



## February 2024 Snapshot



### Sunday Sermons:

**Feb 4th:** "Measure Our Lives with God's Word" (Isaiah 55:9-13 & Acts 17:1-12)

- Communion will be served

**Feb 11th:** "Continue to Follow Jesus" (Isaiah 48:17-22 & Colossians 2:1-7)

**Feb 18th:** TBD, Pastor candidate preaching (Psalm 23:1-6 & Ephesians 3:14-21)

**Feb 25th:** Guest Preacher: Nick Rowe (Gideons)

### Important SCC Events

**Feb 3rd:** Council Retreat, 9AM-5PM

**Feb 4th:** 1st Sunday Soup's On at the Ross Home: 6150 Potters Rd, Saranac. Soup provided; please bring a dish to share. Dinner, prayer, and sharing. 616-308-4969/sharonstlk@gmail.com

**Feb 6th:** Music & Worship Commission Meeting, 6:00 PM  
Christian Formation Commission Meeting, 6:00 PM  
Pastoral Relations Commission Meeting, 5:00 PM

**Feb 7th:** Sacraments & Visitation Commission Meeting, 6:00 PM

**Feb 9th-10th:** Senior High Retreat at Portage Lake Camp

**Feb 10th:** Men's Breakfast, 8:00 AM  
Women of Worship, 11:00 AM

**Feb 11th:** Women's Life Group, 8:30 AM

**Feb 12th:** Fellowship Hall Reserved, all day

**Feb 13th:** Council Meeting, 6:00 PM

**Feb 14th:** Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 AM

**Feb 15th:** Food Pantry, 2-4 PM & Women's Life Group, 6:00 PM

**Feb 29th:** Food Truck, 4:30 PM

### SUNDAY, Feb 4th VOLUNTEERS:

**Lay Leader:** Tricia Lóser **Reader:** Marcia Culver  
**Praise Team:** Nancy Downs, Bob Krieger  
**Singers:** Melody Dotson, Terri Powers, Jim Lóser  
**Tech Team:** Dave Washburn, James Merrifield, Todd Rosenberger  
**Ushers:** Harvey Flanagan & Nate Downs  
**Nursery:** Bob & Heather Hemmingsen  
**Children's Message:** Bob Hemmingsen  
**Communion:** Luke Brogger





The Pastoral Search Committee has extended an invitation to a potential candidate as Senior Pastor for SCC! An announcement was made at the January 28th Sunday worship and will be announced again on Feb 4th and 11th with the following details:

- ♦ **Feb 11th:** Information will be shared on our candidate
- ♦ **Feb 16th:** First *Meet & Greet* dinner with the candidate and his family
  - ⇒ Dinner 4-6 PM at SCC
  - ⇒ Taco bar and desserts (sign up in the Narthex)
- ♦ **Feb 17th:** 2nd *Meet & Greet* dinner with the candidate and his family
  - ⇒ Dinner 5-7 PM at SCC
  - ⇒ Potluck & dessert (sign up in the Narthex)
- ♦ **Feb 18th:** Candidate will be preaching; voting will take place immediately following the service



**We are still 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, February 11th**, which will be available February 15th at the church office. Delivery of cards can also be arranged. Contact Mark with your order or order online by visiting [www.raiseright.com](http://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](mailto: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 March 10th.

# Tal Como Soy

## Tal Como Soy Women in Ministry

Women are experiencing the real Jesus inside and outside the walls where they worship on Sundays at Tal Como Soy. They are learning about a Jesus who loves women who are struggling-struggling to provide as single mothers, struggling to understand where their true identity is found and they can come "just as they are". The church is also receiving many new couples and our hope is to share in the lives of all these women as well. This year as we return to share in this journey our hope is to teach them some skills (crafts) that they would be able to help sustain financially. In the past building relationships with the women of this church has been a true blessing during our "menu exchange night" where we have shared easy and affordable options that they can make for their families which we will do again...upon requests from many.



*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

*~Matthew 25:40*

### Saranac/Clarksville Residents, 2:00-4:00 PM

- Feb 1st
- Feb 15th
- Food Truck, Feb 29th at 4:30 PM



# SCC Monthly Prayer List



## Cancer:

Jo Bellgraph	Pam Briest	Brad Edwards
David Briest	Paula DeYoung	

## Medical:

Kelley Becker	Valerie Emelander	Karen Taylor
Sawyer & Daxton Blain	Kevin Hielman	Carol Washburn
Sharon Blanchard	Stan Hagemeyer	Dave Washburn
Catherine Cove	Nancy Justice	Colin & Eleanor Williams
Emma Dawson	Jim Longwell	Pat Zander
David Downs	Jess Spychiger	Scott Zeeryp
	Harvey & Estelle Stark	

**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	







## SCC Mission Moment for February 2024

### Cathy Campobello

COLOMBIA

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#### Evangelism and Outreach; Community Development

YEARS OF SERVICE: 1987-Present

The Covenant Church in Colombia is celebrating the publication of a new devotional. Written by 19 Covenant women, the devotional focuses on the stories of 13 women in the Bible, with each story unfolding in four different themes. The idea for *He Nacido Para Este Tiempo (I Was Born for Such a Time as This)* came from the National Women's Ministries Committee of the Covenant Church of Colombia. Their vision unfolded to become 52 weeks of reflections and a yearlong biblical study. Each devotional includes a Scripture text, a meditation, and prayer with a practical spiritual exercise.

**"God is calling us to a new time in our own history, to live according to his purposes so we can love, believe, and obey with confidence in Jesus to fill our lives with strength and dignity to advance into a divine future securely."**

Cathy's role in the production of this devotional has been to encourage the writers, raise funds for the publishing, find a publishing house, and oversee the project in general. Colombian Covenant leader Marlen Román did the final proofreading and editing. The publishing company who did the graphics, corrections, and final editing shared how much they learned about women in the Bible and how the stories touched their lives.

**The truth is, each one of us was born for "such a time as this" because God our Creator and Father purposed it to be so.**

A graphic for a women's worship event. It features a black border around a yellow background. At the bottom, there are silhouettes of many hands raised in the air. The text "Women of Worship, Feb 10th at 11:00" is written in black at the top.

**Women of Worship, Feb 10th at 11:00**

A graphic for a men's breakfast event. It features a background image of a breakfast meal with a fried egg, hash browns, and fruit. A semi-transparent purple box is overlaid on the image with the text "Men's Breakfast Feb 10th at 8:00 AM" in white.

**Men's Breakfast  
Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM**



# Women's Life Groups

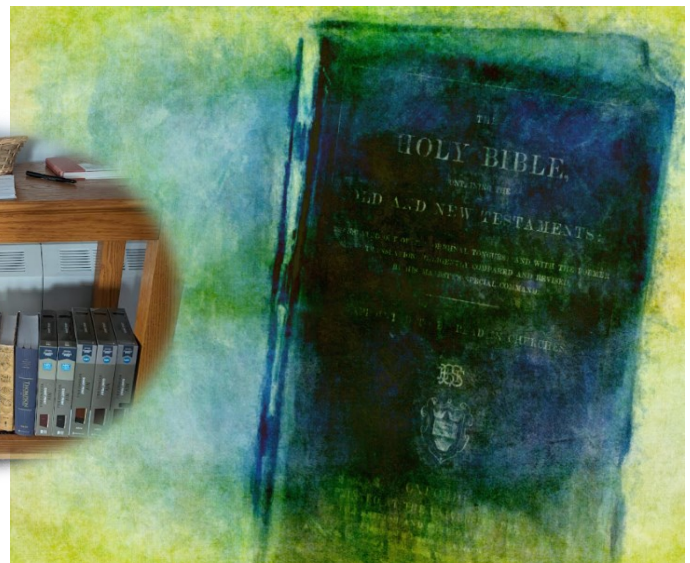
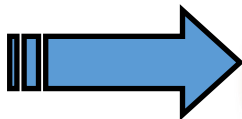
Both groups will be studying "Women in the New Testament:"

- *Was Mary Magdalene a prostitute? Is the story of Martha of Bethany about homemaking? Were the women in Jesus's genealogy all sexual sinners? Was Junia an apostle or not?*
- *What do you really know about the women in the New Testament*
- *Often, the stories of the important women in the New Testament are left out of church teaching and Christian books. Or if they are told, they include myths and misperceptions.*
- *In this course, Dr. Lynn Cohick, New Testament Professor and Provost of Northern Seminary, teaches the true stories of women in the Bible. She has written several books on women in the New Testament world and the early church.*
- *Each session examines an aspect of the social and cultural world of the New Testament and explores a biblical woman's story in relation to her context. The course looks at marriage, at motherhood, at discipleship, at patronage, at teaching, and at leadership as New Testament women live out their callings before God and in the Christian community.*
- *Women studied include:*
  - *Mary, mother of Jesus*
  - *Mary Magdalene*
  - *Mary and Martha of Bethany*
  - *Phoebe, Junia, Priscilla, Lydia*
  - *Unnamed women such as the Samaritan woman and Jairus's daughter.*

For those who have Right Now Media accounts you can view the information here, <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/799135>.

- Sunday Mornings, 8:30-9:30am, Starts 2/4/24
- Thursday Evenings, 6:00-7:00pm, Starts 2/8/24

Need a Bible? Feel **FREE** to take one for you or a friend. They are located in the Narthex on the table pictured here





## Commission Member Spotlight: Bob Hemmingsen, Moderator



*This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> time serving has the Moderator for the Church Council. In that role I am the assistant to the Church Treasurer, leader for the laity, and an ex-officio member of all the commissions. I also serve on all special committees. Working closely with the pastor, I set the agenda for all council meetings and try to support the other members of council.*

**If you could live anywhere besides, Saranac, where would it be?**

*~My wife, Heather and I currently live in Belding, though we are planning to move to Saranac someday. I like warm weather. This time of year, I hear Florida calling my name.*



*Happy Birthday!*

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 - Jordan Dotson  
13 - Sue Nystrom  
14 - Tammi Hernandez-Biggs  
23 - Brad DeVries  
24 - Eleanor Williams  
28 - Bob Krieger & Carol Longwell

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

**What is your favorite childhood book?**

*~The book that I enjoy reading to my nieces and nephews, is "The Monster at the End of This Book" told by Grover from Sesame Street.*

**If you could choose a different career path, what would it be?**

*~I have been blessed by God to have two of the best jobs in Montcalm County. I love teaching and the time that I have worked at the camp. I can't think of anything else that I would rather do.*

**What is your favorite genre/type of music?**

*~I would have to say country music from the 1970s and soft rock for the 80s and 90s. However, the reality is that I don't listen to a lot of music. My car radio is usually tuned to a news station.*

**What do you do to relax?**

*~I like to travel. I like long car rides with no plan on where I am going or what I might see. I enjoy golfing with my friends, being out in nature enjoying God's creation.*

**What verse in the Bible do you claim as your own?**

*~Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

**If you could live in another time period, what would it be?**

*~I like to study history so if I had a time machine I would do a lot of jumping around. I wouldn't mind seeing the birth of this Nation, taking part in the March on Washington, or sitting in the oval office on President Fords first day.*

**What is your favorite place to eat?**

*~I like to enjoy eating a good breakfast at the Bridge Street Café in Belding.*

**What is the most dangerous/risky thing you've ever done?**

*~I am not the kind of guy to jump from an airplane so I really can't think of anything like that. However like everyone there were times that I had to take a stand and say "no" or "yes" when it would have been easier to follow the crowd.*

### 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.

**Interim Pastor:** Darin Youngs  
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