
TOGETHER IN FAITH



Saved by Christ, Connected by Love, Called to Care

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Sunday Sermons in April:

- April 7th** Jordan Dotson preaching
- Readings to be determined
- April 14th** *Submit to the Power of God's World*
- Psalm 119:105-112
 - Hebrews 4:12-16
- April 21st** *Rely Upon the Lord for Victory*
- 1 Corinthians 10:11-13
 - 2 Chronicles 14:2-11
- April 28th** *Bearing Grace in a Grace-Starved World*
- Deuteronomy 7:7-9
 - Ephesians 1:3-14



Easter Sunday VOLUNTEERS

Lay Leader: Virgil Biggs

Reader: Kim Coulson

Praise Team: Nancy Downs, Bob Krieger

Singers: Melody Dotson, Terri Powers, Virgil Biggs, Jim Lóser

Tech Team: Dave Washburn, Connie Biggs, Bruce Chadwick

Ushers: Harvey & Diane Flanagan

Nursery: Margaret Chadwick

Children's Message: Connie Biggs

Refreshments: June Seiler & Connie Gage

SCC Monthly Prayer List

“Pray without ceasing.”

~1Thessalonians 5:17

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	Jess Spychiger	Pat Zander
David Downs	Harvey & Estelle Stark	Scott Zeeryp

Military Friends:

Riley Bedard
Zach Bevington
Kristin Carl



Jasmine Chadwick
Kameron Conroe
Alec Doll
Tyler Gorby
Landon Hall
Audra Hawkins
Kyle Hill
Levi Jackson
Jared Johnson

Tyler Johnson
Ben Littlejohn
Andy Lytle
Ian Manion
Trey Matthews
Charlie Miller
Patrick Miller
Maverick Musser
Jon Powers

Richie Sands
Mitchell Simmons
Ryan Sweet
Brian Swiger
Conor Talcott
Cody Westbrook
Robert Westover
Jim Whittum
Jayne Wilson
Bryant Zander

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!

DR Missions Trip



The SCC DR Mission Team Mark Gillette, Robert Williams, Sharon Darby, Virgil Biggs, Luke Brogger, Laura Reffitt, Dan Kaufman, Lynn Kaufman and Connie Biggs welcome the following additions to our team: Bruce Chadwick, Todd Rosenberger, and Ed Culver!

Embarking on a mission trip is a life-changing experience. It's an opportunity to make a positive impact on the world and spread love and hope to those in need. Jesus left us with a beautiful command in Matthew 28:19-20, to make disciples of all nations, and on this basis, we are being called to partner with our sister church, Tal Como Soy in the Dominican Republic. Oftentimes, compassion ministry, construction, or other need-based ministries are the "platforms" that give opportunity for mission trips. But success in meeting these needs is **not our "mission."** Our mission is **disciple-making**; connecting with our brother and sisters in Christ. It is sometimes easy to let the need (tasks) become the focus. Please pray that we will have the faith to believe in the lives of those we minister to. Ask God to fill us with the faith that moves mountains.

Please join us in prayer for our team...

Lord, we pray that you will strengthen the faith of our team so that we can witness many miracles in the lives of others. As we see, read, and hear your Word, may our faith and those we witness to continue to grow. Lead our SCC team with Your wisdom and discernment as we set out to serve others. Illuminate the path, show our team the way, and help them make a meaningful impact on this community. Surround Tammi, Jochy, Arthur, Hope and the leadership of this church with others that will encourage their faith.

In Jesus' name amen!

Bread - of life (Jn 6:35, 48) - which came down from heaven (Jn 6:41, 51)	Light of the world (Jn 8:12; 9:5)	Door (Jn 10:9) of the sheep (Jn 10:7)	Good Shepherd (Jn 10:11, 14)
Before Abraham was (Jn 8:58)	I AM		
Resurrection and Life (Jn 11:25)	the Way, the Truth, and the Life (Jn 14:6)		Vine (Jn 15:1, 5)



Upcoming Events at Portage Lake Camp

FISHING RETREAT

Fish, Worship, Connect

- ✓ Experience God in Lakes/Rivers
- ✓ Eat Delicious Meals
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- ✓ Beautiful Scenery

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CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT

SPEAKERS
 Jennifer Andersson Keith Foisy

Along our lifelong spiritual walk with the Lord, we may periodically find ourselves in the wilderness. For some, the wilderness is sparse and barren; unsettling and full of questions; and perhaps lonely. We long to find life and sustenance. At this year's contemplative retreat, we will walk with God and with one another as we explore the Wandering, discover the Wonder, and offer Welcome in the midst of the Wilderness. Wherever you find yourself on your walk, this retreat will give you life-giving space to also simply be - to be with yourself in a more intentional way and with the Holy Spirit who journeys with you.

REGISTRATION: portagelake.org/contemplative-retreat/ (231) 889-5911

APRIL 26-28, 2024
 PORTAGE LAKE BIBLE CAMP
 4158 CAMP DELIGHT ROAD
 ONEKAMA, MI 49675

WORK AND WORSHIP

ENJOY FREE FOOD & HOUSING

MAY 24-27 Help us get camp ready for summer on Memorial Day weekend!

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The 25th Annual Portage Lake Golf Outing

8 JUNE 2024 || 8:30 AT WOLF RIVER GOLF PARK

REGISTER TODAY!

portagelake.org/golfouting/
 (231) 889-5911

\$185 per golfer (includes Friday night stay at camp, continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf with a cart, and a banquet)

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SUMMER 2024

SCAN TO APPLY

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY

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- ✓ Maintenance
- ✓ Counseling
- ✓ Media
- ✓ Trips
- ✓ S.W.I.M. Team Director
- ✓ Canteen
- ✓ Office and Nurse
- ✓ Waterfront
- ✓ Crafts

More Information (231) 889-5911 portagelake.org/summerstaff/



Commission Member Spotlight

Connie Biggs, Chair of Missions & Evangelism

Commission Member Spotlight: I am married to Virgil (56yrs this June), mother to Ginger (Chris), Tammi (Jochy) and Rachelle (Nick) and blessed to be a grandmother to Alexis (Dillon), MacKenzie (Jake), Arthur and Hope and great grandma to Hayden, Stella and Remmington.

This is my 2nd time as Mission Chairperson where my hope is to work with a great team (Bart Denny, Margaret Chadwick, Terri McCready and Cathy Merrifield) to help us at SCC walk with God to serve others and to fulfill what God has called us to do to reach others. Other leadership roles I have served in at SCC- Moderator twice, Financial Secretary, Christian Formation Chair, Stewardship Chair, Pastoral Relations and Sacrament and Visitation commissions.

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

~I think I have the best of both worlds... living in Saranac and then when it turns cold, home is the Dominican Republic where Tammi, Jochy, Arthur and Hope live.

What is your favorite childhood book?

~Charlotte's Web. It was (is) about life changing friendships and what true friendship is.

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

~I have been blessed in each of the jobs I have had...Independent Bank and then starting the CPA firm in 1971 as Virgil's first and best employee. I went to Aquinas College late in life and then had the best job ever...an Elementary Teacher at Twin Rivers.

What is your favorite genre/type of music?

~Praise and Worship music is where my Alexia and car are tuned to. Worship music reminds me of the promises that God has for us. No matter what I am facing, it is a great way to shift my focus away from (me) and into the promises of God.

What do you do to relax?

~Cook, bake and I love to entertain. (even though my family feels I get stressed sometimes) it's my favorite thing! To bring people together for a meal/gathering brings me joy!

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

~Psalm 51:10-12 "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me....Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me." My hope is that I am a living testimony to those around me and able to fully lean on God to lead me so I can truly walk with HIM daily.

Easter is this Sunday!

Don't forget to bring your flowers
to help bring the cross to life!



Easter Events

Sunrise Service, 8:00 AM

Easter Breakfast, 8:45 AM

Easter Service, 10:00 AM



Upcoming Events at SCC!

Tuesday, April 2nd:

- Christian Formation Commission Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Missions & Evangelism Commission Meeting, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 3rd:

- Sacraments & Visitation Commission Meeting, 6:00 PM

Saturday, April 6th: Men's Breakfast, 8:00 AM

Sunday, April 7th:

- Men's Bible Study, 8:30 AM
- Ladies' Bible Study, 8:30 AM
- 10:00 AM Service
- Buildings & Grounds Commission Meeting, following church
- Soup's On at the Ross Home (see Sharon Ross)

Tuesday, April 9th:

- Knutty Knitters, 9:30 AM
- Council Meeting, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 10th:

- Ladies' Bible Study, 9:30 AM
- Praise Team Practice, 6:00 PM

Thursday, April 11th: Women's Life Group, 6:00 PM

Saturday, April 13th: Women of Worship, 11:00 AM

Thursday, April 18th:

- Food Pantry, 2-4 PM
- Women's Life Group, 6:00 PM

April 19th-20th: Great Lakes Conference in Farmington Hills, MI

April 19th-27th: DR Missions Trip

April 30th: Senior High School Scholarship Applications due

Hello Brothers & Sisters!

*I just wanted to say Thank you so much for allowing me to tell you about the Gideon Ministry. It truly is your ministry also, cause it could not exist with out people like you who just simply love the Lord! Your offering was Amazing! many peoples Lives may be forever changed because of your kindness!
Keep up the Great Work
Thank you Again, Nick*

Thank You!!



To hear Leslie's testimony about how God found him in the Kent County Correctional Facility, scan the QR code

*Saranac Community Church,
Thank you for donating to
Reach the Forgotten Jail
Ministry for the Ionia
County Jail. God richly
bless you.*

*In Christ,
Chaplain Rev. Duane & Kay
Stanton*

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