

TOGETHER IN FAITH



Saved by Christ, Connected by Love, Called to Care



“We need to be ready and alert, knowing that the Lord’s 2nd coming could happen at any time. Each moment we have been given is a gift and we need to make the most of it for the Lord’s sake, with evangelistic efforts to those who don’t know him yet.”

This Week at SCC

September 6:

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

September 7:

- Men’s Breakfast, 8:00 AM
- Fall Kick-Off Outdoor Movie, 7:00 PM

September 10: Council Meeting, 6:00 PM

September 11:

- Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 AM
- Praise Team Practice, 6:00 PM

September 12: Women’s Life Group, 6:00 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST VOLUNTEERS

Lay Leader: Tricia Lóser

Reader: Cathy Merrifield

Praise Team: Nancy Downs, Bob Krieger

Singers: Melody Dotson, Terri Powers, Virgil Biggs, Jim Lóser

Tech Team: Dave Washburn, Carly Rosenberger, Todd Rosenberger

Ushers: James Merrifield & Dean Gage, Sr.

Children’s Message: Connie Biggs

Nursery: Kelsey Merrifield & Jordan Badder

Refreshments: Chris Parks & Dianne Flanagan

Sunday Service

“Now is the Time!”

Pastor Ethan Tews

8 September 2024

10:00am

Readings:

- Nehemiah 9:16-19
- 2 Peter 3:1-10

Music Selections:

- *“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”*
- *“None but Jesus”*
- *“All Who are Thirsty”*

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
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	

Current Events

Men's Breakfast
Sept 7th at 8:00 AM



SCC Overtime!
For all Senior High Students



Free pizza, beverages, and fresh encouragement!

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



Sponsored by Saranac Community Church

September

- 4th Melody Dotson
- 6th Georgi Dotson
- 10th Sarah Downs
- 13th Julie Gage

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

Pray & Go

PRAYER WALK

Starts @ 10:00 am
Saturday, September 14, 2024

Meet up here at Saranac Community Church
(Hosted by the Missions & Evangelism Commission)



Saranac Community Church Fall Kick-Off Outdoor Movie on the Lawn!

September 7th at 7:00 PM

(Showtime begins promptly at 7:30 PM)

Featuring: Despicable Me 4

Popcorn, snacks, & beverages included

Bring a chair and/or blanket

(Movie will be moved indoors if inclement weather)



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!

Vintage Pink Out Volleyball Tournament

Saranac Jr/Sr High School

Proceeds go to American Cancer Society

– Relay for Life of Ionia County

Wear any old pink tournament shirt or pink shirt you may have in your closet



Silent Auction, Chance Drawings

9:00 am Saturday, September 14

Upcoming Events

NEW

For those interested in becoming a member of Saranac Community Church, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex beginning Sunday, Sept 8th! More details to follow soon!!

A silhouette of a woman standing on a beach with her arms raised, set against a sunset background.

**Women of
Worship (WOW)**

Starting back up in October!

For more information,
contact Sharon Darby



EXPERIENCE CAMP ALL YEAR
2024 RETREAT DATES

- QUILTING RETREAT: SEPT 17-22
- JR HIGH RETREAT: NOV 8-10
- WOMEN'S RETREAT: SEPT 27-29
- TRAILBLAZERS RETREAT: NOV 15-17
- MEN'S RETREAT: OCT 11-13
- SLEIGHBELL: DEC 6-8
- GALA: NOV 2

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ABIDE

SAVE THE DATE

WOMEN'S RETREAT

SEPT 27-29 2024

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A TIME TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD & EACH OTHER

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

PORTAGE LAKE BIBLE CAMP

SAVE THE DATE

MEN'S

OCT 11-13, 2024

RETREAT

PORTAGELAKE.ORG/MENS-RETREAT/

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 in the Narthex!!



Greeters Needed!



Sign-Up in the Narthex

Communion Servers Needed!



Sign-Up in the Narthex

The USA Crop Hunger Walk is in its 55th year of active walker participation.

ENDING HUNGER

ONE STEP AT A TIME

25% of all monies collected are returned back to community food pantries:
Zion Food Pantry
IM kids 3rd meal
Saranac/Clarksville Food Pantry
Ionia Commission on Aging

Contribute on-line to Team: **SCC 2024**

crophungerwalk.org

Walk start location:
First Christian Church parking lot
130 East Washington St.
Ionia, Mi.

To donate on-line visit
[Crophungerwalk.org / search / ioniaareacrophungerwalk](http://Crophungerwalk.org/search/ioniaareacrophungerwalk)

Walk Date: Sunday Oct. 6th

Walk start time: registration@ 1:30PM start time 2PM

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

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

~1 Peter 4:10

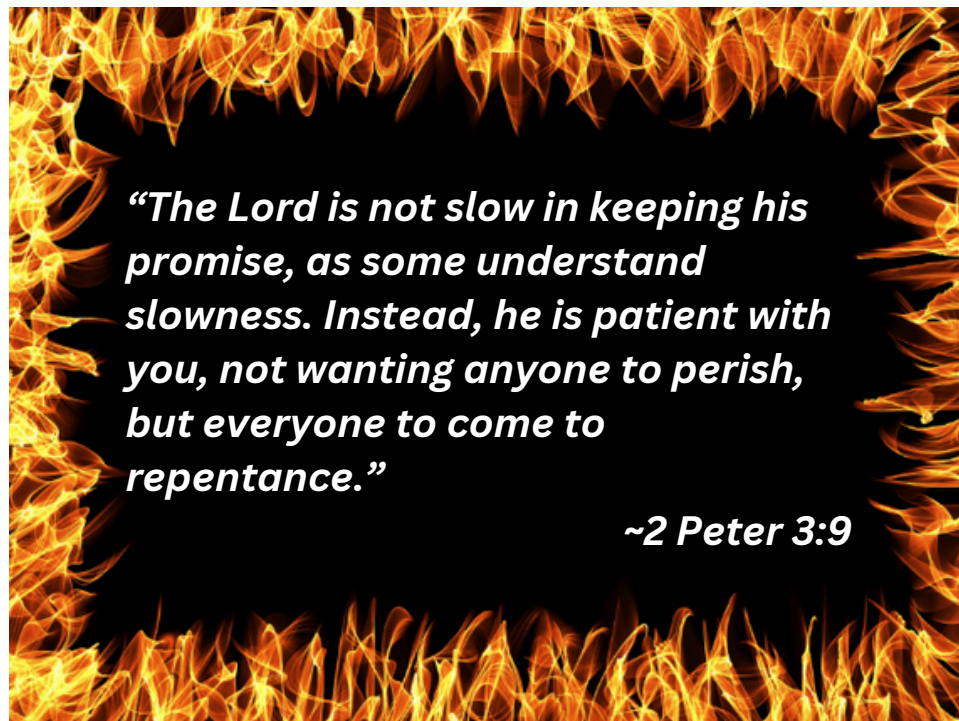


Meals Ministry

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.

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OF THE PRESS!



DON'T MISS OUT!



SCC Coffee Cups are in! Email or call the church office to get yours for only \$5.00 each!



Get Your SCC T-Shirt!

For just \$10.00 each, you can get your Saranac Community Church T-shirt! Orders are due no later than September 19th! 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!

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

Catherine Cove, Patsy Veenstra, Virgil Biggs, Glenn Gage, Chris Parks
Pastor Ethan's mother (Chris), Sharon Ross, Keith Simmons,
Gracia Tichelaar, Judy Hoppough, Todd Rosenberger's co-worker
Dina Schueller & Robert Shepherd (relations of Terri McCready),
Brent (friend of Pastor Ethan), Clay McNeil (friend of Hemmingsens)
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: Connie & Dean Gage, Sr.

SCC Leaders of the Week: Darcy Benjamin, Financial Secretary

Community Group of the Week: Saranac Athletic Boosters as they support our sports programs in our community

Church of the Week: Galilee Baptist Church

Government and Military Friends around the world

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SCC

September 16th:

- Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Anthony's Church, 12:30-6:15 PM

September 18th:

- Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 AM

September 19th:

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

September 27th:

- SCC Overtime, following the varsity game

September 27th-29th:

- Women's Retreat at Portage Lake Bible Camp

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."



"But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day."

~2 Peter 3:8

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