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Seasonal Reflections from Your Pastor

Dear Church Family,

As we enter April, we find ourselves in a season that brings into focus both the glory of Christ and the beauty of His church. In the coming weeks, we will welcome our communicant class into membership on Palm Sunday, celebrate the triumph of the resurrection at Easter, and, shortly after, receive a new group of members into the life of our congregation.

These are not disconnected events. They all point to one central reality: the risen Christ is gathering a people to Himself. The church is not simply a collection of individuals who share similar beliefs - it is the visible, embodied community of those who belong to Jesus, joined together by His grace and sustained by His presence.

Palm Sunday reminds us that Christ entered Jerusalem to claim His kingdom, not through power, but through the cross. Easter reminds us that He accomplished that work, rising in victory over sin and death. And what is the result? A people redeemed, gathered, and formed into His body - the church.

That means that when we receive new members, we are not merely adding names to a roll. We are witnessing the ongoing work of the risen Christ, who continues to call men, women, and children into His covenant community. It is a visible reminder that the gospel is not only something we believe - it is something that creates a people who belong to one another.

I find myself deeply thankful for what the Lord is doing among us. We are experiencing numerical growth, and that is a kindness from His hand. But even more, I am grateful for the evidence of spiritual health. And that is what sustains true growth.

Healthy soil produces living plants. In the same way, a healthy church - rooted in the Word, centered on Christ, shaped by the gospel - becomes a place where disciples grow. Not quickly or artificially, but steadily and deeply for life and eternity.

My hope and prayer is that this church would continue to be that kind of place for you and your family; a place where you are not only welcomed but spiritually formed. A place where Christ meets you through His Word, nourishes you through His sacraments, and binds you together with His people.

So as we rejoice in what we can see, the growth in numbers, let us also give careful attention to what may be less visible, but even more important: our growth in grace. The risen Christ has promised to be present where His people gather, and He is committed to completing the good work He has begun in us.

It is a joy to belong to Christ, and to belong to His church with you.

For His Eternal Kingdom,

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
Kay Amy
Mitch Anderson
Connie Huntley
Tom Huntley
Melody VanOteghem
Deb Wagamon

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 - Paul Hopkins	19 - Brandee Neece
2 - Pat Block	19 - Michael Orr
2 - Shawn Docherty	20 - Kenzie Hopkins
2 - Betty Murdock	21 - Elizabeth Adams
4 - Larry Hesch	23 - Eric Moel
4 - Maggie Pape	24 - Rayce Tomlin
6 - Noah Fender	24 - Dan Zampogna
8 - Mark Freyermuth	26 - Pat Peterson
8 - Kortney Gierlus	26 - Addyson Tomlin
13 - Angie Freyermuth	26 - Nataleigh Tomlin
14 - Lauren Stegmiller	26 - Amy Weiss
15 - Austyn Hetzler	27 - Luci Goodnight
15 - Scott Nelson	27 - Lisa Nelson
17 - Jon Darland	28 - Jennifer Harper
17 - Carson Thomas	29 - Beth Flickinger
18 - JoAnn Rursch	

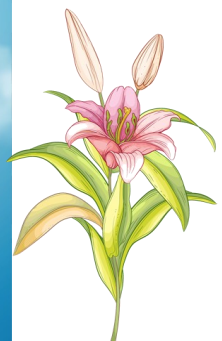
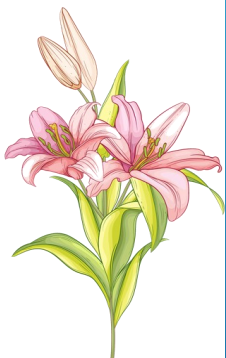
APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

8 - Scott & Lisa Nelson
12 - Joshua & Lindsay Fuhr
12 - Dillon & Kayla Weckerly
14 - Neal & Vicky Ruggles
24 - James & Rikki Hetzler
25 - Jake & Amanda Fuhr
29 - Steve & Debra Wagamon



GREETERS FOR APRIL

Friday, April 3rd - Good Friday - Rick & Melody VanOteghem
Sunday, April 5th - Easter Dana and Gia Johnson
Sunday, April 12th - Sue Miller & Grandchildren
Sunday, April 19th - Jason & Heather Parchert & Family
Sunday, April 26th - Jim, Bailey, & Cal Johnson



February 24, 2026, at 7pm

Location: Church “Old Basement”

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

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. He opened with prayer. Our Scripture reading was Psalm 48 and our Continuing Education - Chapter 1 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: It was M/S/C to approve the minutes from January 27th, 2026 Session Meeting.

Correspondence: None

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

Old Business:

- Ordination/Installation of New Officers
- Food pantry - Mic provided update on restructuring. Meeting on 2/23/2026 with Flemmings and Food Pantry volunteers.
- It was M/S/C to approve the membership status and shepherding list proposed from the 1/31/2026 discussion/workshop.
- Review of the Leadership Gathering. Discussion about what we heard and how that translates into actionable goals.
- Assignment of Elders to committee: Trustees/Kim Freyermuth, Mission/Mic Penry & Jason Flickinger, Deacons/Steve Wagamon, Christian Ed./ Jim Mueller & Jason Parchert, Personnel/ Keith Wilson & Kevin Oak, Clerk/Todd Stegmiller
- It was M/S/C to approve the baptism of Sibyl Eloise Hopkins on 2/22/26.

Committee Reports:

- It was M/S/C to approve committee minutes submitted:
- Trustees - 1/21 and 2/18
- Mission - 2/18

New Business:

Ministry:

- Communicants Class
 - Todd Stegmiller to substitute for 3/1/26 class
 - Elder Examination on 3/15/2026
 - Upon successful completion of Exam, will be joining on 3/29/2026
 - M/S/C to conditionally approve membership of Joe Gierlus, Travis Ryser, Jacob Harper, Grant Parchert, Jemma Johnson, and Wyatt Brashears
- Women’s Ministry 2/3/26 at 10 am; 2/4/26 at 6:30pm “Seamless”
- Men’s Ministry 2/4/26 at 6:30 pm; 2/7/26 at 7am “Ephesians”
- Music Ministry - Easter Choir rehearsals Thursdays at 6:30pm starting 3/12/26

Administration:

- Order of the Day
- M/S/C to approve EPC POI payments
 - RLP of 1.25% POI in the amount of \$3,123 (1.25% of 24 receipts - \$249,886)
 - GA of 1.0% POI in the amount of \$2498 (1.0% of 24 receipts - \$249,886)
- RE Keith Wilson, Jason Parchert, and Jim Mueller to review Facility Use, Wedding, and Funeral policies and report any recommendations to policy.
- Discussion and approval of Zach to travel to Orlando for GA AiC -3/2-3/3/26
- Discussion and approval of Zach vacation request of 3/16/26-3/25/26
 - Todd Stegmiller to teach Sunday School
 - Nathan Flickinger to preach 3/22
- Easter Schedule
 - Good Friday 4/3/26 – 6pm - Communion will be served.
 - Easter Sunday: Breakfast and Worship at 10am. Communion will be served. Deacons will assist with communion in the anticipation of a larger crowd.
 - Meeting with Deacons on 3/1/26 after worship to plan details of 4/5/26 communion
- Spring Membership Matters Class – Classes 4/12;19;26. Elder interviews 5/3/26. Join on 5/17/26.
- Next stated meeting planned for 3/31/2026.
- Review of Investment committee membership. Additional discussion to occur in upcoming meetings.

It was M/S/C to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm. TE Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

RE Todd Stegmiller, Clerk of Session

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.

"Membership Matters"



Adult New Member Registration

Date: 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.


Sunday, March 22, 2026

Present: Sue Miller, Kathy Stegmiller, Sydney Maxwell, Kortney Gierlus, Rachel Johnson, Tara Johnson, Nathan and Lyndsey Flickinger



Sue opened in prayer.

- Leadership Training Recap
- Palm Sunday:
 - Students will be greeters on Palm Sunday
 - They will line the outside (pending weather) and pass out palms
 - Others will be inside passing out bulletins and welcoming them
 - During whole group time, we will do a lesson about Palm Sunday
 - Kathy's class will do offering with a group of older kids (junior high/high school helping)
- Curriculum
 - No new curriculum is needed
- Newsletter/ TV in Sunday School Wing
 - Using pictures from class
 - Important/upcoming info
- After school club when new school is built
 - Very early stages
 - Talked about what it might look like and how we can get things started
 - Reaching out to Illinois City Church Kid's Klub leaders to see what they do/see if they would be interested in helping
- Acolyte candles
 - What can we do to better the process of getting kids signed up
- Summer Sunday School
 - June 7-August 30
 - Resume normal Sunday School classes: September 13

Nathan closed the meeting in prayer. Next meeting: TBD



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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.



Date: 3-18-26

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

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

Minutes for February meeting reviewed.

Treasurer's report for February reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- Only one bid received for the old pew – so it was donated to the bidder.
- Sod was repaired where damaged by snow plowing.
- Trustees will select a light fixture for the balcony stairs and proceed with installation.
- Discussed A/C system for the balcony. It appears a unit could be installed in the attic space adjacent to the balcony. Will confirm space needed and work on installation.
- Drywall patching to be completed.
- Choking safety devices (LifeVac) have been purchased and placed in basement and first floor of SS building. Trustees viewed a video showing proper usage.
- Organ in sanctuary has been repaired – had a bad solder connection.

New Business:

- Yard cleanup date set for Saturday, April 4 at 9 am.
- Discussed options for ventilation of the SS building attic.
- Discussed persistent problems with fire alarm system. Current maintenance company is expensive and not very responsive. Trustees will investigate alternatives.
- Trustees reviewed the proposed Reserve Study showing possible future expenses for repair and replacement items. In the mid to long term, current building funds will not be sufficient.

Mel closed the meeting with prayer at 6:25pm.


Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

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*



BIBLE
study

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

EPHESIANS
THE GLORY OF CHRIST IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
A 12-LESSON STUDY
REFORMED EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY
JON NIELSON
with BRYAN CHAPPELL

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FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



On March 21st, we had a successful distribution to 30 families consisting of 64 Adults, 2 Teens and 26 Children. We were surprised that numbers were down considering the economy at this time. When we packed on Friday,

March 20th, there were 11 people who helped and 2 were from other churches. On Saturday when we distributed, we had 11 adults helping plus 5 young people. Many hands made light work but that also meant the food pantry staff couldn't quite keep up packing the carts which got emptied quickly! Fortunately everyone who helped was very patient! What a blessing the young people were as they did most of the heavy lifting on Saturday.

We would like to express our appreciation to all those who donated food, money, or time to help us with this mission outreach. Community support is so important to us as we couldn't do this without you.

Donations of nonperishables are always welcome. Some of the things we always need are pasta, chunky soups, canned fruit, canned meats, canned pasta, soup, paper products, pasta sauce, ingredients for chili, Jello, pudding, pancake mixes, saltine and graham crackers, and juice.

THANK YOU!!

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

Things here at the food pantry are a changing. Our Mission Committee is assuming responsibility for the food pantry. Dewey and I will be stepping down, but hope to help out as needed. At this time, we don't have the full picture of who the main contacts will be, but the work will be carried on without a break of service to those in need of food.

Wishing God's blessings to all.

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



FALL COAT DRIVE REMINDER



Please keep our coat drive in mind as you are doing your Spring cleaning of your closets and purging your home of winter apparel that you no longer use!

The Mission Committee would love to share what you no longer wear with someone in our community that has a need. Please donate your winter items as you come across them.

Thank you!!!



PASSIONATELY AND PERSISTENTLY PURSUING



When you walk into the beginning of a YouthHope program, you won't hear silence! You'll hear kid's voices—loud, bold, and full of **conviction**. A room packed with kids declaring the YouthHope Creed at the top of their lungs: **“I am loved by Jesus, created by God!”**

They memorize it from day one. Not just so they can recite it—but so when the world tells them otherwise, the truth is already rooted deep in their hearts. Because the world is loud.

Social media. Peer pressure. Artificial Intelligence reshaping identity and truth. A culture where moral anchors feel increasingly untethered. Add to that food insecurity, unstable homes, lack of parental support, and inconsistent discipline or encouragement. The hills our kids must climb become mountains.

For many of the at-risk youth we serve, the obstacles are heavier than ever and the stakes are higher. Recently, I read an interview with “Miss Betty”, YouthHope's original Executive Director from the 1950s. She said, “This is an age where anything goes and that's why we need Jesus so much!” I smiled and thought, “Oh, Miss Betty... If you could see society now.” But the truth of her words hasn't faded—it has intensified.

These kids need Jesus. Not as a nice addition to their lives. Not as a moral suggestion. But as their **anchor**. Their **identity**. Their **HOPE**. And because of you, they are hearing about Him.

Every dollar you give. Every hour you volunteer. Every prayer you whisper. You are standing in the gap. You are investing in futures that could easily drift off course. You are helping fight for their hearts. The urgency of the Gospel is not abstract here—it's daily. We don't know what tomorrow holds for the families we serve. So while we have today, we plant seeds. We feed them—physically and spiritually. We open God's Word. We teach them how to pray. We speak truth over their identity. We tell them about the love of Jesus again and again and again.

And the, at the last line of the Creed, they shout with everything in them:

“I have HOPE for the future, because God has a plan for me!!”

They believe it. Because you help make it believable. Thank you for giving these kids and teens something this world cannot: unshakable hope in Christ. They need it now more than ever.

- Esther Joy King

Executive Director

(Click [HERE](#) for the full March report)

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)



EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2026



	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	End. Balance
General Fund	\$ 108,622.95	\$ 17,998.64	\$ 21,465.93	\$ 105,155.66
Education Fund	16,668.56	213.89	-	\$ 16,882.45
Building Fund (see below)	122,467.89	1,432.07	-	123,899.96
<i>Checking</i>	14,264.71	1,432.07		15,696.78
<i>Money Market</i>	108,203.18			108,203.18
Youth Group	22,401.17	(2,242.88)	301.52	19,856.77
	\$ 270,160.57	\$ 17,401.72	\$ 21,767.45	\$ 265,794.84

Youth Group has negative receipts due to the General Fund payment to YG for matching Christmas Eve service receipts; however, \$5,000 was moved to the Investment Fund that was deposited in the YG account initially.

February 2026 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - February 2026

Pledges	17,840.38
Interest Income - General Fund	13.26
Per Member Asking	120.00
Basement Rent	25.00

\$ 17,998.64

Expenditures - February 2026

Administrative

ABS (copier rental)	170.68
AT&T - Phone for elevator	248.80
Cemetery Upkeep	-
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	216.28
Insurance	-
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	568.25
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	1,436.92
Kone (elevator)	-
MidAmerican Energy /Edgington	619.00
Water	
Millenium Waste	83.30
Office Supplies	626.29
Repairs & Maintenance - general	-
Reytel - Internet	121.04
Shipping/Postage	85.38
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	142.36

\$ 4,318.30

Discipleship (Internal)

Children's Director	393.25
Continuing Education	-
Deacon Expense	0
EPC General Assembly	2,500.00
EPC (health)	24.27
Events	-
Fidelity (pension)	1,114.15
Housing Allowance	4,291.66
Meals	-
Mileage	-
Pastor Salary	2,782.08
Presbytery Expense	3,200.00
Pulpit Supply	-
Resource Materials	437.10
Sunday School	-
Worship Supplies/Music/Flowers	(102.00)

\$ 14,640.51

Mission (external)

Mission - International	-
Mission - US	-
Mission - Local	2,507.12

\$ 2,507.12

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 21,465.93

NET OPERATING INCOME

\$ (3,467.29)

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies committed within general fund as of end of month is \$22,624 and Assistance Fund of \$4,483.46



VBS PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, April 26th, 12:15pm

VBS Dates: July 20 - 24, 2026

Open enrollment for Rainforest Falls begins at 6am on Monday, April 6th. Last year it filled quickly, so get on right at 6am to assure the kids you are signing up get a spot. If it is full before you get signed up, immediately call the church (309-795-1713) leave your name, phone number, the names and ages of children you want to get in. If you are signing up a counselor and we have reached full capacity, you will be directed to a wait list. Sign your HS counselor on the wait list. If there are cancellations, either for campers or counselors, we take names from the top of the lists.

Plans for our summer VBS program are progressing. Craft projects have been picked out and we will be making a list of needed items in the future. In the meantime, please start saving paper towel rolls. We also appreciate \$5 gift cards to hand out to the counselors - Casey's, Shivers and Shakes, Chick-Fil-A, Rocket Stop, and any local coffee places are popular with the counselors. We chose Rocket Closet to be the recipient of our mission project again this year. Our campers will donate loose change (used to buy food and personal items) and food items that will be distributed by the school to local families in need.

We are in the process of lining up work projects for our JH campers to do on Wed., July 22nd. If you know of a community organization or individual who could use a helping hand with a project, please contact the church office or Kathy Stegmiller (309-791-1162) with the necessary information.

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.

Remaining Meeting Dates:

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

SPRING BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Spring Blood Drive.

Our March 7th blood drive was successful with 22 donors.

EEPC has decided not to schedule another blood drive for the time being. This is not to diminish the importance of donating. There are many opportunities both locally and at donor centers.

Impact Life is going to notify existing donors of upcoming local drives. We have also stated we would be happy to post their flyers at EEPC. All registered donors with Impact Life receive regular communications such as emails and phone calls.

St Patrick's Church (St Teresa of Calcutta) mobile blood drive is scheduled for 5/30/26 8:30-11:00am.

Thank you!

With Gratitude and Blessings, Melody VanOteghem and Kay Amy



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!

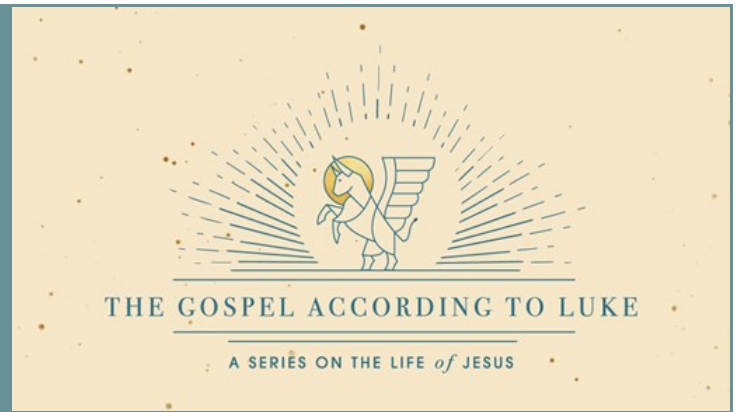
Sunday, April 3rd - Good Friday - [Galatians 3:13](#)

Sunday, April 5th - Easter - [Luke 24:36-48](#)

Sunday, April 12th - [Luke 18:18-30](#)

Sunday, April 19th - [Luke 18:31-43](#)

Sunday, April 26th - [Luke 19:1-10](#)



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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 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.



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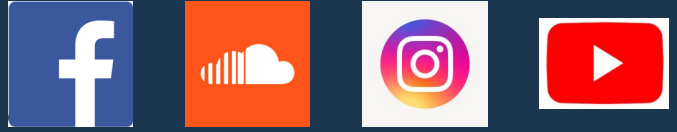
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Join us for a deep-dive into Paul's letter to the Galatians - one of his most powerful and foundational writings on the gospel of grace and Christian freedom.

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.

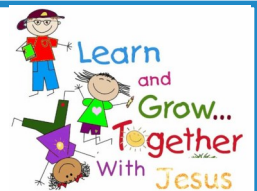


We meet every Lord's Day morning at 9am in the church basement. Please join us!



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



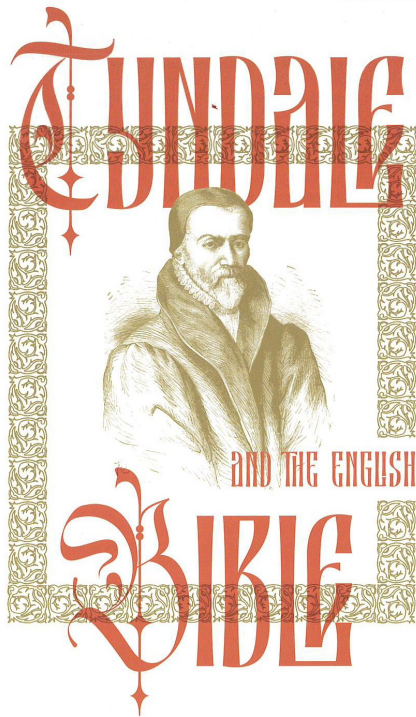
All of Scripture is the unfolding story of salvation and Jesus is its focus. We show how Jesus, revealed throughout the Bible, came to seek and save the lost.

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

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THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL

TABLETALK

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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 May 2026 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER than Wednesday, April 15th** 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

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.

EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS NOTED)

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

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

4.5 - EASTER

4.12 - GAME NIGHT

4.19 - SPIKEBALL

4.26 - KICKBALL

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS

CADE REIMERS FOR MORE INFO

309.373.2488



NEED A HAND OR ENCOURAGEMENT? ASK A DEACON!

The Deacons' charge is to care for the church body. You may already know that we provide delicious treats to celebrate new members, collect coats for those in need, and organize blood drives. But did you now that we are ready to serve in other ways, too?

Here are some of the ways a Deacon can help out:

- Visit shut-ins (including those who are temporarily unable to make it to worship) to provide cheer and recordings of the sermon.
- Deliver meals to those who are injured, ill, or have experienced a loss
- Visit widows(ers) to comfort and provide company.
- Send cards to recognize milestone birthdays and anniversaries, and express condolences
- Organize transportation to doctor's appointments (please give advance notice)

Please, if you or someone you know could benefit in one of these areas, please let a Deacon know right away. We try to anticipate needs, but we are only human, and need help with knowing needs!

Your 2025 Deacon team includes: Kay Amy, Mitch Anderson, Angie Freyermuth, Tom & Connie Huntley, Dorothy Rursch, Melody VanOteghem, & Deb Wagamon.

A background image showing various colorful quilts and fabric pieces.

QUILTING

Thursday, April 16th, 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!

A background image showing several hands clasped together in a circle on a wooden table.

Women's Prayer & Fellowship

Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm

WOMEN'S PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

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

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

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FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Monday, April 20th,
beginning at 9am

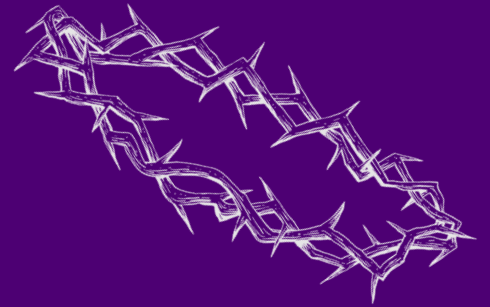
If you would like to receive a pedicure done by a medical professional, please call the church office at 309-795-1713 to schedule an appointment.

We hope you will join us for all of our Easter Services and breakfast Easter morning, served by our youth, with donations helping to support their mission trip.



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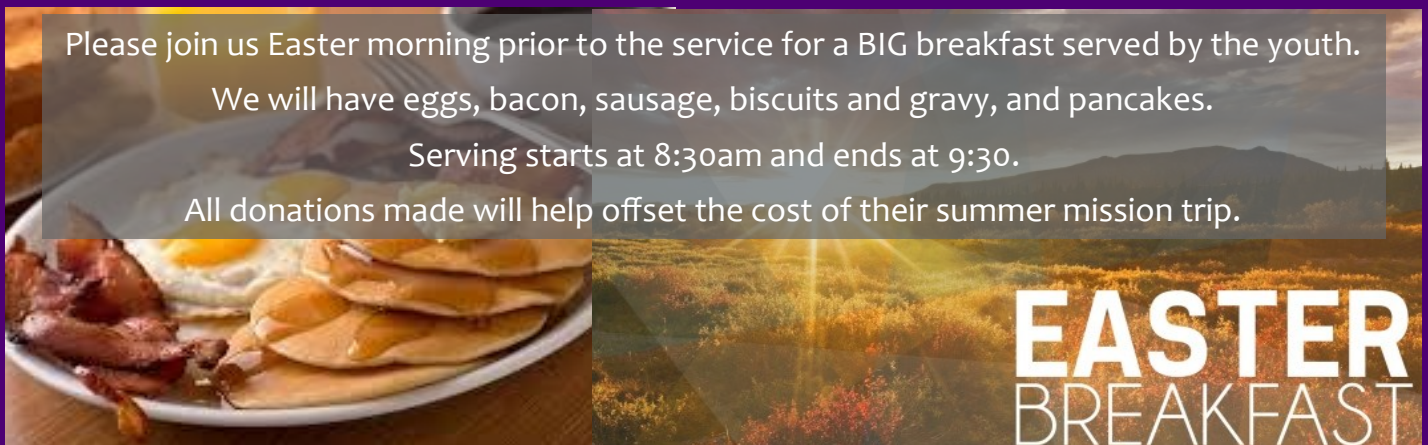
GOOD FRIDAY



HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN!

EASTER WORSHIP

WORSHIP 10AM



Please join us Easter morning prior to the service for a BIG breakfast served by the youth.

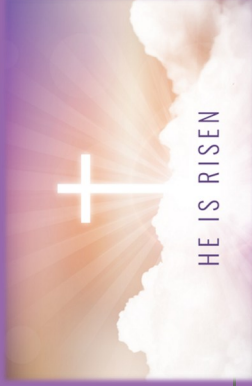
We will have eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and pancakes.

Serving starts at 8:30am and ends at 9:30.

All donations made will help offset the cost of their summer mission trip.

EASTER BREAKFAST


APRIL 2026



EEPC

Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>29 Palm Sunday Communicants Class received into Membership Youth Group, 5:30pm</p>	<p>30 Meal Site</p>	<p>31 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm</p>	<p>1 Meal Site Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm Women's P&F, 6:30pm</p>	<p>2 Meal Site Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm</p>	<p>3 Good Friday Meal Site Good Friday Service, 6pm</p>	<p>4 Men's Bible Study, 7am</p>
<p>5 Easter Food Pantry Sunday Breakfast, 8:30-9:30am Worship, 10am No S. S. Classes</p>	<p>6 VBS Registration Opens, 6am Meal Site</p> 	<p>7 Meal Site</p>	<p>8 Meal Site Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm Women's P&F, 6:30pm</p>	<p>9 Meal Site</p>	<p>10 Meal Site</p>	<p>11 Men's Bible Study, 7am</p>
<p>12 B/P Checks Membership Matters, 11:30am Youth Group, 5:30pm</p>	<p>13 Meal Site</p>	<p>14 Meal Site</p>	<p>15 Meal Site Trustee Mtg., 5:30pm Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm Women's P&F, 6:30pm Newsletter Items Due</p>	<p>16 Quilting, 9am Meal Site</p>	<p>17 Meal Site</p>	<p>18 Men's Bible Study, 7am</p>
<p>19 Membership Matters, 11:30am Youth Group, 5:30pm</p>	<p>20 Foot Clinic Meal Site</p>	<p>21 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6pm</p>	<p>22 Meal Site Men's Bible Study, 6:30pm Women's P&F, 6:30pm</p>	<p>23 Meal Site</p>	<p>24 Meal Site RLP Mtg., Faith EPC Crivitz, WI</p>	<p>25 Men's Bible Study, 7am RLP Mtg., Faith EPC Crivitz, WI</p>
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