

ALL-CHURCH DAY OF SERVICE

Community Spring Clean-up: Are you able to help with picking up sticks, raking leaves, pulling weeds, maybe more? We could use your help on **Saturday, May 20, from 9:00 - 12:00**. Meet at church and head out with a crew to bless some of our church members. If you would like to give one of the crews a place to work, please let a deacon or Courtney Lubbers know.

ES LADIES ~ SAVE THE DATE!

Ladies, would you like to get to know other ladies of the church better? We have a fun evening planned for you on Sunday, June 4, from 6:30-8:30 pm. This is for women of all ages and will be in the Sunrise Room. There are flyers on the information table. You can talk to Katie Gleason or Kim Poll with any questions.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to join us on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Council Room. We are using the same books that the morning group has been using, Lies Women Believe. See Cindy Brink for more details.

DIRECT YOUR LABELS

Support Growing Hope Globally when you buy groceries! Through the Direct Your Labels program, we can turn Our Family labels into cash! Please clip and save the UPC barcodes from any Our Family products and put them in the designated box labeled "Direct Your Labels" on the Narthex Table. Thank you from the World Mission Team.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR SYNOD 2023

You are invited to join other members of the Christian Reformed Church of North America in 40 days of prayer as Synod 2023 approaches. Beginning April 30, each day you can receive a text, prayer, and reflection questions, all intended to reflect the theme of Synod 2023. To learn more about how you can participate in prayer for synod, or to receive the free 40 days of prayer as a weekly PDF download or as daily emails, visit crcna.org/pray.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE FUNDRAISING DINNER & AUCTION

Save the date for Monday, May 22, for the PHP Fundraising Dinner and Auction. The dinner will be served from 5:30-6:45 pm with the auction following. The goal is to raise \$200,000 to support the continuation of their mission in Pullman. This will be held at A Cut Above Event Center, 6080 Blue Star, Saugatuck, MI



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"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship
in the Spirit and in truth."

-John 4:2

ES Church Contact Information

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May 7, 2023

Pastor's Corner

Dear friends of Jesus Christ,

Today is Cadets Sunday. I was part of a cadet group in Brampton, Ontario in the late 1980s. Many memories! I am thankful for those who gave their time to teach us new things and share God's word with us. And thank you to all who support and serve the Cadets at East Saugatuck Church. We appreciate you and we are glad the boys are in the program.

The theme verse this year for the Cadets is Joshua 3:5 – "Joshua told the people, 'Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.'"

I love this verse! I have decided to preach a sermon today on Joshua 3 entitled "Amazing Things. Amazing God." In the passage the LORD does the amazing thing of stopping the flow of the Jordan River so that the people can pass through into the Promised Land. Soon after, the LORD takes down Jericho.

What amazing things does God do today? Maybe you have a story. I'd like to hear out. This should not take away from normal Christian experience and service through ordinary times. Most of the Christian life is lived in ordinary times as we serve God in ordinary ways.

But, every so often God will do something that causes wonder and surprise. I'm talking about something that makes you say, "Wow, only God could have done that. That's amazing!" Some examples might be an incredible providence for a material need, a sudden or unlikely conversion to Jesus Christ, God breaking a stronghold (addiction or sin) in someone's life, an unusual presence of the Holy Spirit, or a supernatural healing. Or it could be a situation where God uses you in someone's life to make a positive difference that you did not see coming. And so you say, "Wow, God. That's amazing!"

Amazing things build our faith, change people's lives, and advance God's kingdom.

Let's be open to amazing things. Let's pray for them. Next week we will begin the book of Acts, which is filled with amazing things.

Praise be to God!
-Pastor Nathan

Joshua 3

"Amazing Things. Amazing God" OUTLINE for young people and anyone!

Kids, if you hand this back to me, please remember to put your name on it!

Name: _____

1) Pastor Nathan talked in the beginning about going to Cadets when he was a kid. He also told a story. What happened in the story?

2) In our Bible passage today, _ osh _ _ is the leader of God's people.

3) The name of the river that the people needed to cross was
a) the Mediterranean b) Galilee c) Jordan d) Allegan

4) The people 40 years and younger were not around when their parents crossed the Red Sea with Moses. True or False?

5) To consecrate yourself means to get ready for a ho_ y moment.
What is one way you can get ready for worship on Sundays?

6) When the people crossed the river the ground was mucky. True or False?

7) What was the name of the wooden box that the priests carried across the River?
a) tabernacle b) ark of the covenant c) holy box d) holy of holies.

8) What are two amazing things that Jesus did?
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2.

9) What is an amazing thing that God could do in our church or community?

Prayer: "Dear God, I pray you will do amazing things in our church and in my family and in my life as I follow you. I am open to amazing things! In Jesus name, Amen."

Joy Box Offering Schedule

5/7 East Saugatuck Cadets
5/14 HAYM (Hamilton Youth)
5/21 World Renew
5/28 Growing Hope Globally

ONLINE GIVING AT ES CHURCH

Did you know that you can easily access your giving history, make a one-time donation, sign up for scheduled giving, or give to any of our joy box offering causes by visiting our online giving page? Check it out at this link below: <https://espoint.churchcenter.com/giving>

E.S. MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13

HAND2HAND

The following items are needed and can be left on the table by the office:

Peanut Butter, Jelly

*no glass containers

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 16 Sr. Breakfast at Russ’
May 20 All-church service day
June 4 Ladies Night at ES
July 9-15 Thrive Mission Trip
July 17-20 VBS at ES Church

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 7, 2023

10:00 am Worship Service
*Children in Worship for ages 3-3rd.
11:15 am Sunday School 3-12th

Monday, May 8, 2023

7:00 pm Full Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

6:30 pm Pickleball ~ Point gym

Thursday, May 11, 2023

6:30 pm Ladies PM Bible Study

Saturday, May 13, 2023

7:00 am Men’s Breakfast at Trestle

Sunday, May 14, 2023

10:00 am Worship Service
Mother’s Day
*Children in Worship for ages 3-3rd.
11:15 am Sunday School 3-12th

NURSERY SCHEDULE

This Week—May 7

Marcia Van Rhee, Maya Ludema

Next Week—May 14

Caitlin Tyler, Chelsea Freers

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week—May 7

A-Sandy Lemmen, Andrea Hirdes

B-Michelle Shook, Norah Soerens

Next Week—May 14

A-Megan Dykstra, Meri Dykstra

B-Grace Tucker, Lily Tucker

TODAY

Pastor Nathan will lead us with a message entitled “Amazing Things, Amazing God” from Joshua 3. The ES Cadets will be sharing about their year. Sunday School will follow worship.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week is Mother’s Day, Pastor Nathan will lead us in God’s Word. Sunday School will follow worship.

ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

Please send an encouraging note to Jeneva Slenk at: Royal Park Atrium, 400 Parkside Dr., Rm. 123, Zeeland, MI 49464

LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Jenn DeFouw is in a considerable amount of pain after injuring her knee last week. Pray for her as she awaits MRI results and a treatment plan.

We are thankful that Nancy Tucker has returned home after several weeks of rehabilitation. Please continue to pray for peace and patience for Nancy and Jay as she recovers and gains strength.

2023 GRADUATES

If you are graduating from High School or College this spring, please pick up an information form and return it to Kim in the office by Sunday, May 28. We want to recognize and celebrate you on Sunday, June 11!

GRATEFUL HEARTS

We want to thank the ES Church family for the prayers and concerns for our Aunt Hazel in the past few months. A big thank you for ALL the visits over the years- visiting teams, Christmas Caroling and all other visits. Also, for Pastor Nathan’s visits in the past few months.

-Aunt Hazel Van Netten’s nieces & nephews

CHILDRENS MINISTRY NEEDS

The children’s ministry is looking for nursery volunteers during the morning worship service. They also are looking for more teachers and helpers for Children in Worship. If you are willing to serve in either of these areas, please contact Hannah Bosch.

PROFESSION OF FAITH OPPORTUNITY

Do you believe in your heart in Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? This summer is the time to make it public! If you are interested in professing your faith publicly this summer, please talk to Pastor Nathan or Pastor Wayne. They will take you through a profession of faith class later this spring and help you. This is for middle school and high school kids and adults. Let’s do this! -Romans 10:9-11