

Saranac Community Church Announcements

April 30 - May 6



Saved by Christ Connected by Love Called to Care



Sermon Series Continues: Hope Is Rising!

Being Saved By Christ, means we not only know where we're going when we die; it also helps us experience more hope and life in God's Kingdom today! In this series we'll explore how the Emmaus Road story invites us to experience the eye-opening, transforming power of the Holy Spirit as we walk with Jesus together.

We invite you to **Connect by Love** with another person, couple &/or to share in time of connection during **An Extra Slice of Bread/Dive Deeper** after worship on Sunday mornings. Pastor Mark will lead this week.

May 2: How's Business? Matthew 28:16-20, Matthew 22:34-40

Pastor Mark is preaching, Communion will be served

May 9: Share Hope in Community - Luke 24:22-23

May 16: Share The Journey—Christian Formation Sunday

Luke 24:25-26 ****We hope to have this service at Scheid Park (weather permitting)**



May Events

May 7 & 8: Bark Sale

May 11: Council Meeting

May 16: Christian Formation Sunday - weather permitting the Worship

Service will be at Scheid Park, followed by a lunch celebrating Pastor

Mark and Mary Hall's service at SCC.



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. "

Please email the church office if you have a prayer concern or would like to be added to our church Prayer Chain.



This Weeks Prayer Needs:

Julie Gage, Scott Lasby, Tammi Hernandez Biggs

Gordon Shattuck, Sue Nystrom, Brandy Mutschler, Barb Mulnix,

Mark Reffitt, David Precord

Pray for our nation and other countries including Congo/Dominican Republic, India, and Ethiopia

Senior Citizens: *Bob Dunton, Joyce Hamp*

SCC Leader of the Week: *Pastor Mark and Mary Hall*

Saranac Area Businesses: *Dollar General, Village Pizza*

Community Groups: *Village of Saranac officials and employees who work hard to provide a pleasant community in which to live and raise our families.*

Area Churches: *Pathway - a Wesleyan Church*

Our Government, Military and Church Leaders

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS,
STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

Christian Formation

Sunday - May 16

We will have our service at the park with a picnic to celebrate Promotion Sunday and to honor the Hall's following the service. Food provided by Goblin Good Food truck. Please sign the RSVP sheet in the narthex, or call/email the office so we can get a better count for the meal .



Monday, May 17

OR

Tuesday June 1

12:30pm-6:15pm

Both are at St. Anthony's

Sign up in advance at

Redcrossblood.org

MAY:

1: Luke Brogger, Brad Edwards

4: Jan Renwick



Please let the office know if you would like to be included on our list.



Branch Adventures Day camp is June 21-24, grades 1-5 and Worship Camp is July 13-16, grades 6-12.

Camp scholarship forms for 2021 are available in the narthex. This can be used toward any Christian camp approved by the Christian Formation Commission. Please return to the office (or a member of CF) no later than May 16, earlier if possible.



This is the final month to earn rebates for the 2021 summer camp season. Contact Mark for your rebate total.

Due date for our next scrip gift card order is **Sunday, May 9th**, which will be available Thursday, May 13th at the church office. Delivery of cards can also be arranged. Contact Mark Fritsma with your order or order online by visiting www.shopwithscrip.com and selecting Saranac Community Church with the enrollment code of C632F5C52395L. It is very easy to do this and your order is automatically sent to our church scrip coordinator. You may also bring your payment to church or pay online for a small 15¢ fee. Remember, you can reload or print many cards at **any time** during the month if you enroll in PrestoPay. Use the new Scrip phone app to make ordering easier. Scrip also now offers the option of having select gift cards shipped directly to you any time during the month for an additional fee. **There are usually a limited number of Meijer and Speedway scrip cards available for purchase in the church office as well.** If you have any questions on how this program works please contact Mark Fritsma (MarkF@wowway.com).

Earn rebates to reduce the cost of sending an SCC kid to Portage Lake or a similar camp. Rebates for postponed/cancelled 2020 activities may be rolled over into the 2021 season. CHIC has been moved to 2022. You can still participate and help build the scholarship fund even if you do not have a camp aged child. We also consider scholarship requests for church related functions, such as retreats and mission trips, from adults as well.

Next scrip order due date is June 13th.



SUNDAY May 2: Grades 6-8: 6:00-7:15pm

Grades 9-12: 7:15-8:30pm

May 9: No meeting (Mother's Day)

May 16: Combined groups at 6:00pm at Pastor Mark & Mary's home

See Pastor Mark for more information
markhall@saranacchurch.org



The Annual Bark Fundraiser Sale is Back!!

Friday, May 7th, 4-8pm &

Saturday, May 8th, 8am-1 (or gone)

Get your landscaping bark provided by Quality Hardwoods at Saranac Community Church. The sale will benefit youth UNITE 2022 and a missions trip to the DR. Pick up your bark for a \$15/yd minimum donation, and for Saranac residents only, you can have your bark delivered for an additional \$20 charge.



SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

5/2/21

Lay Leader: Beth VanProoyen

Tech Team: Mary Hall, Dave Washburn

Praise Team: Terri Powers, Dean Gage Sr.,
Nancy Downs, Bob Krieger, Mark Hall

Children's Worship: children are upstairs today

Rock Solid: children are upstairs today

Nursery: Carolyn Westbrook

Usher: Harvey Flanagan

Pastor Becky & Ken will be on vacation
through Sunday.



FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

May 6 & 20: 2-4pm

May 13: No Food Pantry

May 27: Food Truck for Ionia
County 4pm

Meeting for in-person worship

People in the building will wear masks at all times during these services, except when persons leading worship need to fully show their faces to improve communication (i.e. when speaking, leading singing).

SEEK CHRIST TOGETHER In WORSHIP SUNDAY'S at 10am on Facebook Live

Please join us for worship on Sunday's by logging onto the Saranac Community Church Facebook page at 10am.

Senior Pastor: Becky Poor

pastorbecky@saranacchurch.org

Christian Formation Director: Mark Hall

Markhall@saranacchurch.org

Secretary: Kathy Hawkins

churchoffice@saranacchurch.org

642-6322

Sunday 10:00 am Worship Services

In person (mask and social distancing)

On-line at the SCC Facebook page
(please comment to sign-in)

Message from Jim Loser regarding Pastor Mark Hall's Resignation

As a verse from Ecclesiastes 3 says: To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to weep, and a time to laugh... a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing. For many of us at SCC, including myself, I believe this will be a time of weeping as I share news of Pastor Mark's resignation as our Director of Christian Formation/Worship Leader.

On April 16th, Mark shared his resignation with Luke Brogger, Pastor Becky, and me. On April 17th, I (as chair of Pastoral Relations), met with both Becky and Mark at church to discuss his unforeseen resignation. We had a very good talk and Mark shared with us how he could no longer ignore the calling that God placed on his heart many years ago (and continues to impress upon him) to serve as a lead pastor where he can preach/teach on a weekly basis and serve as the primary vision-caster for a congregation. Mark believes this is what God created him to be and do. Not being obedient to His calling has left him heartbroken, restless, and discontent.

Mark wanted to share this with you personally, but he and Mary had previously scheduled time away for this weekend. We wanted you to know this news asap, as May 16th will be Pastor Mark's last day. This is also Christian Formation Sunday. Weather permitting we hope to hold this service at Scheid Park and plan to have a picnic after worship to honor the Halls and thank them for their faithful service.

Being saddened by this news, we may want to embrace them more tightly; trying to convince them to stay. However, I believe it is a time for us to refrain from holding them back. Instead, let us be happy for Pastor Mark as he is following his heart and God's calling. In their season with us, both Mark and Mary have richly blessed us! Now let us honor their obedience to God's call. Let us trust that our faithful Lord has a plan of future blessings for them and for us too!

The Council together, with PRC, Christian Formation, and Music and Worship Commissions will be working on possible options in moving forward. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact me, Luke Brogger, and/or Pastor Becky.

Please keep Mark and Mary in your thoughts and prayers as they make plans for their new journey. Please keep SCC, our church leaders, youth, and praise team in your prayers too as we also begin a new journey.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Lóser, PRC Chair