

TOGETHER IN FAITH



Saved by Christ, Connected by Love, Called to Care



"Looking at the often-untaught book of Song of Songs, and what it is really about – the responsibility and power of love."

This Week at SCC

September 27:

- SCC Overtime, following the SHS Varsity Football Game
- AA Meeting, 8:00 PM

October 1st:

- Christian Formation Commission Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Music & Worship Commission Meeting, 6:00 PM (virtual)
- Mission & Evangelism Commission Meeting, 7:00 PM

October 2nd:

- Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 AM
- Pastoral Relations Commission Meeting, 5:00 PM
- Sacraments & Visitation Commission Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Praise Team Practice, 6:00 PM

October 3rd:

- Food Pantry, 2:00-4:00 PM
- Women's Life Group, 6:00 PM

October 4th:

- SCC Overtime, following the SHS Varsity Football Game

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd VOLUNTEERS

Lay Leader: Teresa McCarty

Reader: Ed Culver

Praise Team: Nancy Downs, Bob Krieger

Singers: Melody Dotson, Terri Powers, Jim Lóser

Tech Team: Brien & Beth Simpson, Dave Washburn

Ushers: Nate Downs & June Seiler

Greeters: Bruce & Margaret Chadwick

Children's Worship: Jim Lóser/Talyor Spitzley & Virgil Biggs/Sarah Downs

Refreshments: Sarah Downs & Nancy Benjamin

Sunday Service

"Seasons of Love"

Pastor Ethan Tews
29 September 2024
10:00am

Readings:

- 1 John 4:7-12, 16-18
- Song of Songs 1:1-11, 2:1-7

Music Selections:

- *"Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (Ebenezer)"*
- *"Reckless Love"*
- *"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"*

Bible Studies

Sundays:

- Men's Bible Study, 8:30 AM

Wednesdays:

- Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 AM

Thursdays:

- Women's Life Group, 6:00 PM

Ongoing Prayers



Cancer:

Dan Bowers
Pam Briest
Paula DeYoung
Brad Edwards
Clay McNeil
Chris, Pastor Tews' mother
Craig Schiller
Lenny Venneman
Stephanie Voland

Medical Needs:

Kelley Becker	Valerie Emelander	Gracia Tichelaar
Virgil Biggs	Kevin Hielman	Karen Taylor
Sawyer & Daxton Blain	Stan Hagemeyer	Patsy Veenstra
Catherine Cove	Nancy Justice	Stephanie Voland
Emma Dawson	Christopher Piché	Carol Washburn
David Downs	Sharon Ross	Dave Washburn
"Micki" (4-year old with leukemia)	David Seymour	Randalyne Westbrook
Mela Dotson	Jess Spychiger	Colin Williams
	Harvey & Estelle Stark	Scott Zeeryp

UPDATES: This list reflects current needs that we are aware of. Please contact the office if your name (or the name of your loved one/friend) should be on the list. Also let us know if names can be removed. (We will need permission prior to posting any prayer requests.) THANK YOU!



Military Friends

Riley Bedard	Tyler Johnson	Brian Swiger
Zach Bevington	Ben Littlejohn	Conor Talcott
Kristin Carl	Andy Lytle	Cody Westbrook
Jasmine Chadwick	Ian Manion	Robert Westover
Kameron Conroe	Trey Matthews	Jim Whittum
Alec Doll	Charlie Miller	Jayne Wilson
Tyler Gorby	Patrick Miller	Bryant Zander
Landon Hall	Maverick Musser	
Audra Hawkins	Jon Powers	
Kyle Hill	Richie Sands	
Levi Jackson	Mitchell Simmons	
Jared Johnson	Ryan Sweet	



Commission Member Spotlight

Dan Kaufman

Chair of Stewardship Commission

The responsibility of the Stewardship Commission is preparing the church annual budget and encouraging the church membership in weekly giving. Currently the stewardship committee is putting together the annual budget for the council's review.

If you could live anywhere besides Saranac, where would it be?

~Hard to say, I guess the Caribbean is a good start. I love to get away, but I also love to come home. I enjoy the changing of the seasons and even the winter for the most part.

What is your favorite childhood book?

~Where the wild things are (Maurice Sendak)

If you could choose a different career path, what would it be?

~I never really chose my career path, it kind of chose me. But if I had to do it all over again, I probably would have stayed in the medical field. I have always felt drawn to helping people.

What is your favorite genre/type of music?

~For me it all depends on what I am doing. I like a lot of older country music, classic rock, and even classical piano depending on what I am concentrating on.

What do you do to relax?

~I am admittedly not very good at this, but I enjoy just hanging out with the family, wood working, golf, and the outdoors.

What verse in the Bible do you claim as your own?

~ "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" (Jeremiah 29:11)

If you could live in another time period (e.g., '60s, '40s, etc.) what would it be?

~Maybe it's from growing up watching Happy Days. But I think the 50s & 60s because life seemed so much simpler. Or maybe just go back to before cell phones.

What is your favorite place to eat?

~I have some favorites, and if I am impressed, I tend to share them with everyone, especially in a small town. But for me it seems to change all the time.

What is the most dangerous/risky thing you've done?

~I have done a lot of stupid things in my life, so picking one is difficult. But I would have to say diving off the Oceanside, CA pier at night is in my top three. But for the grace of God there go I.

COMING SOON

Stay Tuned

Dear Church family,

I wanted to write and keep you updated on things that are taking place here at SCC.

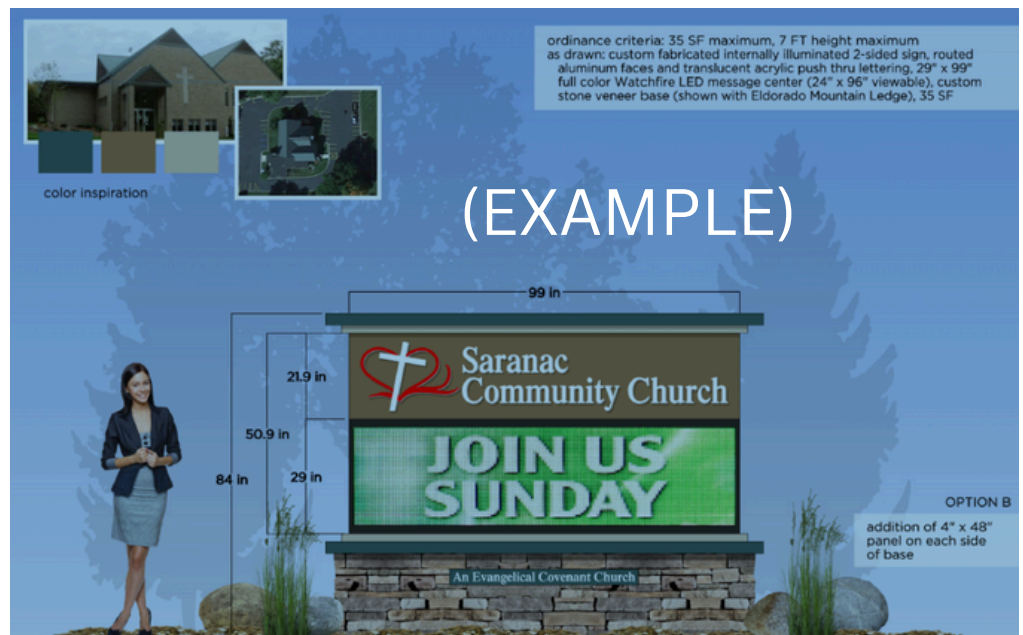
First, the nominating committee is meeting and is looking for members that are willing to serve here at SCC. Please let the office or a member of the committee know if you have an interest.

Second, we are excited with the progress we are making to update the building to make us more friendly and welcoming to our guests. Inside, new signage will be going up very soon. This will help newcomers find different areas within the church and look less dated. We are also getting closer to replacing the main sign out front by the road.

This old sign is not very environmental, or welcoming, and it is showing its age. We have been given the approval of the village and are now working with a company to get it replaced. This new sign will help us inform the community about events happening at SCC and make the church look more welcoming.

Again, we are excited at what God is doing at SCC and look forward to what is to come. If you have any questions please reach out to me.

Sincerely,
Bob Hemmingsen
Moderator for Council
616-894-8098



Current Events

Women's Life Group:
"Now that Faith has Come"
~A 7- week Bible study on Galatians



September 12-October 24, 2024
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
McCarty Room

Childcare provided!



September

30th Anne Smith

October

1st Sarah Bush

3rd John Wierenga

4th Lynn Kaufman

Food Pantry,
Oct 3rd, 2-4 PM

SCC Overtime!

For all Senior High Students



Free pizza,
beverages, and
fresh
encouragement!

Fridays following the
Varsity Game
Sept 6th, 27th,
Oct 4th (Homecoming),
& 18th



Sponsored by Saranac Community Church

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, Oct. 5th at 8:00 AM

Commission Meetings

October 1st:

- Christian Formation, 6:00 PM
- Music & Worship, 6:00 PM (virtual)
- Missions & Evangelism, 7:00 PM

October 2nd:

- Pastoral Relations, 5:00 PM
- Sacraments & Visitation, 6:00 PM

Upcoming Events

NEW

For those interested in becoming a member of Saranac Community Church, Sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. More details to follow soon!!



If you have questions about joining the church, feel free to contact Pastor Ethan Tews or Lynn Kaufman (Chair of Christian Formation Commission). Dates will be scheduled soon, so don't miss out on this opportunity!



**Women of
Worship (WOW)**
"Getting to Know You!"
Saturday, Oct 12th at 11:00 AM

WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY, SO WE'RE
PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Pray & Go
PRAYER WALK

See Bart Denny for information
about how you can help!

Prayer & Go... Walking and praying around Saranac is one of the easiest ways to commit to pray for other people and it's NOT too late to join us. Please see Bart Denny for information about how you can help!



See Virgil Biggs at the Welcome Center for more Information & registration!
Scholarships are available!

OCT 11-13, 2024

MEN'S RETREAT

WORSHIP
BONFIRE
ROPES COURSE
CANOEING/KAYAKING

PORTAGELAKE.ORG/MENS-RETREAT/

SPEAKER
HARVEY CAREY

NOV 15-17, 2024
GRADES 3RD-5TH

TRAILBLAZERS RETREAT

REAL FUN, REAL FAITH, REAL FRIENDSHIP

REGISTER WITH YOUR YOUTH LEADER!

PORTAGE LAKE BIBLE CAMP
4158 Camp Delight Road
Onekama, MI 49675
PORTAGELAKE.ORG
(231) 889-5911

JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

GET READY FOR AN ACTION-PACKED RETREAT! EXPERIENCE THRILLING GAMES, AWESOME OUTDOOR ADVENTURES, AND MEANINGFUL WORSHIP SESSIONS IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOU'LL GROW IN FAITH AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS UNFORGETTABLE WEEKEND!

NOV 8-10, 2024 | 4158 CAMP DELIGHT ROAD, ONEKAMA, MI 49675

REGISTER WITH YOUR YOUTH LEADER

FOR MORE INFO: CALL (231) 889-5911 OR GO TO PORTAGELAKE.ORG/JR-HIGH-RETREAT/

Portage Lake Bible Camp, Onekama MI, 49675

SLEIGHBELL Retreat

Christmas Parade	\$120: 13+	Tree Decorating
Caroling	\$75: 3-12	Crafts/Activities
	FREE: 2 & Under	

DECEMBER 6 - 8, 2024

SIGN UP AT PORTAGELAKE.ORG OR CALL (231) 889-5911

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

2024
PLCBC Gala

11.02.2024 5:30 PM First Covenant Church, Grand Rapids, MI

EARLY BIRD PRICING: \$60 PER TICKET THROUGH SEPT 30TH
PRICE INCREASES TO \$70 OCT 1

Register for any camp opportunities by clicking [HERE](https://portagelake.org/fall-2024/)
(https://portagelake.org/fall-2024/).

Opportunities **TO SERVE**

Nursery Volunteers Needed!

Sign up at the Welcome Center!!



Consider walking and/or making a donation on the website (crophungerwalk.org, SCC2024) See Ed Culver for more details

2024 Advent Devotional

Looking for inspired writers for this year's devotional. Anyone, middle school aged on up, can write one! Once you sign up, Jim Lóser will contact you with a verse and directions for writing your devotional. Please sign up at the Welcome Center; samples of previous year's devotionals can be found here as well. If you have any questions, please see Jim Lóser (616-642-6322 or churchoffice@saranacchurch.org).



Meals Ministry

Handy in the kitchen? Volunteers needed to prep and deliver meals to designated homes (e.g., new baby, death in the family, etc.). Everything you need to know is provided! Sign-up in Narthex.

DON'T MISS OUT!



Get Your SCC T-Shirt!

For just \$10.00 each, you can get your Saranac Community Church T-shirt! Order date has been extended to **October 10th!** Shirts will be available in the following fashionable colors:

- Red with white logo
- Blue with white logo
- Light Gray with black logo

Contact the church office (616-642-6322 or churchoffice@saranacchurch.org) to place your order!

Great Lakes Conference 2024 The Leadership Connection

On Saturday, September 21st, Connie Biggs, Bob Hemmingsen, and Jim Lóser attended this year's Leadership Connection at Faith Covenant Church, Farmington Hills. They attended the following exceptional workshops:

- Church Chair: Connie
- The "Post-Church" Church: Bob
- Safe Sanctuaries: Jim

The three of them plan on providing feedback to SCC in the near future. Stay tuned...



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ONEKAMA, MI 49675
(231) 889-5911
PORTAGELAKE.ORG

September 10, 2024

Saranac Community Church
125 Bridge St., Box 47
Saranac, MI 48881

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your support of Portage Lake Bible Camp! We gratefully acknowledge your generous \$1,670.37 contribution dated July 1, 2024 going towards our General Fund.

The goal of Portage Lake is to continue to make a difference in our churches and community at large. With the help of gifts from generous donors like you we will see improvements in the ministry and continue to be able to reach out to youth, families and individuals.

Thanks again for your continuing support of our efforts to win and influence lives for Christ.

We appreciate your ongoing prayers and support!

Thank you and God bless.

In Christ,

Marc Eix
Executive Director
Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp

*Thanks you so much
for your generosity!*

PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED!

One way we can stay Connected by Love is thru prayer! As James 5:16 says
“...confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.
The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”



This Week's Prayer Needs

Glenn Gage, Pastor Ethan's mother (Chris), Sharon Ross,
Keith Simmons, Craig Schiller (Jan Renwick's brother)
Gracia Tichelaar, Patsy Veenstra, Todd Rosenberger's co-worker
Dina Schueller & Robert Shepherd,
Brent (friend of Pastor Ethan), Jim & Lulu Plotts
Peace for Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, & the Middle East

(If prayers have been answered and therefore someone
needs to be removed from this list above, please let the office know.)

Special People of the Week: Mark & Anne Haefner

SCC Leaders of the Week: Harvey Flanagan, Chair of Buildings & Grounds Commission

Community Group of the Week: Saranac Promise Scholarship Program for supporting our graduates

Government and Military Friends around the world

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SCC

October 5th:

- Men's Breakfast, 8:00 AM

October 6th:

- Buildings & Grounds Commission Meeting, following the service
- Crop Hunger Walk, 1:30-2:30 PM

October 8th:

- Council Meeting, 6:00 PM

October 12th:

- Women of Worship, 11:00 AM

If you are NOT receiving weekly
announcements and/or prayer chain
information and would like to, please
complete the form located in the
church office or contact Jim Lóser at
the email or phone number listed
under "Contact Information."



Contact Information

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