

→ CHURCH PROFILE



East Saugatuck Church

EAST SAUGATUCK CHURCH
A MINISTRY OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
HOLLAND, MICHIGAN



Letter from the SEARCH TEAM



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Greetings!

This profile is designed to give pastoral candidates an overview of the ministries, members, surrounding community, and vision of East Saugatuck Church.

While looking through this profile, please prayerfully consider whether this would be a good fit for yourself or for someone you know. Consider how your own ideas and passions also align with East Saugatuck Church's passions and vision.

If you feel God leading you in this direction, we would love to hear from you and explore this possibility together.

Above all, we are confident that Christ is the Head of the Church, and He will guide this process. Many hours have been spent in prayer and preparation, and we are excited to see how He works in our church and your life as we pursue His direction.

Thank you, and blessings as you consider God's will.

In Him,

East Saugatuck Church Search Team

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A PLACE TO **BEGIN**. A PLACE TO **BELONG**.
A PLACE TO **BELIEVE**. A PLACE TO **BECOME**.



East Saugatuck Church desires to be a place to:
BEGIN a relationship with Jesus and his followers
BELONG to a loving community of faith
BELIEVE in the truth of God's Word
BECOME more like Jesus

East Saugatuck Church is a faith community growing in our love for God and for all people. East Saugatuck Church was founded in 1869 and continues to establish deep roots in the surrounding community. We are a part of the Christian Reformed Church of North America. We believe that all parts of life and ministry are under our Lord's control, and our calling is to be His agents of transformation and mercy to all people in our community.

EAST SAUGATUCK'S MINISTRY VALUES:

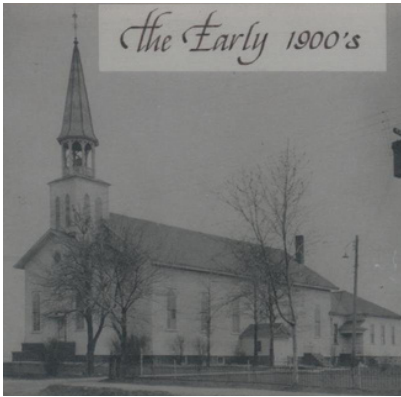
- Preaching of God's Word must be Biblically-based.
- Prayer is essential for effective ministry and life.
- Caring and loving relationships are valued in every aspect of our church.
- Children and families are a high priority.
- Every believer is encouraged to be committed to personal and spiritual growth.
- Our worship is a heartfelt response to God's love and faithfulness.
- Every believer is encouraged to use the resources and gifts God has given them.
- We are called to show love to our community by being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Our
**VISION &
VALUES**





Celebrating more than
150 YEARS



FIRST 50 YEARS: 1869-1919

In 1869, a small Dutch immigrant farming community south of Holland, MI organized a new branch church from the existing Graafschap Church. A new church building was erected to support around 80 believers to call on God together and seek His Guidance. In 1871, only two years after the founding of the church, the ashes of the Great Chicago Fire destroyed the new church building. The only thing saved was the large pulpit Bible. The Bible became and still is a symbol of hope, promise, and perseverance.



SECOND 50 YEARS: 1919-1969

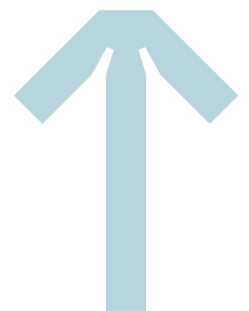
The World Wars impacted East Saugatuck Church and its families with members serving in both wars. After WWII, the congregation began looking outward. A daughter church was established in Hamilton in 1950. The first foreign missionary commissioned to South America in 1958. A movement was made to establish a chapel in Saugatuck. East Saugatuck Church had built their foundation and was now reaching out through different missions.



LAST 50+ YEARS: 1969-PRESENT

With great changes in the community and world, the church sought to make changes to reach people for Christ. Many new groups formed with an emphasis on youth and children. Family groups and Mission Trips became a part of church life. Wednesday night dinners and family nights were established and continue to be very successful. For thirteen years an outreach service called Starting Point was held in the gym. The current service is held in the remodeled sanctuary. God was faithful to lead East Saugatuck Church through change and has given the church grace to continue for over 150 years.

OUR HISTORY



OUR COMMUNITY

Discover West Michigan



FROM DOWNTOWN SHOPS TO SANDY BEACHES,
WEST MICHIGAN GIVES YOU SMALL TOWN CHARM
WITH BIG CITY AMENITIES.

East Saugatuck Church is in West Michigan close to the coast of Lake Michigan. It is centrally located between the towns of Holland, Hamilton, and Saugatuck.

Hamilton is a rural community with a strong agricultural heritage. Miles of woods, fields, streams, and lakes make for easy access to boating, fishing, hunting, biking, kayaking, hiking, etc.

Holland and Saugatuck are both known as tourist destinations with beautiful beaches on the shores of Lake Michigan. They both have a beautiful downtown with many restaurants, breweries, and shops. Holland offers all the conveniences of a medium size town including a hospital, movie theaters, shops, numerous job opportunities, and great schools.

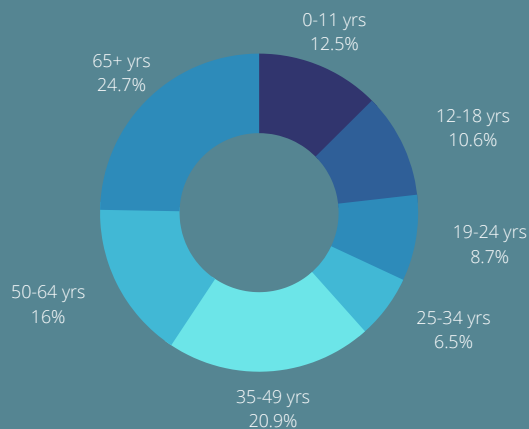
For bigger city needs, such as large shopping malls, concerts & sporting events, and even an airport, Grand Rapids is just a 30 min drive away. It is a great community to live in for any stage of life.



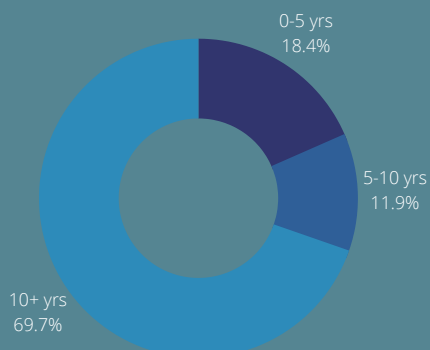
Our Congregational CULTURE



AGE DEMOGRAPHICS



LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP



The culture of East Saugatuck Church has stayed the same in many ways, but has evolved in others. We have always been a church grounded in God's Word with a heart for outreach. We are a small church making a big impact on our community with Jesus as our guide and stay. We provide a safe atmosphere where first time guests and life-long members can worship and learn side by side about the Savior's Way, Truth, and Life.

Our membership has evolved over the past twenty years since we made several intentional and significant changes in both worship style and space to become more outreach oriented. These decisions, as you can probably imagine, reshaped our congregation in both additions and subtractions of members.

To this day, we continue to provide open arms to our community. Open arms where people feel welcome as part of our church family. Wednesday night dinners are a prime example of us opening our doors and hearts to our community to share in both a meal and many learning opportunities for all ages. For many, this is their only connection to a local church. This is why years ago we reordered our vision to BEGIN-BELONG-BELIEVE-BECOME.

East Saugatuck Church continues to strive to reflect our community in ways that bring glory to God and love to our neighbors.

Our

WORSHIP

Average Sunday Morning In-Person Attendance: 100-130

Average Sunday Online Attendance: 10-30 views



East Saugatuck Church worship services are planned by the Worship Pastor working in partnership with the Senior Pastor with input from the congregation. We are blessed with many volunteers willing to share their gifts and talents with the congregation and community. Some examples of this are participating on the worship team, leading prayer, operating audio/video, and special ministry celebrations.

We presently have one 10am Sunday morning worship service that is musically contemporary, biblical, and has respect for our Christian Reformed traditions. Our goal is to make worship an experience that centers around God's Word and inspires our congregation to go forward into the week to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our world.



We stream all services live on Facebook (search @eastsaugatuckchurch). We encourage you to check out past services.



Our

FACILITY

God has provided East Saugatuck Church with a great facility to use for his purpose. Our current church building was built in 1966. In 2000, a major addition of the gym, commercial kitchen, classrooms, and staff offices provided us with the room and amenities needed for our Wednesday night dinners and activities. In 2016, our sanctuary was renovated giving us a more contemporary space to worship every Sunday while introducing the technology to stream our services to people everywhere.



Our

MINISTRIES



BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN

Children's Worship (Sundays during service)
Kingdom Kids (Wednesday Nights): 6:30 - 8:00
Sunday School (3+ yrs, during the school year)



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sunday School (during the school year)
Pulse (Wednesday Nights) 6:30 - 8:00



ELEMENTARY

Sunday School (during the school year)
Gems & Cadets (2nd-5th grade, Wednesday Nights): 6:30 - 8:00



HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday School (during the school year)
Thrive (Sunday Nights) 6:00 - 7:30



ADULT MINISTRIES

Wednesday night Bible Studies: 6:30 - 8:00
Young Family Gatherings - Monthly activities
Thursday morning women's Bible Study
Senior Special Events



NATIONAL & GLOBAL MINISTRIES

World Renew in Cambodia
Resonate Global Mission in Japan, Guinea, & Cambodia
Growing Hope Globally Growing Project
Thrive mission trips to various locations in the US
Mission trips with World Renew Disaster Response Services



COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Kids Hope USA at Blue Star Elementary
Kids Life Bible Club at Blue Star Elementary
Hand2Hand at Blue Star Elementary
Vacation Bible School - Summer program



WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY DINNERS

Serves approximately 225 people per week



Our LEADERSHIP

East Saugatuck Church's council consists of 8 Elders and 7 Deacons with Pastors serving as ex officio Elders. Each member of the council serves a 3 year term and then they have a 3 year period where they are ineligible for a council position.

The full council meets once per month and the Elders and Deacons also have a separate meeting with their respective groups once per month. The congregation is divided into 7 groups (Households) and each group has an elder/deacon team that oversees their needs.



Our STAFF

- Lead Pastor (full time) - Vacant
- Interim Pastor (part time)
- Commissioned Worship Pastor (full time)
- Administrative Assistant (part time)
- Director of Youth Ministries (part time)
- Director of Children's Ministries (part time)
- Kids Hope Director (part time)
- Three Custodians (part time)
- Wednesday Night Meal Coordinator / Chef (part time)



Our BUDGET

	2019	2020	2021
Annual Budget	\$467,142	\$457,186	\$420,335
Church Staff	\$241,599	\$260,582	\$240,481
Facilities Expenses	\$101,182	\$93,582	\$75,900
Missionary Support	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000
Benevolence	\$7,066	\$6,446	\$4,360
Local Ministries & Outreach	\$20,750	\$11,750	\$11,750



East Saugatuck Church contributes 10% of its annual giving for Synodical and Classical Ministry shares.



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