

TOGETHER IN FAITH



Saved by Christ, Connected by Love, Called to Care



“We Fail. Jesus Doesn’t!”

Studying the life and ministry of Jesus in the Gospel according to Mark. Today we look at Jesus sending out the 12 disciples, his compassion on lost people, and the disciples' failure to understand who he is.

This Week at SCC

February 21st: AA Meeting, 8:00 PM

February 22nd: Council Retreat, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

March 1st: Men’s Breakfast, 8:00 AM

FEBRUARY 23rd SUNDAY, VOLUNTEERS

Lay Leader: Tricia Lóser

Reader: Marlene Denny

Praise Team: Nancy Downs, Bob Krieger

Singers: Melody Dotson, Terri Powers, Chris Roberts, Dean Gage, Sr.

Tech Team: Brien & Beth Simpson, Dave Washburn

Ushers: Dan Kaufman & Robert Williams

Greeters: Bruce & Margaret Chadwick

Nursery: Mary Williams

Children’s Worship: Jim Lóser/Taylor Spitzley & Lynn Kaufman/Sarah Downs

Refreshments: Dianne Flanagan & Darcy Benjamin

Sunday Service

“We Fail. Jesus Doesn’t!”

Pastor Ethan Tews

23 February 2025, 10:00am

Readings:

- Mark 6:7-13
- Mark 6:30-3

Music Selections:

- “There Is One Gospel”
- “Jesus Paid It All”
- “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Bible Studies

Sundays:

- Men’s Bible Study, 8:30 AM
- Good to Great Women’s Bible Study, 8:15 AM (through April 14th)

Wednesdays:

- Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 AM

Thursdays (through March 14th):

- Women’s Bible Study on Book of James

Current Events

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Council Retreat
February 22nd
9:00 AM-3:00 PM

A photograph of a breakfast meal featuring a sunny-side-up egg, diced mango, and other ingredients. A semi-transparent yellow rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the event details in bold black font.

Men's Breakfast
March 1st at 8:00 AM

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Buildings & Grounds
Commission Meeting
March 2nd following the service

4Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home."

5He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6He was amazed at their lack of faith.

~Mark 6: 4-6

Upcoming Events

Commission Meetings

March 4th:

- Christian Formation, 6:00 PM
- Music & Worship, 6:00 PM (virtual)
- Stewardship, 6:00 PM
- Missions & Evangelism, 7:00 PM

March 5th:

- Sacraments & Visitation, 4:30 PM
- Pastoral Relations, 5:00 PM

Constitution Revision Committee Meeting

Mar 3rd at 6:00 PM



Food Pantry,
March 6th, 2-4 PM



Ash Wednesday Service

March 5, 2025
6:30 PM



Women of Worship
(WOW)
March 8th

"Soup's On"

- Mar 9th following the service
- Soup & homemade bread
- Hosted by John & Sharon Ross
- Sign up at the Welcome Center (more details there)!



Ongoing Prayers



Cancer:

Dan Bowers
Paula DeYoung
Brad Edwards
Jim Plotts
Christopher Poff
Craig Schiller
Robert Shepherd
Lenny Venneman
Stephanie Voland
Teresa, co-worker of Bob H.
Claire, Sue Carter's niece
Diane (friend of Perry Cook)

Medical Needs:

Kelley Becker	Kevin Hielman	Karen Taylor
Sawyer & Daxton Blain	Stan Hagemeyer	Patsy Veenstra
Catherine Cove	Dana Lepien	Carol Washburn
Emma Dawson	Christopher Piché	Dave Washburn
David & Nancy Downs	David Seymour	Randalyne Westbrook
"Micki" (4-year old with leukemia)	Jess Spychiger	Colin Williams
Mela Dotson	Harvey & Estelle Stark	Scott Zeeryp
Valerie Emelander		Ron (Nancy Zeran's son)

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



Portage Lake invites campers to step out of their daily routines and into a Christ-centered community built around REAL fun, REAL faith, and REAL friendship in an unforgettable setting.

SUMMER 2025

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- JUNE 13-15** Pathfinders (Entering 2nd-3rd)
- JUNE 15-20** Senior High (Entering 10th-12th)
- JUNE 22-27** Trailblazers 1 (Entering 4th-6th)
- JUNE 29- JULY 4** Family Camp 1
- JULY 5-11** Family Camp 2
- JULY 13-18** Junior High 1 (Entering 7th-9th)
- JULY 19-25** Family Camp 3
- JULY 27- AUG 1** Trailblazers 2
- AUG 3-8** Junior High 2
- AUG 9-13** Family Camp 4

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- JUNE 22- JULY 4** Session 1
- JULY 5-17** Session 2
- JULY 19- AUG 1** Session 3

PORTAGE LAKE BIBLE CAMP

2025 SUMMER STAFF

SEEKING AGES 18+



APPLY TODAY AT PORTAGELAKE.ORG
 EMAIL MATT@PORTAGELAKE.ORG
 WITH QUESTIONS

SUMMER 2025 DATES

LEADERSHIP TRAINING: MAY 18TH
 ALL STAFF TRAINING: MAY 27TH
 SUMMER: JUNE 13TH-AUGUST 13TH

APPLY BY
 FEBRUARY 14TH
 FOR A \$150 BONUS!

- COUNSELORS
 - MAINTENANCE
 - KITCHEN
 - LIFEGUARDS
 - ROPES
 - PROGRAM
 - TRIPS
 - WORSHIP
 - MEDIA
 - SUPPORT STAFF
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PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED!

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

Bob Dunton, Terri McCready, Dave Minger (Cathy Merrifield's dad)
Peace in the US, the Middle East, Ukraine/Russia, and the DR Congo

(If prayers have been answered and therefore someone needs to be removed from this list above, please let the office know.)

Special People of the Week: Laura Reffitt & Jan Renwick

SCC Leaders of the Week: Dale Hice, Co-Chair of Buildings & Grounds Commission

Community Group of the Week: Hooper Printing with thanks for signage, brochures and creative work over many years.

Government and Military Friends around the world

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March 8th: WOW Event (Topic TBD)

March 11th: Council Meeting, 6:00 pm

If you are NOT receiving weekly announcements and/or prayer chain information and would like to, please complete the form located in the church office or contact Jim Lóser at the email or phone number listed under "Contact Information."

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The deadline for Sunday Announcements & Weekly Announcement Information is **Wednesdays at noon.**