EDGINGTON
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
"TO GLORIFY GOD & ENJOY HIM FOREVER"



November Newsletter 2026
Volume 20, Issue 11

A RECIPROCAL APPRECIATION

This October, my family and I have been the recipients of many thoughtful expressions of love and encouragement during a season of Pastor Appreciation. But as we enter November, a season especially suited to giving thanks, I would like to turn the tables. I want you to know how thankful your pastor is for you.

When I think of this congregation, I often think of Paul's words to the Thessalonians: "We also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God" (1 Thessalonians 2:13). There is no greater encouragement to a minister of the Word than a congregation eager to hear, receive, and obey the Scriptures. Your readiness to sit under God's Word, your attentiveness to its preaching, and your desire to be shaped by its truth are gifts for which I regularly give thanks.

I think also of Galatians 6:6, where Paul instructs those who are taught the Word to share all good things with those who teach. You have fulfilled that exhortation with remarkable generosity. My family and I have been blessed beyond measure by your kindness, prayers, friendship, and care. We have never had reason to doubt that we are loved.

I am now in my fifteenth year of ministry here at Edgington. What a kindness of God's providence! I have learned so much among you, received so much grace, and witnessed the Lord's faithfulness through seasons of celebration, sorrow, growth, and change. One of the sweetest blessings has been the multigenerational character of our church family: grandparents and grandchildren, young families and seasoned saints, worshiping, serving, and belonging to one another in Christ. I could scarcely have imagined anything more delightful.

My pastor friends sometimes tease me that I serve a church in "Mayberry," because all they seem to hear from me is encouragement and excitement about ministry in Edgington. Of course, we are not a perfect church. There is no such congregation this side of heaven. But we have a perfect Savior, who has been exceedingly gracious to us.

So, this Thanksgiving, I thank God for you. It is among the great joys of my life to be called by Christ to serve as your pastor and teacher. I love this congregation, I delight in this calling, and I look forward with thanksgiving to all that the Lord has yet in store for us.

With gratitude and affection,

Zach

Pastor Zach

ELDERS

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

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Angie Freyermuth - Chair
Dorothy Rursch - Secretary
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Mitch Anderson
Conie Huntley
Tom Huntley
Melody VanOteghem
Deb Wagamon

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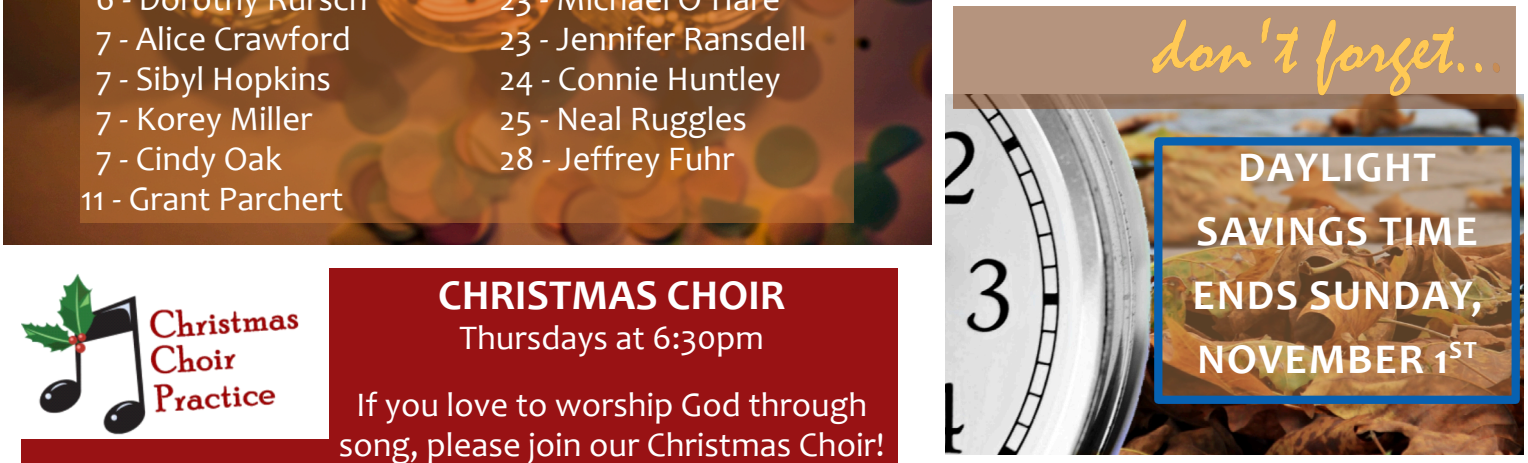
Mel Block - Chair
Larry Pithan - Secretary
Ken Benningfield
Aaron Ehm
Jeff Fuhr
Pil Fuhr
Colby Mueller
Cindy Oak
Bill Sloan
JR Thomas

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Carson Hall
1 - Darren Hall
2 - Jackson Fuhr
2 - Mary Ann Kade
4 - Steely Calvert
5 - Regina Thomas
6 - Pam Fuhr
6 - Dorothy Rursch
7 - Alice Crawford
7 - Sibyl Hopkins
7 - Korey Miller
7 - Cindy Oak
11 - Grant Parchert
12 - Ella Goodnight
13 - John Adams
13 - Trayton Hazen
13 - Marvin Weiss
14 - Luella Doonan
16 - Raegan Miller
22 - Jenn Youck
23 - Michael O'Hare
23 - Jennifer Ransdell
24 - Connie Huntley
25 - Neal Ruggles
28 - Jeffrey Fuhr

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

13 - Denis & Michelle Doonan
14 - Kevin & Cindy Oak
25 - Ben & Luci Goodnight
29 - John & Nikki Madison



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Thursdays at 6:30pm

If you love to worship God through song, please join our Christmas Choir! Rehearsals will be every Thursday at 6:30pm beginning November 5th, with the exception of Thanksgiving.

Any questions, please contact Regina Thomas.

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.

GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 1st – Sunday School Children
Sunday, November 8th – Don and Beth Easterla
Sunday, November 13th – Dewey and Shirley Flemming
Sunday, November 22nd – Rick and Melody VanOtegham
Sunday, November 29th – Nikki Madison and Lori Meier

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welcome

TO OUR NEWEST FAMILY MEMBERS!

We are so thankful to God for our newest members and look forward to seeing how God grows them and uses them for His glory here at Edgington EPC and in our community.



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Children: Owen, Drew, Brady, Liam, Josie

SESSION

September29, 2026, at 7pm

Location: Church "Old Basement"- Called meeting

Present: TE Hopkins, REs 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 and the reading of Psalm 51.
- Continuing Education-Chapter 12 of *The Elder Led Church* was 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: August meeting was reviewed and approved.

Correspondence: None

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

Old Business:

- RE Parchert met with group (x's 2) to review after school ministry. Next meeting 11/3. Will provide update to congregation during minute for mission on 10/18/2026.
- RE Oak to work with trustee's regarding Mid American electrical failures. Expect decision in 30 days
- Danny Cridelich Visiting 9/20
- 48th RLP meeting 9/25/2026 -Edgerton, MN. Report and meeting summary were reviewed.
- BoG Amendments-On Hold

Committee Reports:

- It was M/S/C to approve committee minutes submitted:

REPORTS	MINISTRY / ELDER	DATES	KEY ITEMS
	Clerk/Todd		(11) New members: Arron/Kristina Calvert, Candace/Molly DeSmet, Andy Fuhr, Jaxon Hazen , Lauren Oetgen, Scott/Kelly/Owen/Drew Ryckeghems (5) Adult Baptisms: Aaron C, Candace D, Molly D, Jaxon H, Lauren O (4) Infant Baptisms: Swayde C, Steely C, Parker D, Josie R (3) Additions to Baptized Roll: Cash C, Brady R, Liam R
	Deacons/Steve	Aug/Sept	New Member, CPR Class, Paint and Praise
	Trustees/Kim	9/16/2026	Fire alarm improvement, storm drainage, vent waterline, misc.
	Mission/Mic & Jason F.	N/A	Danny Cridelich, Food pantry
	Christian Ed./Jim & Jason P.		Update on Christmas program
	Personnel/Keith & Kevin	N/A	"Pastoral 360"Annie Rose to supply details. Zach vacation April, June, August. Didn't preach 1/25, 3/22, 9/20. Anticipated 11/15.

New Business:

1. **MINISTRY**
   a. Children's Ministry –Christmas program details
   b. Men's Ministry – Discipleship Groups update. Men's breakfast 11/14-7am.
   c. Young Adult- Gathering at Hopkins-10/2.
   d. Preaching lab 2027

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2. ADMINISTRATION

a. New member interview report
b. M/S/C the following new members and baptisms:
   i. (11) New members: Aaron & Kristina Calvert, Candace & Molly De Smet, Andy Fuhr, Jaxon Hazen, Lauren Oetgen, Scott, Kelly, Owen, & Drew Ryckeghem
   ii. (5) Adult Baptisms: Aaron Calvert, Candace De Smet, Molly De Smet, Jaxon Hazen, Lauren Oetgen
   iii. (4) Infant Baptisms: Swayde Calvert, Steely Calvert, Parker Busch, Josie Ryckeghem
   iv. (3) Additions to Baptized Roll: Cash Calvert, Brady Ryckeghem, & Liam Ryckeghem
c. Reviewed the safety in Christian Education Policy
d. TE Hopkins will be preaching in Dubuque on 11/15/2026. Darren Hall has agreed to preach. REs to review content on 11/8/2026.
e. 2027 Nominating Committee REs Jason Flickinger and Todd Stegmiller
f. 49th RLP hosting Details-1/22-1/23/2027

Next meeting planned for 10/27/26.

TE Hopkins closed in prayer at 9:52

RE Todd Stegmiller, Clerk of Session





TRUSTEES

Date: 10-32-26

Present: Mel Block, Aaron Ehm, Cindy Oak, Larry Pithan, Bill Sloan, Elder Kim Freyermuth, Treasurer Barb Freyermuth.

Mel opened the meeting with prayer at 5:30pm.

Minutes for September meeting reviewed.

Treasurer's report for September reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- A few landscape plants need to be replaced. Bill Sloan offered some hosta plants.
- Concrete replacement at office door still pending. Waiting on return call from contractor.
- Attic ventilation fans will be installed in early November.
- Property damage claim due to electrical surge was rejected by MidAmerican. They will not cover any of the repair costs.
- One of the toilets in the SS bathroom was replaced.
- Former contract with Johnson Controls for fire alarm monitoring has been canceled. Per Mar now providing monitoring service.
- New fire alarm system has been installed and is operational. High temperature heat detectors installed in SS attic.

New Business:

- Set date of Saturday, October 24 for fall yard cleanup and trim.
- New Christian flag has been ordered.
- Need to replace a few light bulbs.

Mel closed the meeting with prayer at 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

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, but did you know 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 2026 Deacon team includes: Kay Amy Mitch Anderson, Angie Freyermuth, Tom & Connie Huntley, Dorothy Rursch, & Melody VanOteghem

Call Us

THE IMAGE OF GOD IN EACH CHILD *(Click HERE for the full October Report)*

Our purpose as an organization is to build authentic relationships with kids to lead them to HOPE in Jesus. We serve a relational God who wants a relationship with us. At YouthHope, we get to demonstrate His love for these kids by providing opportunities for them to open their hearts to Him. One of our wonderful programs we accomplish this mission with is through CRE8 Studios.

A word from our CRE8 Studios' Director, Josiah Wollan:
CRE8 Studios exists to help kids and teens connect with God through their creativity and learn they are made in God's image. Our motto is "You are created to create!"

This semester, God led Mrs. CJ to volunteer and teach choir at YouthHope. She jumped into her first three Choir Sessions with passion, joy, and excitement!

During the first session, a student named Quincy shared with Mrs. CJ that some students were making fun of her clothing and fashion choices. Without missing a beat, Mrs. CJ said, "They can't say anything, you are a daughter of the King!" She reminded Quincy that she is made in God's image and that only His opinion matters, and He loves her dearly. For the rest of the choir lesson, Quincy sat a little straighter, sang a little louder, and smiled a little bigger.

These interactions change the trajectory of a student's life Thank you for helping make them possible through your faithful prayers, giving, and serving with YouthHope. Thank you for making an impact in the lives of kids and teens for the sake of the Gospel! If you desire to engage and help share the HOPE of Jesus... we have a place for you!

– Esther Joy King, Executive Director

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

M.O.V.E. connects 3rd - 5th grade boys with Christian men who encourage, guide, model, and teach what it means to be a Man of Valor and Excellence.

VOLUNTEER ONCE A MONTH DURING LUNCH TIME!

We have a waitlist of kids ,and we need mentors to make a life-changing impact!

Please Contact Eric Mumma to sign up: emumma@youthhopeqc.org or call 309-762-4577

TRIVIA NIGHT
February 6, 2027
Register your team here!

SPONSOR A Christmas BLESSING BOX

"Adopt" a YouthHope student this coming Christmas Season!

Sign Up Using this QR Code or email for more info: hcarr@youthhopeqc.org

DONATE FOOD FOR HOLIDAY BASKETS!

- Tomato Paste
- Green Beans
- Sweet Potatoes
- Cranberry Sauce
- Corn
- Pumpkin
- Soup
- Gravy Packets
- Boxed Stuffing
- Cornbread/Biscuit Mix
- Dish & Laundry Detergent
- Grocery Store Gift Cards

or Sponsor a Family Holiday Basket for $75

Please deliver to YouthHope Office - 3928 12th Ave., Moline Mon-Fri 9am - 4pm
Items Needed by November 18

PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER

Monday, November 16 - Bettendorf, IA

Mark your calendar to join us at Pizza Ranch on November 16! Come for dinner between 5pm-8pm, and YouthHope will receive 10% of all sales from the evening! **880 Lincoln Rd, Bettendorf, IA 52722**

BECAUSE OF YOU

The words of the moms and dads we serve remind us that your generosity make a real and lasting difference. Every ultrasound, encouraging conversation, practical resource, and compassionate connection is made possible because you choose to invest in this ministry.

What may feel like a simple appointment or resource to us can be a turning point for a family facing an uncertain future. These comments offer a glimpse into the impact you are helping make every day.

Abortion Minded Woman after her pregnancy test appointment:
"I'm not afraid anymore, I know I can do this. I can be a mom."

Undecided Mom at ultrasound that chose life:
"I got to see a heartbeat and know that there is a baby. I'm going to be a mom."

Undecided Mom at ultrasound that chose life:
"The nurse was very compassionate and sensitive; she calmed my anxiety and I got to see the baby"

Abortion Minded Woman who chose life at ultrasound:
"I got to hear the baby's heart beat."

Pregnant Mom after completing a healthy pregnancy class:
"This was great! Many of my questions were answered?"

We have almost reached the end of the year!
First, I want to say thank you! Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for teaching truth. Thank you for loving women and men well. And thank you for continuing to help make a way for moms and dads to see and choose LIFE.

This year so far:
- 559 Pregnancy Test Appointments
- 985 Interactions with Dads
- 47 Changed minds

As we partner together, we help to create a culture of LIFE within our churches and our communities. We recently received an email about a study released in October 2025. The headline stopped us in our tracks: "U.S. Churchgoers' Pro-Life Conviction Plummets by 20 Points in Two Years."

Below is the link to the article outlining the study:
https://www.christiandaily.com/news/us-churchgoers-pro-life-conviction-plummets-by-20-points-in-two-years-new-study-reveals

If you would like to view the whole study, you may click this link: Family Research Council

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@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!

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	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	End. Balance
General Fund	$ 99,906.43	$ 14,602.44	$ 30,577.33	$ 83,931.54
Education Fund	16,028.22	184.18	-	$ 16,212.40
Building Fund (see below)	132,355.03	1,233.56	2,641.43	130,947.16
Checking	*32,355.03*	*1,233.56*	*2,641.43*	*30,947.16*
CD	*100,000.00*			*100,000.00*
Youth Group *	30,010.85	669.00	6,135.91	24,543.94
	$ 278,300.53	$ 16,689.18	$ 39,354.67	$ 255,635.04

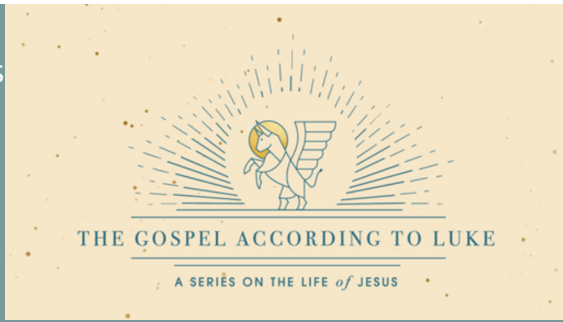
** $5,900 donated to Hawk Family from Ice Cream Social receipts.*

September 2026 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - September 2026			
Pledges	14,591.20		
Interest Income - General Fund	11.24		
Per Member Asking	-		
		$ 14,602.44	$ -
Expenditures - September 2026			
Administrative		***$ 18,150.76***	
ABS (copier rental)	349.66	*59.4%*	
Cemetery Upkeep			
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	297.86		
Insurance	13,690.40		
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	548.19		
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	1,199.79		
Kone (elevator)			
MidAmerican Energy /Edgington Water	625.00		
Millenium Waste	83.30		
Office Supplies & Printing/Photocopying	224.63		
Repairs & Maintenance - general	785.09		*Stuard & Associates*
Reytel - Internet / Phone	152.68		
Shipping/Postage	44.40		
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	149.76		
Discipleship (Internal)		***$ 10,426.57***	
Children's Director	393.25	*34.1%*	
Continuing Education			
Deacon Expense	25.00		
EPC General Assembly			
EPC (health)	24.27		
Events	-		
Fidelity (pension)	1,114.15		
Housing Allowance	4,291.66		
Meals	-		
Mileage	263.75		
Pastor Salary	2,782.08		
Presbytery Expense	197.52		
Pulpit Supply	822.19		
Resource Materials	512.70		
Sunday School			
Worship Supplies/Music/Flowers			
Mission (external)		***$ 2,000.00***	
Mission - International		*6.5%*	
Mission - US			
Mission - Local	2,000.00		
Mercy Benevolence	-		
TOTAL EXPENSES		**$ 30,577.33**	$ -
		100.0%	
NET OPERATING INCOME		**$ (15,974.89)**	
INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL			

Mission monies committed within general fund as of end of month is $29,025; and Mercy Benevolence Fund of $5,516

CURRENT SERMON SERIES



Pastor Zach will be wrapping up The Gospel According to Luke this month & beginning an Advent series called Songs of the King: Christ in the Psalms. See p. 18 for all the details
We hope you will join us each week!

Sunday, Nov. 1st - Luke 24:36-49
Sunday, Nov. 8th - Luke 24:50-53
Sunday, Nov. 15th - Darren Hall preaching
Sunday, Nov. 22nd - Thanksgiving Sermon
Sunday, Nov. 29th - Psalm 2

SCRIPTURE LINKS - Download the apps!

GET IT ON Google Play

App Store

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

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.

REDEMPTIVE-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 Theological Seminary, Orlando (full-time)as associate pastor at Oaks Church(PCA) (part-time). *(Click on the image for the PDF)*

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.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



The next food pantry distribution by the Rockridge Community Food Pantry will be on **Saturday, November 14th from 9-11am**. Packing will be on Friday, November 13th at 9am.

If you now of someone in need of food, please contact Lisa at the EEPC office and she will let the appropriate people know of the need.

The next time you are notified of food pantry activities, you will hear from Beth Easterla at the Food Pantry. She prefers to be contacted via text. Her number is 309-738-7816.

As always, we appreciate the support we receive from our local churches and all of you! We can always use nonperishable food items or personal care items for the food pantry. Thank you again for your support and prayers.

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

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SENIOR MEAL SITE

For many years now Edgington EPC has been a host site for Senior Meals through Project Now. The doors are typically 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 during the 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,



FOOT CLINIC

Monday, November 16th, 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.



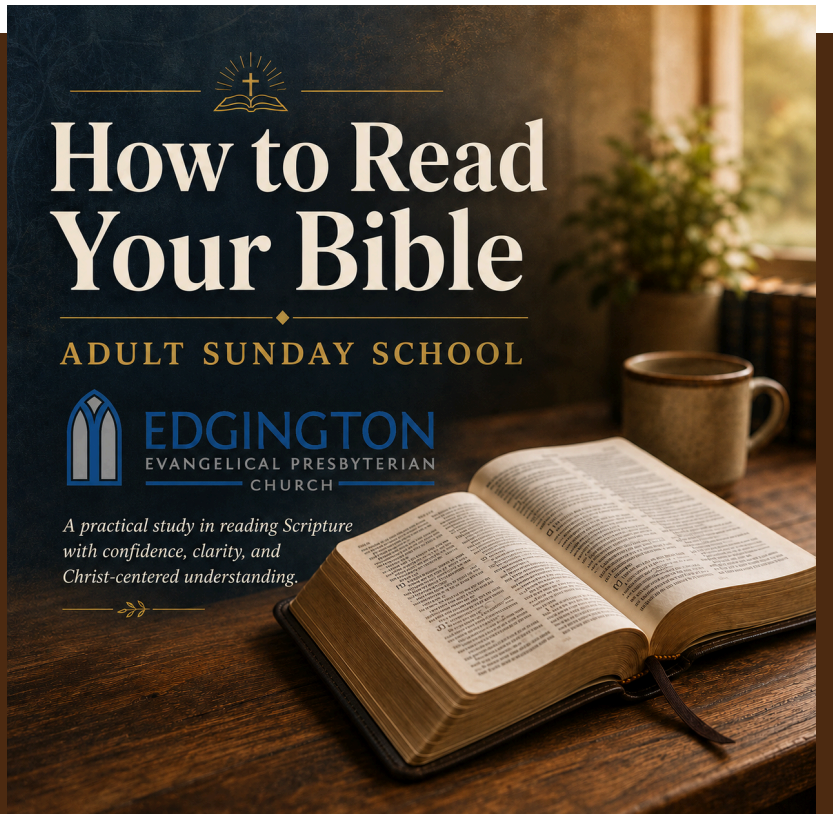


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This Fall, our Adult Sunday School class began a practical study called "How to Read Your Bible."
This class focuses on helping Christian believers read Scripture with greater confidence and understanding. Each week we are learning one clear principle 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 are 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.



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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

kidsministry
EDGINGTON EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GREAT COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

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

show me Jesus

so what?

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

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Wednesday, December 2nd, 1pm

All women are invited to the last quarterly Women's Ministry meeting at 1pm on Wednesday December 2, 2026 in the church basement dining area. Sue Miller will be the hostess. Meetings last about an hour and a half which includes our snack and fellowship time. If you cannot attend but want to suggest something that the ladies of your church could be doing to honor God, please call Sue Miller or drop a note in the women's ministry mailbox outside the office door!

A **BIG thanks** to all who are participating in our Praying Pals program! The feedback has been encouraging! God bless all of you!

We would like to encourage everyone available to come and help decorate the church sanctuary on Saturday, November 28th at 9am.



QUILTING

Thursday, November 19th, 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!



Happy 100th Birthday

WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN A CARD SHOWER CELEBRATING LUELLA DOONAN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY FROM NOW THROUGH HER BIRTHDAY ON NOVEMBER 14TH.

CARDS, NOTES, & LOVE CAN BE SENT TO LUELLA AT:
405 SE 13TH AVE. APT 274
ALEDO, IL 61231

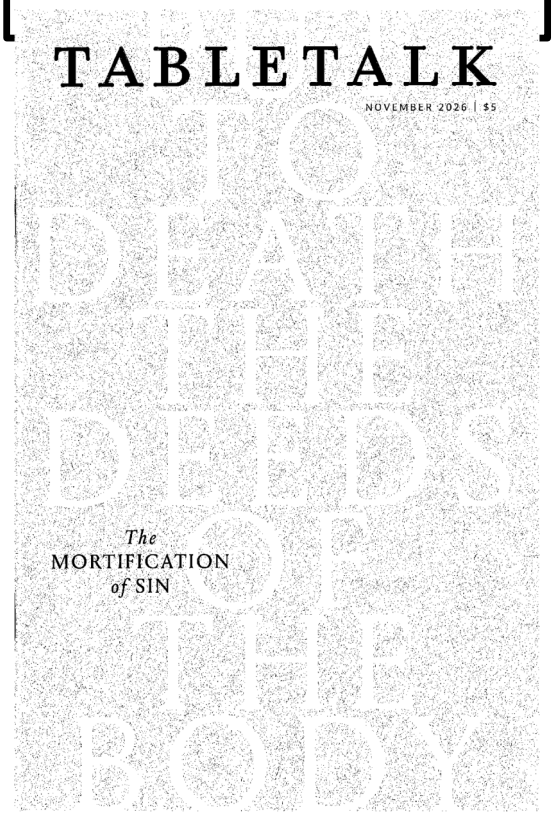


LADIES!!!

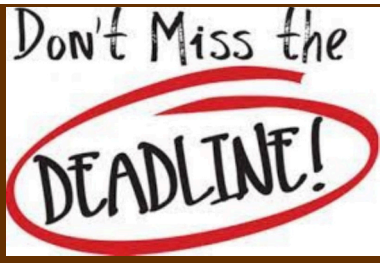
We hope you will join us **Wed., Nov. 4th at 6pm** for a movie & popcorn!
We will be watching Overcomer.
Please bring your own beverages.



GET YOUR NOVEMBER 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 December 2026 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER than Monday, November 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!

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

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

11.1 - GARGONS
11.8 - GAME NIGHT
11.15 - OCC PIZZA/PACKING PARTY
11.22 - FRIENDSGIVING
11.29 - NO YOUTH GROUP

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
CADE REIMERS FOR MORE INFO
309.373.2488

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you wish to have a poinsettia in the sanctuary for Christmas, please take an envelope from the pew holder, mark the "Other" box and write "Poinsettia" on the line. Write your name where indicated. On the amount line indicate how much money you are enclosing in the envelope. The cost per poinsettia will be announced soon. If it is in memory of someone, please write that person's name(s) on the back of the envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Oak or the church office.

Click anywhere on the image for the link to register!

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

Register for the Event:

Google Form at: https://forms.gle/DpXtnvAuunPSTjYz8
or
Add your information to the sign up sheet laying on the table in Church foyer

Paint & Praise Event

For all skill levels but limited to ages 8 and up.

Sunday, November 15th, 2026 | 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 19th, 2026 | 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Cost: $25



A portion of the proceeds will be contributed to the Deacon's Fund to help church members throughout the year.

This year we will be painting a wooden ornament with Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus on it.

Register using the sign-up sheet on the table in the church foyer or use the following Google Form: https://forms.gle/7hyg9Ueaudo38jeP9

Questions? Contact Angie: 309-207-0976

Click anywhere on the image for the link to register!



FALL COAT DRIVE

The Mission Committee is collecting gently used coats, hats, mittens, and scarves to help those in need in our community.

Coats will be accepted and can be dropped off at Edgington EPC through Sunday, Novemeber 8th. All sizes are needed, but especially children's sizes. The distribution will be Saturday, November 14th in conjunction with the Fall Food Pantry Distribution.

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

Thank you, as always, for your generosity!

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, 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 Pinterest for homemade gift ideas: Click **HERE** for link.

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

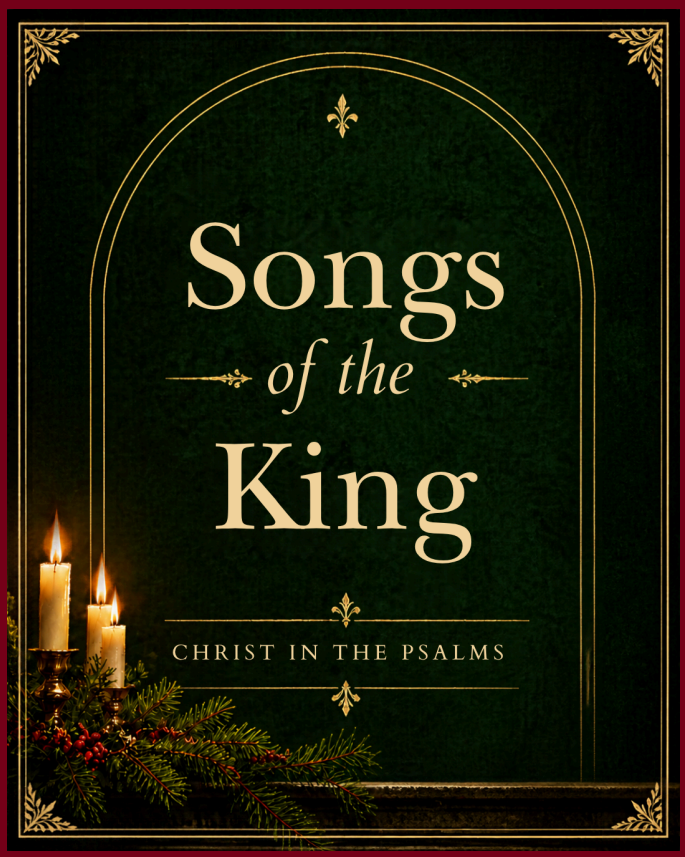
A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

DO NOT INCLUDE:
Soap is no longer allowed in shoebox gifts because of the complications it causes in customs in some nations. Soap; candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or 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; alcohol wipes.

Advent Scripture Passages

11.29 - Psalm 2 - "The Son-King"
12.6 - Psalm 45 - "The Bridgegroom-King"
12.13 - Psalm 72 - "The Righteous King of the Nations"
12.20 - Psalm 110 - "The Priest-King"
12.24 - Psalm 98 - "The Salvation God Has Revealed"
12.27 - Psalm 96 - "The King We Proclaim and Await"





ADVENT 2026 - Songs of the King: Christ in the Psalms

This Advent season join us for Songs of the King: Christ in the Psalms, as we discover how the ancient songs of Israel anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ, our promised King.

From longing and expectation to joy and triumph, we'll see how the Psalms five voice to the hope of God's people - a hope wonderfully fulfilled in the birth of our Savior.

We look forward to worshiping the Lord with you this Advent Season!

We hope you will join us for our special Christmas Eve Worship Service filled with the joy, wonder, and music that celebrates Christ's first coming.



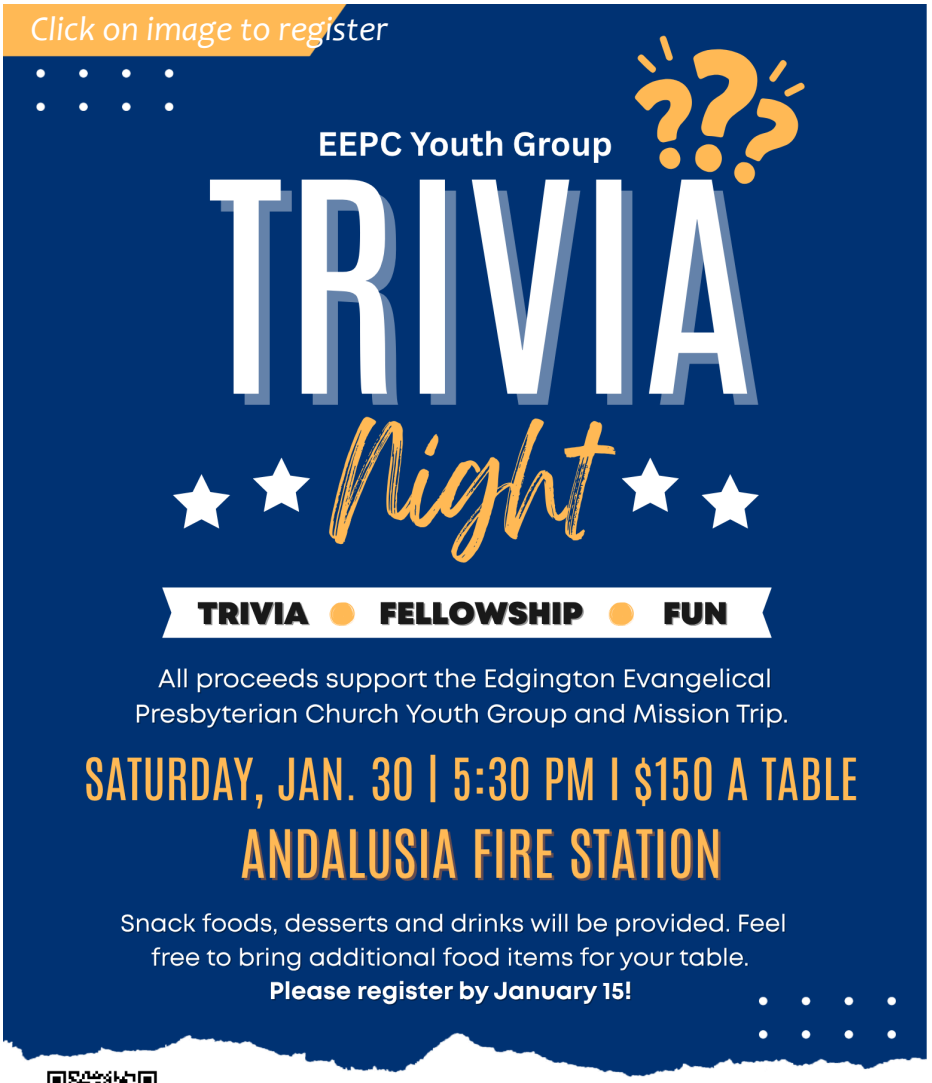




49th STATED MEETING

Edgington EPC will be hosting the 49th Stated Meeting of the Rivers & Lakes Presbytery, our regional presbytery, January 22-23, 2027.

We are looking forward to hosting this meeting & would love to see many of you in attendance for the Friday evening service at 7pm.



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ANNUAL REPORT 2026

ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS OF EDGINGTON EPC

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

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

The Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, January 31st, immediately following the Women's Ministry's Fundraising Luncheon. (More info to come next month for that!)

Harvest Party











































NOVEMBER 2026



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 *Daylight Saving Time ends* Food Pantry Sunday Youth Group, 5:30pm	2 Meal Site	3 *Election Day* Meal Site 	4 Meal Site	5 Meal Site Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm	6 Meal Site	7 First Aid Training, 9a;30-11:30am
8 B/P Checks Deacons' Mtg., 11:30am Youth Group, 5:30pm	9 Meal Site	10 Meal Site	11 *Veterans Day* NO Meal Site 	12 Meal Site Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm	13 Food Pantry Packing, 9am Meal Site	14 Men's Breakfast, 7am Food Pantry & Coat Distribution, 9am
15 Paint & Praise 2-4pm OCC Pizza & Packing Party, 5:30pm	16 Foot Clinic Meal Site	17 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm Newsletter Items Due (earlier than normal due to holiday)	18 Meal Site Trustees' Mtg., 6pm	19 Meal Site Paint & Praise, 6pm Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm	20 Meal Site	21
22 B/P Checks Youth Group, 5:30pm	23 Meal Site	24 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	25 Meal Site Office Closed	26 *Thanksgiving* NO Meal Site 	27 NO Meal Site Office Closed	28 Christmas Decorating, 9am
29 1st Advent Sunday Youth Group, 5:30pm	30 Meal Site	1 Meal Site	2 Meal Site WM Mtg., 1pm	3 Meal Site Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm	4 Meal Site	5