

### SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS

For the 2023-24 year in Sunday School, we are trying something new! To help keep the kids active, we have 5 gym game days planned, and we're hoping to get parents to volunteer to lead the games. There will be a list of games provided or you may come up with your own. Children's Director Hannah Bosch will also do a short lesson at the beginning with word relating to sportsmanship and how that relates to the Bible. Here is a link for the sign ups, thanks for your consideration! – [signupgenius.com/go/10C0849ADAC23A1FBCF8-sunday](https://signupgenius.com/go/10C0849ADAC23A1FBCF8-sunday)

### LADIES THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We plan to meet this Thursday, September 14, in the Sunrise room at 9:15 am to kick off the beginning of our fall study. We will be using the video/book study, When You Pray, looking at various passages in the Bible on prayer. Women of all ages are invited to join this study! Let Willow VandenBerg (616-566-0973) know if you'd like her to order a study guide for you. This week we will get an introduction to the study and pick up our study guides. Next week, September 21 we will begin lesson 1.

### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

All high school girls! You are invited to a book study, Me, Myself and Lies. What do you say when you talk to yourself? That's what this study is about. We will meet in the library at 6:30 pm each night of the community dinners. That means our first meeting will be September 27. This study has no homework and always includes a cookie or two! Questions? Text Willow 616-566-0973.

### ES FALL FEST!

All are welcome to attend our upcoming first annual ES Fall Fest at East Saugatuck Park! Come for a night of snacks, fun and fellowship along with a friendly competition of pumpkin carving. This is sure to be a night to remember! The event will take place on Saturday October 21 from 6-8 pm. Bring a chair and a pumpkin if you want to participate. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the narthex by October 14. We look forward to seeing you!

### SAVE THE DATE – FALL BLOOD DRIVE!

We are pleased to announce that we will be partnering with the American Red Cross for a blood drive this fall on October 25 at East Saugatuck Church from 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm. You can sign up for a time to donate blood using this link: [redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ESPOINT](https://redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=ESPOINT) If you have any questions, please contact Wayne or Paula Bakker.



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East Saugatuck Church

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

- John 4:2

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September 10, 2023

### Pastor's Corner

Dear East Saugatuck brothers and sisters,

The summer is basically over now. Labor Day is past. The kids are back in school. Soon the leaves will be changing colors. It's a wonderful time of year. I love it.

It's also that time when we begin to do more at church. We'll be starting Sunday school again (after worship until noon) next Sunday, September 17. We have this for kids ages 3 to Grade 12. Send your kids for this! This is us living out our baptism vows of "raising our children in the ways of the Lord." I have the privilege of teaching the middle school kids this year.

I think we have the Sunday School teachers that we need. We could use a pair of volunteers for each of the five Sunday gym days we have planned. We could also use a couple of Children in Worship volunteers as well.

It will be great to be back together on Wednesday nights beginning September 27. The food and fellowship with the community is a blessing. Cadets and GEMS and Kingdom Kids and PULSE will get rolling again (with THRIVE for high schoolers on Sunday evenings). For the adults, on Wednesday nights, we plan to show either some fresh Ray VanderLaan videos or some Francis Chan teaching. (The next *Chosen* season has not been released yet).

We could use some volunteers for Wednesday meal prep and clean-up. Maybe you could help with one of those.

It's a joy to serve the Lord here at East Saugatuck Church. We are all in this together. I am reminded of a couple Scriptures that I see us living out together: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship." – Romans 12:1  
"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." – 1 Corinthians 12:27

Today's sermon is about Paul's second missionary journey. The passage will be Acts 16:6-10 and 17:1-15. The sermon is entitled "Another King". I'm looking forward to worshipping this King you!

In Christ, Pastor Nathan

Acts 16:6-10 & 17:1-15      "Another King" (Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey)

#### Outline for young people and anyone!

**Young people, if you hand this back to me, please put your name on it!**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

1) Pastor Nathan traveled to Greece \_\_\_\_\_ years ago with his mother/uncle/brother.

2) On his second missionary journey, Paul traveled with all the same people as he travelled with on his first. True or False?

3) Paul's plan at the beginning of the journey was to go to Greece. True or False?

4) Name the three people who went on the journey with Paul.

5) They went to Greece after Paul received a v\_ \_ion from God.

6) In Philippi, a woman named \_ y \_ \_ a believed in Jesus Christ.

7) Paul preached at Thessalonica and people there accused him of preaching about another king who was not C\_ \_ s \_ r. Who was this other king?  
\_\_\_\_\_

8) The people in Berea checked the Scriptures to see if what Paul was saying was true. True or False?

9) From this missionary journey we learn (circle all the correct answers)

- a) God is sovereign (in control).
- b) We should check the Scriptures for ourselves (like the Bereans).
- c) We should all travel to Greece and preach there.
- d) There is another King whom we should worship and follow.

10) Challenging question: When is it most difficult to trust that God is sovereign?

Prayer: Jesus, thank you for being my King. I choose to trust that you have a plan for my life. You are a good and loving King. Help me to search the Scriptures like the Bereans did. Help me to follow you. I love you. Thank you for missionaries. Amen.

### Joy Box Offering Schedule

9/10 Resonate Global Mission  
9/17 Kids Life  
9/24 Holland Deacons Conference  
10/1 ESCRC Benevolence Fund

### 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

*"As long as the earth endures,  
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,  
summer and winter, day and night  
will never cease."*

*~Genesis 8:22*

### HAND2HAND

Thank you for your support for Hand2Hand this past year! As a new school year begins your support is appreciated. Non-perishable food may be left on the table outside the office. Please remember no glass containers or outdated food.

Thank you!

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

10:00 am Worship Service

\*Children in Worship for ages 3-3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Monday, September 11, 2023**

7:00 pm Full Council Meeting

**Thursday, September 14, 2023**

9:15 am Ladies Bible Study

**Saturday, September 16, 2023**

7:00 am Men's Breakfast at Trestle

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

10:00 am Worship Service

\*Children in Worship for ages 3-3<sup>rd</sup>.

11:15 am Sunday School 3-12<sup>th</sup>

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 19 Senior Breakfast at Russ'

Sept. 20 Weds. all-volunteer mtg.

Sept. 27 First Weds. Family Night

October 13 Happy Wanderers Trip

October 21 ES Fall Fest

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

This Week—September 10

Kristi Zoerhof, Mya Zoerhof

Next Week—September 17

Andrea Hirdes, Tarissa Kragt

### CHILDREN IN WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week—September 10

A-Hannah Bosch, Bennet Mulder

B-Olivia Reeves, Ava Reeves

Next Week—September 17

A-Justin Kragt, Braden Homkes

B-Katie Gleason

### TODAY

Today Pastor Nathan will lead us in a message entitled "Another King" from Acts 16:6-10 & 17:1-15. Children ages 3 years old to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade can go to Children in Worship following the children's message. Be sure to check out the tables in the narthex today for our ministry opportunities and schedules for fall programs.

### NEXT SUNDAY

Next week Pastor Nathan will lead us in God's Word. Children ages 3 years to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade can go to Children in Worship following the children's message. Sunday School will follow worship.

### ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

Please send an encouraging note to Amie Holst at: 65 Dunton Ave., Holland, MI 49424.

### LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Greg Poll had surgery last week for a fusion of two vertebrae in his neck, and it went well. We pray for God's continued healing & strength for Greg.

Continue to remember Sytze Nauta in prayer as he waits for hip replacement surgery. We are praying boldly for a surgery date to open much sooner so Sytze can have relief from the pain.

Jan Becksvoort received a great report last week that the multiple myeloma treatments are working! The numbers are going in the right direction after the treatments, and we are praying this will continue. Thanks for your continued prayers for Jan, and we praise God for His goodness!

### COUNCIL NOMINATION PROCESS

Council nomination forms are in your church mailboxes. The current Council is asking for your input in submitting names to be nominated to serve as elder and deacon in 2024. We ask that they be returned to the designated drop box on the info desk by Sept. 24. There are extra forms by the narthex ballot box.

### CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We are in need of more teachers and helpers for Children in Worship on Sundays. Please contact Hannah ([hannah@espoint.org](mailto:hannah@espoint.org)) if you can help.

### SENIOR BREAKFASTS

Senior breakfasts resume at Russ' Southtown on Tues., Sept. 19 at 8:30 am. All seniors welcome - see you there!

### FALL SCHEDULE AT ES

There are information sheets with important fall dates on the information table in the narthex. Pick one up today!