



2026 Leadership Gathering: Looking Ahead Together

Toward the end of February, the elders, deacons, trustees, ministry leaders, and staff of our church gathered for our annual 2026 Leadership Gathering. The purpose of the morning was simple but significant: to pray, align, and think carefully about the year ahead.

We began in God's Word and prayer, grounding our work in the reminder that every ministry role exists to serve Christ and build up His body (Ephesians 4:7-16). From elders who care for the soul, to deacons who care for the body, to trustees who steward our place of ministry, to those leading outreach and discipleship efforts - each role contributes to a shared gospel mission.

The morning included practical equipping and a "Know Your Community" report, helping us better understand the people and place that the Lord has situated us. But much of our time was spent looking forward. After collecting feedback from a SWOT survey (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) we spent much time in discussing areas for growth, identified emerging opportunities, and considered potential challenges. The goal was not simply to talk, but to discern how best to steward what God has entrusted to us in 2026.

What was especially encouraging was the spirit in the room. There was gratitude for the Lord's faithfulness, honesty about where we must grow, and a shared commitment to move forward together. Please pray for your leaders as we continue refining priorities for the coming year.

We are grateful for the many men and women who give their time and energy to serve. The Lord is at work among us—and we look ahead with confidence in Him.

Your Pastor & Friend,



Mark & Sarah Drake led a devotional on the topic of Christian Ministry to start the morning



ELDERS

Jason Flickinger
Kim Freyermuth
Jim Mueller
Kevin Oak
Jason Parchert
Mic Penry
Todd Stegmiller
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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 - Rachel Preston	19 - Kay Amy
4 - Beckham Weckerly	19 - Nita Darland
7 - Jordyn Stegmiller	19 - Martha Freyermuth
8 - Bill Olin	19 - Joshua Fuhr
8 - Marilou Simpson	19 - Keith Wilson
9 - Lisa Sloan	21 - Evelyn Hessman
10 - Nancy Cooksey	23 - John Fuhr
10 - Steven Woeckener	23 - Rachel Johnson
14 - Tom Huntley	23 - Caroline Neece
15 - Reese Maxwell	23 - Luella Weinert
15 - Ryleigh Maxwell	24 - Barb Freyermuth
16 - Hunter Wistedt	24 - Steven Wagamon
16 - Logan Wistedt	26 - Charlie Anderson
17 - Jemma Johnson	26 - Jonathan Gierlus
17 - Lori Meier	

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

9- Nick & Jaylyn Madison
10 - Todd & Lauren Stegmiller
17 - Dan & Kim Zampogna



**SPRING
FORWARD**

Sunday, March 8th

GREETERS FOR MARCH

Sunday, March 1st - Calvert Family
Sunday, March 8th - Keith & Debbie Wilson
Sunday, March 15th - Neece Family
Sunday, March 22nd - Cassie & Andrew Fuhr
Sunday, March 29th - Rachel Johnson & Sunday School Kids

January 15th, at 3pm

Location: Church Conference Room

Present: TE Zach Hopkins and RE's Jim Mueller, Mic Penry, Todd Stegmiller, Kim Freyermuth, Kevin Oak, and Steve Wagamon. A quorum is present.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting and opened with prayer.

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

Approval of Minutes: It was M/S/C to approve the minutes of November 25, 2025, Session Meetings.

Correspondence: None

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

Old Business:

- Strategic planning and survey meeting will occur on February 21, 2026
- Conversation reviewing the Food Pantry - oversight and succession planning
- Prospective Elder training courses began January 4th. TE Zach Hopkins has meet personally with prospective elders.

New Business:

ADMINISTRATION

- 2026 Budget was reviewed.
- It was M/S/C to accept office and leadership nominations.
- It was M/S/C Kim Freyermuth and Steve Wagamon as delegates for the 46th Rivers and Lakes Presbytery January meeting in Moline.

It was M/S/C to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm.

TE Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

RE Todd Stegmiller, Clerk of Session



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.

Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church Annual Meeting

January 2025 – December 2025

January 25, 2026, 12:20 PM

Location: Church Sanctuary

Attendees: 60 members were present, exceeding the quorum requirement of 20.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins served as Moderator.

TE Hopkins read Exodus 15:2 and then opened the meeting with a constituting prayer.

Purpose: The annual congregational meeting is held to review the reports for the year 2025 and to elect new officers and committee members for 2026.

Approval of Docket: The docket was approved by consensus.

Approval of minutes: The January 26th, 2026 minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

Old Business: None

Committee Reports: Reports reviewed consecutively with comments as noted. Appreciation was expressed to all.

Session: TE Hopkins referred to the Report of the Session found in the Annual Report and reviewed the Session activities for the year. Each Ruling Elder took a turn expressing some of their joys in service by sharing “what it means to me to be an elder.” They also expressed desires for the church family in the upcoming ministry year. TE Hopkins provided reflections on the last decade of ministry and noted goals that have been attained or remain in progress (e.g., Shepherding Care, Children’s Ministry, Men’s Ministry, Digital Outreach). Some additional frontiers of opportunity were mentioned including: Senior Meal Site, After-School Club, and Youth Ministry. These efforts are intentionally multi-generational, reflecting our existing congregation and our desire to serve people in every phase of life.

Deacons: Angie Freyermuth provided comments supplementing the written report. It was mentioned that the Diaconate was a significant focus in 2025, and gratitude was expressed to the Lord for answered prayers in establishing a well-led and fully staffed group.

Trustees & Treasurer: Mel Block and Barb Freyermuth provided comments supplementing the written report. The General Fund, Building Fund, Education (Jahn) Fund, Memorial Fund and Investment financial reports were referenced. No additional comments were made.

Mission Committee: Jim Johnson provided comments supplementing the written report. There was some discussion about the various spheres of mission outreach.

Food Pantry: The Food Pantry report was referenced. No additional comments were made.

Children’s Ministry: Rachel Johnson, Children’s Ministry Director, provided comments supplementing

the written report, and specifically gave thanks for those that have offered volunteer assistance and made an appeal for additional support from the congregation.

Vacation Bible School: Kathy Stegmiller provided comments supplementing the written report.

Student Ministry: Cade Reimers and Nathan Flickinger provided comments supplementing the written report.

Women's' Ministry: The Women's Ministry report was referenced. No additional comments were made.

Men's Ministry: Jason Flickinger and Jason Parchert provided comments supplementing the written report. Men's discipleship groups began in the fall, and a Bible study is planned for this winter. These are in addition to key events (BBQ, breakfast, chili cook-off).

Auditor's Report: The Auditor's report stated that all financial records were in good order with no material discrepancies. A thank you to Tonya Hall was expressed.

New Business:

Big Picture Financial Planning: A fourteen-year review of the financial position of our church was summarized, with trends noted. Budget projections show a 4% annual increase, but the receipt growth is lagging at about 2.5% annual increase. Budgets growing faster than receipts present a concern. The church needs to address budgeting practices but also needs to give additional attention to the importance of the congregation's financial support of the ministry. This is a topic that will require more direct attention in the coming year.

Review of the 2026 Budget: The 2026 budget was referenced. The Trustees have reviewed the proposed budget. The Session previously approved the budget. Zach referenced a graphic included in the Annual Report illustrating the 2026 Giving Impact and the uses of the funds received in terms of Discipleship, Mission, and Administration. Zach also mentioned that each contribution applies to the ministry of the church and thanked the church family for their generosity. A motion was made and seconded to affirm the 2026 budget. The motion carried.

Presentation of Slate of Nominees: The 2026 Officer and Committee Nominations Report was referenced. A motion was made and seconded to approve the election of officers and committee members. The motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and approved.

Zach closed the meeting with prayer and congregational singing of the Doxology at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Stegmiller, Clerk of Session

Zach Hopkins, Moderator

January 27, 2026, at 7pm

Location: Church “Old Basement”

Present: TE Zach Hopkins and REs Jim Mueller, Mic Penry, Todd Stegmiller, Kim Freyermuth, and Kevin Oak, Observers: Jason Parchert, and Jason Flickinger. Steve Wagamon was excused. A quorum is present.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting and opened with prayer. Matthew 16:13-20 was read. The 5 attributes of effective participation in Session meetings were reviewed. Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation.

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

Approval of Minutes: It was M/S/C to approve the minutes from January 15, 2026, Session Meeting.

Correspondence: None

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

Old Business:

- Food pantry-Discussion of oversight
- Report of 46th RLP Meeting -RE Kim Freyermuth
- Discussion of Annual meeting and associated action items.

New Business:

Ministry

- Communicants class will be examined by elders on 3/15 or 3/22 and will be joining the church on Palm Sunday, March 29th, 2026.
- Women’s ministry will be studying the book Seamless, by Angie Smith.
- Men’s ministry will be participating in a chili cookoff February 1, 2026. Men’s Bible study will study Ephesians, The Glory of Christ in the Life of the Church, by Jon Nielson.
- Jason Parchert will follow up with the music department to determine the interest of additional choir opportunities within the upcoming year.

ADMINISTRATION

- Shepherding Meeting review date was set for 1/31/26.
- A leadership gathering is planned for 2/21/26. Agenda to include Mark Drake, AED refresher, SWOT Analysis, breakout for Committee small groups
- Digital survey will be sent out to the congregation to provide feedback for SWOT analysis.
- Ordination of new officers will occur on 2-8-26.
- TE Zach Hopkins will travel to Orlando for General Assembly, Ad Hoc Committee meeting on 3/2-3/3/26
- Good Friday service will be 4/3/26 at 6:00pm. Communion will be served.

- Easter Sunday will include breakfast provided and served by the youth group. Worship will be at 10:00am. Communion will be served at Easter service due to it being the first Sunday of the month.
- Spring session of “Membership Matters” classes will occur on 4/12, 19, and 26/2026. Elder interviews are planned for 5/3/26, and new member reception is set for 5/17/26.
- We will be reaching out to Mid-American regarding the recent voltage spike and associated electrical device failures to see if they will help cover incurred cost of failures.
- Trustee Larry Pithan requested time for the February agenda.

It was M/S/C to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm.

TE Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

RE Todd Stegmiller, Clerk of Session

"Membership Matters"




Adult New Member Registration

SAVE THE DATES!

Sundays, April 12th, 19th, 26th & May 3rd at
11:30am
New Member Reception on May 17th

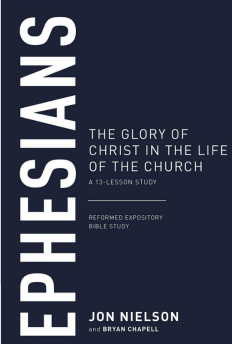
This class is offered to anyone seeking more information about Edgington EPC; what it means to be a church member, our denomination, what we stand for, and much more. If you have been attending for awhile, but not yet committed to membership, you're encouraged to check this out! If you are looking to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

Register by scanning the QR Code or clicking on the image.

BIBLE

study

Wednesdays - 6:30 pm
Saturdays - 7:00 am



It's NEVER too late to join us!

Study books \$5

EEPC MEN

Commit to getting sharper in 2026 and join us in prayer, fellowship, and study.

*Iron sharpens iron,
and one man sharpens another.*

- Proverbs 27:17

February 8, 2026

Purpose: To advance our mission of providing compassionate care for our congregation and the wider community.

Attendees: Angie Freyermuth, Dorothy Rursch, Kay Amy, Melody VanOteghem, Tom & Connie Huntley

Opening: The meeting was called to order with an opening prayer led by Angie Freyermuth, centering our hearts on service and stewardship.

Old Business:

- **Leadership SWOT Analysis:** A reminder was issued that the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis is due by February 18th in preparation for the upcoming leader meeting.
- **Leadership Meeting:** The next leadership-wide meeting is scheduled for February 21st.
- **Meal Train Ministry:** The deacons noted that the meal trains for parents of newborns have been a success and are running smoothly.
- **Action:** Members are encouraged to notify a Deacon if they know of any expecting families so we can continue to show our support through this ministry.

New Business:

Easter Praise and Paint

- An Easter themed door sign will be the project.
- More information about this event will be sent out soon.
- **Action:** We would love to hear your ideas for future paint and praise nights.

March Blood Drive. Date: March 7th

- **Donations:** Angie and Dorothy have volunteered to provide baked goods for the donors.
- **Coordination:** Melody will contact Impact Life to discuss better coordination between our church's schedule and Rockridge High School's drives.
- **Goal:** By spacing these events further apart, we hope to maximize participation and better serve the community's need for blood donations.
- **Note:** The Fall Blood Drive is currently set for September 12th.

Communicants / New Member Reception

- **Date:** March 29th
- **Hospitality: * Food:** Deacons will provide various breakfast items and desserts.
- **Beverages:** Kay will be responsible for bringing the drinks.
- **Setup:** The Deacons will meet at 9:00am on the morning of the reception to prepare the refreshments.
- **Decorations:** Angie will retrieve the "Deacon Spring Box" from the attic and begin setting up decorations following Valentine's Day.
- **New Member Photos:** Connie will take photos of the new student members and forward them to Lisa for church records/publications.

The meeting was adjourned following a closing prayer led by Angie Freyermuth, asking for guidance as we carry out these plans to care for our church family.

Date: 2-18-26

Present: Aaron Ehm, Darren Hall, Cindy Oak, Larry Pithan, Bill Sloan, JR Thomas, Treasurer Barb Freyermuth, Elder Kim Freyermuth.

Kim opened the meeting with a prayer at 5:30pm.

Minutes for February meeting reviewed.

Treasurer's report for January reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- Parking lot extension request. Larry met with civil engineer for the project. Discussed opportunity for shared parking space. Also talked about storm drain line from the church that crosses the school property.
- Balcony stair light and ceiling fan pending warmer weather.
- New wall clock for kitchen purchased and installed.
- North toilet in SS building still appears to be losing water. Will check again.
- 33 new padded chairs were installed for the balcony. Bibles and hymnals are in place. Still need to attach note cards to the back of the chairs.
- Trustees will investigate options for adding air conditioning for the balcony.

New Business:

- Drywall patching needed in three places.
- Discussed security measures during worship services. Currently the north and south SS doors are locked at the beginning of the service. Main entry door is not locked. Discussed options for also locking this door – with the concern of someone needing to enter late.
- Will schedule yard cleanup at our next meeting.
- Need to check supplies for AED unit and purchase new items as needed.
- Agreed to purchase two LifeVac units. These are used if someone is choking.
- Discussed preparing a “Reserve Study”. This would involve preparing a spreadsheet that looks forward to possible costs for regular maintenance items (parking lot, exterior painting, HVAC replacement, etc.) This information will better prepare our budget for future expenditures.

Kim closed the meeting with a prayer at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



The Mission Committee met on Tuesday February 3rd. Those attending were: Jim & Bailey Johnson, Eric and Kelly Moel, Brandee and Donnie Neece and Lori Meier.

Jim opened the meeting in prayer.

Old Business:

- **Review ministry updates** – Newsletters and emails

New Business:

2026 Mission Commitments	Amount Committed
World Outreach (Burdall)	\$2,125.00
World Outreach ITEN (Anderson)	\$2,125.00
World Outreach ITEN (Kuhn)	\$2,125.00
World Outreach (Huber)	\$1,250.00
Youth Hope	\$2,312.00
Pregnancy Resources	\$1,062.00
RLP Seminarian Fund	\$1,000.00
	\$12,000.00

- **Quarterly Commitments:** 2026 1st quarter commitments were approved. WO Huber and Pregnancy Resources were increased. We added the Seminarian Fund.
- **Individual Commitments:** Each member chose a mission partner to give updates on during our monthly meetings.
- **Pregnancy Resources Banquet:** We will sponsor 2 tables at the banquet on March 26th.
- **Mission Partner Newsletters:** We will give summaries of our mission partners newsletters so our monthly newsletter can be shortened.

Our next meeting will be March 17th at 6:00pm.

Jim closed the meeting in prayer.

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

We will be packing food baskets on Friday, March 20th at 9am.

Distribution will be on Saturday, March 21st from 9-11am.

If you want to help on either day, please let one of the food pantry staff members know. Also, if you know of someone who needs food, please let Sue Penry or Shirley Flemming know so they can be included in the distribution.

Thanks to all who support us!

Food Pantry Staff - Jim & Teresa Balmer, Don & Beth Easterla, Dewey & Shirley Flemming, Marlin & Darcy Krueger, Mic & Sue Penry, & Jim Schaubroek



CELEBRATING OUR 90TH YEAR OF MINISTRY!



We had a great group and a great time supporting YouthHope at their Trivia Night! We may not have won, but that's not what it's all about. :)



The Mission Committee will be sponsoring tables for YouthHope's Banquet. A signup sheet will be on the table in the sanctuary foyer later this month.

2026 YouthHope Banquet

Infinite Impact Fundraising Banquet

Join us to hear how your partnership with YouthHope has Infinite Impact!

WHEN: Thursday, April 30, 2026 from 5:00 - 8:30pm

WHERE: Bend XPO: 922 Mississippi Pkwy East Moline, IL 61244

- Doors Open @ 5pm | Dinner Starts @ 5:45pm | Celebration and Program @ 7pm
- Bid on the Amazing and Unique Auction Items!
- All proceeds support YouthHope programs for at-risk youth in the Quad Cities!



[\(Click on the image to go to the registration page\)](#)

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.

MAKING A WAY – AFTER ABORTION



At Pregnancy Resources, many women and men come to us not only facing present-day crises, but also bearing the lingering pain of a past abortion. **It can be a grief that is held in silence, and a shame hidden deep within the heart.** When the weight feels unbearable and healing seems out of reach, **God is already preparing a path forward.**

Through our after-abortion care and healing ministry, we witness Isaiah 43:19 lived out in quiet, transformative ways. In spaces intentionally designed for safety and trust, participants gather in gender-specific small groups, **surrounded by others who understand their journey.** These groups offer a compassionate environment where stories can be shared without judgment and where hearts begin to soften under the assurance of God's mercy.

Over the course of a 10-week Bible study, women and men are guided through Scripture that speaks directly to brokenness and restoration. Step by step, they are invited to confront pain, release burdens, and **receive the forgiveness that Christ freely offers.** What once felt like a barren wilderness becomes a place where renewal takes root—where shame loosens its grip and freedom begins to grow.

This ministry reflects the heart of the Waymaker: God meeting His people exactly where they are and leading them toward healing they may have thought was impossible. Participants discover they are not defined by their past, nor abandoned in their sorrow. Instead, they are seen, loved, and invited into wholeness.

After abortion care groups for women and men will be starting up soon. For more information please call **309-797-3636** or email pam@qcpregnancy.org for women or prcmen@qcpregnancy.org for men. If you or someone you love has experienced the personal pain and trauma that can be associated with an abortion decision, please reach out today.



2026 Fundraising Banquet Dinner



March 26, 2026
Waterfront Convention Center
2021 State Street
Bettendorf, IA 52722

6pm - 8:30pm
Doors Open at 5:30pm

PREGNANCY RESOURCES BANQUET 2026 - WAY MAKER

When life seemed impossible, grace made a way through you! We invite you to join with like-minded friends to become a way maker through **Pregnancy Resources Banquet 2026.**

- Doors open at 5:30 PM
- Dinner begins at 6:00 PM
- Program begins at 7:00 PM
- RSVP required
- Limited seating, adult only event

(Click on the graphics to go to the registration sites)

Thursday, March 26, 2026

5:30pm – 8:30pm CDT

Waterfront Convention Center

2021 State St
Bettendorf, IA 52722

Hear how God has made a way despite challenging times through live testimonies and be encouraged as we look ahead. We know **the need is growing.** More women are walking through our doors with complex situations and deep pain - but we believe **the Waymaker still goes before, inviting us to join Him.**

An opportunity to make a one-time or recurring financial gift to make a way for moms and dads to see life will be extended. **Your gift doesn't just support a service - it opens a path.** It helps a woman move from fear to faith. From isolation to community. From death to life. **Thank you for being part of the way He makes!**



EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY 2026



	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	End. Balance
General Fund	\$ 116,548.77	\$ 12,909.33	\$ 20,835.15	\$ 108,622.95
Education Fund	16,450.54	218.02		\$ 16,668.56
Building Fund (see below)	119,944.22	2,523.67	-	122,467.89
<i>Checking</i>	12,805.03	1,459.68		14,264.71
<i>Money Market</i>	107,139.19	1,063.99		108,203.18
Youth Group	22,644.36	-	243.19	22,401.17
	\$ 275,587.89	\$ 15,651.02	\$ 21,078.34	\$ 270,160.57

January 2026 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - January 2026

Pledges	12,674.55		
Interest Income - General Fund	14.78		
Per Member Asking	220.00		
Basement Rent	-		
		\$ 12,909.33	\$ -

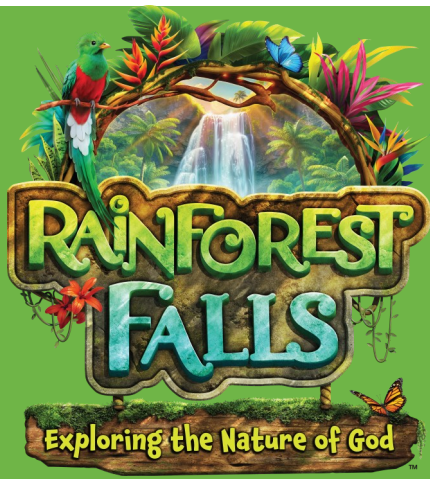
Expenditures - January 2026

Administrative		\$ 7,877.73	
ABS (copier rental)	175.32	37.8%	
AT&T - Phone for elevator	248.90		
Cemetery Upkeep	-		
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	137.00		
Insurance	-		
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	601.68		
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	1,267.04		
Kone (elevator)	2,060.04		
MidAmerican Energy /Edgington			
Water	929.00		
Millenium Waste	83.30		
Office Supplies	35.34		
Repairs & Maintenance - general	-		
Reytel - Internet	121.04		
Shipping/Postage	3.30		
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	2,215.77		
Discipleship (Internal)		\$ 12,957.42	
Children's Director	393.25	62.2%	
Continuing Education	174.99		
Deacon Expense			
EPC General Assembly			
EPC (health)	3,524.27		
Events	159.74		
Fidelity (pension)	1,114.15		
Housing Allowance	4,291.66		
Meals			
Mileage			
Pastor Salary	2,782.08		
Presbytery Expense	100.00		
Pulpit Supply			
Resource Materials	417.28		
Sunday School			
Worship Supplies/Music/Flowers			
Mission (external)		\$ -	
Mission - International		0.0%	
Mission - US			
Mission - Local			

TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 20,835.15	\$ -
		100.0%	
NET OPERATING INCOME		\$ (7,925.82)	

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies committed within general fund as of end of month is \$20,685 and Assistance Fund of \$4,483.46



VBS PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, February 15th, 12:15pm

VBS Dates: July 20 - 24, 2026

Plans for the 2026 Community-Wide VBS are off and running. We had a good turnout at the first meeting on Feb.15th and are now plugging those volunteers into the areas where they will be leading &/or assisting at camp. If you are interested in being a part of camp this summer and haven't found your spot yet, please contact Kathy Stegmiller at 791-1162. We are always looking for interesting speakers and fun new activities, so if you have ideas please be sure to pass those along.

Next up will be getting all the interested volunteers and campers signed up. Open registration will be Monday, April 6th starting at 6am. It fills quickly, so assure your kids a spot by offering to help. Plan to attend the next meeting on Sunday, March 22, at 12:15pm in the church basement.

The dates of VBS are the July 20-24, and our theme is Rainforest Falls-Exploring the Nature of God. Those attending will explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God; our creator and our safe-place in life's storms.

We would love for every high school, college, young adult, and not-so-young adult interested in helping in any way to come to our meetings. We have all the meeting set in advance for this year, so please put them on your calendars now and plan to attend. This community outreach takes MANY hands, MUCH work, and LOTS planning! We could use your help!
If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Stegmiller at 309-791-1162.

Meeting Dates:

Sundays at 12:15pm: March 22nd, April 26th, May 31st, and June 28th



ACOLYTE SIGN-UP

Please scan the QR Code & enter your name on the Google Sheet for the date you would like to serve as an acolyte.



Click on this QR Code to view the Acolyte's Basic Guidebook.



ACOLYTE TRAINING & SIGNUP

We love having our 2nd grade and older students take part in the weekly lighting of the candles! To try to make it easier to fit into everyone's schedule we have a new way to sign up.

We now have a QR code for registering your child or children to participate in lighting the candles in the sanctuary. You can also click on the image to access the signup sheet. We also have a QR code for you to scan if you and your child want to review the steps to lighting the candles.

We want to again encourage all 2nd grade students and older to sign up.

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Johnson or Tara Johnson.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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

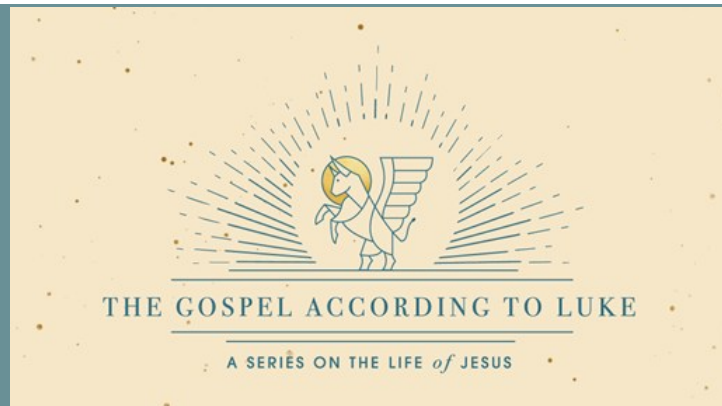
Sunday, March 1st - Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, March 8th - Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 15th - Luke 18:15-17

Sunday, March 22nd - Nathan Flickinger preaching

Sunday, March 29th - Palm Sunday, TBA



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.

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.



Daily Bible Reading
MAKE IT A HABIT THIS YEAR

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

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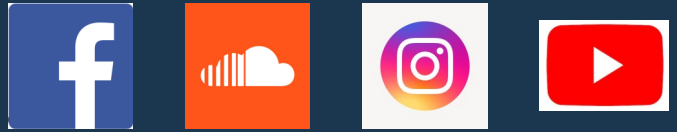


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Join us for a deep-dive into Paul's letter to the Galatians - one of his most powerful and foundational writings on the gospel of grace and Christian freedom.

As Pastor Zach unpacks the text verse by verse, you'll not only grasp Galatians more deeply, but also gain tools for reading and understanding all of Scripture.

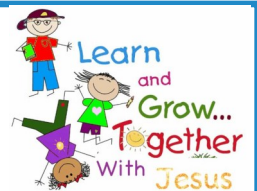


We meet every Lord's Day morning at 9am in the church basement. Please join us!

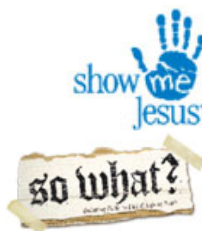


CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am



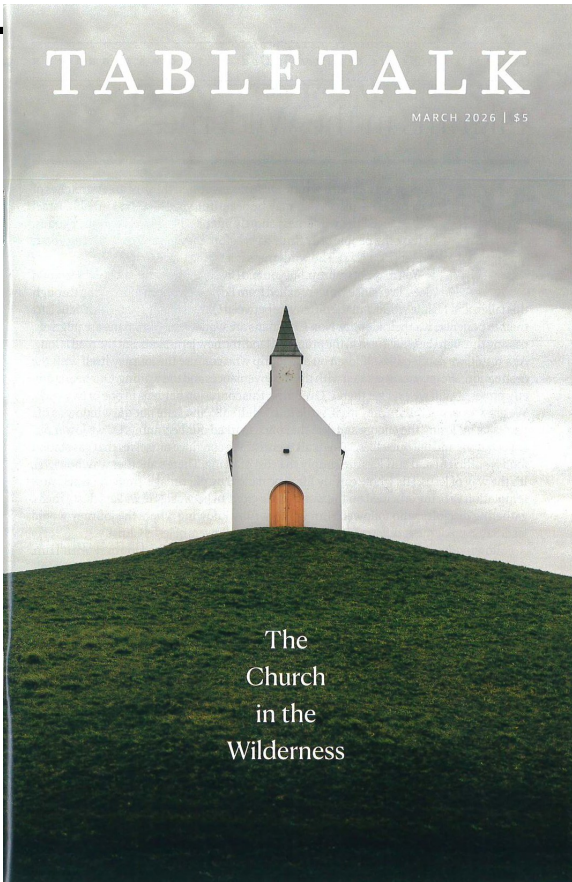
- Toddler - Hillary Terrill & Kortney Gierlus
- Pre-K - Beth Flickinger
- 1st-2nd - Katie Pearson & Sue Miller
- 3rd-5th - Kathy Stegmiller
- Junior High - Tara Johnson
- Senior High - Nathan & Lyndsey Flickinger



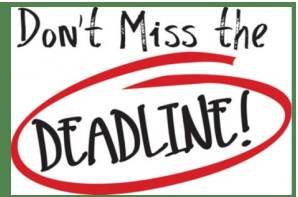
All of Scripture is the unfolding story of salvation and Jesus is its focus. We show how Jesus, revealed throughout the Bible, came to seek and save the lost.

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

GET YOUR MARCH COPY OF
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



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



ALL submissions for the April 2026 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than **Wednesday, March 18th** 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!

LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER



FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Monday, March 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.

EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS NOTED)

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

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

3.1 - GARGONS

3.8 - SARDINES

3.15 - GAME NIGHT

3.22 - TRIVIA

3.29 - WHIFFLE BALL

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS

CADE REIMERS FOR MORE INFO

309.373.2488



WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPDATES

The first quarterly meeting for 2026 of the Woman's Ministry will be held on Wednesday, March 4th at 1pm. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend. We will be reporting on our activities since the beginning of the year, including the soup luncheon and our ongoing Bible Study.

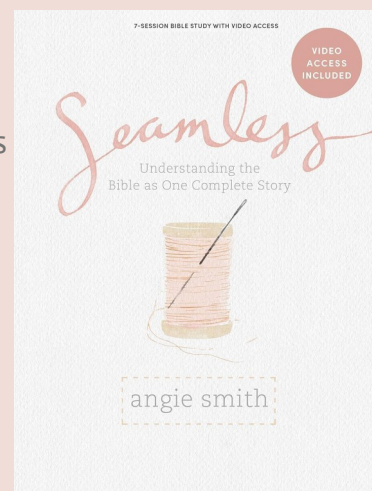
We will also be discussing and hopefully making decisions on an updated purpose for our group, and possibly starting a mentoring program connecting youth in our church to an adult buddy. These are important topics and would like input from a wide range of church women, so please plan to attend and make your voice heard. Future activities for the group will also be discussed.

Melody VanOteghem will serve as our hostess.

We have been going through the Bible study *Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story*, by Angie Smith. We still have 3 weeks left and it's never too late to join! This study covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. You'll gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God's Word.

Books are \$17 each. Please let Kathy Stegmiller - (309) 791-1162 or Beth Flickinger (309) 648-1219 know if you would like a book.

We hope you can join us!



QUILTING
Thursday, March 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!

Women's Prayer & Fellowship
Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm
We hope you will join us!

WOMEN'S PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Wednesdays at 5:30pm

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

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

We will continue to meet while the Women's Bible Study is going, but have changed the time to 5:30pm, one hour prior to the Study. We hope you will join us!

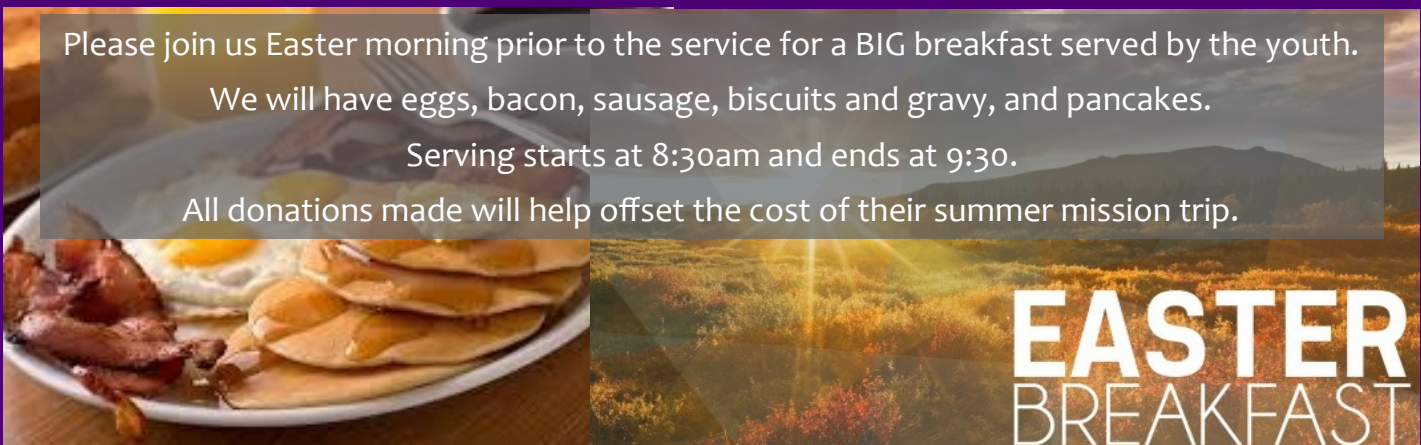
EASTER LILIES

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily for the sanctuary this year, please take one of the giving envelopes from the pew card holder located on the back of the pews, and write your name(s) on it. Mark the "Other" box on the front and designate "Easter Lily(ies)" on the line next to it. If the lily(ies) is to be listed in memory of a someone, please list the loved one's full name(s) on the back of the envelope. Place the proper monetary amount in the envelope, and put the envelope in the offering plate.

\$17 each. Deadline for order is March 10th.



Easter Services
and related
events/info



2026 Youth Mission Trip

June 21st - 27th



WHO: High School Students / Ages 14+

WHAT: You and your group will provide home repairs at no cost for elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged people who need your help. Project crews typically serve the same resident for the entire trip, creating an environment where meaningful relationships develop. Projects typically include painting houses, repairing porches, and general home repairs.

WHY: Because you want to have a meaningful summer experience of service and Christian growth while making new friends from all over the country.



6/21 - 6/27 Worksite projects in Lincoln, IL
Lodging: Open Arms Christian Fellowship
100 Campus View Dr.

WHERE & WHEN?

Date and time for a parent information meeting will be announced soon!



- **I think I want to go! What do I need to do?**
 - Get this trip on your calendar! Make sure you don't have any schedule conflicts. Spots are limited so we need to be sure that those students who sign up can go.
- **How much is this going to cost?**
 - A deposit of \$100 will secure your spot. Turn this into the office ASAP.
 - A second payment of \$150 is due before the trip.
 - The total of \$250 covers ****everything****
 - Except whatever random snacks or weird things you might want to buy – that's on you!
 - Please don't let finances be a factor, there are support opportunities available to help you cover your costs. Just ask!
- **What's next?**
 - Register online – talk to Cade Reimers or Nathan Flickinger
 - When we have our spots filled, there will be more info including: lodging details, tool lists, estimated schedule, and more!

BLOOD DONORS HAVE HEART



Group code: 070

Last date to donate
elsewhere: 1/10/26



Click on the page for the
registration link.

BLOOD DRIVE

Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Saturday, March 7th

7:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Fellowship Hall

To book your appointment, call Kay Amy at (309) 791-2296, email
Melody Van Oteghem at mjvan057@gmail.com or scan the QR code

MARCH 2026

IF I HAVE ANY WORTH, IT IS
TO LIVE MY LIFE FOR GOD.

St. Patrick

Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Food Pantry Sunday Deacon/Elder Mtg., 11:30 Comm. Class, 5:30pm Youth Group, 5:30pm	2 Meal Site	3 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	4 Meal Site Women's Ministry Mtg. 1pm Women's P & F, 5:30pm Men's/Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	5 Meal Site	6 Meal Site	7 Men's Bible Study, 7am Spring Blood Drive, 7-10:30am
8 Daylight Savings Time begins B/P Checks Comm. Class, 5:30pm Youth Group, 5:30pm	9 Meal Site	10 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	11 Meal Site Women's P & F, 5:30pm Men's/Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm <i>Lisa out of office until 3-26</i>	12 Meal Site Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm	13 Meal Site	14 Men's Bible Study, 7am
15 Comm. Class, 5:30pm Youth Group, 5:30pm	16 Foot Clinic Meal Site <i>Zach out of office until 3-26</i>	17 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Mission Comm. Mtg., 6pm	18 Meal Site Women's P & F, 5:30pm Trustees' Mtg., 5:30pm Men's/Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm Newsletter Items Due	19 Meal Site Quilting, 9am Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm	20 Meal Site Food Pantry Packing, 9am <i>hello SPRING</i>	21 Men's Bible Study, 7am Food Pantry Distribution, 9-11am
22 Christian Ed. Mtg., 11:30am VBS Mtg., 12:15pm Comm. Class, 5:30pm Youth Group, 5:30pm	23 Meal Site	24 Meal Site	25 Meal Site Women's P & F, 6:30pm Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm	26 Meal Site Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm <i>Zach & Lisa back in office</i>	27 Meal Site	28 Men's Bible Study, 7am
29 Palm Sunday Communicant's Received into membership Youth Group, 5:30pm	30 Meal Site	31 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	1 Meal Site Women's P & F, 6:30pm Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm	2 Meal Site Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm	3 Meal Site	4 Men's Bible Study, 7am