

# TOGETHER IN FAITH



Saved by Christ, Connected by Love, Called to Care



*"This week we study one of the most well-known Psalms and find that the Lord can be trusted as our faithful and good shepherd even in our darkest moments."*

## This Week at SCC

**March 21st:** AA Meeting, 8:00 PM

**March 23rd:** Stations of the Cross informational meeting following the service

**March 24th:** Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:30-6:15 PM

**March 26th:** Praise Team Practice, 6:00 PM

**March 28th:** Food Truck, 4:30 PM

## March 23rd SUNDAY, VOLUNTEERS

**Lay Leader:** Sharon Ross

**Reader:** Nancy Helminski

**Praise Team:** Nancy Downs, Bob Krieger

**Singers:** Melody Dotson, Terri Powers, Dean Gage, Sr.

**Tech Team:** Dave Washburn, Bob Hemmingsen, Bruce Chadwick

**Ushers:** Harvey & Dianne Flanagan

**Greeters:** Bruce & Margaret Chadwick

**Nursery:** Jordan Badder & Kelsey Merrifield

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

**Refreshments:** JoAnn Reagan & Susan Carter

## Sunday Service

*"The Shepherd in the Darkness"*

Pastor Ethan Tews

23 March 2025, 10:00am

## Readings:

- Isaiah 55:1-9
- Psalm 23

## Music Selections:

- *"The Church's One Foundation"*
- *"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"*
- *"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"*

## 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 27th):

- Women's Bible Study on Book of James

# Current Events

Give blood. Help save lives.



Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>  
12:30 to 6:15 PM

Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule  
**Blood Drive**  
Saranac Community Church

**MOBILE FOOD PANTRY TRUCK**  
**DATE CHANGE**

**FRIDAY MAR 28**  
Saranac Community Church  
125 S Bridge St., Saranac • 616-642-6322  
– Sponsored by Feeding America West MI –  
This Mobile Food Pantry is an equal opportunity provider.  
Distribution begins at 4:30PM  
Open to Ionia County residents.

Feeding America Mobile Pantry here at SCC, Friday, March 28. Volunteers needed 3:30-ish to set up. Truck comes at 4pm and drive-thru serving begins at 4:30. Some of our faithful volunteers will be away, so this is your chance to get in on the fun if you have the time! Just tell Bruce Chadwick or Ed Culver. We can use your help! Open to Ionia County residents, equal opportunity provider.

**Lenten Soup & Fellowship**  
**Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**at 5:30 PM**  
**Sign up at the**  
**Welcome Center**

An Interactive Journey with Jesus On the Way To the Cross

**STATIONS of the CROSS**

*It was there on the Cross that Jesus bore our sins and the sins of his enemies, and He forgave them.*

Informational Meeting, March 23<sup>rd</sup> after church

World Vision TEAM WORLD VISION

Saranac Community Church  
Moving our feet to bring water and fullness of life to kids in vulnerable communities.

Join our world-changing team.  
[www.TeamWorldVision.org/GR](http://www.TeamWorldVision.org/GR)

A speaker from World Vision will be presenting on this event at the March 30<sup>th</sup> service. Immediately following the service, there will be a ten minute informational meeting. Click [HERE](#) to view a short video.

# Upcoming Events

**Food Pantry,  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2-4 PM**



**DR Mission Team  
Informational Meeting**  
April 27<sup>th</sup> following the service  
Any questions,  
call Connie Biggs  
616-460-2496



**Donations of  
Easter Baskets  
& Toys  
Needed for the  
Community  
Easter Egg Hunt!  
Sign up at the  
Welcome Center  
Due April 12<sup>th</sup>!**

**DR Mission Trip Bark Sale!**  
Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00-8:00 PM &  
Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 AM-Noon  
One scoop is 1½ yds at \$20 per scoop  
Delivery available to Saranac only for  
additional charge of \$20.  
Call Connie Biggs 616-420-2496 or  
FB message her to have your  
name added to the delivery list.

**Men's Breakfast  
April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM**

**Buildings &  
Grounds  
Commission  
Meeting April 6<sup>th</sup>  
after church!**

## Commission Meetings

### April 1<sup>st</sup>:

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

### April 2<sup>nd</sup>:

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

## Gull Lake Women's Conference 2025

Customize your experience! Only pay for what you want! Come for one day, one evening, attend the entire conference, or make it a fabulous girls' weekend away!

May 29, May 30 & May 31

Located in Hickory Corners, MI (1 hour away)

Daily Program: 9AM – 3PM

Evening Program: 4pm – 10pm

Stay overnight to enjoy extras like popcorn movie nights, snacks, and more!

More Info at <https://gulllake.org>

### Speakers:

Amberly Neese  
Arlene Pellicane  
Phylcia Masonheimer

### Comedian:

Kerri Pomarolli

Treat yourself to an extraordinary Women's Conference! Discover new-to-you speakers, uplifting Biblical teaching, endless laughs with well-known comedian, Kerri Pomarolli. Get gourmet food, shop at the Marketplace, enjoy high-energy programming, and daily give-aways!

# 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  
Larry Ogden (Perry Cook's father)

## Medical Needs:

Kelley Becker	Mela Dotson	Karen Taylor
Sawyer & Daxton Blain	Valerie Emelander	Patsy Veenstra
Catherine Cove	Stan Hagemeyer	Carol Washburn
Emma Dawson	Dana Lepien	Dave Washburn
David & Nancy Downs	Christopher Piché	Randalynne Westbrook
"Micki" (4-year old with leukemia)	David Seymour	Colin Williams
	Jess Spychiger	Scott Zeeryp
	Harvey & Estelle Stark	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 BIBLE CAMP  
**MEN'S RETREAT**  
 Reconnect with God through adventure, worship, and fellowship at PLCBC  
 APRIL **4-6** 2025  
 PORTAGE LAKE BIBLE CAMP, 4158 CAMP DELIGHT ROAD, ONEKAMA, MI 4967  
[portagelake.org/mens-retreat/](http://portagelake.org/mens-retreat/)  
 (231) 889-5911

# SUMMER 2025

**SUMMER 2025 CLOTHED**

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

GO TO [PORTAGELAKE.ORG](http://PORTAGELAKE.ORG) TO SIGN UP!  


**S.W.I.M.**  
 JUNE 22- JULY 4 Session 1  
 JULY 5-17 Session 2  
 JULY 19- AUG 1 Session 3

 PORTAGE LAKE BIBLE CAMP



PORTAGE LAKE BIBLE CAMP  
**WORK & WORSHIP**  
 HELP US GET CAMP READY FOR SUMMER WITH A FREE RETREAT  
**MAY 23-26, 2025**  
**COST: SOME SWEAT EQUITY & ELBOW GREASE!**  
 REGISTER AT [PORTAGELAKE.ORG/WORK-WORSHIP/](http://PORTAGELAKE.ORG/WORK-WORSHIP/) OR CALL (231) 889-5911



# 2025 SUMMER STAFF

APPLY BY FEBRUARY 14TH FOR A \$150 BONUS!  
 SEEKING AGES 18+

APPLY TODAY AT [PORTAGELAKE.ORG](http://PORTAGELAKE.ORG)  
 EMAIL [MATT@PORTAGELAKE.ORG](mailto:MATT@PORTAGELAKE.ORG) WITH QUESTIONS

**SUMMER 2025 DATES**  
 LEADERSHIP TRAINING: MAY 18TH  
 ALL STAFF TRAINING: MAY 27TH  
 SUMMER: JUNE 13TH-AUGUST 13TH

- COUNSELORS
- MAINTENANCE
- KITCHEN
- LIFEGUARDS
- ROPES
- PROGRAM
- TRIPS
- WORSHIP
- MEDIA
- SUPPORT STAFF

 PORTAGE LAKE BIBLE CAMP

## 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

Sue Provonche's brother (Jim)

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:** Robert Sample & Shorty Schaefer

**SCC Leaders of the Week:** Jim Lóser, Chair of Music & Worship Commission

**Group of the Week:** Feeding America West Michigan for sponsoring the Mobile Food Pantries in our county

**Government and Military Friends around the world**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT SCC

### March 30th:

- World Vision “Running for Clean Water” presentation during the service
- Fellowship Hall reserved, 3:00-5:00 PM

### April 1st: Commission Meetings

- 6:00 PM: Christian Formation, Stewardship, and Music & Worship (virtual)

### April 2nd: Commission Meetings

- Sacraments & Visitation at 4:30 PM and Pastoral Relations at 5:00 PM
- Lenten Soup and Fellowship, 5:30 PM

### April 5th: Men's Breakfast, 8:00 AM

### April 12th: Easter Basket donations due (sign up at the Welcome Center)

### April 27th: DR Mission Team Informational Meeting following the service

- Open to anyone interested
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### May 2nd & 3rd: DR Mission Trip Bark Sale (One scoop:1.5 yards is \$20; Delivery in Saranac is an additional \$20

- Friday, May 2nd: 4:00-8:00 PM
- Saturday, May 3rd: 8:00 AM-Noon

### May 30th: Fellowship Hall reserved, 3:00-5:00 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.”

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

## Contact Information

**Pastor:** Ethan Tews (pastorethan@saranacchurch.org)

- **Pastor's Working Days:** Mon-Thur, Saturday (off on Fridays)

**Office Manager:** Jim Lóser (churchoffice@saranacchurch.org)

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**Prayer Requests**

**Call the Church Office:  
616-642-6322 or**

**Email:**

[churchoffice@saranacchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@saranacchurch.org)