



Saranac Community Church

November 2023 Snapshot

Sunday Sermons:

Nov. 5: "Finish What the Saints Have Started" 1 Peter 1:3-8 Hebrews 12:1-3

All Saint's Day - bring in a picture of a loved one communion will be served



Nov. 12: "Strengthen Our Worship Through Forgiving Others"

Psalms 62:5-8 Matthew 5:17-24

SCC Events

November

- 4: Men's Breakfast 8:00am
- Women of Worship 11:00am, Fellowship Hall
- 5: All Saints Day
- 6: Sacraments & Visitation Meeting 6:00pm
- 7: Council Meeting 6:00pm
- 11: Gifts Galore 9am-2pm
- 12: Welcome New Members
- Veterans will be honored
- Annual Stewardship Meeting and Potluck
 - please sign up to bring a dish to share and bring your own place settings, beverages will be provided

December

- 6: Ladies Bible Study 9:30am
- 7: Food Pantry 2-4pm
- 9: Women of Worship 11:00am, Fellowship Hall
- 14: Food Pantry 2-4pm
- 28: Feeding America Mobile Food Truck 4:30pm
- Ionia County Residents



COMMISSION SPOTLIGHT: COUNCIL CLERK

My Name is James Merrifield and my wife Cathy and I (and family) have been attending Saranac Community Church since the mid 1990's. Cathy and I are currently employed by Ionia Public Schools. Our 3 Adult Children are Caleb who lives in Kalkaska and runs his own Construction Company, Kelsey who is currently living at home and teaching Kindergarten at Central Montcalm Schools and our youngest, Jillian is a Senior at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

My Council position is Clerk (AKA: Secretary). This position is relatively simple but important in that the Clerk records all of the minutes at the monthly Council Meetings. There is no related Commission, therefore there is generally only one evening per month where I am required to meet. The report from the meeting is then finalized, sent out for proof reading by the other Council Members (in case there are any errors) and then the report is submitted to Kathy Hawkins (Church Secretary) to be posted for any church member to read if they choose. This is a three year commitment of which my tenure ends in January of 2024.



Women of Worship

Saturday, Nov. 4 at 11am

The women of Saranac Community Church are starting a "Women's Brunch" on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11am at the church AND you are invited!

This is open to anyone in the church and the community.

We plan to have an awesome meal, some great conversation with bright women, and an uplifting message. If you are active on Facebook, please like and follow Women of Worship for updates!

Come and get to know more of the women at SCC!

Volunteer Drivers Needed



Occasionally our members need a ride to medical appointments or other places. Would you consider giving someone a ride if needed? Most are during the day, but not necessarily. If you are willing to be put on a call list, please let the office know, or

contact Carolyn Westbrook/Marcia Culver from Sacraments and Visitation Commission. Thanks!



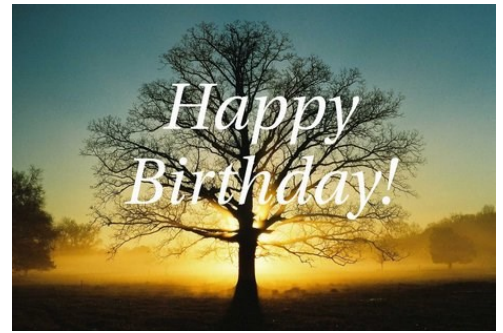
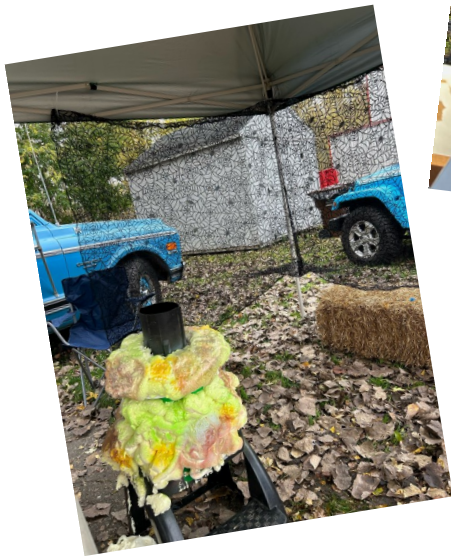
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GOOD
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AND
GREAT
JOY**

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Trunk or Treat 2023

- thanks to all who helped!



NOVEMBER

- 1 – Breia DeVries
- 2 - Kelsey Merrifield, Mark Fritsma
- 3- Ron Reagan
- 4 -Janie Kirby
- 5 - Bob Parks
- 6 -Hezekiah Powers, Kathy TerBurgh
- 7 - Harvey Flanagan, David Carter
- 9 - Nancy Benjamin
Bob Hemmingsen
- 10 - Laura Reffitt
- 14-Sharon Darby, John Ross
- 17 -Jim Elliott
- 18 - Bruce Chadwick
- 25- Cheryl Knutson, Chris Parks
- 28 - Estelle Stark

Please let the office know if you are not included on our list and would like to be.

**BLESSED BE THE GOD & FATHER OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
WHO ACCORDING TO HIS ABUNDANT
MERCY HAS BEGOTTEN US AGAIN
TO A LIVING HOPE
THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF
JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD.**

1 PETER 1:3

SCC Monthly Prayer List



Cancer:

Jo Bellgraph	Pam Briest	Brad Edwards	Carolyn Westbrook
David Briest	Paula DeYoung	Jan Renwick	

Medical:

Kelley Becker	Valerie Emelander	Terri McCready	
Sawyer & Daxton Blain	Richard Grieves	Terri Powers	Colin & Eleanor Williams
Sharon Blanchard	Kevin Hielman	Jess Spychiger	Pat Zander
Catherine Cove	Sue Hendrick	Harvey & Estelle Stark	Scott Zeeryp
Emma Dawson	Nancy Justice	Karen Taylor	
David Downs	Lasby Family	Carol Washburn	
	Aliviah Maag	Dave Washburn	

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. **THANK YOU!**



Military

Friends:

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

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, Carol Briggs, Samaritan's Shoebox Ministry
Peace of Jerusalem, Israel, Middle East
Pastoral Search Committee

“In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans.”

ROMANS 8:26



Special Members of the Week: Ron and JoAnn Reagan

SCC Leaders of the Week: Ed Culver, Chair of Christian Formation

Saranac Area Businesses: Tsitaga Farms

Community Group of the Week: Pinckney Hill Meats, Phil & Cathy Hesche for their donations of meat & gift cards to our Pantry and Christmas Care Center.

Church of the Week: Day Bible Chapel

Government and Military Friends around the world

The pastoral search committee asks that you please continue to keep them in your prayers as we navigate this new venture for SCC. Pray that we hear God during this process and our future candidates hear him also. And that we end up with the best possible person to continue our journey here on earth. Thank you! Your search committee members.

Sue Nystrom, Sharon Darby, Perry Cook, Sarah Downs, Dave Benjamin,

Luke Brogger, Bob Hemmingsen



Reminder: We do need the permission of whomever you ask to have put on prayer chain if they are able, an immediate family member if they are not. Also, if you leave a note in the office, please put your name on it so we know who to ask if there is a question.

Thank you!

If you are not currently receiving prayer chain messages and would like to please contact the office.



Use scrip for your Christmas shopping and gift giving. We are looking for an additional person or two to help promote and coordinate the RaiseRight scrip program. Start earning rebates to help cover costs for the 2024 camp season, UNITE, DR Mission Trip etc.. Due date for our next RaiseRight scrip gift card order is **Sunday, November 12th**, which will be available November

16th at the church office. Delivery of cards can also be arranged. Contact Mark with your order or order online by visiting www.raiseright.com. Contact the Scrip coordinator if you need Saranac Community Church's enrollment code. 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 29¢ fee. Remember, you can reload or print many cards at **any time** during the month if you enroll in PrestoPay. Use the RaiseRight 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 Scrip Coordinator Mark Fritsma (MarkF@wowway.com). **Earn rebates to reduce the cost of sending SCC kids to Portage Lake, Branch Adventures or a similar camp. UNITE (CHIC) returns in 2024 as well. 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.** Due date for next month's order is December 10th.



2:00-4:00pm

Saranac/Clarksville Residents

November 2 and 16

December 7 and 14

Food Pantry closed Dec. 21

Next Food Truck Dec. 28 (4:30pm)

Please save your egg cartons **at home** - we will let you know when we are in need of them again.



SUNDAY Volunteers

Lay Leader: Virgil Biggs **Reader:** Marcia Culver

Praise Team: Nancy Downs, Bob Krieger

Singers: Terri Powers, Jim Loser, Virgil Biggs,

Dean Gage Sr.

Tech Team: Brien Simpson, Lynn Kaufman

Acolytes: Ushers will assign

Ushers: Harvey Flanagan, Robert Williams

Nursery: Margaret Chadwick

Children's Worship: children are upstairs

Refreshments: June Seiler, Connie Gage

SEEK CHRIST TOGETHER In WORSHIP SUNDAY'S at 10am in person or on the SCC Facebook page

You can join us for worship on Sunday's if you are unable to attend in person by logging onto the Saranac Community Church Facebook page at 10am.

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