

TOGETHER IN FAITH



Saved by Christ, Connected by Love, Called to Care



Looking back at the laments, sins, and sufferings of the people of Israel in the Old Testament, in comparison to ours today, while trusting in God's goodness, faithfulness, and love. Part I.

This Week at SCC

March 7th: AA Meeting, 8:00 PM

March 8th: Women of Worship (WOW), Topic is Journaling

- Receive a free journal
- Learn what it is, how you start, types and benefits
- Receive a step-by-step guide

(Day light savings time resets, spring forward!)

March 9th:

- "Soup's On" hosted by John & Sharon Ross, following the service
- *RaiseRight* (aka, *SCRIP*) orders due

March 10th: Hernández Happenings at 8:00 PM

- 20 minute virtual meeting to hear updates from Jochy & Tammi Hernández
- Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86307227904>

March 11th: Council Meeting, 6:00 PM

March 9th SUNDAY, VOLUNTEERS

Lay Leader: Tricia Lóser

Reader: Cathy Merrifield

Praise Team: Nancy Downs, Bob Krieger

Singers: Melody Dotson, Terri Powers, Jim Lóser

Tech Team: Luke Brogger, Beth & Brien Simpson

Greeters: Dean & Julie Gage

Ushers: James Merrifield & Jacob Walter

Nursery: Sue Provonche

Children's Worship: Margaret Chadwick/Natalie Bush & Sharon Darby/

Breia DeVries

Refreshments: Chris Parks & Dianne Flanagan

Sunday Service

"Words We Need To Hear"

Pastor Ethan Tews

9 March 2025, 10:00am

Readings:

- Lamentations 1:1-8
- Lamentations 1:11-18

Music Selections:

- *"It Is Well With My Soul"*
- *"Good Good Father"*
- *"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"*

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



"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)!*




You're Invited!

Hernández Happenings

March 10 • 8 pm EST

20 minute Zoom call to hear an update on all things life and ministry related for the Hernández Family and Tal Como Soy!

 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86307227904>

We want to connect "face to face" with those that are supporting the ministry God has entrusted us! We will be hosting a 20 minute Zoom call every quarter to share about life, ministry and where God is leading. Mark your calendars! (And share this with others that would like to know how God is working in the lives of many!) ([Click here to participate](#))



RaiseRight
(aka, SCRIP)
due SUNDAY!



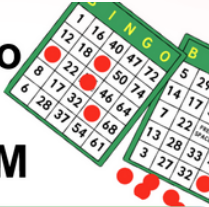
March

10th	JoAnn Reagan Ed Culver
15th	Dan Kaufman Patsy Veenstra
18th	Natalie Bush

Upcoming Events



Pizza & Bingo
March 16th
4:00 – 6:00 PM



Don't miss out on the prizes!

Please sign up at the Welcome Center



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



DR Mission Trip Bark Sale!
Friday, May 2nd, 4:00-8:00 PM &
Saturday, May 3rd, 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.

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!

Time & Talent

It's been a while since we have conducted a "Time & Talent" Survey and many of you might be wondering, "just what is a Time & Talent survey?" Well, this is your opportunity to explore the many things that happen behind the scenes at Saranac Community Church (SCC), as well as explore opportunities to become more involved at SCC and to make a greater impact on what we do as a church family. Since we have many new people who are now attending our church, both the Council and the Music & Worship Commission thought this would be a good time to collect this information. You can participate in one of two ways:

- Online, by clicking [HERE](#) --or--
- Paper/Pencil, surveys are at the Welcome Center

ALL Surveys are due March 16th!



Ash Wednesday Service

The Ash Wednesday service this past week was well attended. We had over 40 people in attendance. What a blessing to see so many new faces as well!



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	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	




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 APRIL **4-6** 2025
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 (231) 889-5911

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

GO TO PORTAGELAKE.ORG TO SIGN UP!



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

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2025 SUMMER STAFF

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

- 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

Larry Ogden (Perry Cook's father),
The Family of Terri Powers' Uncle Kirby,
Tony McNeil,

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: The Rosenberg Family

SCC Leaders of the Week: Dan Kaufman, Chair of Stewardship Commission

Group of the Week: Christian Service Center in Ionia for providing low cost clothing and household items for people in our county.

Government and Military Friends around the world

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SCC

March 16th: Pizza and Bingo, 4:00 PM

March 20th: Food Pantry, 2:00-4:00 PM

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: DR Mission Trip Bark Sale

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- Deliver within Saranac is an additional \$20

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:

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