

# EVANGEL

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Church Family,

It's a New Year and with it comes many new happenings around our church. I hope that you were able to hear the "State of the Church" address this past weekend. If not, it will be posted on our website and church app for you to listen and catch up. In summary... wow! 2015 was a great year for us as God did many great works and we got front row seats to watch it happen. Lives were literally changed for eternity, the ministry expanded in many directions and we have been called and chosen to engage in missions all over the world. How amazing is our God that we really do get to be a part of seeing the gospel "reach the ends of the earth"?

As we jump into the New Year, I want to ask each of you, where do you fit? What part do you play? What role do you fill? There is a very significant reason for our Heavenly Father adding you to His church at Easthaven and we share the responsibility to help you find that place and be faithful. In light of this shared belief and conviction, please know two things. First, regardless of whether you are male or female, older or younger, a mature believer or a new follower, you matter to the church and to the Lord. And secondly, we are committed to helping you find your place in ministry because we need you here. One of the ways we help you find your place is by offering a study, selfdiscovery course called PLACE on a regular basis. It is hands down the best course I have ever taken in assisting me to assess, identify, validate and evaluate myself to determine who

God created me to be and how I can serve Him best. I have often said, "If only everyone in the church felt the same excitement and fulfillment that I feel in serving at Easthaven, we would be a fully-functioning church body."

We share this confidence: God's plan is best. The church is His plan. Each of us are a part of His plan for the church. So each of us must then ask ourselves some questions. Am I being faithful? Where do I fit? What will I do to fit? It's a New Year and with it come new opportunities and a time for new commitments to do the things that matter most. Your church is here to help you find that greatest sense of fulfillment as you commit to seek and serve the Lord this year.

Honored to serve with you!

Pastor Daniel <><



# Czech Mission Trip 2016 June 29-July 12

If you have a passion for reaching

lost people, we need you! As of the first of January, the 2016 Czech team has six more spots available for the trip this summer. We'll be headed to Prague, Vysoke Myto and Cenkovice in the Czech. If you are interested, contact the church office!

#### **Senior Pastor Daniel S. Lambert**

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# What is C.A.R.E. Ministry?

Care Ministry is an umbrella for many outreach programs at Easthaven. Caring for people is a great thing, whether it is done outside the state, country or in our own back yard. Look around! Get involved and be blessed by coming along side us to serve others in the name of Christ. If you see anything below that you might be interested in being a part of, call Sharon Shropshire at 756-6151.

### Church Ministry Opportunities:

- **Benevolence program:** helps non-members with emergency needs, such as gas vouchers, hotel rooms, etc.
- **LEO fund (Loving Each Other):** helps members of the church in times of emergency, using donations by the church
- **Shepherd Shelves (food pantry):** helps many in the church and the community. The food and non-food items are donated by the church members. There is also a small budget provided to meet the needs
- **Community Garden:** Whoever is interested in gardening, we welcome you to participate in this program either growing food for your needs or for the needs of the community (located at the north west corner of our church building with 15 raised beds).
- **Wood Ministry:** At the southwest end of our church building, you may notice a small pile of cut logs which make up our wood ministry. This wood was donated by Plum Creek. It has been cut up by men in our congregation and split and stacked by our youth. Without their labor of love, this ministry would not be able to continue. This is a ministry for those who are in extreme need of wood for heat and no way to get it for themselves.
- **Resurrected Wrecks Ministry:** We have been able to give several cars away in past years to single moms or families who were in need of one. We are always excited about receiving wrecks because they can be used for some one who has a need. Curt Ethington heads up the Resurrected Wrecks ministry. He has a team of mechanics who have literally put together old cars, making them mechanically safe to drive. If you have a car to give away, give Sharon a call!

### Community Ministry Opportunities:

- **Evergreen Community Meals:** Easthaven serves dinner at Calvary Lutheran Church on the second Thursday of each month. This service is provided by small groups or our youth groups who want to serve others. It is a great way to meet and serve people who appreciate a good healthy dinner and a friend. We encourage you to get involved and expect to be blessed by the experience.
- **Neighbors in Need:** This pastoral organized and supported ministry, is now completely faith based, not accepting money from the government. Easthaven has helped with fund raising and promotion. Neighbors in Need help people who fall on hard times and don't qualify for any welfare help. They are helped with utilities, rent, gas, and many other things.
- **Habitat For Humanity:** Provides affordable homes for many people in the Flathead Valley. Easthaven has been involved with building homes in Columbia Falls and Kalispell and also provides meals for workers. No professional experience is required there are people available to train on the job.

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#### GATHER, GROW,

## Easthaven University is starting soon!

We are so excited about one of the newest classes offered at Easthaven. Starting in January 2016, Easthaven will have an educational class on Thursday evenings from 6-8pm in the atrium. Easthaven University will be a collection of various classes taught by different teachers. Each class has a maximum of 50 attendees.

# Introducing... Israel: God's Showcase Nation 9 anuary 21st, 6-8pm & 9 anuary 28th, 6-8pm

From Ancient days to the present, Israel has been a fixture on the headline of world news. A place of promise, fulfillment, contention and future prophecy. No where else on earth has God's Glory physically passed before man. No where else has one been born and died to give ultimate forgiveness of sin. No where else did the Holy Spirit appear into the scene of the Church.

Come and learn what God has done and is still doing, including how recent archaeological discoveries shed light on the Scriptures and how Biblical prophecy is currently being fulfilled. Your faith will grow, and with it His love and peace!

If you'd like to sign-up, sign up soon by calling the church office.

We are expecting sign-ups to fill up quickly!



Let's be honest: there are weeks that we have a difficult time remembering what the weekend service was about. And if that's not frustrating enough, sometimes it happens by 10pm the same night! At some level we all face this challenge.

### CONSIDER JOINING ME AND DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

Easthaven will be sending out a TEXT MESSAGE reminder Monday-Saturday that has a reminder or point of action from the weekend's message. To sign up simply text the following information:

TEXT 'EBC' TO 94253

\*You can opt out at any time. You will receive **no** other solicitation.

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Worship Services: Saturdays @ 6pm (modern) Sundays @ 9am (classic) or 11am (modern)

## Awana Parents & Kids get ready!

We are having our second annual Grand Prix Races on March 5th for our Sparks & T&T clubbers. There will be trophies given to the fastest car, the best design, and more! We will be giving out the car kits in January. Parents/relatives/friends can help the clubbers carve and design their car. It will be so much fun! More info to come!



ATTENDANCE AND GIVING RECORDS					
Worship Attendance (December average)		Seeking God Through His Word (December average)		Financial Report (month to date as of Nov 30)	
Easthaven Baptist Church	805	Sunday Morning Bible Study	88	YTD Budget Requirement	\$1,156,085
		Nightlife	291	YTD Receipts	\$1,155,359
		Assisted Living Bible Studies	0	Receipts vs. Budget	(\$726)
		Total Average	408	YTD Percentage	99.94%

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