

CRIB MINISTRY

This week is the last week to bless Jeremy, Rachel, and Samantha Conley with our gifts in the crib ministry. Bryce James joined their family on Thursday, December 8. Your thoughts, prayers and gifts for the family are very much appreciated. Thanks for your support of this young family!

RESERVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, January 15, we are thankful to announce that Larry and Ruth Spalink, who serve in Japan will be visiting with us in the worship service. You are invited to a potluck after Sunday School to enjoy time together with Larry and Ruth. Let's show our support by attending this event!

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

If you are a high school girl, this study, Lies Young Women Believe, was written for you! Don't miss this opportunity to look at the things you are tempted to believe because your world tells you they are right. This could be a life changer. We meet at 6:30 pm after the dinner in either the Library or the Council Room, upper level. A cookie or two has your name on it!

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will continue our new study from the Lies Women Believe book and study guide. We will continue where we left off last week and likely be looking at chapter two. It's not too late to join us. Let Willow VandenBerg know if you need the books. We meet in the Sunrise room from 9:15-11:15 am. Contact Willow if you have any questions.

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

With the approach of winter weather, here are some guidelines that we have in place. If Hamilton Community Schools are closed during the week or closes in the course of the day due to winter weather conditions, all church activities scheduled for that evening are cancelled. If an advisory comes on during the day and weather becomes hazardous, check the following for the status of church activities: WOOD-TV8, the East Saugatuck Church Facebook and Instagram pages, or the church's website: espoint.org.



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

- John 4:24

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January 8, 2023

Pastor's Corner

My brothers and sisters,

Last week I introduced a new sermon series called *The Lord of your everyday life*. I will be preaching sermons about our Lord's relation to our everyday realities such as family life, work, our thought life, our bodies, our money and stuff, our people encounters, our trials, our futures, etc. We will be doing this for eight or ten weeks to start the New Year. Today's sermon is about our everyday devotional life. I am going to be talking about prayer and reading God's word.

In a church this size, I'm quite sure different people are in different places in their devotional lives. Some of you experience joy and peace in praying and reading God's word daily. You look forward to it. It is a rich time. Others may be more hit and miss right now. Life is busy and it's not been a priority. For some, devotional life is frustrating. You find it hard to really connect with God and get something meaningful out of it. Maybe you are in a desert time, and you feel spiritually dry. Still others just haven't been taught to pray and read God's word daily. It's a new idea to you.

Wherever you are, I encourage you to seek God through daily prayer and bible reading this year. If you are not doing it, start with giving it 15 minutes a day in a quiet place. Read one chapter of Scripture (start with the gospel of Mark or John, then try Acts, then Romans, then Genesis, then Psalms, then Proverbs) each day and pray about what you read. Ask God to help you understand it. Ask him to help you get to know him and his story better. Ask him to help you live out anything that is applicable to your life.

And then just pray to God about what is on your heart. Pray about what you are going through in life. Pray about what you are facing. Pray for others. Some find it helpful to pray according to the acronym ACTS. "A" is for prayers of adoration (praise God for his greatness). "C" is for prayers of confession of personal sin. "T" is for prayers of thanksgiving. "S" is for prayers of supplication (requests of God).

I know this: God wants to have a real relationship with each of us. He wants you to know him better and grow closer. Ultimately, he seeks to make you more like Jesus as you grow in relationship with him.

Happy New Year! May God bless your devotional life this year!
~Pastor Nathan

OUTLINE for young people and anyone!

"The Lord of Your Daily Devotions"

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Deuteronomy 8:3; Psalm 119:105;

Hebrews 4:12; Colossians 4:2; Mark 1:35

- 1) For the Jews, a very important Scripture is Deuteronomy 6:4-9. They call it:
 - a) the command
 - b) the Shema
 - c) the celebration
 - d) the New Year's text
 - 2) Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:4-5 when someone asked him what the greatest commandment was. True or false?
 - 3) Jewish kids during Jesus' time memorized large amounts of the Bible. True or false?
 - 4) Psalm 119:105 says that God's word is a l _ _ p for my feet and a _ igh _ on my path.
 - 5) Hebrews 4:12 says that God's word is a _ _ ve and active.
 - 6) Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3. True or false? What does Deuteronomy 8:3 teach us?
 - 7) Colossians 4:2 says, "Devote yourselves to _ _ _ _ _."
 - 8) Jesus never went to be alone for prayer. True or false? See Mark 1:35.
- Challenge for young people: Spend 5 minutes (elementary school kids), 10 minutes (middle school kids), or 15 minutes (high school) every day reading the Bible and praying to God in a quiet place. You can do it! You will be blessed!
- 9) God wants to have a close rel_tion_hip with you.
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Joy Box Offering Schedule

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| 1/8 | Holland Deacons Conf. |
| 1/15 | Resonate Global Mission |
| 1/22 | Lakeshore Pregnancy Center |
| 1/29 | CRC Ministry Shares |

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>

BUDGET GIVING UPDATE

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| Yearly Giving Target: | \$427,205 |
| Budget Needs for This Count: | 16,431 |
| Budget Giving This Count: | 6,571 |
| YTD Budget Giving: | 415,120 |
| Percent Behind Budget: | ~3% |
| Amount Behind Budget: | ~12,085 |

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| East Saugatuck Ministries: | \$359 |
| Wednesday Night Ministries: | 443 |
| Offering Causes: | 250 |
| World Renew: | 500 |
| Growing Hope Globally: | 872 |
| Resonate: | 10 |
| Reframe Ministries: | 10 |

HAND2HAND

The following items are needed and can be left on the table by the office:
Soup, Chili, Ravioli

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 8, 2023

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| 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| | *Children in Worship for ages 3-3 rd . |
| 11:15 am | Sunday School 3-12 th |
| 12:30 pm | Pulse Jr. High returns |
| 6:00 pm | Thrive Sr. High |

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

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| 5:30 pm | Wednesday Night Dinner |
| | *Family Group E helps with take-down |
| 6:30 pm | Activities for all ages |

Thursday, January 12, 2023

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| 9:15 am | Ladies Bible Study |
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Sunday, January 15, 2023

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| 10:00 am | Worship Service |
| | *Children in Worship for ages 3-3 rd . |
| 11:15 am | Sunday School 3-12 th |
| 12:00 pm | Spalink Welcome Potluck |
| 6:00 pm | Thrive Sr. High |

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| January 15- | Rev. Larry & Ruth Spalink |
| January 29- | Hamilton HS Honor Choir |

NURSERY SCHEDULE

This Week—January 8

Carol Homkes, Allison Vugteveen

Next Week—January 15

Marcia Van Rhee, Maya Ludema

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week—January 8

A- Justin Kragt, Braden Homkes

B- Katie Gleason, Caleb Lubbers

Next Week—January 15

A-Sandy Lemmen

B-Michelle Shook, Norah Soerens

TODAY

This morning Pastor Nathan will lead us in God's Word with a new series "The Lord of Your Everyday Life", the message is entitled, "The Lord of Your Daily Devotions" from Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 8:3; Psalm 119:105; Hebrews 4:12; Colossians 4:2; and Mark 1:35. Sunday School will follow worship.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week our missionary to Japan, Rev. Larry Spalink, leads us in God's Word, preaching a message from Ephesians 6:10-20 entitled, "It's Not Me!". Sunday School will follow worship. A potluck for the Spalinks will be held at noon.

ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

Please send an encouraging note to Ly and Navy Chann-Chay at: c/o Resonate Global Missions, 1700 28th St., Grand Rapids, MI 49508-1407

LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Please keep Mildred Zoerhof in your prayers as she is under Hospice care and has moved to Heritage Home in Zeeland. Her new address is: Mildred Zoerhof
Heritage Nursing Home
Room 106
320 Central Ave.
Zeeland, MI 49464

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Elizabeth and Carl Brink with the passing of Elizabeth's grandfather, Bruce Hyde, on Thursday, December 29. We pray for peace for the family as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

GRATEFUL HEARTS

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards and support from our ES family during and following Shelly's ongoing health problems. We appreciate you all!

-Dan and Shelly Martin

E.S. MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

-Ecclesiastes 3:11

PICKLEBALL ANYONE?

Some folks from ES Church will be meeting in the Point gym on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm to play some friendly games of pickleball. Ages from middle school and up are welcome!

WEDNESDAY DINNER MENU-JAN. 11

Main: Steak and cheese burrito w/rice

Alternate: Sloppy Joe w/chips

Dessert: Strawberry Pretzel Salad