

# **Saranac Community Church Annual Report January 2024**

**Meeting: January 28, 2024**



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## **Saranac Community Church Annual Commission Celebration for 2023 January 28, 2024**

### **Our People...**

We are ordinary people, united by our mission, our values, and our desire to serve God and others.

### **Our Mission...**

We are committed to being a fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ who glorify our Triune God and practice positive Christian living by growing in God's Word, caring for each other, and reaching out with God's love by responding to the physical and spiritual needs of others.

### **Our Values...**

As members of the Evangelical Covenant Church, we gladly affirm the following as essential to who we are as a community:

- The centrality of the Word of God
- The necessity of New Birth
- A commitment to the whole mission of the Church
- The Church as a fellowship of believers
- A conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit
- The reality of freedom in Christ



### **The Evangelical Covenant Church**

Saranac Community Church is part of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC), with more than 850 congregations in the US and Canada, and approximately 2000 congregations worldwide. The ECC is a rapidly growing multi-ethnic denomination in the United States and Canada with ministries on five continents of the world.

Founded in 1885 by Swedish immigrants, the ECC values the Bible as the Word of God, the gift of God's grace and ever-deepening spiritual life that comes through faith in Jesus Christ, the importance of extending God's love and compassion to a hurting world, and the strength that comes from unity within diversity. Today, we continue to be "kingdom minded" in our commitment to preach, teach, and model the truth of Jesus Christ.

#### **Regional Conference**

Garth McGrath, Superintendent

#### **ECC Great Lakes Conference**

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Canton, MI 48187  
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#### **Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp**

4158 Camp Delight Rd.  
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#### **National Conference**

Rev. John Wenrich, President

#### **Evangelical Covenant Church**

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#### **North Park University**

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Chicago, IL 60625  
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# **Saranac Community Church**

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## President of ECC Letter

DECEMBER 2023

Hello Covenant Family,

Thank you for the many ways you have been partnering and praying with me and the Covenant denominational team this year. I send each of you my gratitude and thanks! We have been through a significant season of change and are just at the beginning of living into a new ministry structure. It is my hope and prayer that these changes will allow us to resource and partner with you more intentionally as together we join God in God's mission to see more disciples among more populations in a more caring and just world.

Please know that our denominational team is praying for you too! Each of our ministry teams has selected a regional conference to pray for this year. If you would like to send your prayer requests, we would love to receive them. We want you to know there is a concerted effort to lift you up in prayer. This is one of the many ways we can live into our Three Strand Strong commitment. I pray our good and faithful God will provide for all your needs and amplify the many ways you demonstrate the love of Christ in word and deed in your community. I pray you will be encouraged even when circumstances are challenging, knowing that God is always at work. I pray the joy of the Lord will be your strength.

The psalmist writes, "Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness" (Psalm 89:1). It is an honor, privilege, and joy to serve the Evangelical Covenant Church. This past year has been full of experiencing God's faithfulness to his beloved church; from the wonderful church anniversaries being celebrated to 100 years of the gospel coming to the Democratic Republic of Congo, God has been faithful. What a magnificent God we serve! Please continue to share your stories of how God is at work in and through your congregation with us.

We love to celebrate these stories with you. They are a gift and encouragement to the whole church! Looking forward, I am excited to see how God will meet our youth as they gather for Unite 2024.

I know there will be new and renewed commitments to Christ as well as responses to God's call to ministry and service.

I pray every blessing upon each of you this Advent and Christmas season. As you gather in your local church annual meetings, may you reflect and marvel at God's faithfulness to you this year.

For God's glory and neighbor's good,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tammy Swanson-Draheim". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Tammy Swanson-Draheim**, PRESIDENT, EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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# Great Lakes Conference Letter, Nov 2023



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November 2023

Dear Fellow Servants of Christ,

As you gather for your congregation's Annual Meeting it is a privilege to greet you on behalf of the 74 churches in the eight states that make up the Great Lakes Conference of Covenant Churches. I join the Apostle Paul in saying to you, "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

I am grateful for your church's work to serve people in your community, lead people to Jesus, help people grow deep in their relationship with God, equip people for service in Jesus' name and support regional and global missions. I am also grateful for your church's contributions to the Great Lakes Conference and the larger Evangelical Covenant Church so that together - in our three strand strong partnership - we may continue to see more disciples among more populations in a more caring and just world.

During the past year, our partnership enabled us to start New Wine Covenant Church in Mason, MI, and to continue our support of the young Churches in Columbus, OH, Grand Rapids, MI, Muskegon MI, Elkins WV, Nashville TN, Richmond KY and Auburn Hills MI. It enabled us to provide missional vitality coaching, evangelism training, outreach resources and leadership development workshops to pastors and lay leaders to help their churches sustain or regain missional traction. It enabled us to support new pastors in the credentialing process and care for pastors who experienced acute financial or emotional distress so they could remain healthy and whole in ministry. And it enabled us to help churches navigate serious conflict, prepare churches for pastoral transitions and coach churches through pastoral search processes to find their next pastor. It was a good year of ministry together.

As we enter the new year may your church experience the grace of Jesus in your life together, the wisdom of God as you seek his guidance, and the power of the Spirit to fulfill your Kingdom calling. May God bless you richly as you serve together in Jesus' name.

Gratefully, and on behalf of our Conference Board and Staff,

Garth McGrath

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# November 2023 Stewardship Meeting Minutes

Saranac Community Church  
November Annual Meeting MINUTES  
November 12th , 2023

12:00 Noon Opening Prayer/Devotion (from Acts) (Bob Hemmingson)

- The Attendance Sheet passed around.
- Approval of January 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes
  - Motion by Harvey Flanagan by Second by Sue Nystrom to Accept the January Annual Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carries
- Review Holy Manners
  - Opportunity to sign the document offered
- Welcome New Members
  - 12 New members recognized
- Celebrating Gifts in 2023
- Voting on 2024 Budget
  - Bruce Chadwick explained the budget
    - revenue down but so are expenditures
    - The 2023 “Pastoral Leader” figure was based on Pastor Becky Poor in that position. The amount for that position in the 2024 budget is decreased while the Search Committee continues the search for a replacement pastor and a Family Ministry Director.
    - Deb Tribbett provided a summary of the Memorials.
    - Expenditures explained; Missions, Staff, etc. Please see Deb Tribbett for any questions.
  - MOTION by Bruce Chadwick, Second by Sharon Darby to accept the 2024 Budget as presented. Motion Carries
- Voting on the 2024 Ballot for Commission Members/Officers
  - Motion by Teresa McCarty Second by Beth Simpson to approve...
  - Teresa McCarty Retracted her motion for an amendment to the motion.
  - Note Marcia Culver, stepping down as Chair to become a member of the Commission.
  - MOTION by Teresa McCarty Second by Beth Simpson to approve the Amended Prior Motion, to accept the Nominated Council and Commission members. Motion Carries
- Motion for Nominating Committee to continue working until 1/1/24
  - A Motion by Jim Loser Second by Nancy Benjamin to allow the Nominating Committee to continue until January 1, 2024. Motion Carries.
- Update from Search Committee. Work continues.

Closing Prayer by Bruce Chadwick @ 12:26 PM

- Motion by Deb Tribbett second by Sue Nystrom to Adjourn the November 2023 Annual Meeting. Motion Carries

# Moderator's Report

*<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity.<sup>[b]</sup> I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."*

~Jeremiah 29

May the Lord's blessings be on you and your family and Saranac Community Church.

First, I want to thank Luke Brogger. Luke, you served God and SCC with honor and integrity, and we owe you a deep debt for the years that you served as Moderator. I pray that I can live up to your example. I also want to thank the members of this year's church council, each of you has been a true blessing. I so appreciate the time and energy that you have shared with us to move God's mission forward here at Saranac Community Church. I also need to thank all the members of each commission, it is here that the work of God's Church truly gets done. I am always amazed by how God works through His People to meet His people's needs. Lastly, I want to thank each of you that stepped up this year to serve others in ways that you may believe went unseen or heard, trust me they did not. Thank you for cleaning up that mess, washing that dish, changing that light bulb, or sweeping the leaves away from the front door. Without a lead Pastor this past year It would have been easy for us to just stop and wait. However, God had bigger plans for SCC.

In December of 2022 we said goodbye to Pastor Becky and Ken and started our search for a new spiritual leader for SCC. We also started the search for a Church Family Ministry Leader, we did this not knowing what God's Plan was but having faith that His plans would prosper us and give us hope. Both the Pastoral Search and the Pastoral Relation committees continue to work to fill these two positions. I want to thank all of you for lifting these groups up in prayer while they do this important work.

God continues to work with us and through us here at Saranac Community Church. I don't know what He has planned for us this upcoming year, but I do know that it will be amazing, and we will do our best to follow.

I am always available to you if you have any questions or concerns.

In Christ,  
Bob Hemmingsen  
Church Chair 2023



# Interim Pastor's Report

*...In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ.*

*~Philippians 1:6*

I have truly enjoyed this opportunity to serve as the Interim Pastor of Saranac Community Church, a faith family that is kind, compassionate, full of grace, and tremendously gifted. I marvel at the quality of leaders with which the Lord has chosen to bless this church. There is an exceptional balance in worship, discipleship, outreach into the community, and fellowship, with very fine women and men who are outstanding spiritual leaders. My wife, Patricia, and I have felt appreciated and loved by this congregation. During this transitional period, new members have joined the church, responding to the guidance of the Holy Spirit to claim Saranac Community Church as their spiritual home. That is a powerful witness to the enthusiasm, acceptance, love, and commitment to God's Word that emanates from this congregation.

Jesus gave us these intriguing words in John 14:12: *Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.* I want to encourage you all to believe that Christ, who is with the Father, is at work in this church to do those "greater things". Please expect God to profoundly change lives in your midst. Anticipate miracles of transformation, as a result of being yielded to the power of the Holy Spirit.

I ask that you steadfastly pray for your leaders, for the ministry of this church, and for the Senior Pastor that the Lord is preparing for you. I also request that you don't lose momentum; instead, keep moving forward for the glory of God. Stay excited about what is happening in this church. Invite your unchurched friends and family to attend with you!

In closing, I leave you with this verse: Romans 15:13-*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* Hope, joy, peace, and trust are hallmarks of those who overflow with the Holy Spirit!

*~Rev. Darin R. Youngs*

# Pastoral Relations Commission Report

The members of the pastoral relations commission (PRC-Sharon Darby, Virgil Biggs, Teresa McCarty, Beth Simpson) are sincerely grateful for all of your prayers throughout 2023. We are so blessed to have a wonderful interim, Pastor Darin Youngs! A big thank you goes out to Pastor (and wife Patty) for committing his time and talents over the past year.

The Pastoral Search Committee (PSC-Bob Hemmingsen, Dave Washburn, Sue Nystrom, Luke Brogger, Sharon Darby, Sarah Downs, and Perry Cook) continues to make good progress toward filling the pastoral position. We were told it could take one to two years to find a replacement. I can see now why it takes that long. We started with building our Church Profile, surveying the congregation with a questionnaire, posting to the ECC job board and then waiting! With your continued prayers we were blessed to have a handful of applicants. We are hopeful that we will have our new pastor very soon!

The PRC (per the congregation) started a search for a full-time Family Ministry Leader before having the Sr. Pastor position filled. We are leaning on God's help in finding the right person at the right time. Most of the year we did not have a single candidate to interview. However, recently we have had a candidate come through; we will be exploring this opportunity – keep praying!

Other staffing changes include Terri Powers as our new cleaning person. She replaces Sue Hendricks who has officially retired. Jim Lóser started recently as our new Office Manager. He replaces Kathy Hawkins, the Church Secretary who was with us for twelve years. Congratulations to both Terri & Jim; they are off to a great start.

A special thanks to both the Pastoral Relations Commission and Pastoral Search Commission for their hard work, dedication, wisdom, skills, abilities and relentless faith during a very busy 2023. The PRC and PSC will continue their momentum with the same members into 2024.

This year we worked on the following:

- Updating office computers
- Adding a network system
- Worked with Buildings & Grounds on updating camera & lighting system
- Defined staff vacation and holidays
- Church handbook development
- Creating a job description, budget and posting for Family Ministry Leader
- Family Ministry Leader search
- Creating a job description, budget and posting for Sr. Pastor
- Sr. Pastor search
- Pulpit fill monthly
- Worked with Christian Formation on an updated directory
- Reviewed length of service
- Reviewed order of worship timing
- Created & printed blue connection/prayer card
- Pastor appreciation month
- Upgrades needed to the phone system

We look forward to having a full staff in 2024 to better serve you and your families in the coming year.

In Gratitude,  
Sharon Darby,  
Pastoral Relations Chair

# Building & Grounds Commission Report

This commission is responsible for the physical property of the church. They must schedule the use of the facilities, provide custodial care for the church building, and provide for maintenance services to protect and preserve the properties. Membership of this commission shall consist of the Chair and must be at least five members or as many members as are needed to carry out the ministries of this commission.

Members of the Buildings and Grounds Commission are Harvey Flanagan (Chair), Ron Reagan, Robert Williams, Beth VanProoyen, Doug VanProoyen, and Jim Elliot. We would like to thank all who were on the commission and the volunteers who helped on our projects for the year.

We would like to welcome our new commission members for the 2024 year:

- Harvey Flanagan, Chair
- Ron Reagan
- Robert Williams
- Dave Carter
- Jordan Badder,
- Dale Hice, Sr.

Harvey Flanagan  
Building & Grounds Commission Chair

# Christian Formation Commission Report

The Christian Formation Commission (CFC) started the year with three new members: Lynn Kaufman, Sarah Downs and Jon Powers. Continuing with this commission is Nancy Helminski, (Children's Sunday School Director) and Ed Culver, chairperson.

One of the first tasks for the new year that CFC members were committed to was the development of a list of requirements and expectations for a "Director of Family and Youth Ministries," a position that SCC Council deemed as critical to address the importance of the redevelopment of our youth ministries programs. Along with the youth ministries programs our council felt that Young Family mentoring/counseling is essential for a healthy church.

## Additional Accomplishments:

- During the month of March, CFC sponsored "Movie Night" which included a scavenger hunt for the kids with popcorn and other refreshments, and an attendance of 23, a mix of kids and adults.
- CFC hosted an after-church potato bar with indoor yard games following during the month of April with a great turnout.
- The month of May brought about the end of the Children's Sunday School program with the recognition of the students, volunteer teachers and our Sunday School Director.
- Mother's Day was celebrated with the Children's Sunday School classes putting together special cards and flowers for moms.
- One of the responsibilities of CFC is to accept and review requests for Christian summer camp scholarships. A total of 5 scholarship requests were received, all were approved with direction given to our bookkeeper to send the scholarship portion to the individual camps.
- During the summer months, CFC felt that it may be difficult to find church families interested or available to attend a church activity as most are involved with other things during the summer.
- The month of August was a time to consider preparation for Children's Sunday School and the promotion of Small Groups for the fall and winter months. CFC members began contacting those church volunteers involved with any children's ministry, care or interaction, as church policy requires annual criminal background checks for those volunteers.
- SCC has a total of 23 volunteers involved with teaching and nursery.
- During the months of September and October, CFC put together a proposed budget for the 2024 year, planning for more and different church activities for the new year and more emphasis on small groups.
- During the Saranac Festival in October, CFC participated in the Halloween "Trunk or Treat" at the trailhead and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in popularity.
- CFC's last family activity was a Sunday evening movie on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The movie "Elf" was a hit for all 11 children and 12 adults. Thanks to Jon Powers for movie and operations. Thanks to Lynn Kaufman for popcorn and drink distribution. A special thanks to Sarah Downs for the intermission's Candy Cane Hunt. Thanks to all the kids and adults that helped with the pickup and cleanup in the Sanctuary.

It has been a privilege for me to have been part of SCC's Christian Formation Commission for these past years.

Ed Culver

# Music & Worship Commission Report

This will be a short report as I'm fulfilling the tail end of Ken Poor's term. Working with Melody Dotson, Nancy Downs, and Dave Washburn has made things run smoothly. Working with them has been a pleasure.

Nancy, Dave, and I were able to set in on the meetings with the commission to enhance our PA and Tech Department. We were blessed to have Cherie Hagen playing guitar for a few weeks last summer.

As I leave this post, I leave it in good hands and wish Jim Lóser and commission good luck!

Dean Gage, Sr.  
Music and Worship Commission Chair

# Missions & Evangelism Commission Report

SCC has been mission-minded for many decades. Several years ago at an annual meeting we voted to work toward the goal of giving 25% of our church annual budget for missions. We have been at or near that goal for some years now, and we thank our generous church family for your faithful financial support in our mission outreach. Thank you to all who have served in different projects throughout the year.

We support missionaries through the Evangelical Covenant Church: Cathy Campobello in Colombia, Jochy & Tammi Hernandez-Biggs in the Dominican Republic, Paul and Sheryl Noren in Africa, Phillip & Stephanie Volland in Germany; as well as Matt & Carol Long with Wycliffe in Texas. We also support others who are serving in local ministries and have an emergency fund to help persons in need of rent, utilities, gas and other needs. We have partnered with Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for the last 24 years, providing a total of 1,710 shoeboxes with gifts for needy children overseas. The complete list of groups and individuals SCC supports is found in the church budget report.

During the last ten summers SCC has held a Second Time Around Sale, with the proceeds sent to two inner city Covenant sister churches in Detroit and Grand Rapids (Mosaic - \$1,000) to help with their food programs. We welcomed Detroit's City Covenant Church Pastor Semmeal Thomas, who preached on August 20. We had a special meal and fellowship with his family and other guests from City Covenant, and Sharon B. presented a \$1,000 check to Pastor Thomas. Other proceeds (\$700) from the sale were given toward the 2024 SCC mission trip to the Dominican Republic. We also support other fund-raisers during the year to help the DR team.

We have a community outreach with our Food Pantry ministry, serving local people the first and third Thursdays of the month. We have many faithful volunteers who shop, stock shelves and serve 40-60 families and singles each month. Our Christmas Pantry served 115 families in December. We also hosted six Feeding America Mobile Pantry trucks that served 90-105 Ionia County households each time. We are thankful for the church budget, special Memorial Funds, and our generous church members, community groups and businesses which donate food and funds to support the pantry. Better Together for Saranac (BT4S) representatives provided backpacks and supplies to students through our food pantry in August. Also through BT4S, Sharon Blanchard and others provided a meal for Saranac Housing South residents on March 16.

Thanks to outgoing members Sharon Blanchard, Chair; JoAnn Reagan and Rachel Klahn. We welcome new Chair Connie Biggs, and members Bart Denny and Terri McCready. We have been abundantly blessed by the Lord to be able to serve through many avenues, as we seek to share His love and the light of the Gospel message to others. *"Let your light so shine before others, that they might see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:16 NIV.

Cathy Merrifield and Margaret Chadwick, Commission Members

# Sacraments & Visitation Commission Report

Greetings from, Mary Williams, Sue Nystrom, Dave Benjamin, Brien Simpson,

Carolyn Westbrook and Marcia Culver, members of the Sacraments and Visitation Commission.

Along with our regular responsibilities-monthly communion, cards ministry, meals ministry and visiting those who are home bound or are unable to go out on their own-we have had a couple of projects, which have kept us busy.

-After attending a membership class, led by Pastor Darin, we welcomed fourteen new members of Saranac Community Church.

-We are, currently, in the process of updating our membership directory.

As we close out the year, Carolyn and I-as co-chairs-would like to take this opportunity to thank our team for the dedication they have shown to their positions, never taking lightly, the tasks at hand. We, reluctantly, say goodbye to Dave, as his term has ended, and we hope he takes the opportunity to relax and "re-charge". Mary, Sue and Brien will continue on the commission and for that, we are grateful. We, also, welcome Laura Reffitt and Luke Brogger, our new members.

Finally, while remaining on the commission, I will be stepping down, as co-chair. It has been a blessing and a pleasure, working alongside Carolyn and I am confident she is so much more than capable, of leading our commission.

Blessings to all in the New Year!!

In His Service,

Marcia Culver and Carolyn Westbrook, co-chairs

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

# Stewardship Commission Report

This has been another interesting year for Saranac Community Church as we have continued to function without a full-time pastor. Yet, we have certainly been blessed from the service and teaching provided by Pastor Darin Youngs.

Our budget for this year, 2023, totaled \$302,006. Our Financial Secretary and Bookkeeper reports will provide final figures for the year. However, it appears that while our gifts and offerings did not reach our budgeted goal amount, our expenses were also under what we budgeted. We praise God for the generosity of our congregation and prudent spending by our church leaders.

As we look to the 2024 year, we realize that we set a budget goal of \$304,872, which is a slight increase over our 2023 budget. This goal figure continues to assume expenses for our two leadership positions: Pastor and Family Ministry Leader. At this time, we do not know the timing for filling these positions, but we are trusting that God will provide an answer in His perfect will for our church.

It is with great appreciation that I recognize the excellent work of our Financial Secretary Connie Biggs, who is assisted by Darcy Benjamin, and our Bookkeeper Deb Tribbett. They faithfully record and report our revenue and expenditures and provide a wonderful service for us.

I have also appreciated the service from fellow Stewardship Commission members, Dan Kaufman and Nate Downs, as they counted offerings each week and offered valuable insight and review of our financial picture during this past year. Dan is beginning his service as Chair of this commission, Nate will continue, and they will be joined by Julie Hice and John Ross.

We can pray for God's guidance and blessing as we seek to fulfill our mission of "...caring for each other, and reaching out with God's love..." May He find us faithful in doing our part to make that happen as we give from our time, talent, and resources!

Bruce Chadwick  
Stewardship Commission Chair



# Covenant Women's Fellowship Report

SCC women serve our Lord in many ways on our commissions, church council and in other volunteer jobs as needed. There are Bible study groups which meet Sunday and Wednesday mornings, and Thursday evenings. "Women of Worship" (WOW) began this year, meeting one Saturday of the month with fellowship, food, fun and inspiration for all women of our church.

Our committee provided four funeral luncheons and assisted with three others in our Fellowship Hall this year. Thanks to our women and men who provided food and service to our bereaved families, it is always very much appreciated. We helped the Missions Commission to provide the meal for the group from our sister Church, City Covenant in Detroit. Pastor Semmeal Thomas preached the sermon and we had a great time of fellowship on August 20, 2023.

There were 61 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes filled to the brim with useful items, which were given by our generous SCC Family. This makes a total of 1,710 boxes over 24 years of SCC participation! Sincere thanks to Cathy and Kelsey Merrifield for coordinating this project and delivering the shoeboxes to the Rockford collection site. Thanks to all who put boxes together and gave funds to help ship the boxes around the world. May God bless all our efforts for His glory!

Our financial statement is as follows:

<b>Beginning Balance: Checking Account Jan. 1, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 704.68</b>
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## Receipts:

Trans. for Becky's Dinner	\$ 108.91
Funeral Luncheons	\$ 1,600.00
Shoebox Donations	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 1,808.91</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,808.91</u></b>
		<b>\$ 2,513.59</b>

## Expenses:

Funeral Luncheons	\$ 1,392.31
Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes	\$ 100.00
City Covenant Meal	\$ 144.94
Foods Pantry Donation	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,737.25</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,737.25</u></b>
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<b>Ending Balance: Dec. 31, 2023</b>	<b>Checking Account</b>	<b><u>\$ 776.34</u></b>
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Margaret Chadwick, Treasurer

# Financial Secretary's Report

## General Fund Offerings Received 2023

January	\$ 11,554.80	July	\$ 13,848.43
February	\$ 12,063.05	August	\$ 17,963.49
March	\$ 28,084.22	September	\$ 19,463.00
April	\$ 28,347.07	October	\$ 11,692.50
May	\$ 10,917.97	November	\$ 24,888.52
June	\$ 20,796.89	December	\$ 15,330.63
			Total: <u>\$ 214,950.57</u>

## Breakdown of General Fund Offering

General Fund	\$ 210,869.89
Loose Offering	\$ 3,099.49
Food Pantry/Overtime	\$ 981.19
	<u>\$ 214,950.57</u>

## Non Budget Funds

Bark Sale	\$ 4,290.00
Basement Sale-2nd Time Around	\$ 2,700.00
Special Gift Food Pantry	\$ 3,007.35
Gifts Galore	\$ 103.17
Church Rent	\$ 850.00
DR Mission Trip/DR Concert	\$ 11,861.00
CROP	\$ 814.53
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,367.55
	<u>\$ 24,993.60</u>

## Total Non Budget Funds

## Total 2023 General and Non Budget Funds

\$ 239,944.17

# Memorial Funds Report

## Saranac Community Church Memorial Funds 2023 Activity

Name	January 1	Additions	Deductions	Transfers	December	Purpose
Emily Laird	50.00				50.00	Undesignated
Cheryl Young	50.00				50.00	CHIC
Donald Funk	150.00				150.00	Music
Judy Tower	710.00		710.00		-	Food Pantry
Jean Leason	170.00		170.00		-	Food Pantry
Mark Williams	1,100.00		1,100.00		-	Food Pantry
Marlene Vreeland	515.00		515.00		-	Food Pantry
Roger & Doris Cochrun	1,645.00				1,645.00	Family is discussing
Bob Schneider	200.00		200.00		-	Food Pantry
Pat Trail	2,000.00		2,000.00		-	Food Pantry
Jim McCarty	2,393.39				2,393.39	Family is discussing
Bob Hardy	2,220.00		2,220.00		-	Food Pantry
Dale Edwards	80.00		80.00		-	Undesignated
Gloria Hubbard	79,714.17		34,214.08		45,500.09	Undesignated
Joy Raimor	513.39		513.39		-	Food Pantry
Charlene Kingsley	1,010.00		491.61		518.39	Food Pantry
Donna Baker	265.00				265.00	Where needed
Barb Estes		50.00			50.00	
Richard & Betty Sible	35,737.79		600.00		35,137.79	
Karen Haskins		1,325.00			1,325.00	DR Mission trip
Larry Biggs		1,125.00			1,125.00	
Bob, Karen & Maureen Coulson		300.00			300.00	
IB Interest	550.36	31.28			581.64	
NCP Interest	4,060.90	0.26			4,061.16	
<b>Total Memorial</b>	<b>\$ 133,135.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,831.54</b>	<b>\$ 42,814.08</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 93,152.46</b>	

# Bookkeeper's Reports

## Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2023

	November 30 2023	October 31 2023	December 31 2022
<b>ASSETS</b>			
General Fund Bank Accounts	\$ 150,443	\$ 146,131	\$ 123,024
Capital Fund Bank Account	17,281	16,791	12,733
Memorial Fund Bank Accounts	93,139	111,431	132,487
Scrip Fund Bank Account	5,919	5,554	6,108
Discipleship Fund	30,527	30,527	30,527
Designated Funds	26,633	13,209	13,209
Current Assets	323,942	323,643	318,088
Endowment Funds (Principal \$81,500)	109,126	109,126	109,126
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 433,068</b>	<b>\$ 432,769</b>	<b>\$ 427,214</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>			
Credit Card Payable	940	467	1,116
Payroll Taxes Payable	1,660	679	707
Fund Balances	430,468	431,623	425,391
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 433,068</b>	<b>\$ 432,769</b>	<b>\$ 427,214</b>

## Actual vs Budget

### General Fund November 2023

	2023 YTD		Annual	#
	Actual	Budget	Budget	
<b>General Fund Revenue</b>				
Worship Offering	199,740	229,167	250,000	
Special Mission Offering	-	1,833	2,000	
Interest Income	707	917	1,000	
Endowment Funds		9,167	10,000	
Discipleship Fund	-	16,506	18,006	
Scholarship Fund	-	917	1,000	
Reduce Reserve	-	18,333	20,000	
<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 200,447</b>	<b>\$ 276,839</b>	<b>\$ 302,006</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
<b>Missions Giving</b>				
ECC	20,967	20,946	22,850	
GLC	9,250	10,313	11,250	
Food Pantry	8,250	8,250	9,000	
Emergency Assistance	2,923	2,750	3,000	
Special Mission Offering	120	1,833	2,000	
Other Mission Giving	1,736	6,728	7,340	
<b>Total Missions Giving</b>	<b>43,246</b>	<b>50,820</b>	<b>55,440</b>	
<b>Staff Expenses</b>				
Pastoral Leader (currently interim)	29,590	73,995	80,722	
Family and Children Director	-	59,583	65,000	
Worship Leader	11,109	-	-	
Secretary	22,128	20,131	21,961	
Bookkeeper	6,500	7,150	7,800	
Custodian	3,341	4,934	5,383	
Other Staff Costs, including Pastoral Fill-in	9,827	8,571	9,350	
<b>Total Staff Expenses</b>	<b>82,495</b>	<b>174,365</b>	<b>190,216</b>	
<b>Christian Formation</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>6,554</b>	<b>7,150</b>	
<b>Music and Worship</b>	<b>2,911</b>	<b>2,933</b>	<b>3,200</b>	
<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>1,300</b>	
<b>Church Family Care</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>1,250</b>	
<b>Building and Grounds</b>				
Utilities	10,967	11,000	12,000	
Repairs, Maintenance, and Supplies	9,247	7,333	8,000	
Property Insurance	6,550	5,500	6,000	
Lawn Care and Snow Removal	5,273	3,438	3,750	
<b>Total Building and Grounds</b>	<b>32,037</b>	<b>27,271</b>	<b>29,750</b>	

<b>Administrative Costs</b>			
Technology	3,527	1,833	2,000
Conference Expenses	1,088	3,667	4,000
Phone and Internet	2,981	3,300	3,600
Other Office Costs	3,360	3,758	4,100
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>10,956</b>	<b>12,558</b>	<b>13,700</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 174,814</b>	<b>\$ 276,839</b>	<b>\$ 302,006</b>
<b>Revenue in Excess of Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 25,633</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

## 5 Year Financial History

### Saranac Community Church 5 Year Financial History

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Operating Revenue</b>					
General Fund Giving	\$241,433.00	\$224,329.00	\$ 231,515.00	\$ 247,165.00	
Mission Giving	\$7,480.00	\$1,194.00	\$ 6,533.00	\$ 4,022.00	
General Fund Interest	\$ 781.00	\$ 991.00	1,901	1,996	
Total Operating Revenue	\$249,694.00	\$226,514.00	\$ 239,949.00	\$ 253,183.00	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Missions	\$53,886.00	\$50,681.00	\$ 57,038.00	\$ 57,767.00	
Staff	\$116,261.00	\$133,599.00	\$ 147,142.00	\$ 156,389.00	
Christian Formation	\$3,325.00	\$2,429.00	\$ 3,849.00	\$ 4,680.00	
Music & Worship	\$2,866.00	\$2,140.00	\$ 2,568.00	\$ 2,288.00	
Stewardship	\$783.00	\$1,085.00	\$ 1,255.00	\$ 783.00	
Pastoral Fill In	-	\$ 345.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Sacraments & Visitation	\$1,083.00	\$1,473.00	\$ 1,497.00	\$ 2,127.00	
Building & Grounds	\$29,789.00	\$28,563.00	\$ 26,897.00	\$ 25,682.00	
Administrative	15,803	\$ 8,505.00	9,272	11,514	
Total Operating Expenses	\$223,796.00	\$228,820.00	\$ 249,918.00	\$ 262,730.00	
Net Operating Revenue/(Expense)	\$25,898.00	\$(2,306.00)	\$ (9,969.00)	\$ (9,547.00)	
Extraordinary Income			\$ 30,240		
Net Revenue after Extraordinary Income			\$ 20,271.00		
<b>General Fund Balances</b>					
Undesignated Cash Balances	\$122,187.00	\$93,403.00	\$ 95,565.00	\$ 65,794.00	