



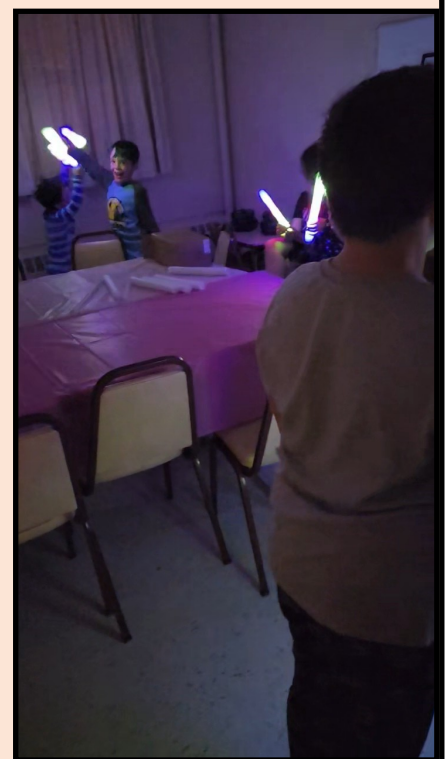
THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

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The Youth Lock-In was a great success! We had the kids play “find the tiny Jesus” in the sanctuary—we hid forty and there are still two missing! They also had a great time tie-dyeing shirts. We had a glow stick dance party and watched a movie called “King of Kings.” It was a really fun night! The kiddos all came to church in their jammies, and so did Randy!



Minister's Moment

Glen Echo Family,

This month, we discussed hardship and the changes in our neighborhood. We had our youth stay in the church for a night of fun and joy. We had a Fundraiser Dinner to help support adding automatic openers to the doors at the church, and we raised over \$1000. We also participated in the Beaverdale Fall Festival Parade for the first time in three years.

Next month, we are going to look at having the community come to our church for Trunk and Treat. We are going to look at the lectionary and start to focus our spiritual growth on people we don't know, how we treat our neighbors, and what it means to be part of a community.

We are starting to look forward to a change in the weather that signals the coming of Advent and Christmas. We are looking forward to the Live Nativity on Christmas Eve, and invite all the members of the church and their families to be with us on Christmas Eve, as well as anyone else that would like to participate. Please volunteer early.

We are united in fellowship and prayer as we navigate changes in our community with the DMPS, and anyone else experiencing transitions this season.

If you have needs please reach out to me. If you would like to volunteer for our board positions next year please reach out to the church or to me.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Aaron Brunner



In our first “Highlight Our Shut-Ins” column, we want to introduce Roy Stuart. Roy grew up attending country schools around Altoona and Bondurant. He graduated from Altoona High School in 1946 before it became S.E. Polk. He and Martha moved to Des Moines in 1961 and joined Glen Echo. They had Mark Harlan and Christopher Robin. They had eleven grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren. Roy worked at Globe Manufacturing in Des Moines for over 30 years. Martha was a teacher and loved anything Winnie-the-Pooh. Roy's hobby was woodworking, and he made furniture for many people. He and Martha were Elders, and Roy was our Treasurer for many years. Roy just celebrated his 99th birthday.

We had a great turnout for our Fundraising Dinner! Lots of people showed up to not only fill their bellies, but also to help cook, clean, and donate to the church! All donations will go towards ADA accommodations in the building.



Attention Book Readers: We have started a book exchange at Glen Echo! Please bring gently read books and add them to the black bookshelf in our lounge. Please grab a book (or two) to read. Return the books you have finished and grab more! If you want them returned to you, please put your name on them. Happy reading!

Did You Know: If you miss a Sunday at church and don't double your pledge the following week, your full pledged donation amount will not be met at year end. Example: I pledged \$25 per week for 52 weeks. I missed church on 4 Sundays. I would miss my full pledge to the church by \$100 at year end. Please consider this in the future as the church counts on your 100% pledge to pay the bills. Contact Deb Martin if you have questions.

Cents of Value
General Fund balances thru August 2025:
6/30/25 Balance 836.99
JUL
Receipts 3,780.00
Funds Transfer 3,094.58
Expenses (7,308.83)
7/31/25 Balance 402.74
AUG
Receipts 4,821.00
Funds Transfer 1,750.00
Expenses (6,537.52)
8/31/25 Balance 436.22
Average Monthly Receipts and Expenses:
Receipts (avg/mo thru August)
2024 - all funds 7,177
2025 - all funds 7,895
Expenses (avg/mo thru August)
2024 - all funds 8,098
2025 - all funds 7,400
Budget Summary:
2025 Budget Allocated 108,038.04
Budget Actual YTD (thru August)
59,561.18 55.1%
Jeff Bonner, Treasurer

OCTOBER READINGS SCHEDULE		
DATE	FIRST READINGS	SECOND READINGS
OCTOBER 5	Lamentations 3:19-26 Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10
OCTOBER 12	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12	2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19
OCTOBER 19	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8
OCTOBER 26	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14



Edencrest Services: We continue to serve the residents of Edencrest at Beaverdale. Pastor Aaron leads worship services on the second Sunday of each month.

Guest Accompanists: Shirley and Sean Lockard filled in for Judith while she was on vacation. Thanks to you both!



Directory Update: RuthAnne Free's new phone number is (515) 346-7179.

Good Fellowship: Our Good Fellowship Dinner for October will be on October 24th at Pagliai's Pizza at 5312 Merle Hay Road at 6:00 p.m. Because of Trunk or Treat on October 31st, we had to move our dinner up a week. Sign up on the sheet in the hall, or let Dorothy know if you and your family are coming.

Livestreamed Services: You can see our services from home in real time. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/p/Glen-Echo-Christian-Church-100064675272457/ to watch!

An Invitation:

If you're lonely or looking for a listening ear, Pastor Aaron Brunner would love to talk to you. His phone number is (515) 954-5280. You can also send him a letter at 1325 NE 50th Place, Des Moines, IA 50313.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The family and friends of Patrick Ashby
Terry Brunner
The family and friends of Bonnie Hamling
Kathy Hooper: Michael
Bev Katzmann: Jordan; Michael
Rosemarie Kelling; her sister Doris
Carol Miller: health, Virginia Johnson
Jackie Murphy
Margaret Ripperger
Carol Smith
Trevor Sprague
Roy Stuart
Bill Suiter
Bev Van Blaricome
All campers at CCC
Cassino Company

Please contact Pastor Aaron if you have any prayer concerns to add.

ATTENDANCE

	In-Person	Online
September 7	42	n/a
September 14	30	89
September 21	30	149
September 28	37	194

OCTOBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Dennis Martin	2 Don Little	3	4
5 World Communion Sunday 10:15 Worship After Church: Coffee Fellowship Deacon Callers	6	7	8	9 Alicia Tottser	10	11
12 9:00 Edencrest Service 10:15 Worship After Church: Coffee Fellowship	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 10:15 Worship After Church: Coffee Fellowship	20	21	22	23	24 6:00 Good Fellowship @ Pagliai's Pizza	25
26 10:15 Worship After Church: Coffee Fellowship Elders Meeting Karen Perry	27	28	29	30 Dorothy Perry	31 Halloween 6:00—8:00 pm Trunk or Treat @ Glen Echo Aaron & Kayla Brunner (Anniversary)	

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OCTOBER 2025 SERVING SCHEDULE

<u>October 5</u>		<u>October 12</u>	
Worship Leader:	Brison Brunner	Worship Leader:	Myssie Brunner
Elder:	Kathleen Smith	Elder:	Justin Brunner
Deacon:	Agatha Norton	Deacon	Mary McCarthy
<u>October 19</u>		<u>October 26</u>	
Worship Leader:	Julie Bonner	Worship Leader:	Kathleen Smith
Elder:	Kayla Brunner	Elder:	Myssie Brunner
Deacon:	Alex Brunner	Deacon:	Julie Bonner