

TOGETHER IN FAITH



Saved by Christ, Connected by Love, Called to Care



“Continuing our look at Israel’s history with the book and story of Ruth. The focus for today’s message is on the faithfulness and provision of God to his people and plan through the lives of Ruth and Boaz.”

This Week at SCC

October 18th:

- Memorial Service for Kim Coulson
 - Visitation: 10:00 AM
 - Service: 11:00 AM
 - Luncheon following the service
- AA Meeting, 8:00 PM
- SCC Overtime following the SHS Varsity Football Game

October 20th:

- Fellowship Hall reserved, 1:00-4:30 PM

October 26th:

- Trunk & Treat at the Saranac Harvest Festival, 2:00-5:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20th VOLUNTEERS

Lay Leader: Tricia Lóser

Reader: Terri McCready

Praise Team: Nancy Downs, Bob Krieger

Singers: Melody Dotson, Terri Powers, Jim Lóser, Chris Roberts

Tech Team: Luke Brogger, James Merrifield, Dave Washburn

Greeters: Bob Hemmingsen & Carolyn Westbrook

Ushers: Dean Gage, Sr. & Shirley Jackson

Nursery: Bob Hemmingsen

Children’s Worship: Jim Lóser/Jacob Bush & Laura Reffitt/Kelcee Rosenberger

Refreshments: Chris Parks & Heather Hemmingsen

Sunday Service

“Through Israel’s History: Ruth”

Pastor Ethan Tews

20 October 2024

10:00am

Readings:

- Revelation 19:11-16
- Ruth 1:1-7

Music Selections:

- *“I Will Follow”*
- *“I Will Offer Up My Life”*
- *“My Jesus I Love Thee”*

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

FYI...

Pastor Ethan has a new schedule! He will be in the office on Mondays-Thursdays and available on Saturdays. His day off is now on Fridays.



Happy Birthday!

October

20th Hope Helminski
22nd Connie Biggs
Michael Wright
27th Bill Hecht

Learn How to Pack a Shoebox

Scan the QR code or visit samaritanspurse.org/occ to learn more.

VIEW SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE ONLINE AT SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE.

I Will Offer Up My Life

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For more information, visit www.capitalcitypublishing.com

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.



The Fall Women's Retreat at Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp (PLCBC) proved to be another beautiful autumn weekend filled with joy, connection, and spiritual growth. Registration for approximately 80 women from across Michigan kicked off on Friday afternoon, setting the stage for an exciting weekend.

Ongoing Prayers



Cancer:

Dan Bowers
Paula DeYoung
Brad Edwards
Chris, Pastor Tews' mother
Jim Plotts
Ryan Schatzle
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	Randyne 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



October is Pastor Appreciation Month! **There is still time to honor our pastor with a card/gift.** We will be acknowledging Pastor Ethan **THIS** Sunday. Feel free to give your card/gift to Sharon Darby or Jim Lóser on Sunday.



A Love Offering will be taken this Sunday for those Churches in the Southeast Conference that were impacted by the hurricanes. These funds will be distributed to churches that apply for assistance in helping respond to the needs in their respective communities. Please use the envelope inside the bulletin for this "Love Offering".

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

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

Childcare provided!

Upcoming Events

Membership classes are scheduled for anyone wanting to become a member or know more about Saranac Community Church!

- Wednesday, October 30th and
- Thursday, October 31st
- 10:00 AM to Noon.



NEW



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

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



**Feeding America Mobile
Pantry Truck, Oct 31st:**

- Serving at 4:30 PM
- Volunteers needed, 3:30 PM

**Pastor Semmeal
Thomas from City
Covenant Church
Preaching Sunday,
October 27th!**



Potluck following the service!

**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.



**Fall Clean Up
Saturday, November 2nd
9:30 AM to Noon**

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).

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
-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

SHARE A
SLICE OF LIFE.

Give blood.

American Red Cross

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 (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 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



SUPPORT SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH
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

Pastor Ethan's mother (Chris), Craig Schiller (Jan Renwick's brother),
Todd Rosenberger's co-worker, Robert Shepherd,
Jim & Lulu Plotts, Connie Biggs, Dana Lepien, Nanci Zeran
The McNiell Family, 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: Mike & Tina Hooper

SCC Leaders of the Week: Lynn Kaufman, Chair of Christian Formation Commission for their care and concern for their patients

Community Group of the Week: Our local Physicians, Dentists and Chiropractors

Government and Military Friends around the world

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SCC

October 30th:

- New Members Class, 10:00 AM-Noon (Part 1)

October 31st:

- New Members Class, 10:00 AM-Noon (Part 2)
- Feeding America Mobile Pantry Truck, 4:30 PM

November 2nd:

- Men's Breakfast, 8:00-9:30 AM
- Fall Clean Up, 9:30 AM to Noon

November 3rd:

- Buildings & Grounds Commission Meeting, following the service

November 5th:

- Women's Bible Study on Luke, 6:00-7:30 PM
- Christian Formation Commission Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Music & Worship Commission Meeting, 6:00 PM (virtual)
- Missions & Evangelism Commission Meeting, 7:00 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

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