



HELLO
September

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Mitch Anderson recently shared this photograph with me. It is the communicants class of 1945: Don Oak, Wayne Anderson, Marion Oak, Merle Fisher, Betty Fisher, and Otis Fisher. They were received as communicant members of this church on March 25, 1945, during the ministry of Rev. Tjaden.

More than eighty years ago, believers were being instructed, examined, received by the elders, and welcomed to the Lord's Table in this same congregation. The Lord was using the ordinary means of grace His visible church: Word, sacrament, prayer, shepherding, and fellowship - to gather and strengthen His people. By God's grace, He still is.



We often think of that continuity especially in terms of our covenant children, who grow up in the church, come to profess their own faith, and are admitted to the Table. But the same joy is present when adults unite with the church by profession of faith.

That is especially on my mind as we prepare for our adult membership class this September and, Lord willing, to welcome new members on October 4th.

Church membership can sound merely administrative, but it is far more than adding a name to a roll. It is a public confession that we belong to Christ and therefore to His people. We place ourselves under the care of the church, share in its worship and fellowship, and join together in the life and mission Christ has given His people.

The old photograph reminds us that we did not begin this work. Generations before us confessed the same faith, gathered around the same gospel, and took their place in Christ's visible church.

Now it is our turn to receive others with the same joy.

The faces change, the generations pass, but Christ continues to build His church. What a joy it is to share in this ministry together with you.

Your Pastor & Friend,

Zach

ELDERS

Todd Stegmiller, Clerk
Jason Flickinger
Kim Freyermuth
Jim Mueller
Kevin Oak
Jason Parchert
Mic Penry
Steve Wagamon
Keith Wilson

DEACONS

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

TRUSTEES

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



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

GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 6th - Molly Cook & Deanna Parchert
Sunday, September 13th - Pam Ehm & Family
Sunday, September 20th - Rachel Johnson & Sunday School Kids
Sunday, September 27th - Shay Lemon & Debbie Tomlin

July 28, 2026, at 7pm

Location: Church “Old Basement”- Called meeting

Present: TE Hopkins and RE’s Flickinger, Parchert, Mueller, Wilson, Penry, Oak, Freyermuth, Wagamon, and Stegmiller. A quorum is present.

- Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting.
- Zach opened with prayer.
- Scripture reading, 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Continuing Education - Chapter 8 and 9 of *The Elder Led Church* were reviewed.
- 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: June’s meeting was canceled and no meeting minutes were approved.

Correspondence: None

Zach’s Report: The Session reviewed and discussed activities over the previous month.

Old Business:

- RE Wilson to provide recommendations regarding Investment Committee implementation and membership
- RE’s were asked to submit/review Shepherding Meeting: Shepherding Form Letter
- RE Parchert is forming a group to review after school ministry
- RE Oak to work with Trustees regarding MidAmerican electrical failures.
- Report from TE Hopkins and RE Oak associated with the 47th General Assembly
- Report from TE Hopkins and RE Oak/Wilson/Penry/Stegmiller associated with the 5/27 and 7/14 RLP Called Meetings.

New Business:

1. **MINISTRY**

- RE Wilson to assist Brookstone Bible study – 8/5
- TE Hopkins to officiate Donell Hollon graveside service
- Children’s Ministry – Kid’s Carnival; Promotion (8/30); Rachel to August Session meeting
- Student Ministry - Mission trip planned for 6/20-27/26 in Lincoln, IL; Cade to Session meeting?
- Men’s Ministry – End of Summer/Fall Kickoff Event – please come with ideas.
- M/S/C Women’s Ministry – “Praying Pals” Request
- Young Adult – Evening @ Zach’s House (10/2)
- Session succession plan for 2027 is anticipated as 7 ruling elders and 1 teaching elder

2. **ADMINISTRATION**

- M/S/C Preston Brunat – Bootcamp 8/16; would like to join prior to leaving
- High School & Adult Membership Class – HS: 8/23, 30; Adult: 9/6, 13, 20, 27; Join 10/4

- Zach OUT – 8/10-13/26 (weekdays only)
- M/S/C Cal Johnson's Baptism 8/9/26 – RE Stegmiller to assist
- Scholarship Request – Caroline Neece – Postpone to August Meeting
- Next meeting planned for 8/25/26
- TE Hopkins closed in prayer at 9:55

RE Todd Stegmiller, Clerk of Session

FIRST AID TRAINING



Empower Yourself with Essential Life-Saving Skills

Free Non-certification training hosted by the deacons.

-  Saturday
07 November 2026
-  9:30–11:30 a.m.
-  EEPC basement

What You'll Learn

- ➔ Basic First Aid Principles
- ➔ Essential CPR Techniques
- ➔ Emergency Action Steps



**Registration information
coming soon.**

Date: 8-19-26

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

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

Minutes for July meeting reviewed.

Treasurer's report for July viewed and approved.

Old Business:

- There continues to be false alarms from the current fire alarm system. New system is being installed
- JR will repair the trim around the new door in the balcony
- Handicapped bathroom door has been repaired

New Business:

- Rooftop exhaust fans to ventilate the SS attic have been ordered and will be installed
- New fire alarm system is being installed and will be completed soon
- Per Mar will install device to monitor the fire alarm system
- Property Damage claim form to MidAmerican Energy is being prepared for the electrical damage last fall
- Crawford Company will be at the church to run a camera in the storm sewer lines to determine location prior to the new bus barn construction
- New door sweeps on the bottom of the main entrance doors have been installed. Will contact East Moline Glass to replace weatherstripping around the doors
- New programmable thermostat has been installed for the balcony A/C unit

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

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 in conjunction with the Fall Food Pantry Distribution, which is Saturday, November 14th.



SHARE
THE
WARMTH



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

August 23, 2026

In Attendance: Hillary Terrill, Tara Johnson, Katie Pearson, Lyndsey Flickinger, Nathan Flickinger, Beth Flickinger, Kathy Stegmiller, Sue Miller, Rachel Johnson, Jason Parchert, and Jim Mueller

Jason opened the meeting in prayer.

New Business:

- Discussed numbers for upcoming Sunday School term, Katie will need 2 tables in her classroom.
- Curriculum was ordered to start the Fall term.
- 9 students will be moving up to 1st grade class and will be receiving a bible on August 30.
- Advent season was discussed and how the children will be participating during Advent Season.
- Thanksgiving involvement for Children's Education during service.

Nathan closed the meeting in prayer.

Next Meeting: September 27th after church service in the conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Johnson

"Membership Matters"



Adult New Member Registration

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Sundays, Sept. 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th at 11:30am
New Member Reception, Sun. October 4th.

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 2nd. 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.

GOD EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS THIS SUMMER!!

(Click [HERE](#) to read the full August 2026 Report)

My heart is filled with gratitude and awe for all God has done this summer! This year's Camp Theme was "Redeemed: Restoring Identity."

We entered this season believing God would use Camp Summit to remind young people of the identity available to them in Christ – a true identity in a world filled with voices competing to tell them who they are.

God EXCEEDED our expectations!

472 kids and teens attended Camp Summit this summer! Each camper experienced authentic community, Gospel-centered teaching and worship, creativity, adventure, and the love of Christ. Throughout the summer, we watched kids and teens encounter God in powerful and deeply personal ways.

More than 60 children made decisions to follow Jesus and received salvation, and 11 youth were baptized, publicly declaring their faith and identifying themselves with Christ. These decisions are made by youth who discovered they are Loved. Chosen. Gifted. Empowered. Called.

Campers learned their identity is not defined by their circumstances, mistakes, opinions of others, or voices of the world—but by the God who created them, loves them, and calls them His own.

Campers worshipped with abandon, asked difficult questions, built meaningful relationships, discovered giftings, and encountered the Gospel. These lessons will shape the rest of their lives and the impact of this summer will reach far beyond the camp. Now with their restored identity, their life trajectory will change, their family tree will change, and because of this summer, generations will be changed.

All this is possible thanks to the investments of parents, volunteer, staff, church partners, sponsors, donors, and supporters who prayed, gave, served, and encouraged. THANK YOU!

You created a space for at-risk youth to encounter Jesus. Seeds planted this summer will produce fruit for generations to come. Campers' stories are still being written, relationships are growing, and the Gospel is still at work. We can't wait to see what our faithful God will do next!

Thank you for helping us steward what God is doing in the lives of our kids and teens! Please join us in praying for their protection, faith, growth, and destiny!

– Amos Johnson, Camp Summit Director



VOLUNTEER WITH US!

You can make an eternal impact!

WE NEED YOUR HELP THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

If God is nudging you to get involved, there is a special place just for you and someone **waiting for you to be part of their life!**

Please contact Eric Mumma to sign up!

volunteer@youthhopeqc.org 309-762-4577

BECOME A M.O.V.E. MENTOR!

Make a difference in the life of a young boy! M.O.V.E. connects 3rd and 4th grade boys with Christian men who encourage, guide, and teach them what it means to be a Man of Valor and Excellence.

We need more M.O.V.E. Mentors this fall!

Please contact Eric Mumma to sign up!

emumma@youthhopeqc.org 309-762-4577

Dr. Philip T. Siegert Memorial SPORTING CLAYS FUNDRAISER September 19, 2026

Join Us for a Great Day Supporting YouthHope!

Presented By: RBC Wealth Management
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Scan for More
Information and
Register Today!



EVERY BABY NEEDS A DAD-VOCATE - 3rd Qtr. Edition Heartlines

(Click [HERE](#) for the full 3rd Quarter Heartlines report)



When a couple walks through the doors of a pregnancy center, it's easy to focus on the mother. She deserves compassion, care, and practical support. But there is someone else whose heart and decisions often shape the future of that child—the father.

Research consistently shows that a father's involvement has a significant impact on pregnancy decisions and the long-term well-being of both mother and baby. That's why Pregnancy Resources intentionally ministers to men through our Dad-vocates. These trained volunteers come alongside fathers with encouragement, biblical truth, and practical support from early pregnancy through the toddler years.

Often men arrive feeling overwhelmed, uncertain, or unprepared. A Dad-vocate offers a listening ear, shares hope, and helps that new dad recognize the incredible influence he can have on his family.

Through our Dad-to-Dad coaching and fatherhood classes, new and expectant fathers join a community where experienced dads share wisdom, answer questions, and model what it looks like to lead a family with love and integrity. The encouragement is genuine, and the impact often reaches far beyond the pregnancy.

As they Participate, fathers can earn essential baby items while investing in their families. Diapers, infant and toddler clothing, car seats, and other necessities help ease financial burdens while reinforcing an important truth: providing for a child begins with showing up, learning, and leading well.

Strong fathers help build strong families. As men embrace God's design for fatherhood, mothers gain support, children gain stability, and generations are influenced for Christ.

Would you prayerfully consider serving as a Dad-vocate? If God has given you a heart to encourage other men, your willingness to walk alongside a father during one of life's most pivotal moments could help shape a family's future. Sometimes the greatest ministry begins by simply sitting beside another man and reminding him that with God's help, he can be the father his child needs.

Please contact prcmen@qcpregnancy.org or call 309-797-3636 and ask for Ken to get more information about this vital ministry.

Pregnancy Resources (Click on the image to register)

Walk for Life 2026



Your walk clears a path for her to choose LIFE!

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Check in anytime from 8:30 to 10:00 am
Walk Rally at 9:00 am
Walk anytime from 9:15 to 10:30 am

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

Scan here to Register!



Volunteer Training 2026 Trainings

November 17th-19th, 2026 (Morning or Evening)

Morning Trainings are from 8:30am to 12:00pm & Evening Trainings are from 5:30pm to 9:00pm.

- * All trainings are held at our Moline Center (3825 16th St., Moline, IL 61265)
- * Want to register? Sign up online! [Register Here!](#)
- * Now only 3 days, our volunteer training is required for volunteers who want to work directly with the women and men we help. Training covers helping skills, fetal development, adoption, abortion procedures and risks, ministry goals, and Biblical training on the sanctity of human life.
- * For more info or to RSVP, contact Maia at (563) 386-3737 or Maia@qcpregnancy.org
- * There are many different types of volunteer positions at the centers.
Call 563-386-3737 to find out more.
- * Spanish-speaking and French-speaking volunteers are needed!

Scan the QR Code to register for volunteer training:





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	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	End. Balance
General Fund	\$ 124,861.17	\$ 18,866.51	\$ 49,296.57	\$ 94,431.11
Education Fund	17,618.15	232.13	-	\$ 17,850.28
Building Fund (see below)	131,029.42	12,954.78	12,821.00	131,163.20
<i>Checking</i>	21,775.04	11,881.57	2,493.41	31,163.20
<i>CD</i>	109,254.38	1,073.21	10,327.59	100,000.00
Youth Group	26,532.07	212.00	2,776.52	23,967.55
	<u>\$ 300,040.81</u>	<u>\$ 32,265.42</u>	<u>\$ 64,894.09</u>	<u>\$ 267,412.14</u>

July 2026 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - July 2026

Pledges	18,761.50
Interest Income - General Fund	15.01
Per Member Asking	40.00
Basement Rent	50.00

\$ 18,866.51 \$

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Expenditures - July 2026

Administrative

\$ 26,348.42

ABS (copier rental)	102.63	53.4%
AT&T - Phone for elevator	23.05	
Cemetery Upkeep	600.00	
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	37.00	
Insurance		
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	601.68	
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	1,504.18	
Kone (elevator)		
MidAmerican Energy /Edgington	723.00	
Water		
Millenium Waste	83.30	
Office Supplies & Printing/	44.00	
Photocopying		
Repairs & Maintenance - general	20,189.35	Includes Crawford invoice - \$19,917 (to be reimbursed
Reytel - Internet	152.58	from Building Fund in the future)
Shipping/Postage		
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	2,287.65	

Discipleship (Internal)

\$ 9,942.20

Children's Director	393.25	20.2%
Continuing Education	167.79	
Deacon Expense		
EPC General Assembly	223.20	
EPC (health)	24.27	
Events		
Fidelity (pension)	1,114.15	
Housing Allowance	4,291.66	
Meals	29.92	
Mileage	372.65	
Pastor Salary	2,782.08	
Presbytery Expense	.	
Pulpit Supply		
Resource Materials	489.26	
Sunday School		
Worship Supplies/Music/Flowers	53.97	

Mission (external)

\$ 13,005.95

Mission - International	\$ 6,375.00	26.4%
Mission - US	2,250.00	
Mission - Local	3,874.00	
Mercy Benevolence	506.95	

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 49,296.57

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100.0%

NET OPERATING INCOME

\$ (30,430.06)

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies committed within general fund as of end of month is \$22,951 and Mercy Benevolence Mission of \$3,976

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Pastor Zach continues preaching through The Gospel According to Luke.

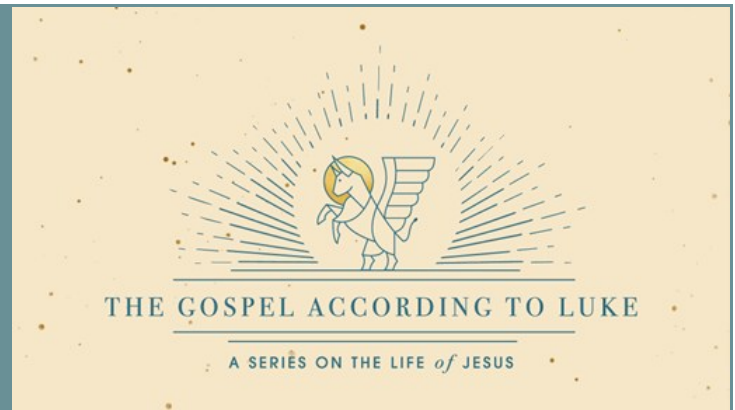
Please join us each week! We look forward to seeing you and diving deep into God's Word together!

Sunday, Sept. 6th - [Luke 22:63-71](#)

Sunday, Sept. 13th - [Luke 23:1-25](#)

Sunday, Sept. 20th - Guest speaker, Danny Cridelich

Sunday, Sept. 27th - [Luke 23:26-49](#)



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.

REDEPTIVE-HISTORICAL BIBLE READING PLAN

© Greg Lanier (glanier.wordpress.com)

Each year Pastor Zach provides a new reading plan to help equip you to spend time reading through God's Word. This year he has chosen a redemptive-historical reading plan from Greg Lanier, who is an associate professor of New Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando (full-time) and as associate pastor at River Oaks Church (PCA) (part-time).

Annual Bible reading plans are great. But there are tradeoffs. They can be oppressive for some, and they require a heavy load of reading spread equally across all chapters and books with little time to reflect, pause, connect dots, etc. One may not, at the end of reading the Bible through in a year, emerge with a much better understanding of the 1,189 chapters you just read. The plan provided on the next few pages and linked to the image takes a different approach meant to complement (not replace) the normal one. It curates the key chapters of the OT that help frame the flow of redemptive history (how God has worked in history to bring about his plan of salvation). Most sections of OT readings include NT chapters that shed light on fulfillment in Christ. You can go at your own pace and pause however often you want to dig deeper and reflect on what you are reading. At the end, you will have a solid grounding in the entire message of the Bible, which can then help you revisit those 1,189 chapters afresh.

In the year ahead, ask God each day to speak directly to you from the Scripture passages 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.



Daily Bible Reading
MAKE IT A HABIT THIS YEAR

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

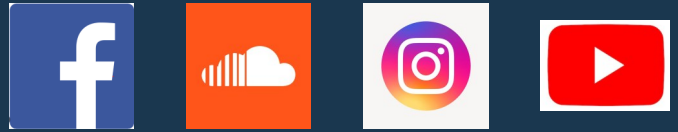
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[Facebook link](#)
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This fall, our Adult Sunday School class will begin a practical study called **"How to Read Your Bible."**

Rather than treating Bible interpretation as something only for pastors or scholars, this class will focus on helping Christian believers read Scripture with greater confidence and understanding. Each week we will learn one clear principle for reading the Bible well; principles like: paying attention to context, genre, the Bible's unified story, how the Old and New Testaments fit together, and how all Scripture points us to Christ. We will do this while leaving plenty of room for discussion and practice together. Whether you are new to serious Bible study or have been reading Scripture for many years, this class is designed to help you hear God's Word more faithfully and apply it more wisely.

How to Read Your Bible

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



A practical study in reading Scripture with confidence, clarity, and Christ-centered understanding.



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 Gierlus
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!

MEN'S MINISTRY: FALL DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Men of Edgington,
mark your
calendars and join
us this fall!

Beginning on September 2nd, we will
meet on **Wednesday evenings for
nine weeks** to work through *The
Gospel-Centered Life*.

The gospel is not merely the message
through which we begin the Christian
life - it is the good news that
continues to shape every part of our
lives. This practical study will help us
consider how the grace of Jesus

Christ transforms our hearts, our relationships, our struggles with sin, and our daily walk with God.
Each lesson includes biblical teaching, personal exercises, and opportunities for honest and
meaningful conversation.

These groups are intended for men at every stage of the Christian life. You do not need to be a Bible
expert, and you do not need to have participated in a previous group. Simply come ready to learn,
grow, and encourage other men as we follow Christ together.

Discipleship Groups: Wednesday
evenings beginning September 2nd
(6:30pm)

Length: Nine weeks

Book Cost: \$10



Weekly Men's
Small Group Meetings

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP



Wednesdays - 6:30pm
Starting September 2nd



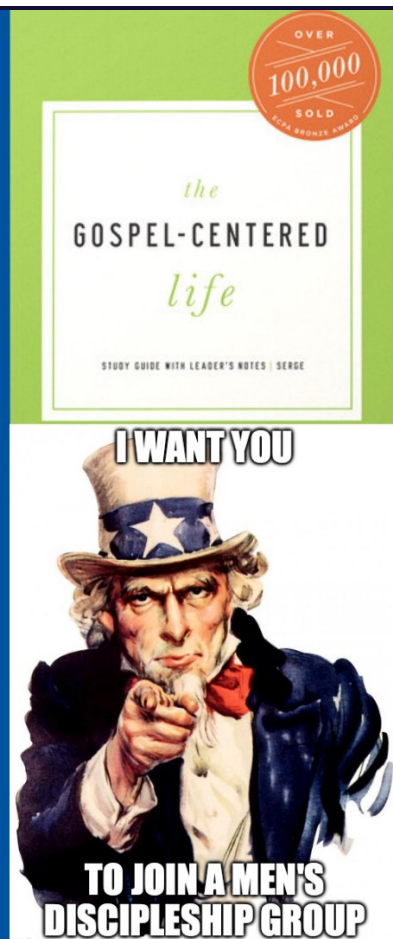
Meeting for NINE weeks



Books Cost \$10
Available for pickup in
the office



Meet at the Church
Bring: Bible, Pen, Book



EDGINGTON EPC
MEN!

BREAKFAST

MEN'S

Join us a Men's
Breakfast on
Sat., Nov. 14th at
7am.





FALL WOMEN'S MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

Our Fall Business Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 2nd at 1pm. **All women of the church are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings.**

Cindy Oak will be our hostess.

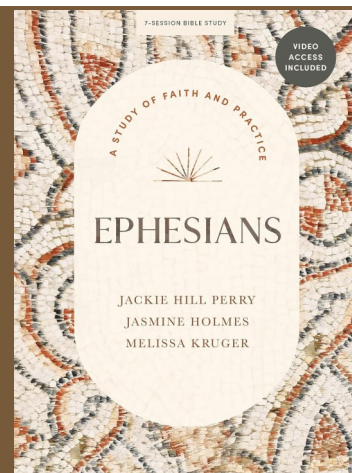
Who am I? The question of identity is always in the back of our minds, and it's currently at the forefront of social conversations. But the first question we need to ask is: *Who is God?* Then we can begin to consider, *And who am I in light of who He is?* In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul describes God as a merciful and forgiving Father who unites us in Christ and empowers us to live by the Spirit. We're adopted children and fellow citizens with the saints because of God's loving pursuit on our behalf.

In this 7-session study, Bible teachers, authors, and friends Jackie Hill Perry, Jasmine Holmes, and Melissa Kruger walk through the book of Ephesians, examining the invaluable truths Paul's letter holds for us today. Along the way, they'll help us understand the riches of our inheritance as daughters of our heavenly Father, as well as what it means to walk in a manner worthy of our calling.

We hope that you will join us and consider inviting a friend!

Tuesdays at 10am and Wednesdays at 6:30pm, beginning Tuesday, September 15th and Wednesday, September 16th.

Questions/Want to sign up, contact Sue Miller – 309-781-8231, Kathy Stegmiller – 309-791-1162, or Beth Flickinger – 309-648-1219. Books are \$20 each.



Click on the image to watch a brief discussion of the book by the three authors.

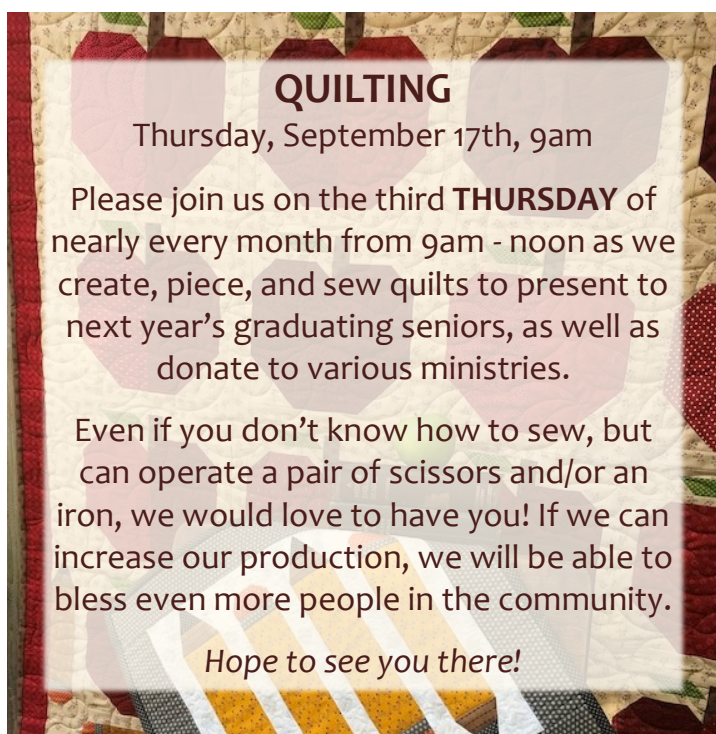


WOMEN'S PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP EVERY WED. AT 6:30PM

All women are welcome to attend every week or as often as they can. We are using the "Monday Meditations" that Pastor Zach is sending out as a guide.

We normally meet every Wednesday night for fellowship, devotion, a deeper dive into the sermon, & prayer and we hope you will join us!

We hope you will join us!



QUILTING

Thursday, September 17th, 9am

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

JOIN OUR PRAYING PALS PROGRAM!

Looking for a meaningful way to build connections across generations in our church family? This fall, the Women's Ministry is launching a **Praying Pals Program**, designed to encourage our youth in their faith and build relationships across generations in our church family.



The program pairs one adult (**Senior Pal**) with one youth (**Junior Pal**) for prayer, encouragement, and conversation throughout this autumn. The requirement for adults is to be a church member. All youth ages 8 and up are welcome to sign up with parent or guardian permission.

Participants will meet at church after worship for brief, guided conversations 1-2 times per month, using provided discussion topics and prayer prompts. All meetings will be in the church building, but each pair will compare schedules to decide which Sundays to meet.

Whether you're interested in serving as a Senior Pal or would like your child to participate as a Junior Pal, we'd love to have you involved!

Important Dates

- **Sign-up Deadline:** September 6
- **Training for Senior Pals:** September 13 immediately after church (15 min)
- **Program Begins:** September 20
- **Program Ends:** Late November to Early December

You can sign up as a Senior Pal or Junior Pal using the sheets in the back of the church or by contacting the Women's Ministry team. We look forward to growing in faith together!

DO YOU HAVE **concerns** **about falling?**



**A MATTER OF
BALANCE**

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- View falls as controllable
- Set goals for increasing activity
- Make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- Exercise to increase strength & balance

CONCERNED ABOUT FALLING?

Classes on Tuesdays & Thursdays for 4 weeks, beginning September 29th, from 12:30 - 2:30pm.

Many older adults experience concerns about falling & restrict their activities. **A MATTER OF BALANCE** is an award-winning program designed to manage falls AND increase activity levels.

This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Anyone concerned about falls
- Anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility, & strength
- Anyone who has fallen in the past
- Anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

If you have expressed an interest, we will contact you. If you haven't previously notified us of your interest, please contact Nita Darland at (309) 781-9178 or Kathy Stegmiller at (309) 791-1162.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

On August 22nd, we had a successful distribution to 30 families consisting of 64 Adults, 1 Teen, and 20 Children. We were surprised that numbers hadn't grown from the Spring Distribution considering the economy at this time. We had actually packed for 29 families, but an additional need came to our attention on Saturday, and we were able to provide food for an additional family.



When we packed on Friday, August 21st, there were 16 people who helped, with 2 being from other churches. Many hands made light work, but that also meant the food pantry staff couldn't quite keep up packing the carts, as they were being emptied so quickly! Fortunately, everyone who helped was very patient! On Saturday when we distributed, we had 11 adults helping plus 1 high school student. What a blessing the high school student was as he helped load the cars on Saturday.

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, pancake mixes, saltine & 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.

Wishing God's blessings to all!

Food Pantry Staff - Jim & Teresa Balmer, Don & Beth Easterla, Dewey & Shirley Flemming, John & Pam Fuhr, Marlin & Darcy Krueger, Donnie & Brandee Neece, and Mic & Sue Penry

Our next distribution date is Sat., Nov. 14. We will be packing on Fri., Nov. 13.

The Mission Committee will be hosting their Coat Drive Distribution at the same time, so it will be a busy & blessed morning!

**PROUDLY SERVING
SENIORS SINCE 1968**



Project NOW
Community Action Agency



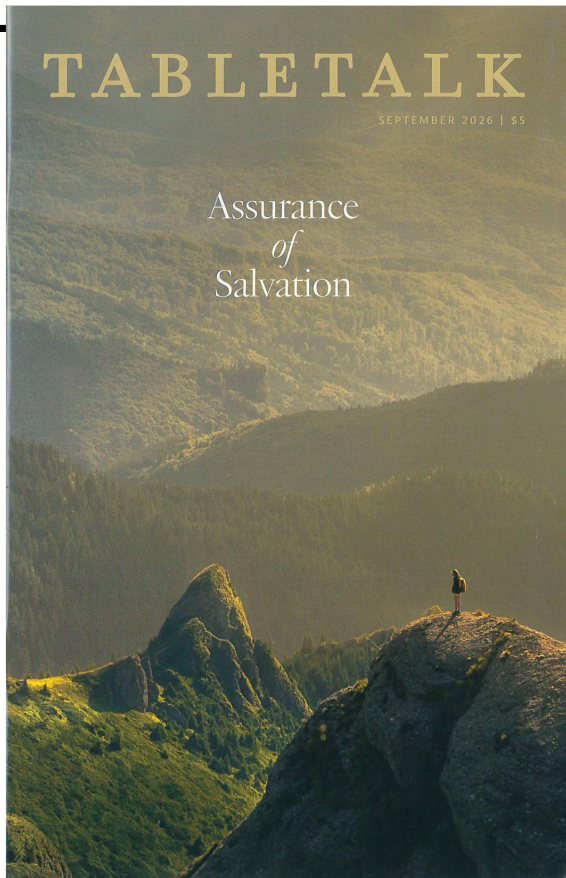
For many years now Edgington EPC has been a host site for Senior Meals. The doors are now open here for meals **EVERY WEEKDAY!**

Meals are available for a suggested donation of \$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.

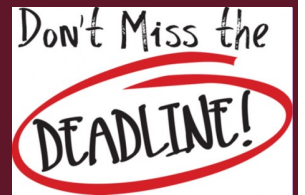
If you would like more information or want to check out the menu for the month click the Project Now logo above for the link to their website or call 309-788-6335.

GET YOUR SEPTEMBER COPY OF
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

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



ALL submissions for the October 2026 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER than Wednesday, Sept. 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:
Mon., Sept. 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.

EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS NOTED)

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

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

9.6 - FANTASY FOOTBALL DRAFT

9.13 - VOLLEYBALL

9.20 - ULTIMATE FRISBEE

9.27 - GAME NIGHT

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS

CADE REIMERS FOR MORE INFO

309.373.2488



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

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

SUN. SEPT. 20TH - 3PM

ROCKRIDGE PRACTICE FIELD

Harvest Party

OCTOBER 11TH 4-7 PM @ EEPCC

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

PICNIC GAMES BOUNCE HOUSES 'SMORES
HAYRACK RIDES



YOU'RE INVITED!

please JOIN US

TRUNK ^{or} TREAT



OCT
25
4 - 5:30PM



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Open to the entire Rockridge Community!

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

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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/occshoeboxes/>

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 2026 Ice Cream Social was a little different this year. The youth decided that instead of raising money for next year's mission trip the money raised from the social should be put to another mission - that of helping Drew Hawk and his family on his road to recovery after a tragic diving accident. Thanks to the youth and all our church family, it was a huge success!

As of this moment we have raised \$5,833 with another \$196 promised, for a total of 6,029 to be donated to the Hawk family.

I cannot thank everyone enough for your help! When I sit back and look at all the hands it took 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 115 gallons of ice cream and sold it all.

May God Bless you! ~ Tara Johnson

Give to Bless
the Hawk Family and support Drew's recovery



HAWK



SEPTEMBER 2026



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 Promotion Sunday H.S. Membership Class, 11:15am Fishing Derby, 2-5pm	31 Meal Site	1 Meal Site	2 Meal Site Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm	3 Meal Site	4 Meal Site	5
6 Food Pantry Sunday Fall S.S. Classes Begin Youth Group, 5:30pm	7 <i>Labor Day</i> NO Meal Site	8 Meal Site	9 Meal Site Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm	10 Meal Site	11 Meal Site	12
13 B/P Checks Deacons' Mtg., 11:30 Youth Group, 5:30pm	14 Meal Site	15 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	16 Meal Site Men's & Women's Bible Studies, 6:30pm Trustees Mtg., 5:30pm <i>NewsLetter DEADLINE</i>	17 Quilting, 9am Meal Site	18 Meal Site	19
20 Ultimate Frisbee, 3pm	21 Foot Clinic Meal Site	22 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am 	23 Meal Site Men's & Women's Bible Studies, 6:30pm	24 Meal Site	25 Meal Site 48th Stated R&L Presbytery Mtg., Edgerton, MN	26 48th Stated R&L Presbytery Mtg., Edgerton, MN
27 B/P Checks Children's Ed. Mtg., 11:30am Youth Group, 5:30pm	28 Meal Site	29 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Session Mtg., 7pm	30 Meal Site Men's & Women's Bible Studies, 6:30pm	1 Meal Site	2 Meal Site	3