

# TOGETHER IN FAITH



Saved by Christ, Connected by Love, Called to Care

## “Through Israel’s History: Samuel – Part I”



*“Continuing our look at Israel’s history with the book and story of Samuel – God’s prophet. The focus for today’s message is on the birth of Samuel, his dedication to the Lord, and his mother Hannah’s prayer, amidst the sinfulness of Eli’s household.”*

## This Week at SCC

### November 2nd:

- Men’s Breakfast, 8:00 AM
- Annual Fall Church Clean-Up, 9:30 AM-Noon

### November 3rd: (Daylight Savings Time, turn clocks back 1 hour)

- Buildings & Grounds Commission Meeting following the service

### November 5th:

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

### November 6th:

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

### November 7th:

- Christian Formation Commission Meeting, 6:00 PM

### November 9th:

- Gifts Galore, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
- Women of Worship Card Party, 11:00 AM

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd VOLUNTEERS

**Lay Leader:** Teresa McCarty (Jacob Bush-Lord’s Prayer)

**Reader:** John Ross

**Praise Team:** Nancy Downs, Bob Krieger

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

**Tech Team:** Dave Washburn, Beth & Brien Simpson

**Greeters:** Downs Family & Sharon, Charlotte, & Reed Darby

**Ushers:** Ron & JoAnn Reagan (Dale Hice, III; Carter Downs, Joshua Tews, Abbie Hice)

**Nursery:** Carolyn Westbrook

**Children’s Message/Puppet Show:** Abbie Hice & Natalie Bush

**Communion Preparation:** Mary Williams

**Refreshments:** Catherine DeVries & Nancy Benjamin

## Sunday Service

*“Through Israel’s History:  
Samuel – Part I”*

Pastor Ethan Tews

27 October 2024

10:00am

## Readings:

- Ephesians 1:15-23
- 1 Samuel 1:21-28

## Music Selections:

- *“Creation Sings the Father’s Song”*
- *“All Creatures of Our God and King”*
- *“Knowing You”*

## Bible Studies

### Sundays:

- Men’s Bible Study, 8:30 AM

### Tuesdays:

- Women’s Bible Study, 6:00 PM

### Wednesdays:

- Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 AM

# FYI...



## Learn How to Pack a Shoebox



Scan the QR code or visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](https://samaritanspurse.org/occ) to learn more.

VIEW SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE ONLINE AT [SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE](https://SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE).



## November

3rd	Ron Reagan
5th	Bob Parks
7th	Harvey Flanagan
9th	Nancy Benjamin
	Bob Hemmingsen
10th	Laura Reffitt

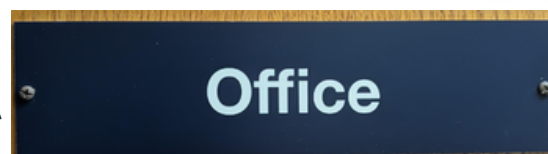
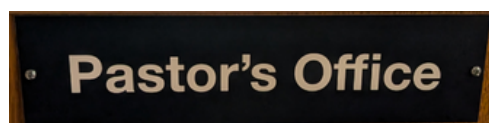
Shoe boxes are available in the Narthex. Feel free to take one or more. Filled shoe boxes must be back in the church **no later than Sunday, November 24th!** For more information, contact Cathy and/or Kelsey Merrifield.



Thanks to an anonymous donor, the SCC coffee cups are now available for “free!” First come, first serve. (In this case the first will be first and not last!) 🎉

**Nov 3rd, Daylight Savings Time!**  
**Turn your clocks back 1 hour!**

Check out the NEW signs...all over the church!



# Ongoing Prayers



## Cancer:

Dan Bowers  
David Briest  
Pam Briest  
Paula DeYoung  
Brad Edwards  
Chris, Pastor Tews' mother  
Jim Plotts  
Robert Shepherd  
Lenny Venneman  
Stephanie Voland  
Teresa, co-worker of Bob H.

## Medical Needs:

Kelley Becker	Valerie Emelander	Gracia Tichelaar
Sawyer & Daxton Blain	Kevin Hielman	Karen Taylor
Catherine Cove	Stan Hagemeyer	Patsy Veenstra
Emma Dawson	Nancy Justice	Stephanie Voland
David Downs	Christopher Piché	Carol Washburn
"Micki" (4-year old with leukemia)	Sharon Ross	Dave Washburn
Mela Dotson	David Seymour	Randyne Westbrook
	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



**Fall Clean Up**  
**Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**9:30 AM to Noon**

**Men's Breakfast**  
**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 AM**

**NEW**



**Women's 10 Week Bible Study:**  
**Luke (Lydia Brownback)**  
**Tuesdays at 6 PM starting Nov**  
**5<sup>th</sup>. (Contact Julie Gage)**



**Buildings & Grounds**  
**Commission**  
**Meeting Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**after church!**

Purchase your copy of the book, "Luke: Great News of Joy" at: <https://a.co/d/73xHCMz>

## Commission Meetings

### November 5<sup>th</sup>:

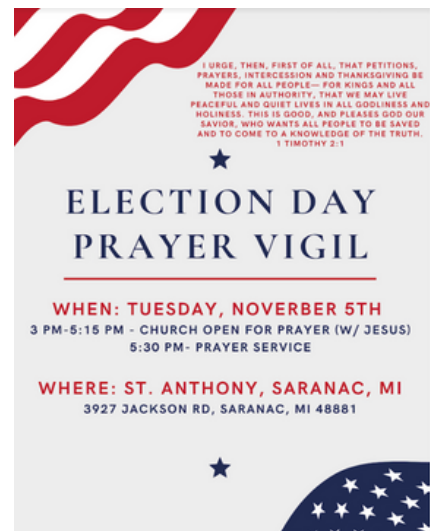
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- Sacraments & Visitation, 6:00 PM

### November 7<sup>th</sup>:

Christian Formation, 6:00 PM



I URGE, THEN, FIRST OF ALL, THAT PETITIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING BE MADE FOR ALL PEOPLE— FOR KINGS AND ALL THOSE IN AUTHORITY, THAT WE MAY LIVE PEACEFUL AND QUIET LIVES IN ALL GODLINESS AND HOLINESS. THIS IS GOOD, AND PLEASURES GOD OUR SAVIOR, WHO WANTS ALL PEOPLE TO BE SAVED, AND TO COME TO A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH. 1 TIMOTHY 2:1

**ELECTION DAY PRAYER VIGIL**

**WHEN: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH**  
3 PM - 5:15 PM - CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER (W/ JESUS)  
5:30 PM - PRAYER SERVICE

**WHERE: ST. ANTHONY, SARANAC, MI**  
3927 JACKSON RD, SARANAC, MI 48881



**Council Meeting,**  
**Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**



**Food Pantry,**  
**Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 PM**



# PHOTO GALLERY

Trunk & Treat Event, Aug 26th  
 SCC came in 2nd place!



Pastor Thomas Semmeal,  
 City Covenant Church (Detoit)



(L-R: Matthias & Hezekiah Powers, June Seiler, Lynn Kaufman, Sarah Downs,  
 Pastor Ethan, JoAnn Reagan, Jon & Terri Powers)



# Upcoming Events

## Fall Stewardship Annual Meeting & Potluck



**Nov 10th, immediately following the service**

Copies of the January 2024 Minutes, Nov 10th agenda, proposed budget, and proposed ballot for Commission positions will be available starting on Sunday, October 27th at the Welcome Center.

### Gifts Galore 2024

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM-2 PM @  
Saranac Community Church  
125 S. Bridge Street

**Products You LOVE...Tastefully Simple, Pink Zebra, CindyRae Crafts, Cookie Construct, Kristen's Krafty Kreations, KT Kreations, Grandma's Dazzling Diamonds, Mary Kay, Popcorn by Glen Fountain, and more.**

Many of the vendors will have cash, carry, or Venmo.

Homemade baked goods and **lunch will be available.** Shopping & lunch made easy and fun! Funds raised will be for our Dominican Republic Mission Trip 2026.

Contact: Connie Biggs 616-640-9566 for questions

### Women of Worship (WOW)

It's a "Card Party!"  
Saturday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 AM

For more information see Sharon Darby and/or Sarah Downs

*P.S. If it longer  
on you please accept  
my apology!  
Jean*

To: The Kitchen Crew,  
Dear Teresa · Jan · Mary  
Nancy & Dave · Margaret & Bruce ·  
Marcia & Ed,

**Very Much**

Thank you all so very much for all you did and all your hard work to make Trade's funeral luncheon so nice. Your loving support so touched our hearts. We just can't thank you enough. God Bless You All,

· Don · Jean · Justin · Bobbi Shields & Family



To our wonderful friends that put on the luncheon for Kim and our families. We can not thank you all enough for putting

**WITH LOVE**

together a great meal for all who attended Kim's funeral your kindness will never be forgotten thank you!

Chris, Tami + family  
Craig + family

# Opportunities **TO SERVE**

## Nursery Volunteers Needed!

Sign up at the Welcome Center!!



For more information, feel free to contact Sarah Downs and/or Lynn Kaufman.

There is still time to sign up at the Welcome Center!  
All devotionals will be due November 17th.



**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 devotions can be found here as well. If you have any questions, please see Jim Lóser (616-642-6322 or [churchoffice@saranacchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@saranacchurch.org)).

## 2 Options for Giving Blood!

### BLOOD DRIVE



Monday  
November

**18**

2:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Helpful tip:  
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

Saranac Community Church  
Community Blood Drive

In Fellowship Hall  
125 South Bridge St  
Saranac, MI 48881

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED:  
Call 866-642-5663 or visit [versiti.org/mi](http://versiti.org/mi)  
-OR- scan the QR code below.

\*Walk ins welcome,  
as schedule allows

\*Donating blood takes about an hour and has the potential to save up to three lives!



For eligibility questions:  
Call 866.642.5663

**Blood Drive**  
**Saranac Community Church**  
125 S. Bridge St

**Monday, November 25, 2024**  
**12:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment, log onto [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)  
(sponsor code: Saranac) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Give Nov 18 to Dec 8 for two pairs of custom FRIENDS  
+ Red Cross socks, ltd qty. Keep one, gift one!







**PORTAGE LAKE**

# 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/](https://portagelake.org/jr-high-retreat/)

**PORTAGE LAKE**

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



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1933 Tremont BLVD. NW  
Grand Rapids, MI



REGISTER AT [PORTAGELAKE.ORG](https://portagelake.org)  
CALL OUR OFFICE AT 231-889-5911

NOVEMBER 2 2024

# PLCBC Gala

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](https://portagelake.org) OR CALL (231) 889-5911

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

## 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

Christine Tews, Dana Lepien, Al Dawson's family  
Kelley (Marcia Culver's sister), Nancy Downs  
Ann Grieves Meyers, Victims of the hurricanes,  
Peace for the USA, 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:** Terri Powers for all the wonderful cleaning she does of our church  
**SCC Leaders of the Week:** Connie Biggs, Chair of Missions & Evangelism Commission  
**Community Group of the Week:** Boston, Berlin & Keene Township officials as they conduct business and arrange for elections  
**Government and Military Friends around the world**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT SCC

### November 10th:

- Stewardship Fall Meeting & Potluck

### November 12th:

- Council Meeting, 6:00 PM

### November 18th:

- Versiti Blood Drive, 2:00-6:30 PM (contact the office to schedule your appointment)

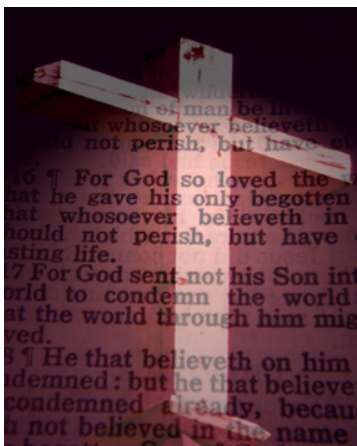
### November 21st:

- Food Pantry, 2:00-4:00 PM

### November 25th:

- Red Cross Blood Drive at SCC, 12:30-6:15 PM

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

**Pastor:** Ethan Tews (pastorethan@saranacchurch.org)

- **Pastor's Working Days:** Mon-Thur, Saturday (off on Fridays)

**Office Manager:** Jim Lóser (churchoffice@saranacchurch.org)

- \* **Office Hours:** Tues 9 AM-2 PM; Wed 1-6 PM; Thur 1-5:30 PM

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