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IMPROVING OUR BAPTISM

For many Christians, baptism has little day-to-day relevance in the Christian life. This is why the Westminster Larger Catechism referred to "improving" (or *applying*) our baptism as a "needed, but much neglected duty" (WLC 167). It's not that there is something wrong with our baptism and it needs to be amended, but rather that the spiritual benefits of baptism remain largely unused in our lives. How can we better apply the grace of baptism to our lives? Consider the following applications:

1. We should ***cultivate communion*** with the church into which we have been planted by baptism. Just as baptism solemnly admits people into membership in the visible church, so also baptism promotes the communion of the saints in the church. This is why private baptisms should ordinarily be unthinkable. Taking baptism out of the worshiping congregation robs the church as a whole of its continued benefits. Think of the blessing that you have enjoyed as you consider that families that bring their children are a part of our larger church family. That should stir affection for the Body of Christ in your hearts.

2. We should ***pursue spiritual communion with Christ***. After all, it is Christ whom we have put on in baptism (Gal 3:27). Growing in our relationship with Jesus will deeper our understanding about what it means to be "in Christ." Our relationship with the Lord grows as we regularly make diligent use of the means of grace in our lives (Word, Sacraments, Prayer).

3. Baptism teaches us to ***hold fast to the promises of the covenant***, which are held forth in baptism. By these promises, we renounce Satan, the sin of the world, and our own sins, committing ourselves wholly to God, who will faithfully keep his covenant promises.

4. We ought to be ***assured of the remission of our sins***, since this benefit is held forth and sealed to us in baptism. In this way, baptism not only promotes repentance and obedience, but faith in the promises of God and in the God of the promises.

5. We should use baptism to help us ***long for the Holy Supper*** so that we might be nourished and confirmed in the grace of the covenant. This is an excellent way of showing how the two sacraments should work together in the Christian life. Sacraments are covenant signs that seal covenant promises.

6. Baptism directs us to ***keep faithfully whatsoever Christ commands us***. As Christian believers, we want to walk in the ways of the Lord. Reminding ourselves that we have been claimed by Christ, aids our commitment to walk in His ways.

These are just a few ways for us to consider cultivating our relationship with the Triune God through the sacrament of baptism. If you have been baptized, then you have been claimed by the grace of God. May that grace reign in your life!

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Jake Maxwell
4 - Kai Docherty
4 - Rikki Hetzler
6 - Nancy Engstrom
6 - Janet Schmidt
8 - Cashtyn Calvert
8 - Rylee Miller
8 - Peggy Shovar
10 - Blaze Gayer
12 - Debbie Wilson
14 - Kaycee Price
16 - Sue Penry
17 - Neil Morrison
18 - Emmi Youck
20 - Phyllis Strafford
21 - Daxon Fischer
23 - Walker Anderson
23 - Dana Fuhr
24 - Steve Morrison
25 - Carrie Reimers
26 - Mitch Anderson
27 - Jim Reimers
28 - Terry Johnson
29 - Bailey Johnson
29 - Dillon Weckerly
30 - Kenzie Reimers
31 - Mel Block



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Robbyn & Jennifer Ransdell
6 - John & Pam Fuhr
6 - Mic & Sue Penry
10 - Darren & Tonya Hall
10 - Neil & Amy Morrison
10 - Patrick & Peggy Shovar
12 - Conte & Judy Bingman
12 - Merle & Lori Meier
12 - Jason & Heather Parchert
13 - Don & Beth Easterla
17 - Richard & Deb Landi
18 - Isaac & Stacey Anderson
18 - Mitch & Sue Miller
23 - Jeff & Deb Thomas
31 - Jon & Nita Darland

MONDAY MEDITATION

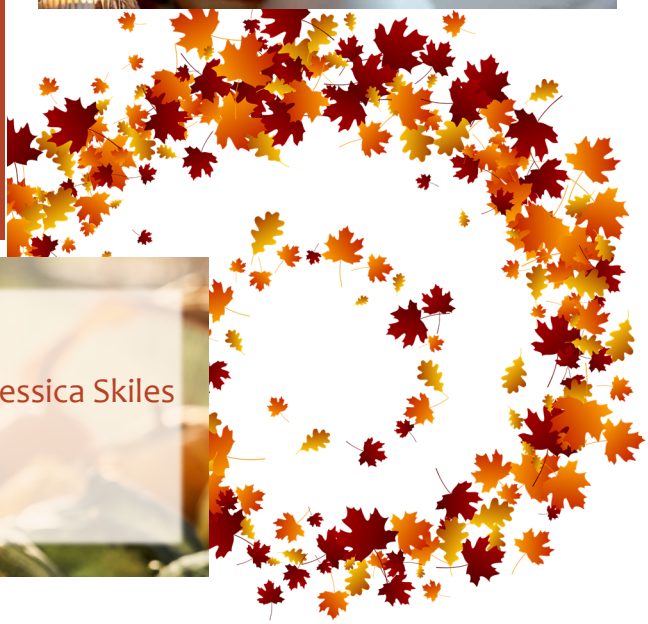
Each week on Monday morning (that's the goal, anyway!), Pastor Zach is sending out an email with the subject "Monday Meditation".
In it, he summarizes the sermon from Sunday, lists a few key takeaways, and provides several practical applications.

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 OCTOBER

Sunday, October 4th - Pat & Crystal Peterson, Sharon Orr, & Jessica Skiles
Sunday, October 11th - Cindy Thompson
Sunday, October 18th - Amy Weiss & Kelly Ruggles
Sunday, October 25th - Korey & Tara Miller Family



SESSION

August 25, 2026, at 7pm

Location: Church "Old Basement"- Called meeting

Present: TE Hopkins, Rachel Johnson 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 and opened with prayer.
- Continuing Education-Chapter 10 and 11 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: July's meeting was reviewed and 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. Members include Kevin Oak, Keith Wilson, Mark Freyermuth, and Brett Johnson.
- RE Parchert is forming a group to review after-school ministry
- RE Oak to work with trustees regarding MidAmerican electrical failures.
- Reviewed policy Implementations

Committee Reports:

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

	MINISTRY / ELDER	DATES	KEY ITEMS
REPORTS	**Clerk**/Todd		James Callum Johnson infant baptism 8/9/2026
	Deacons/Steve	8/8/2026	Update from request; "'Deacon Fund"
	Trustees/Kim	8/19/2026	Fire alarm improvement, balcony A/C
	Mission/Mic & Jason F	N/A	Danny Cridelich, Food pantry
	Christian Ed/Jim & Jason	8/23/2026	Promotion Sunday 8/30/2026
	Personnel/Keith & Kevin	N/A	

New Business:

1. **MINISTRY**
   a. Children's Ministry –Promotion (8/30); Rachel to August session meeting
   b. Student Ministry -
   c. Men's Ministry – Discipleship Groups begin 9/2/2026 @6:30pm
   d. Women's Ministry – Bible study begins 9/15&16/2026

2. **ADMINISTRATION**
   a. High School & Adult Membership Class – HS: 8/23, 30; Adult: 9/6, 13, 20, 27; Join 10/4
   b. Danny Cridelich Visiting 9/20 and will be teaching Sunday School and preaching.

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SESSION

c. M/S/C Scholarship Request – Caroline Neece, Morgan Flickinger, Kira Nelson, Laina Nelson
d. M/S/C Allocate a discretionary relief fund available to the Deacons to distribute by Deacons as they discern appropriate.
e. M/S/C 48th RLP Meeting - 9/25&26/2026, Edgerton, MN. RE's Jason Flickinger and Keith Wilson attending.

Next meeting planned for 9/29/26.

TE Hopkins closed in prayer at 9:27.

RE Todd Stegmiller, Clerk of Session



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

For 14 years now Edgington EPC has been blessed to have Pastor Zach preaching, teaching, ministering, and shepherding us. He takes his role VERY seriously, yet has fun and can bring it down to a child's level, as is witnessed each Sunday with the thundering sound of so many children's feet running to the front to hear what he has to share with them. What a joy it is to see and hear little hearts being led to a greater understanding of the Lord! What a privilege it is for us to have such solid, biblical teaching from a man so passionate for Christ and His Word being faithfully taught!

Pastor Zach's responsibilities go much further than his flock here at Edgington EPC, yet his commitment to us is always first and foremost. He holds positions on our denomination's regional (Rivers and Lakes Presbytery) and national (Evangelical Presbyterian Church) governing bodies. We are very thankful for him in these roles, as it benefits us to have his faithful, steady mind and heart at these levels of governance, making sure we stay the course at every level.

Ministry and the high calling of God to pastor His church can be very heavy at times and the position does not have office hours. The expectations from us can be high, but more importantly, the expectations from God are high. There is weightiness in rightly dividing and sharing God's Word accurately and articulately. There is weightiness in trying to meet everyone right where they are and be with them through the joys and trials that come along in their lives. There is weightiness in being a physician to the soul, and we want Pastor Zach to know how much we appreciate all the prayer, time, effort, heart, mind, soul, and strength that he puts into the shepherding that he does here. We want him to know that we do not take him for granted and that he is loved.

With all that in mind, would you please keep Pastor Zach in your prayers? Would you lift him and his family to the Lord regularly? Would you also maybe consider sending a note or card or some other thoughtful expression of gratitude to him for his ministry here at Edgington? Little kindnesses such as these can go such a long way in lifting the spirit, putting a smile on one's face, and encouraging the soul to continue pressing forward toward the upward call.

October, being designated as a month to specifically recognize our pastors, gives us a wonderful reminder to let Pastor Zach know just how much we appreciate him.

Your Edgington EPC Session, Jason Flickinger, Kim Freyermuth, Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Jason Parchert, Mic Penry, Todd Stegmiller, Steve Wagamon, and Keith Wilson

TRUSTEES

Date: 9-16-26

Trustees met at 5:00pm with Ryan Miller from Davenport Electric who gave us an introduction to the new fire alarm system.

Present: Ken Benningfield, Mel Block, Aaron Ehm, Cindy Oak, Larry Pithan, Bill Sloan, JR Thomas, Elder Kim Freyermuth.

Mel opened the meeting with prayer at 5:25pm.

Minutes for August meeting reviewed.

Treasurer's report for August reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- New fire alarm system has been installed and is operational. Still waiting on two heat detectors for the attic – these will be higher temperature to eliminate false alarms.
- Three new attic rooftop ventilation fans have been purchased and will be installed in October.
- Discussed landscaping around the main entrance doors. Agreed to plant some Hosta plants. Bill has plants available.
- Discussed results of Crawford Company's storm sewer camera inspection. One line was found to be plugged. Found location where line leaves the church property.
- Vent has been installed in the room containing the elevator phase convertor panel.
- Discussed replacement of concrete stoop at the south door. Agreed this work will require an outside contractor. Mel to make contact.

New Business:

- Discussed the recent water service line leak. The leak was at a brass fitting at the shutoff valve. This problem has occurred in the past and is due to the corrosive nature of the sulfur in the water.
- Discussed the problem with rainwater pooling at a low spot by the A/C units. Agreed the best solution is to install a sump basin and sump pump to get rid of any ground water.
- New battery has been purchased for the lawn mower.
- Toilet in the SS bathroom continues to be a problem. Agreed to replace the toilet with one having a different style float mechanism.
- Fall cleanup will be scheduled at our next meeting.

Mel closed the meeting with prayer at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

DEACONS

August and September 2026

Key Ministry Initiatives & Events

New Member Reception: Immediately following the worship on October 4th, 2026, the congregation is invited to a fellowship reception with refreshments as we formally welcome 17 new members into the church community. Deacons will provide baked goods, punch, decorations, and photography for the event.

CPR Training Session: Scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2026. Water and light refreshments will be provided for participants. We are planning to host a CPR and First Aid certification course in early January. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

"Paint & Praise" Christmas Workshop: A seasonal ornament painting will take place on:

- Sunday, November 15, 2026: 2 – 4pm
- Thursday, November 19, 2026: 6 – 8pm

Registration fees will cover event materials, with all net proceeds deposited into the Deacons' Fund to assist members in need throughout the year.

Spring 2027 Event Planning: Music on the Lawn: Initial planning is underway for a Sunday early evening community gathering in the Spring of 2027. The committee is actively selecting a date and organizing a lineup of Christian music performers.

Operational & Service Logistics

Usher and Greeter Volunteer Schedulers:

- November / December 2026: Angie (includes coverage for special holiday services)
- January / February 2027: Kay
- March / April 2027: Mitch

Foyer Hospitality Presence: To foster a welcoming environment for visitors and existing members alike, a designated representative from Deacons will be stationed in the foyer following each worship service to offer guidance, answer questions, and provide prayer support.

Upcoming Meetings:

- October 11, 2026
- November 8, 2026
- December 13, 2026



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Our Praying Pals program is off to a great start! There are 14 teams of Senior/ Junior Pals. We are excited to have our wrap-up in late November with hopes of expanding this program in the future, perhaps to include any church members, not just "Junior" Pals . Who doesn't need a prayer friend? Please reach out to Beth Flickinger, Sue Miller, Kathy Stegmiller, or Melody VanOteghem If you have any questions.

September 2, 2026

Attendees: Sue Miller, Nancy Cooksey, Sharon Orr, Pat Block, Melody VanOteghem, Cindy Oak, Beth Flickinger, Shirley Flemming, and Kathy Stegmiller

Sue Miller opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Treasurer's report was presented.

Old Business:

- Fall Bible study is a seven-week study of the Book of Ephesians titled *Ephesians, A Study of Faith and Practice*. Begins Tues., Sept. 15 at 10am and Wed., Sept. 16 at 6:30pm. Books are $20.00. Lisa will order. 28 have signed up for a book.
- On other Wednesdays between Bible studies, some get together at 6:30pm to go over the Monday Meditation email that Zach sends out. Includes summary section, takeaway section and a discussion section for each week's sermon. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come. In the past, some ladies have chosen to continue this study by meeting an hour before our formal study.
- About the right number of devotionals for Father's Day were purchased. Any feedback from the men on these?

Missions:

- Shirley had no new updates.

New Business:

- Discussion of Bible Studies being twice a year.
- Praying Pals is ready to kick off. 1st Session - Get to know, 2nd - Thankfulness, 3rd - Worries/ Concerns, 4th - Prayers for others
- Harvest Party is Sunday, October 11, and we will provide drinks, place settings, and help to set up and tear down.
- Matter of Balance Classes are being provided again. Need 6 people to sign up for 4-week program beginning Sept 29, 2026. Meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 - 2:30pm. A special thank you to Nita Darland and Kathy Stegmiller for their leadership.
- Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 25.
- Christmas gifts - Sharon Orr will buy, wrap, and bring to December 2 meeting.
- November 28 at 9am we will decorate the church sanctuary.
- Discussion on how to help the Hawk and Wagamon families during the holiday season.
- Quilting will be on Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 from 9am - Noon.

Prayer concerns included: Pam Pithan, Sue Miller, The Wagamon Family and Drew Hawk and family

Our hostess was Cindy Oak.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2026. Sue Miller will be hostess.

We closed with Mizpah Benediction

GOD IS AT WORK IN THE QUAD CITIES!

*(Click **HERE** to read the full September 2026 Report)*

As I stepped into the role of Executive Director two years ago, I knew we were entering a season of opportunity–but I don't think any of us could have anticipated just how quickly God would move. The blessing of the Lord has been great, and we are seeing Him work powerfully throughout the Quad Cities and, most importantly, in the lives of at-risk kids and teens.

One of the greatest blessings this year has been the opportunity to reach the kids of Davenport more deeply. And one story that beautifully illustrates what God is doing through YouthHope is the story of Joann.

Joann first connected with YouthHope through our Davenport Youth Center after coming to us from SMART Middle School. She came with a hunger to learn, grow, and be part of something meaningful. Through her involvement at the Center, she registered for Camp Summit.

That's where YouthHope's ministry came full circle.

Joann encountered Jesus at Camp Summit, gave her life to Him, and was baptized through a local church at Lake Summit. What started at a Davenport school led to relationship at our Davenport Youth Center, which opened the door to our summer camp, which connected her to the local church.

This story is YouthHope at our best. Three streams of ministry–Community Outreach, Youth Centers, and Camp Summit–interconnected to build relationships, introduce kids to Jesus, and help youth take their next steps in a life of faith.

Joann's story is just one of the many examples of what God is doing through YouthHope!

God is at work in the Quad Cities. He is pursuing kids and teens. He is opening doors. He is changing lives. And we have the incredible privilege of joining Him in that work.

Thank you for praying, giving, serving, and believing in what God is doing through YouthHope. Come join us in it!

Esther Joy King, Executive Director





MAKING A WAY – MEETING PRACTICAL NEEDS

Pregnancy Resources

God makes a way when we least expect it. Pregnancy Resources is honored to be a part of His plan to bless others in their time of need. **Did you know that with your financial support Pregnancy Resources gave out 4773 items to clients in need in the first 4 ½ months of this year?** Everything from diapers to formula, from vitamins to anti-nausea drops, from New Baby Gift bags to car seats, and most important of all, prayer. **We gave it away to meet a need and make a way for our clients to see God in us.**

Each of our clients come to us in their own wilderness situation. Some just need diapers and formula to stretch until the next paycheck or WIC disbursement. Recently a client came by in the later afternoon in her scrubs, clearly right from work, saying she didn't get paid until Friday and was so grateful that we are here. Some arrive knowing what they need, like the couple expecting twins who said that they were just so grateful to attend classes during their first pregnancy. Even better, they'll receive two car seats for completing 4 classes! Many clients are not sure what is needed. We can come alongside with anti-nausea drops for help in the moment of early pregnancy nausea or even prenatal vitamins to help them begin to care for themselves during the pregnancy. Some just need a listening ear, and we give them information about pregnancy options and pray with them.

There are clients who respond to our texts and come to receive a New Baby Gift bag or come in for pregnancy clothes to fit their growing body. Yesterday a young couple came in to receive their gift bag, both smiling and expressing gratitude for the items they need to prepare for their son who is coming soon. We are excited with them and for them. Last week I talked to a mother whose youngest daughter was pregnant. She thanked me so much for taking the time to see how she was doing with her daughter's pregnancy. **Whatever the need, God has placed us here at such a time as this to make a way in their wilderness.**

Donate Maternity & Baby Items

We provide **FREE** *maternity and baby clothes and items to women and their families who need them.* **Families are given the opportunity to shop after taking a parenting class.** Each class they take gives them diaper support and if they take four classes, they can receive a NEW car seat for FREE. **All the items we give out are donated by people just like you.** *If you'd like to donate new or gently used items, we would greatly appreciate your help.*



Scan the QR Code to make a donation from our Amazon Wishlist.



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	$ 94,431.11	$ 20,083.71	$ 14,608.39	$ 99,906.43
Education Fund (1)	17,850.28	177.94	2,000.00	$ 16,028.22
Building Fund (see below)	131,163.20	1,191.83	-	132,355.03
Checking	*31,163.20*	*1,191.83*	-	*32,355.03*
CD	*100,000.00*	-	-	*100,000.00*
Youth Group	23,967.55	6,228.00	184.70	30,010.85
	$ 267,412.14	$ 27,681.48	$ 16,793.09	$ 278,300.53

(1) Recipients of the Scholarship Fund started by the Jahn family: Kira Nelson, Laina Nelson, Caroline Neece, Morgan Flickinger

August 2026 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - August 2026			
Pledges	18,425.58		
Interest Income - General Fund	13.13		
Per Member Asking	80.00		
Mercy Fund (Memorials from Marion Oak)	1,540.00	*	
Basement Rent	25.00		
		$ 20,083.71	$ -
Expenditures - August 2026			
Administrative		***$ 4,016.10***	
ABS (copier rental)	184.22	*27.5%*	
AT&T - Phone for elevator	(30.47)		
Cemetery Upkeep	450.00		
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	37.00		
Insurance			
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	588.31		
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	1,398.00		
Kone (elevator)			
MidAmerican Energy /Edgington Water	625.00		
Millenium Waste	83.30		
Office Supplies & Printing/Photocopying	316.86		
Repairs & Maintenance - general	54.02		
Reytel - Internet / Phone	152.58		
Shipping/Postage			
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	157.28		
Discipleship (Internal)		***$ 10,436.48***	
Children's Director	393.25	*71.4%*	
Continuing Education			
Deacon Expense			
EPC General Assembly			
EPC (health)	24.27		
Events	1,057.27		
Fidelity (pension)	1,114.15		
Housing Allowance	4,291.66		
Meals	32.68		
Mileage	273.33		
Pastor Salary	2,782.08		
Presbytery Expense	293.91		
Pulpit Supply			
Resource Materials	173.88		
Sunday School			
Worship Supplies/Music/Flowers			
Mission (external)		***$ 155.81***	
Mission - International		*1.1%*	
Mission - US			
Mission - Local	205.81		
Mercy Benevolence	(50.00)		
TOTAL EXPENSES		**$ 14,608.39**	$ -
		100.0%	
NET OPERATING INCOME		**$ 5,475.32**	

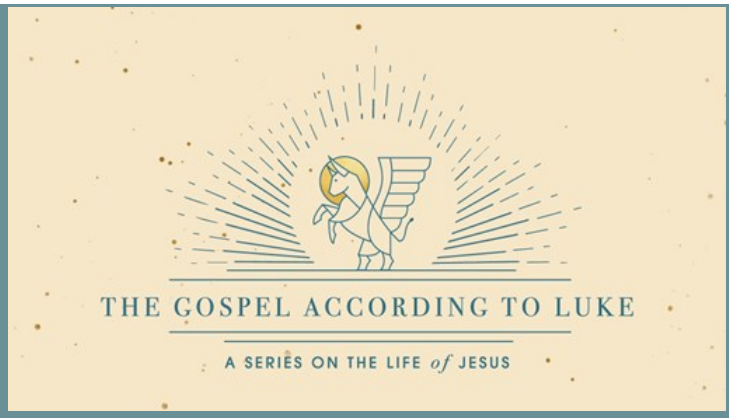
INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

*Mission monies committed within general fund as of end of month is $28,407 and Mercy Benevolence Fund of $5,566**

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, Oct. 4th - Luke 23:50-56
Sunday, Oct. 11th - Luke 24:1-12
Sunday, Oct. 18th - Luke 24:13-35
Sunday, Oct. 25th - Luke 24:36-49



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(Click on the images to go to their websites)

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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

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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.

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



The next food pantry distribution by the Rockridge Community Food Pantry will be on Saturday, November 14th, 2026 from 9-11am. Packing will be on Friday, November 13th at 9am.

If you know of someone in need of food, please contact Lisa at the EEPC church 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. Her email address is listed above, but she prefers to receive text messages. If you need to contact her, you can do so at 309 738-7816.

As always, we appreciate the support we receive from your churches. 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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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.



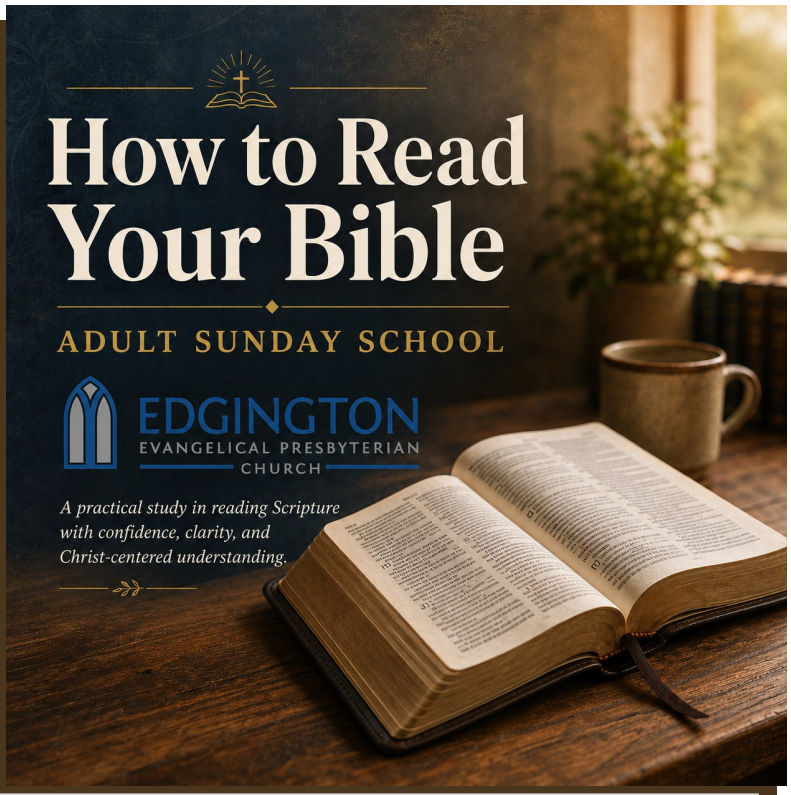
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This fall, our Adult Sunday School class began a practical study called **"How to Read Your Bible."**

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.



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

kidsministry
EDGINGTON EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GCP GREAT COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

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!

MEN'S MINISTRY: FALL DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

MEN'S MINISTRY

Meeting through the end of October on **Wednesday evenings** 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 at 6:30pm

Book Cost: $10
It's never too late to join us!





EDGINGTON EPC MEN!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

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

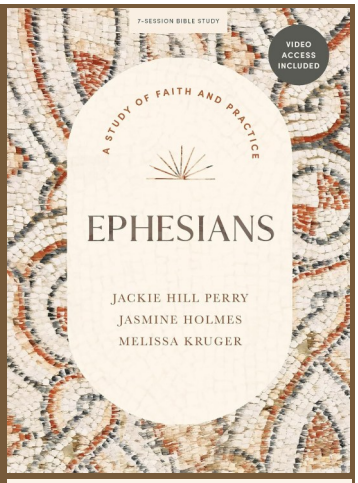
WOMEN'S MEETING & BIBLE STUDY

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

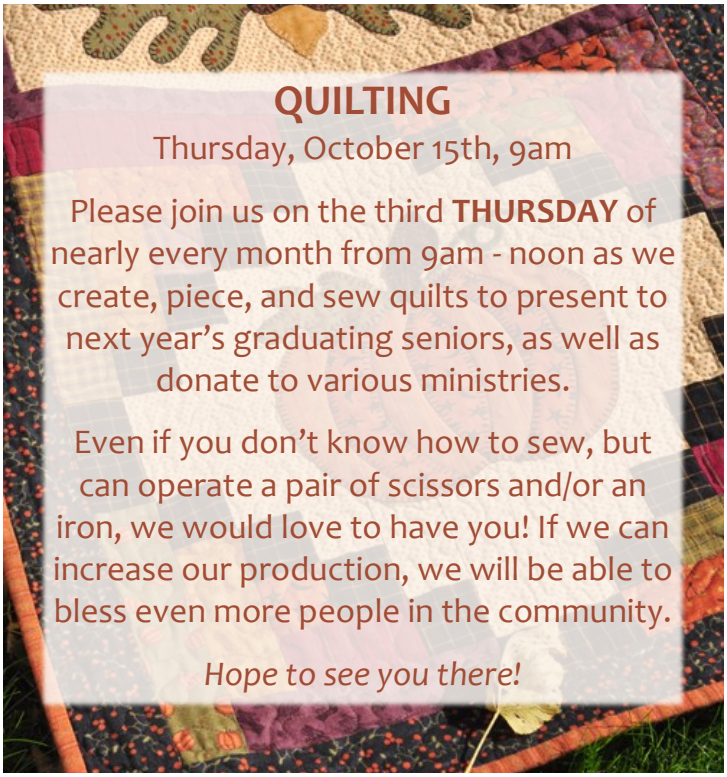
Our Bible study continues through the month of October and we hope you will join us! It's never too late!

Tuesdays at 10am and Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Questions, 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.



QUILTING

Thursday, October 15th, 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!



Thank you to everyone for prayers, cards, and phone calls after my recent surgery. It's a wonderful feeling to be a part of such a loving and caring family of brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pam Pithan

FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Mon., Oct. 19th, beginning at 9am

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







GET YOUR OCTOBER COPY OF THE *TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL*



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

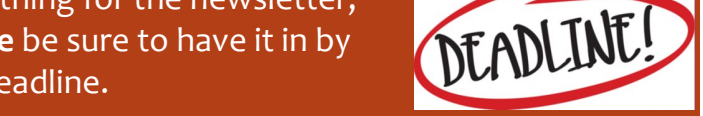
EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS NOTED)
5:30-7:30PM (UNLESS NOTED)

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

10.4 - FOOD OLYMPICS
10.11 - HARVEST PARTY
10.18 - PUMPKIN CARVING
10.25 - TRUNK OR TREAT

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
CADE REIMERS FOR MORE INFO
309.373.2488

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

ALL submissions for the November 2026 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER than Wednesday, Oct. 21st 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!



Thank you will never feel like enough for the incredible generosity you have shown our family. ❤️ During this unimaginable and overwhelming time in our lives, your kindness has touched our hearts more than you know. Your gift was such a blessing and will help us more than we can express. We are beyond grateful for your love, support, and generosity as we take this one day at a time. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. ❤️





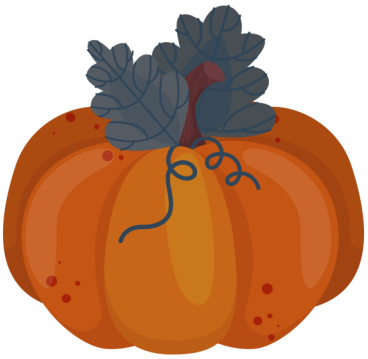












GROUP MISSION TRIPS℠

2027 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

UNFILTERED

Mark Your Calendars!
We're excited to announce the 2027 YG Mission Trip!

Dates: June 19–26, 2027
Location: Imperial, PA

This trip is open to high school youth; youth must be entering 9th grade and older.

If your youth is interested in joining us, please let us know! We'll be sharing more details soon, including information about upcoming parent meetings.

TRUNK or TREAT



OCT 25
4 - 5:30PM





EDGINGTON EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CANDY | APPLE CIDER | PRIZES

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

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.

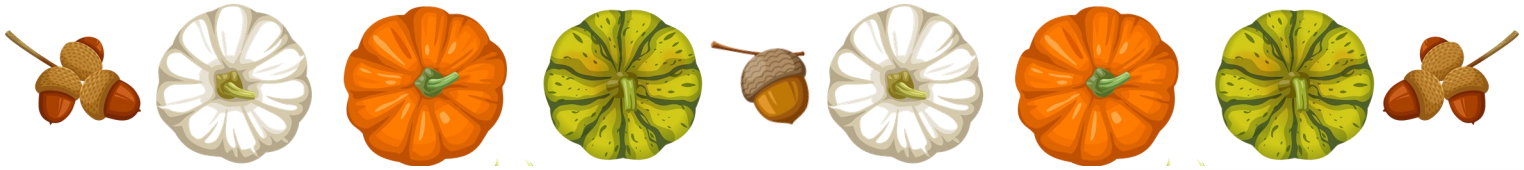
Crafts: Make your own items. Go to website for ideas: **https://www.pinterest.com/occshoeboxes/**

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 Sunday, November 15th.



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.



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



Please click on the images to register for each of these events being hosted by our deacons and check out other ways our deacons are here to help in the note below.

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 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 2026 Deacon team includes: Kay Amy, Mitch Anderson, Angie Freyermuth, Tom & Connie Huntley, Dorothy Rursch, Melody VanOteghem, & Deb Wagamon.



Our Parrish Nurse, Kathy Stegmiller, would like to encourage everyone to take advantage of these free screenings, educational resources, and opportunity to speak with heart health experts. You can click on the image to register.



Heart disease often develops without warning signs. Knowing your numbers can help you act before problems occur. Take a simple step toward better heart health, understand your heart health risks and learn ways to stay healthy. During this event, you'll have access to free screenings, educational resources and heart health experts who can answer your questions

Oct., 3 | 8 a.m. to Noon | UnityPoint Health– Rock Island

FEATURED FREE SCREENING
Free EKG for adults age 18 and older

- Blood pressure check
- Body measurements
- Cholesterol screening
- Nutrition education
- Fitness information
- Hands-only CPR + AED demo
- Tobacco cessation resources

Free to attend. RSVP encouraged but not required.

SCAN TO REGISTER
(309) 779-5399
QC_Heart2Heart@unitypoint.org

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OCTOBER 2026



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 B/P Checks Membership Matters, 11:30am 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
4 Food Pantry Sunday New Member Reception Youth Group, 5:30pm	5 Meal Site	6 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	7 Meal Site Men's/Women's Bible Studies, 6:30pm	8 Meal Site	9 Meal Site	10
11 B/P Checks Deacons' Mtg., 11:30 Harvest Party 4-7pm	12 *Columbus Day* NO Meal Site	13 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	14 Meal Site Men's/Women's Bible Studies, 6:30pm	15 Quilting, 9am Meal Site	16 Meal Site	17
18 Youth Group, 5:30pm	19 Foot Clinic Meal Site	20 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	21 Meal Site Trustees' Mtg., 5:30 Men's/Women's Bible Studies, 6:30pm Newsletter DEADLine	22 Meal Site	23 Meal Site	24
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