow in Christ, families are strengthened, the church is encouraged, and our witness in the community is magnified. We invite the prayers of the entire congregation as we take these first steps together, asking the Lord to bless this ministry with lasting fruit.



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Hayden Ruggles	8 - Max Fuhr	23 - Madison Hetzler
1 - Olivia Ryser	9 - Denis Doonan	23 - Debra Landi
3 - Jacob Freyermuth	10 - Ellianne Harper	24 - Conte Bingman
3 - Greg Gierlus	13 - Deanna Parchert	24 - Camden Docherty
4 - Sandy Benningfield	15 - Taylor Freyermuth	25 - Judy Bingman
5 - Lindsay Fuhr	15 - Teresa Morrison	25 - Amy Oak
5 - Nathan Oak	16 - Amy Morrison	26 - Alyssa Landi
6 - Livie Johnson	16 - Deb Thomas	27 - Justin Landi
6 - Betty Miller	20 - Jim Cooksey	27 - Brad Schafman
6 - Anna Pearson	20 - Kevin Oak	29 - Ben Goodnight
7 - Kathy Stegmiller	22 - Sue Miller	



MONDAY MEDITATION

Each week on Monday morning (that's the goal, anyway!), Pastor Zach is sending out an email with the subject "Monday Meditation". In it, he summarizes the sermon from Sunday, lists a few key takeaways, and provides several practical applications.

We pray that you will find these to be a helpful tool in your study of God's Word and for deeper study of the sermon text.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Allan & Jan Fuhr
1 - William & Deanna Parchert
2 - Doug & Jennifer Harper
4 - Kim & Barb Freyermuth
6 - Bill & Lisa Sloan
15 - Jeff & Paige Schmidt
18 - Terry & Mary Johnson
21 - Rick & Melody VanOteghem
21 - Marvin & Peggy Weiss
23 - Buck & Nichole Monson

GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday, Sept. 7th - EEPC Youth Group
Sunday, Sept. 14th - Shay Lemon & Denise Rursch
Sunday, Sept. 21st - The Gerlius Family
Sunday, Sept. 28th - Mark Freyermuth Family

SESSION

July 29, 2025, at 7pm

Location: Church Conference Room

Present: TE Zach Hopkins and RE's Jim Mueller, Mic Penry, and Todd Stegmiller, Kim Freyermuth, Steve Wagamon and Kevin Oak. Observers: None. A quorum is present.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. He opened with prayer and a scripture reading from Romans 7:7. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation.

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 of the June 24, 2025, Session Meetings.

Zach's Report: The Session reviewed and discussed activities of the previous month.

Old Business:

- Session/Decon-joint meeting 8-10-2025. Agenda to review Gospel Training for Deacons- Chapter 5. Review Session/Deacon roles and opportunities to collaborate with the Shepherd process of our membership.
- Review of Vacations Bible School.
- Summer membership class:
- Discussed and clarified Book of Government, Chapter 8, paragraph 8-2. In response, a meeting 8-3-2025 with the new members to fully comply with paragraph 8-2-C.
- Approved baptism for Noah Fender
- Approved reception of Noah Fender, Kayla and Dillon Weckerly, and Jon Laird
- Approved baptism pending new member reception of Easton, Archer, and Beckham Weckerly
- Ice Cream Social 8-10-2025

New Business:

- Clarified Homebound Communion expectations. After reviewing Westminster Confession of Faith chapter 29, paragraph 4, it was discussed and interpreted that both elders and deacons fulfill the role of assisting the institution of the Lord's Supper with homebound members.
- Multiplying the Ministry of the Word: "Monday Meditations" / social media center was reviewed.
- Men's ministry overview and plan were reviewed. Jason Parchart and Jason Flickenger to provide congregation update on 8-10. Kickoff is planned for 8-24-2025 at 5pm in the church basement.
- Education Scholarship Request for Gia Johnson was reviewed and approved.
- Promotion Sunday is planned for 8-31-2025.
- All elders signed Bibles for students moving up.
- Fishing derby is planned for 9-7-2025
- Harvest Party is planned for 10-12-2025
- 45th RLP Meeting is planned for 9-25 and 9-26 in Blomkest, MN.
- It was M/S/C to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. TE Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

RE Todd Stemillger, Clerk of Session

Date: 8-20-25

Present: Ken Benningfield, 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 July meeting reviewed.

Treasurer's report for July reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- Attic cleaning done.
- Replacement of concrete stoop at south entrance will be scheduled when contractor becomes available.
- Light fixture for balcony stairs pending completion of other projects.
- Light fixture for south door pending completion of other projects.
- Youth group has agreed to help paint the garage.
- Drywall work is complete.
- Installation of ceiling fan in balcony pending cooler weather (for attic work).
- Video monitors have been installed for the church calendar (outside office door) and the Sunday School bulletin board.

New Business:

- Gable wall siding to start Monday 8-25-25
- Exterior painting nearly complete. First time in a few years the exterior of the church is all one color!
- Ruts in yard made by painter's lift need to be filled and re-seeded.
- Flag pole was bumped during painting and needs to be straightened.
- Will work on getting a finalized agreement with school for additional parking space.
- Will patch two small areas in Zach and Lisa's offices and touch up paint.
- Main entry doors need some touch up painting.
- Agreed to get bids for basement carpet cleaning.
- A few items left to complete for the drywall project.
- Will investigate alternate phone service for elevator and fire alarm.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



Date: August 17, 2025

Present: Tara Johnson, Beth Flickinger, Hillary Terrill, Kathy Stegmiller, Sue Miller, Rachel Johnson

Rachel opened the meeting in prayer.

New Business:

- Curriculum order for new term
- Utilizing the new screen in the Sunday School wing
 - Send pictures taken in the classrooms
- Change the time on the fishing derby
 - New time 2:00-5:00pm
- Angie Freyermuth is going to work with Children's Ministry on creating a new logo for Children's Ministry and updating the busy bags for during service
- The children will be greeters on October 26th and help the deacons with the offering.
- We will be creating some sort of raffle baskets for Trunk or Treat Event
 - Bible books were donated to use for baskets
- Acolyte Training
- Tara will do this
 - August 31st- after whole group time
 - September 7th is another option for training
 - 3rd grade and up will practice, all other kids will watch (we decided it would be good practice for all kids to watch how we do it)
- Brainstorming ways to get the kids singing/being involved in church service more

Pastor Zach closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectful submitted by Rachel Johnson

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.



August 20, 2025

The Mission Committee met on August 19th, 2025. Those attending were: Jim and Bailey Johnson, Kelly Moel, Cassie Fuhr, and Lori Meier.

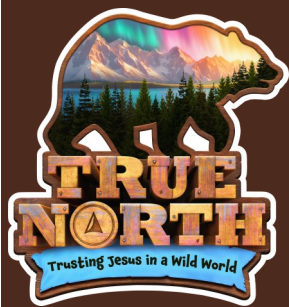
Jim opened the meeting in prayer.

Old Business discussions for the meeting:

- **Review ministry updates:** Newsletters and emails.
- **School Supplies:** All supplies have been delivered to Youth Hope. They were graciously received!
- **Coat Drive:** Begin preparation for next drive. A large number of additional items have been set in the attic. We will meet at 5:30pm on Tuesday, September 16th before our next meeting to sort and organize all items.
- **Pregnancy Resources Baby Bottle Campaign:** The congregation raised \$812.00 through the baby bottle campaign.

Next meeting – Tuesday, September 16th at 5:30pm.

Jim closed the meeting in prayer.



2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WRAP-UP

The VBS committee would like to thank everyone for their contributions to this year's VBS camp - from prayers said, cookies made, money and gift cards donated, supplies purchased, and time generously given. It all meshed together to create a fun-filled week of outdoor activities while learning more about God and Jesus and growing in our faith.

There were 194 campers who participated, guided by 60 high school and college-age counselors, while 64 adults oversaw and carried out the various stations. While the numbers may be impressive, the actual results are impossible to measure. Seeds were planted that may take years to germinate—A heart changing needs continued nourishment, new friendships formed that will continue to grow if fed often, minds intrigued to delve into the Bible more to learn and better understand God and what His purpose is for each one of us - but needs direction and leadership.

The VBS supplies have been packed up and stored until next summer, but that doesn't mean what happened at camp has to stay bottled up until next year. There are activities happening every week from Church Worship, Sunday School, Youth Group, Bible Studies, and a new Men's Ministry to special events throughout the fall (Fishing Derby, Harvest Party, and Trunk or Treat to name a few). Plug yourself in to as much as your schedule allows. Be willing to let God stretch your comfort zone. I am certain that your faith will grow, you will be nourished as well as providing nourishment to others, while God continues to bless EEPC and the community we live in. I have found that the happiest, most content people are those who are busy serving God and others. Ask yourself each day, "What can I do today to serve God and others?"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS..... 2026 VBS dates: July 20th - 24th, 2026

This summer, YouthHope had the incredible privilege of ministering to 395 kids and teens at Camp Summit! It was nothing short of amazing to witness more than 75 campers dedicate their lives to Jesus! Praise God! Please join us in praying for all these young Christians!

YouthHope's vision—meeting the need, meeting the moment—is becoming reality. We are not only continuing the vital ministries that have touched lives for decades, but we are also preparing to open a brand-new Youth Center in West Davenport. This center will allow us to expand our reach, and provide a safe space for children and teens to belong, be encouraged, and discover the hope found in Jesus.

As God grows our ministry, He is growing our team! We're stepping forward in faith to reach even more kids. With growth comes greater need. Your giving matters now more than ever! Every gift helps us continue to offer life-changing programs, summer camps, and soon, a Youth Center that will shine as a beacon of hope in the West End of Davenport.

Thank you for standing with us, praying for us, and giving generously. Together, we are changing lives for eternity.

In appreciation,
Esther Joy King, Executive Director

At Camp Summit, kids and teens experience the presence of Christ that brings healing and wholeness. Campers encounter Christ's presence and return home forever changed.

A Wednesday-night worship service and message quickly became a night of healing and freedom for many Junior High Girls!

Wednesday night message at camp began like an other worship service, but everything changed as the Holy Spirit began to move. That evening became a powerful celebration of freedom and new beginnings for many young women.

During worship, a well-loved and appreciated camp counselor felt led to open up to the girls and share her testimony—past struggles and how God had set her free. As the junior high girls listened intently, they realized they were not alone in their struggles. A group of young girls approached the counselor hesitantly and ultimately revealed that they were struggling just as she once had.

In that moment, the counselor shared that if God could break her chains, He could do the same for them. He does not want to leave them in their sin and shame but to bring redemption and hope! This breakthrough—ordained by the Spirit of God—indicated that the Holy Spirit was moving, at work, and had a plan for the girls. This group of girls, once strangers, continued sharing their stories and struggles, building bonds and growing deeper in connection—they were not alone. After sharing, they were met with love, understanding, encouragement, and most importantly, prayer.

Many heard for the first time the truth of God's healing power and the freedom He offers. God's Spirit is moving, breaking chains, healing and calling His children into a relationship with Him and inviting them to walk boldly in freedom, free of shame!



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WHEN GOD WORKS IN THE SILENCE

(Click [HERE](#) for the entire 3rd Quarter Newsletter)



Melodie* came in for a pregnancy test appointment. She had a complicated story and was overwhelmed. During her appointment, Melodie stated that her stress level was off the charts, and that she had been throwing up most of the night before because she was crying so hard. Melodie felt safe enough to share that she had little support from the father of the baby and that he was pressuring her to abort. **With two small children at home already, Melodie was seriously contemplating having an abortion with this pregnancy.**

Melodie listened carefully as we educated about abortion, adoption, and parenting, and agreed to return for an ultrasound. She came to her ultrasound appointment still undecided and she seemed to carry the weight of deep sadness and hopelessness. The nurse listened to her complicated story and offered to perform a repeat ultrasound. Melodie said she would think about it, but refused to schedule any follow-up care. Unfortunately, after she left that day, the nurses were unable to get in touch with her again – phone calls were left unanswered and texts were not returned. **Her decision was unknown and all that we were left to do was pray.**

Time passed and the seasons changed. **What we didn't know, and what we couldn't see at the time, was that God had been working in the silence.** Months passed, and then the unexpected happened. Melodie showed up to attend a parenting class. She was still pregnant, and due in just a few weeks! At just the right moment, God had provided the support and encouragement Melodie needed. Her heart had been softened and she was able to confidently choose LIFE for her baby! Sometimes the hardest things we face happen in the void of the unknown. **In these moments we must remember that God is always working, and that some of the biggest miracles happen in the silence.**

**Name changed for confidentiality*

When: Saturday, September 6, 2025

Check in anytime from 8:30 - 10:00 am

Walk Rally at 9:00 am

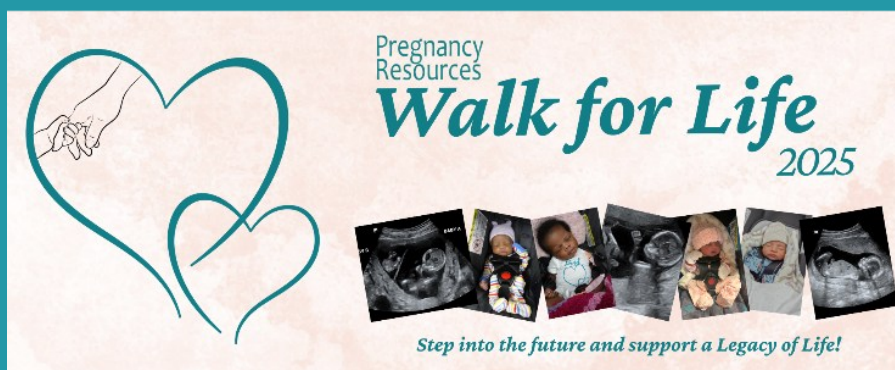
Walk anytime from 9:15 - 10:30am

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

Training Dates

October 21 - 23, morning or evening sessions available



MCCALLUM AUGUST MUSE

Training the untrained to reach the unreached through non-formal education applying

2 Timothy 2:2 in under resourced areas

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST for S.... battling leukemia, daughter of J & N, global workers in N..... A...: “Unfortunately, S's blood test came back with some problems today....there are blast cells in her peripheral blood...these are bad cells that should not be there. Usually a result of underlying bone marrow problems. Re-testing her tomorrow and then determine what treatment course is needed. This could include a strong chemo round, which we have been praying would not be needed.”

Happenings:

~ **ITEN team retreat.** In July, ITEN's 8 couples (minus 2 spouses who couldn't travel due to health) gathered in Cyprus. Relationships within ITEN deepened as we learned more about our different sites and our skill mix. We learned, prayed, laughed, and relaxed together. The young people from two families brought a fun dynamic to the mix. Our ITEN team does not fit the image of academically gifted theologians being stuffy or boring. What a honor to serve on a team with such high-quality, dynamic people.

~**World Outreach Family Gathering** of workers, WO staff and committee leadership, EPC leaders, and support volunteers from EPC churches...about 300 people in total. It was an excellent time of reconnecting, fresh learning together, worship, and prayer. Children/teens/young adults who live outside their passport countries thrived as Family Gathering provides a peer group who “get” their lifestyle. The triennial event is a giant organizational task. It was extremely well done.

Trip to San Diego

~Wonderful visit touching base with a dear supporting church- **Covenant Church, San Diego. Pastors Patrick and Kennerly King** are friends from our Michigan days. Ed spoke on “God's Building Project: Lessons from the Global Church” ...

~Overnight visit with retired WO workers, Dave & Mindy F....., pastoral couple currently using retirement to invest in the lives of refugees, neighbors, grandkids, extending blessings with food (especially baked goods) and cheering for the Padres. We promised to cheer for the Padres unless they are playing the Tigers!

Ahead - Last 2 trips to S. A.

We are working on preparations for trips in September and November. Two new people will be exposed to the sites, people and ministry: Newly commissioned ITEN worker, Rev. Dr. B. G... in September and Rev. P. B. in November.

Pray for all the trip preparations especially for B. and P., for good team teaching, and adjustment to the setting. May we be flexible and aware of the Lord's leading.

~ **September Trip** will begin with a short visit to World Outreach workers in a city to the south to build relationships and help us adjust to the time zone before beginning teaching.

Also, before classes begin our “man on the ground” has arranged a church visit about 4 hours away for us and B.. This will increase our understanding of Christian presence in another area of the country. B. will preach.

Pray for: safe travel and for us to be a blessing to this group of believers and B. preaching.

Classes: The rest of our time will be in the capitol city as usual. We'll meet for the final time with the “H” Teaching Cohort preparing them to teach the final 2 courses – Newly revised, *Forgiveness and Reconciliation* and Preaching skills using *I Corinthians*. The “D” class will be *Old Testament Survey*.

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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~**November trip** will include celebrating with the Teaching Cohort who will complete their last class with the 34 “H” pastors and church leaders. Instruction has been done by a team of 9 nationals in their mother tongue. This will be an exciting time of formally “passing the teaching baton.” The “D” course will be *New Testament Survey* with P. B. team teaching with Ed, and Nan doing color commentary and relationship building.

Bonus Stop: Returning to the States, we hope to stop in Japan to reconnect with a significant couple from our seminary days. R. and E., a pastoral couple, helped prepare us for spending 8 weeks in Japan with the Evangelical Free Church of Japan in 1989. R. gave Ed his first experience preaching with an interpreter, R.! Typically we have a layover in Japan on our way home, so we are adding a couple days to reconnect.

Please pray for us to get ready to travels overseas. Usually the stress factor is on overdrive which doesn't help clarity of thinking and processing. We feel that we are being attacked and distracted by spiritual forces opposed to the Lord.

Please stay in touch. We love hearing what's happening in your lives and ministry. Thank you for your prayers and financial partnership.

Blessings,

Your brother and sister in the Lord,

Ed and Nan McCallum

LOVE DOESN'T WAIT FOR PERFECT SETTINGS; IT SHOWS UP AT WICCAN BABY SHOWERS, TOO.

*** Please note: The logo above is for the church we envision God using us to eventually gather into a worshipping missional community of Christ followers.

Please keep dreaming with us and sharing in this mission through prayer.



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Hey Friends,

What a summer it's been—full of energy, new faces, and some incredible moments of ministry! In this update, I want to give you a little snapshot of what God's been doing with us since I last wrote.

The photo above captures the kick-off of our newest dinner gathering and Bible study series: *Haunted and Hunted: Questions That Won't Let Go in a World That Won't Sit Still*. The launch couldn't have gone better! One of the most encouraging signs we've noticed as we move from one season of dinner gathering to the next is that each week, people are lingering longer after the study wraps up—laughing, talking, and not wanting the night to end. That's the kind of community we've been praying for.

Now, let's take a tour through the other photos and stories from our summer ministry—each one a glimpse into how God is at work here in Chicago.



We hosted a big July 4th party. We had 42 people share in the food and fun. I smoked 45 pounds of baby back ribs along with some smoked sausage. When I'm about the business of smoking ribs you can bet I'm going to prepare a big vat of my secret recipe baked beans. Costco potato salad added a nice twist and a few others brought some sides. For the grand finale, Cathy's homemade ice cream was the icing on the cake. A perfect way to top off a July 4th meal. It was one of those nights where you look around and realize: this is what community is all about.

Earlier this summer, a jazz musician friend and his wife invited us to a baby shower some of their friends were throwing. Cathy couldn't make it because of commitments at her gallery, so I went solo. The food was delicious, the conversations lively, and I left with a handful of new acquaintances. But partway through, I realized this wasn't your average baby shower.

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The clues were in the decorations: a copy of *Rosemary's Baby* on display, a banner that read *All of Them Witches*, and even a side room where guests could design their own tarot cards. When I later showed Cathy the photos, she smiled and said, “Looks like you attended a Wiccan baby shower.”

Now, Cathy and I aren't Wiccan, of course—but here's the thing: when you're following Jesus on mission, His love for the world often leads you into surprising places and unusual gatherings. And honestly, this couple is so dear to us that we felt deeply honored to be invited. It reminded me again that Jesus' love shows up in all kinds of nooks and crannies—and we get to carry it there just like others have brought it to us over the course of our lives.



A few weeks ago, I was invited to a friend's guys' dinner night—fittingly titled *Men, Meat, and Mezcal*. It turned out to be a fantastic evening: hearty food, great conversation, and plenty of laughter. It was also a chance to meet several new people and deepen connections with others I'd met at past gatherings.

The highlight of the night? I ended up at the table with a former New Orleans Saints receiver. Since our family still cheers for the Saints, that little surprise definitely earned me some bragging rights at home!

Moments like these remind me that God often opens doors for relationships in the most ordinary—and enjoyable—settings. A dinner table can become the very place where trust is built and the seeds of the gospel are quietly planted.

Our last dinner gathering in May before we took a break. Again, we started back up last week. **Please keep praying.**



Testimonial from a friend:

It's been a joy getting to know the Lancaster's during my first year on the north side of Chicago. Jeffrey is someone who genuinely cares—he regularly opens up his home in Wrigleyville, often cooking homemade meals and generously giving his time. I've especially enjoyed joining his Wednesday night dinners and studies, where we recently explored how the gospel shapes our relationships. It's been incredibly easy to invite others to these gatherings—several people from my own life have quickly felt welcomed and integrated into Jeffrey's community including my friends Casey and Andy. He and Cathy model a beautiful marriage, demonstrating how partnership can warmly include and encourage others while also brightened with humor. Beyond these evenings, Jeff has hosted welcoming events at the downtown WeWork, intentionally creating spaces to introduce himself and invite people into deeper conversations and friendships. He's approachable, hospitable, and deeply loving... more than just the “made in God's image” reasoning, but genuinely deeply involved in people's lives. I'm thankful for the warmth the Lancaster's have demonstrated and continue to offer in my life.



Cathy has added an exciting new twist to her art gallery: the *Lily Pad Mahjong Parlor*! She's created a welcoming space for people to learn the game of mahjong—or simply gather for open play with friends old and new.

Check out her new website: lilypadmahjong.com. It's already becoming a fun and meaningful way for us to love and serve our neighbors here in Chicago.

As Cathy's website tagline puts it: *Where art meets play. Chicago's first dedicated Mahjong Parlor—brought to you by Cathy Lancaster Studio*



Jefferey Lancaster

Hi all!!

We wanted to give a quick mid summer update and some pics! We recently spent a week at Family Gathering for EPC workers. This happens every three years and it was a great chance to reconnect with people, be encouraged and challenged spiritually, and also have a rest and time as a family. This year I think one of the most encouraging things was hearing where the denomination is and what happened with the most recent General Assembly. It was encouraging to hear the importance placed on disciple making and growing, both locally and worldwide. It also was great to be reminded of our part in the church body both in the US and around the world. We also felt encouraged again by the support we have from so many churches in the US- the partnership with you all in sharing and spreading God's grace and hope with the world.

We enjoyed hearing stories from others about people they have met and people who are impacted with the gospel. Many times we haven't shared our own stories of those we know, mainly because we are aware of the privacy and security of others. But we are aware of the value of deeper insights into what we do and who we work with here. So here are a couple more in depth descriptions.

S.... goes out for book table almost every Friday afternoon to a local market. They set up a table next to other stalls which are selling clothes or vegetables. Sometimes no one stops. Sometimes people stop to argue and yell. Sometimes people take a Bible or a pamphlet. Sometimes people have longer discussions and are genuinely interested in understanding, not just arguing to prove they are right. Recently, S.... got a t-shirt to wear while at book table that says "Show me the evidence". A few weeks ago a man stopped and asked him about it, and had a fairly philosophical discussion about how S.... can say only Christianity is the correct way. This man had left Islam and believed in a god, but not much further. At the end, the man left, not really interested in more talking. Then, last week, the man came back and asked more questions about why S.... and the other volunteer believe and follow Christianity. They spoke for about a half hour and at the end of the time the man asked to take a Bible and said he would come back if he had questions. **Please pray for this man as he reads, and for others that see and pass the book table each week.**

One of the ladies that comes to English classes, also stays afterward to hear the Bible story. She is younger, and has some health issues, but her husband is quite caring of her and tries to help. They have three children and also her brother lives with them. A couple times she and the children have come to Asha, and the children were very engaged in hearing the Bible story. Another time her husband came to pick her up from ESOL and he stayed to listen to the Bible story after class! Since January, her brother has been coming to S....'s English class. The whole family is friendly and willing to listen and have conversations about what we believe vs what they believe. This is a small thing but also a big thing. **Please pray for this family- for continued interest and conversations, and for God to work in them.**

This week C..... and J..... helped lead at a local church holiday club (like VBS) one of the kids in C.....'s group is a Muslim boy, who is neighbors with one of the other kids, and that family invited this family to come. His sister was there too, and C..... got to talk to his mom while on an afternoon trip during the week. The boy was really interested in what he heard about Jesus and was really thinking about it in relation to what he knows about his faith. This really pointed out the importance of friendship. This family came because they knew and trusted another family and were invited. And this family will continue to have interactions with the family that invited them and the ability to ask more questions and hear more about faith. **Pray for both families, and pray for friendships like this with our neighbors, and for you all with your neighbors!**

We have a slower month now in August, but are aware that everything will move quickly again in Sept. **Please pray for good rest and also good planning! And again, thank you for including us in your prayers and your church support. We really love and value being part of your congregations from afar!**

With love,
S, C, and the kids

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 Burdsall's to be added to their email list.

B & E

B..... & Beyond

Dear friends, thank you for standing with us!

I am so impressed by our overseas partners! In the middle of their trials and hardship (war, persecution, and poverty), they truly live out the faith, courage, patience, and confidence of Psalm 27: 'Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident... I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.'

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Sharing the gospel during a war

During my May trip to U....., I heard more reports about how open to the Lord U..... are right now. I saw that openness while there, and it included a foreigner serving in U....., as well. Pastor I. and I were in a small coffee shop in O....., U....., before I was to preach in their service nearby. Providentially, we met a wealthy farmer/businessman from the UK named J. He told us how he felt compelled to make trips to U..... and donate cars and medical supplies. In the process, we shared that our motivation to serve is from Jesus. He responded, 'My wife is very religious.' I thought, 'Aha, he has a praying wife at home!' The key point in the conversation came when I shared the words of Jesus with him: 'Whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me [Jesus] and for the gospel will save it' (Mk 8:35). The Lord was present, and it was a powerful moment. He was touched. J. seems close to the kingdom of God.

Right after that moment, the three of us had to go out to the street and kneel on the sidewalk in respect to the local war-dead who were carried in a caravan of cars (which is a regular thing in U..... these days and a moving experience). We got up and said goodbye to J. after taking a selfie. Shortly thereafter, I told the church from the pulpit about J. They spontaneously stood up and prayed fervently for his salvation. May J. know the Lord!

U..... May/Jun U..... trip

On this trip, I literally flew around the world—west to east (though not on the equator)—because I went to V..... first, then on to U..... I spent most of my time in U..... teaching and meeting faculty at the National University of O..... Academy. I also preached in two churches and spoke at a young adult gathering (which was dynamic and different). I enjoyed a whole morning with a friend and reformation movement leader, O. T. (pastor/mayor, R....., U.....). That was so good! I had divine appointments and saw God's providence all along the way during this trip. The Lord is always doing beautiful things!

The wide scope of this work is impressive as it uplifts the church throughout U..... and multiplies its ability to reach people. What a privilege for you and me to be partners with J. and this movement over the past 20 years! In May, I gave lectures on the history of the European universities to law and philology students at the National University of O..... Academy (O....., U.....). My theme was the classical Christian foundations and methods which produced and developed the institution of the university over centuries. Through this work, I have had so much opportunity to provide a defense of Christian faith and show its power for both the individual and the nation.

At O..... Academy, I also had several meetings with university administration and faculty, forming personal relationships and future collaborations on common values and vision (historic Christian worldview). I spent a lot of time with my host and friend, Prof. D. S. (vice rector and professor of philosophy). I met with the dean of the law school, the dean of the humanities school, and another professor friend, V. Z., who has been a good partner for advancing the gospel and Christian faith over the years.

In R....., U....., I really enjoyed having ample time to catch up with . T. He is an evangelical pastor and former seminary president and is on the Russian wanted list for his activity as mayor of R..... He regularly goes to the frontlines of the war to bring vehicles, share the gospel, and do other Christian charitable work, in addition to serving his city and preaching in churches. Like others, he is worn down from years of frontline activity during this war. But his faith and action are still very strong. We plotted and planned for future work. But there was a sweet

sidebar to our conversation; we discovered we both love birdwatching. S. (short version of his name) lit up over this. He said it has been helpful in putting wartime life in perspective.

S. and I enthused about God and birds in the coffee shop. It was busy with many people, and for several hours quite a few people (knowing him as the mayor) stopped to greet us. And some clearly overheard our talk about the Lord! More coffee shop evangelism! One of those who greeted us was a department head of the main university in R..., who eagerly invited me to lecture at the university and has since corresponded with me. Providential!

Speaking of providence, I also started chatting with a guy in C..., P..., as we were trying to confirm the correct train to W.... He was heading to Washington and New York to speak at conferences on U....'s national life. As we talked, it turns out he is the head of an NGO (F.... F....), analyst and advisor for national and local governments, and formerly the campaign manager for mayor S. Wow. We had a great time talking and thinking about the future. His name is T. B. Pray for him (and others like him that we know) whose excellent skills and knowledge are comingled with traditional values and faith to some degree, that he would be grounded in the Lord and serve God's purpose.

Another divine appointment meeting was spending time with E. M., Vice President of Ministry Operations for S.... Gospel Association. We were talking while in line for a flight and discovered we are both doing ministry in Eastern Europe and had much in common. We then discovered our plane seats happened to be across the aisle. We talked through much of the flight, then in the airport, thinking about collaborations. The Lord is always moving things around in every small step of each day. God is great and good!

I spoke to a group of 120 young adults gathered from several regional churches at a camp deep in the forest. The theme of my talk was about my journey in my university years and the calling I heard from Francis Schaeffer to be 'a young radical for truth' and learn and live out a biblical worldview for God's glory. It was an inspiring time. I had several one-on-one deeper conversations about university studies and being true to the gospel and how they can use their studies for service to God and people. Some are working full-time jobs, some studying for ministry, one working on a PhD, another recently graduated from O.... Academy and now working as a lawyer, and one working in the U..... secret service. A number of these told me they knew me from my teaching in the U..... Christian Open Academy. Many from the group came up to thank me and tell me they were encouraged and inspired by me, which encouraged and inspired me, too.

U..... project work

I do not have enough space to share details about these projects, but I am working on these with members of our IFR team and partners in U.....:

- Launching a Business Development Center with assistance from the R.... University Center for Entrepreneurship, working with A. V. (K.) and S. W. (IFR board member)
- Law school partnership with O.... Academy
- Law students' network
- Research, translation, and publication on the Protestant Reformation in Eastern Europe and impact in U.....
- Seminary course on 'Christian Service and Leadership in Society' for wider distribution in U.....
- Visiting faculty role in several U..... universities (I and other Christian educators serving in this role)

Other IFR and ITEN work

V.....

My time in V..... in May was fruitful and rewarding. E. M. and I supported one another as we each taught a course review to trainees whom we had previously taught. These review courses were designed to reinforce the material, prepare these teachers to do the future teaching themselves, and confirm that they are ready. My course was on 'Community Development Ministries'.

I was again impressed with the growth and ability of our trainees to serve as the lead teachers of this ongoing

program. After one more of these training reviews in the fall, this 5-year project will be complete, and the nationals will be doing all the teaching for the 600+ H.... pastors in a self-sustaining program with limited further assistance needed from us.

In June, I was online for some late-night shifts (9pm-12:30am) to observe our trainees teaching my course themselves (screenshot photo of this at the top of this letter). It was so rewarding and encouraging! They did not need any help from me at all. I just watched and rejoiced!

In H...., I also had meetings and discussions related to ongoing projects, especially about work with another minority people group, the D.. (like our MLTI program with the H....). I have been asked to have an increased role in some of this upcoming work, so **please pray** about how I will manage that with my current workload.

P.....

I continue to meet regularly online with Dr. M. K. to encourage and support his work. His work with P.. Mission Society and its A.... training program is going well. I praise God for this strategic work. **Please pray** for financial support for M.....'s work; he serves sacrificially and passes up more lucrative opportunities while leading an underfunded ministry. If you or others might be interested in helping him, please let me know.

M.....

M..... continues to suffer under a harsh military regime, violence, a poor economy, and various persecutions. On top of that, they recently had a devastating earthquake. Our partner, Dr. T. T., reported damage to one of their churches in a Buddhist village. We are grateful that River Oaks Community Church (EPC; Clemmons, NC) very generously provided relief funds to help the repair of the building and continuance of this outreach to an unreached community. E. and I will visit T. and his wife A. in the coming weeks while they are in Maryland to visit their son.

C.....

E. and I enjoyed a trip to Cyprus 17-28 July for the EPC 'Family Gathering' of all our World Outreach workers. This included a retreat with our ITEN team. All of this was great, and we will report a bit more on it in our next letter.

Family

E. and I enjoyed time with our kids and grandkids in Charlotte, NC in May, in Reno, NV in June, and here in our home for July 4th. Absolutely wonderful times!

Please pray for...

- J. from the UK who I met in a U..... coffee shop—to know the Lord
- Fruitfulness in U..... collaborations and projects mentioned above
- My role in our ITEN V..... work
- Ongoing discernment and wisdom for ministry and life
- 24 Aug Preaching at Cleveland EPC, Abingdon, VA
- Aug/Sept Publication work and speaking in EPC churches
- Sept/Oct U..... trip
- 23 Nov Preaching at River Oaks Community Church, Clemmons, NC
- All praise to God! To God be the glory! Great things he has done!

Thank you for supporting us!

B & E



THE HUBER FAMILY - GA was great! And we're off on our next adventure today! (Click on the image for all the pics!)

In our last update we asked for prayers as we traveled to GA and sought to care well for relationships with 4 different groups of people. As always, the Holy Spirit showed up and worked things for His glory and our good. THANK YOU for your prayers! They kept us going through a busy week with very little sleep!

Our kids: we've had challenges in the past with childcare at General Assembly, but we're so grateful to the staff at Ward church who put on "Camp GA" for the kids. They loved every second of getting to play with other WO kids, volunteers' kids and pastors' kids who were there. Three weeks later they're still laughing about inside jokes and singing worship songs they learned. They also really enjoyed the game room in the basement of our Airbnb!

Young adults: we had 9 alumni of our Mission Cohort come to help us share about WO at GA. 5 of them stayed with us at our Airbnb and we had deep and hilarious conversations until the wee hours of the morning. On Thursday they led a panel discussion at lunch titled "Why does missions need young adults?" Watching them take ownership and share their hearts with the people in attendance was definitely a highlight for us.

Newly commissioned workers: our primary role with World Outreach is that of "field mobilizers," meaning that we walk with people who are discerning a call to go overseas. This year we had 17(!) people who were appointed as WO Global Workers and commissioned at this year's General Assembly. We had the privilege of introducing them to church leaders during the Wednesday night dinner. We're always so encouraged and inspired by the variety of ways God calls and equips people for a specific ministry that's so unique to each one. It was a joy to be with them in person and welcome them into our WO family.

"Pipeline": We also took advantage of this large gathering of our denomination and WO to connect in person with 8 people who are in various stages of applying to join World Outreach. We were able to introduce them to coworkers who could share with them about specific places and ministry platforms. Our hope is that the experience was helpful and clarified some things for them as they continue their process. We look forward to reconnecting with them in the second half of August and hearing what God has revealed to them as far as their next steps.

We hope that you are encouraged by the work God is doing! This is a unique calling and role that God has us in. The fruit of it is relationships, and your prayers and financial support are the reason we are able to freely pour into these people. Thank you!

We took a couple of days on the way home to visit Lake Michigan and Indiana Sand Dunes National Park. It was too hot to do much hiking, but we LOVED swimming and getting our 10th Junior Ranger badges!

What's next?

After a couple of very busy weeks at home (Swim lessons! Camping and canoeing! Our anniversary!) we are all packed up and back in the van. This time we are headed to Chicago where we will fly out on Sunday, the 20th to meet up with all of our WO missionaries in the Mediterranean for a week-long retreat that happens every 3-4 years. We are so excited to see many friends, including some that we haven't seen since they launched to the field.

We'd appreciate your continued prayer support! Getting our whole family across the ocean is no small feat and this week we've already encountered ear infections, sore throats, and a tweaked neck for Jesse. Please pray for health and safety as we travel! And that we would continue to trust God with our days, surrendering to Him all the things we can't control. Pray that this would be a really sweet time of community with our organization.

Again, thank you!



FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

On August 2nd, we had a successful distribution to 32 families consisting of 71 Adults, 5 Teens, and 21 Children. When we packed on August 1st, there were 18 people who helped and 4 of these were young people and 4 were from other churches. On Saturday when we distributed, we had 15 adults helping plus 3 young people. What a blessing they were as they did most of the heavy lifting.



We would like to express our appreciation to all those who donated food, money, or time to help us with this mission outreach. Community support is so important to us as we couldn't do this without you! Donations of nonperishables are always welcome. Some of the things we always need are pasta, chunky soups, canned fruit, canned meats, canned pasta, soup, paper products, pasta sauce, ingredients for chili, Jello, pudding, cake mixes, pancake mixes, saltine and graham crackers, and juice. THANK YOU!!

As always, if you know of someone in need of food, you can contact the church office and Lisa will let us know so we can pack food for them. We don't just help folks at distribution time. We are on call whenever there is a need. **Our next distribution date is Sat., November 8th.** We will pack on the 7th.

Wishing God's blessings to all, Dewey & Shirley Flemming, Don & Beth Easterla, Mic & Sue Penry, Jim Schaubroeck, Marlin & Darcy Krueger, & Jim & Teresa Balmer

FALL COAT DRIVE

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



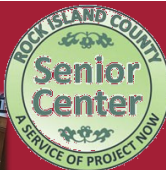
Coats can be dropped off at the Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church. All sizes are needed, but especially children's sizes. **The distribution date will be Saturday, November 8th** in conjunction with the Fall Food Pantry Distribution mentioned above.

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



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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 \$4 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 JULY 2025

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	End. Balance
General Fund	\$ 104,652.36	\$ 13,490.20	\$ 26,544.29	\$ 91,598.27
Education Fund*	\$ 15,843.90	\$ 230.59	\$ 500.00	\$ 15,574.49
Building Fund (see below)	146,890.56	2,578.25	16,491.99	132,976.82
<i>Checking</i>	41,836.84	1,546.31	16,491.99	\$ 26,891.16
<i>Money Market</i>	105,053.72	1,031.94		\$ 106,085.66
Youth Group	\$ 13,294.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,294.20
	\$ 280,681.02	\$ 16,299.04	\$ 43,536.28	\$ 253,443.78

* Scholarship monies to Gia Johnson

Ending Gen. checking balance	107,849.26	Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Uncleared Transactions	\$ (16,250.99)	Gen. checking	\$ 91,598.27
General checking Balance	\$ 91,598.27		

July 2025 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - July 2025

Pledges	13,306.70		
Interest Income - General Fund	13.50		
Per Member Asking	120.00		
Basement Rent	50.00		
		\$ 13,490.20	\$ -

Expenditures - July 2025

Administrative **\$ 6,532.55**

ABS (copier rental)		24.6%
AT&T - Phone for elevator	244.51	
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	968.65	
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	625.25	
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	1,295.27	
MidAmerican Energy	564.00	
Millenium Waste	70.58	
Office Supplies	157.46	
Repairs & Maintenance - general	482.90	<i>Certa Site</i>
Reytel - Internet	121.01	
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	2,002.92	

Discipleship (Internal) **\$ 9,362.74**

Children's Director	393.25	35.3%
Continuing Education	215.82	
EPC General Assembly	(420.42)	
EPC (health)	117.08	
Fidelity (pension)	1,084.98	
Housing Allowance	4,000.00	
Meals	59.41	
Mileage	123.90	
Pastor Salary	2,782.08	
Resource Materials	116.64	
Sunday School	890.00	

Mission (external) **\$ 10,649.00**

Mission - International	\$ 6,375.00	40.1%
Mission - US	1,150.00	
Mission - Local	3,124.00	

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 26,544.29** **\$ -**

100.0%

NET OPERATING INCOME **\$ (13,054.09)**

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund of \$10,568.76 and Assistance Fund of \$4,483.46



EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 2025

(Cont. from p. 15)

July 2025 - Building Fund Detail

Beginning Balance	\$	146,890.56
Receipts		
Investment Income		1,542.76
Checking Interest		3.55
Money Market Interest		1,031.94
		<u>2,578.25</u>
Expenditures		
Sherwin Williams		66.62
Lowe's		107.74
Menard's		365.63
Harker Drywall		15,952.00
		<u>16,491.99</u>
Ending Balance	\$	132,976.82

CHAIR EXERCISES RESUMING

Thursdays at 4:30pm



Deanna Parchert will be resuming the chair exercise class on Thursday, September 4th, at 4:30pm. They will meet every Thursday at 4:30pm unless otherwise noted.

EVERYONE is welcome to attend! There is fun music to get you motivated & lots of laughter as you stretch and exercise those muscles!

"Come, Follow Me" Mark 1:17

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Weekly Small Group Meetings
September - November



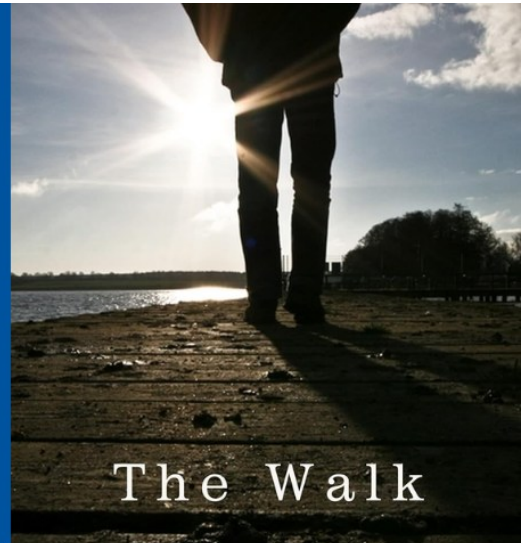
Wednesday - 9/3 - 6:30pm
Saturday - 9/6 - 7:00am



Groups Meet for 13 Weeks
Starting in September



Meet at the Church
Bring: Bible, "The Walk," Notebook



The Walk



CURRENT SERMON SERIES

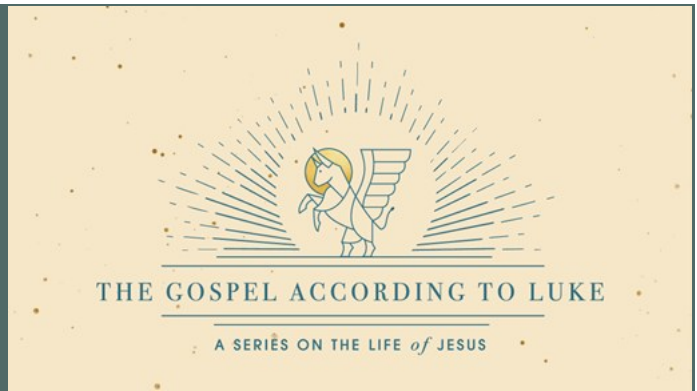
Pastor Zach continues preaching through *The Gospel According to Luke*. Please join us each week! We look forward to seeing you and diving deep into God's Word together!

Sunday, September 7th - [Luke 14:25-35](#)

Sunday, September 14th - [Luke 15:1-10](#)

Sunday, September 21st - [Luke 15:11-32](#)

Sunday, September 28th - Guest Pastor, Rev. Justin Beach



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.

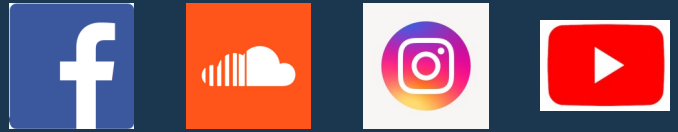
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Have you ever been intrigued by the prophetic books of the Old Testament?

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



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

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

"Membership Matters"



Adult New Member Registration

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Sundays, Sept. 14th, 21st, 28th, & Oct. 5th at 11:30am
New Member Reception, Sun. October 12th.

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

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

Please scan the QR Code above and fill out the Personal Information/Registration Form by no later than Wednesday, September 10th. It will be automatically submitted to the church office and only viewed by elders and staff. If you have any questions, call the church office at 309-795-1713 or email at edgingtopepc@gmail.com and someone will assist you.

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



YOUTH COMMUNICANT'S CLASS

If your 7th, 8th, or 9th grade child is interested in joining the church, please keep Sunday evenings from 5:30 - 7pm open starting October 5th. There is a parent meeting that evening and student classes will begin on Sunday, October 19th.

Parent's of eligible children should have already received a letter in the mail with all the information. If you did not, and your child is interested, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com.



Communicants Class Registration

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

GET YOUR SEPTEMBER COPY OF
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS NOTED)

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

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

9.7 - FISHING DERBY

9.14 - GAME NIGHT

9.21 - YOUTH VS ADULT ULTIMATE FRISBEE

9.28. - FUPC COLLAB EVENT

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STUDENTS

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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 October 2025 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER than Wednesday, September 17th** 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!



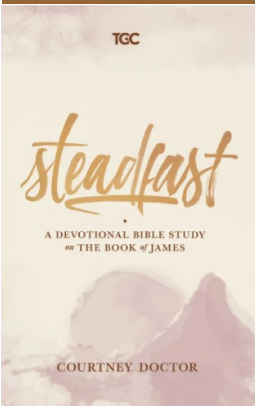
FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Monday, September 15th,
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

Our **Fall Bible Study** will be going through, *Steadfast*, A Devotional Bible Study on the Book of James, by Courtney Doctor.



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.

The study will begin the week of September 15th and will finish the week of November 3rd. We are keeping the Tuesday mornings at 10am and Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm formats to offer some flexibility in your schedules. Books are \$3 each. We only have a few left, so please don't wait!

QUILTING

Thursday, September 18th, 9am-Noon

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!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY QUARTERLY MEETING

Wed., Sept. 3rd, 1pm

All women of the church are encouraged to come to our 3rd quarterly meeting.

We will be discussing the Harvest party, setting dates for Christmas activities, and more.

Teresa Balmer will be our hostess.

Please join us if you can!



WOMEN'S PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

All women are welcome to attend every week or when they feel a need to be closer. We are using the "Monday Meditations" that Pastor Zach is sending out as a guide.

We meet every Wednesday night for fellowship, devotion, and prayer and we hope you will join us!

We will continue to meet either before or after the above mentioned Bible Study when it begins, but the details are still being worked out. Stayed tuned for more information!





FISHING DERBY

Join us at Terrill's Pond as we kick off a new Sunday School term!

 **SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

 **2:00-5:00PM**

TERRILL'S POND
12622 84th St. W
Taylor Ridge, IL

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND FISHING!

PLEASE
Bring a dish to pass

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



ULTIMATE FRISBEE

SUN. SEPT. 21ST - 3PM

ROCKRIDGE BAND PRACTICE FIELD



Harvest Party

OCTOBER 12TH 4-7 PM @ EEPIC

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

PICNIC GAMES BOUNCE HOUSES 'SMORES
HAYRACK RIDES



TRUNK or TREAT

	OCT 26 4 - 5:30PM	
		

CANDY | APPLE CIDER | PRIZE DRAWINGS

Open to the entire Rockridge Community!

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

Church Office: 309.795.1713



BLOOD DRIVE

**Edgington Evangelical
Presbyterian Church**

Saturday, September 20

7:00am - 10:30am

Fellowship Room

**To book your appointment, call
Kay Amy at (309) 791-2296, email
Melody VanOteghem at
mjvano57@gmail.com, or scan the
QR code.**



Group Code: 070

Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 7/26/25



YOUTH GROUP

A small shoebox can have a big impact.

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

IDEAS FOR ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN THE BOX:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



ICE CREAM SOCIAL UPDATE

The 2025 Ice Cream Social was another great success because of all our church family doing so much to make it all come together.

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

So again, an overwhelmed heartfelt THANK YOU! It was a wonderful evening of fellowship - people visited for hours! There were times I looked and there were no places left for people to sit. We made 105 gallons of ice cream and sold it all.

Thank you again for your support.
May God Bless you!
~ Tara Johnson

SEPTEMBER 2025



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 Promotion Sunday Youth Group, 5:30pm	1 <small>Labor Day</small> NO Meal Site	2 Meal Site	3 Meal Site Women's Ministry Mtg., 1pm Men's Discipleship, 6:30pm	4 Meal Site Chair Exercises, 4:30pm	5 Meal Site	6 Men's Discipleship, 7am
7 Food Pantry Sunday Fishing Derby, 2-5pm	8 Meal Site	9 Meal Site	10 Meal Site Men's Discipleship, 6:30pm	11 Meal Site Chair Exercises, 4:30pm	12 Meal Site	13 Men's Discipleship, 7am
14 B/P Checks Membership Matters, 11:30am Deacons' Mtg., 11:30am Youth Group, 5:30pm	15 Foot Clinic Meal Site	16 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	17 Meal Site <small>New Letter DEADLINE</small> Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm Men's Discipleship, 6:30pm Trustees' Mtg., 7pm	18 Meal Site Quilting, 9am Chair Exercises, 4:30pm	19 Meal Site	20 Fall Blood Drive, 7-10:30am Men's Discipleship, 7am
21 Membership Matters, 11:30am Ultimate Frisbee, 3pm	22 Meal Site 	23 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	24 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm Men's Discipleship, 6:30pm	25 Meal Site Chair Exercises, 4:30pm	26 Meal Site R&LP Roseland Reformed Blomkest, MN	27 R&LP Roseland Reformed, Blomkest, MN Men's Discipleship, 7am
28 B/P Checks Membership Matters, 11:30am EEPC & FUPC Youth Event	29 Meal Site	30 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Session Mtg., 7pm	1 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm Men's Discipleship, 6:30pm	2 Meal Site Chair Exercises, 4:30pm	3 Meal Site	4 Men's Discipleship, 7am