



January 2024 Snapshot

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Sunday Sermons:

Jan 7th: "Respond to God's Care by Giving Him Our Fears" (Proverbs 3:1-6 and 1 Peter 5:6-11)

- Consecration of Lay Leaders
- Communion will be served

Jan 14th: "Discipline Ourselves for Godliness" (Job 1:1-12 and 1 Peter 5:1-11)

Jan 21st: "Anticipate God's goodness during Hard Times" (Psalm 13:1-6 and Romans 8:18-30)

Jan 28th: Guest Preacher: Bart Denny

Important SCC Events

January 4th: Council Reports due to office

January 7th:

- Communion Sunday
- Consecration of New and Returning Lay Leaders

January 9th, 6 PM: Joint Council Meeting

January 13th, 9AM-5PM: Council Retreat, Chairs/Co-Chairs only

January 28th: Annual Meeting



Annual Meeting and Potluck Sunday, January 28

There will be a potluck luncheon after the worship service but before the Annual Meeting. Please bring a dish to share and table service for your family. Agenda's and Annual Reports will be available soon.

Other Reminders:

- Annual Meeting Minutes and Council Minutes are located in the Narthex
- Need more volunteers for running sound, video, and the PowerPoint presentations on Sundays.
- Still needing to fill the Missions Commission Chair position.



Tal Como Soy Food Ministry

In Dominican culture, the typical family doesn't eat together. Mom fixes the food, everyone grabs their plate when they want it and eats where they want to. When Jochy Tal Como Soy, and Tammi got married, it was a foreign concept to Jochy as well. As a good Midwestern girl, Tammi shared that this was an important value for her. As difficult as the change was, it was a value that became important for the two of them...and was injected into the DNA of Tal Como Soy when they started the church. For the first time ever, young men had the chance to set down and eat, and more importantly, talk about life with someone in an atmosphere that was non-threatening. In reality, it's the model Jesus used. Eating was never a means to an end, it was always a vehicle for ministry. **At Tal Como Soy, young people and families are finding out what it means to truly be a family of faith**##

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Many Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas Food Pantry in December. Over 115 families were served!

To our friends at Saranac Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation. Your generosity does not go unnoticed. Thank you for supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Thank you!
~RAVE

~RAVE (Mission Commitment)

**Please keep the following leaders of our Council in your prayers
as we venture into 2024 and throughout the year!**

SARANAC COMMUNITY CHURCH
DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS 2024

OFFICERS ON GOVERNING COUNCIL (ELDERS)

SENIOR PASTOR: VACANT
MODERATOR: Bob Hemmingsen (2)
CLERK: Cathy Merrifield (1)
BOOKKEEPER: Deb Tribbett
FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Connie Biggs (2) [Darcy Benjamin]

COMMISSIONS

SACRAMENTS & VISITATION

Carolyn Westbrook – Chairperson (2)
Marcia Culver
Brien Simpson
Laura Reffitt
Mary Williams
Sue Nystrom
Luke Brogger

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Harvey Flanagan – Chairperson (1)
Ron Reagan
Robert Williams
David Carter
Dale Hice
Jordan Badder

MUSIC AND WORSHIP

Jim Lóser – Chairperson (1)
Dave Washburn
Nancy Downs
Melody Dotson
Terri Powers

PASTORAL RELATIONS

Sharon Darby – Chairperson (2)
Beth Simpson
Virgil Biggs
Teresa McCarty

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Lynn Kaufman – Chairperson (1)
Sarah Downs
Jon Powers
June Seiler
Nancy Helminski– Children's Worship

MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

VACANT– Chairperson (1)
Margaret Chadwick – Food Pantry
Terri McCready
Bart Denny
Cathy Merrifield

STEWARDSHIP

Dan Kaufman – Chairperson (1)
Nate Downs
Julie Hice
John Ross

SCC Monthly Prayer List



Cancer:

Jo Bellgraph	Pam Briest	Brad Edwards
David Briest	Paula DeYoung	

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	
	Jim Long	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. (We will need permission prior to posting any prayer requests.) **THANK YOU!**

Military Friends:

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





JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

7 - June Seiler, Arthur Hernandez
 16 - Jacob Walter, Nancy Downs
 20 - Cathy Merrifield
 23 - Rob Bush, Catherine Cove
 24 - Terri McCreedy, Mike Vatter
 25 - Brent DeVries

Let the office know if your name is missing and you would like it included.



We are looking for an additional person or two to help promote and coordinate the RaiseRight scrip program. Earn 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, January 14th**, which will be available January 18th 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 February 11th.

Staying Connected...

There are several ways to stay connected with SCC. If you would like to receive communications via texts and/or email, you will need to contact Jim Lóser (616-642-6322 or churchoffice@saranacchurch.org). If you are not receiving any form of communication, it's likely we don't have your contact information. Communications include the following options:

- ♦ Weekly Announcements (via email)
- ♦ Monthly Snapshot (updates via email)
- ♦ Prayer Chain (texts)

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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