

Upcoming Events

March 2 (Wednesday):
Supper's Ready, 5-6pm
ROCK, Teens, 6-7:15pm
Life Group, 6:15pm

~~March 10 (Thursday): 6:30pm
Presentation by Andrew Barron from
Jews for Jesus, speaking to us about
Passover from a Jewish perspective.~~

March 16 (Wednesday):
Next Saranac Housing Commission Meal

March 18 (Friday): **10:30pm**
Craig's Cruisers Teen Event
(6th-12th graders). Meet at the
Parsonage. Cost is \$15. **{This is an
all-nighter Christian event.}** See
Ellen Lipscomb for permission slips.
No slip = no go! Drivers needed!

March 20: Palm Sunday

March 27: Easter Sunday

Notes:

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Welcome:

What do we mean when we say, "Welcome?" Sometimes we put the word in front of a door to be stepped on. Our desire is that people would feel comfortable in our homes and this is the first soft-touch that we give them. It says welcome and it is called a welcome mat, but too often it is just a mat to wipe your feet on. In that case it means "don't mess up my house;" it is merely a doormat. Doormats get stepped on all of the time, it's what they do - it's what they're there for.

We put "Welcome" on the entrance doors to all kinds of retail outlets. These signs mean please come in and spend some money; we want something from you.

We put "Welcome" signs at state lines advertising what we want people to believe about our state; Welcome to Florida - The Sunshine State, Welcome to Pure Michigan, Welcome to West Virginia - Wild and Wonderful, Welcome to Alabama the Beautiful, just to name a few.

In the scriptures we find Adam in a beautiful garden hiding his nakedness from God - not feeling welcomed because of his shame. Today we will explore what it means to be a welcoming church. It means you have worth. It means that you can come in and be yourself - even if you have forgotten who that is. It means that this is a safe place to begin removing your mask, but you don't have to until you are ready. We wear masks for protection, but they block who we are and imprison us in an image of who we are not. It means that the journey that you are on to discover meaning and self-worth is represented among this people and you belong with us in that journey. It means that if you choose to remove your mask that you will find freedom and peace inside without ridicule and accusation on the outside. So welcome! Join us in a conversation starter about the protective masks we wear and how they might be removed.

life groups

Sign up for a small group and connect with others from our church and community. This is a great way to learn, live, and share the way of Jesus. So, take a look and find a group that works for you.

Easter baptism

A sign-up sheet is at the information table for folks interested in being baptized on Easter Sunday.

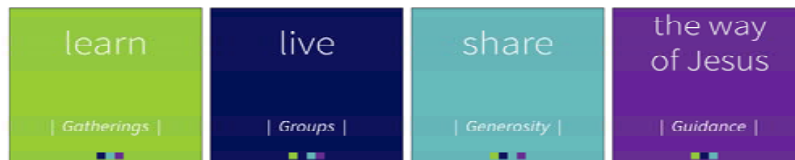
celebrate recovery

Celebrate Recovery offers a person the opportunity to participate in a group fellowship where love and hope combine with God's purpose to mend our lives. If you, or someone you know, is struggling with hurts, hang-ups or habits and would like to find a way to be free of them, please join us!

prayer cards

Prayer cards are published each week and will be at the information center. People on our current prayer list, our active duty military, our special senior prayer focus person and our Global Partners missionaries are listed as an aide during your personal prayer time. If you have names you would like added to the prayer cards, contact Holly Bandfield at 616-318-4857 or hollybandfield@msn.com.

SCRIPTURES Genesis 3, Philippians 2:12-16, Isaiah 1:16-18



GIVING

Last Week's Attendance and Offering

Attendance:	174	
Amount Given:	\$ 945.00	(the Bridge)
Amount Given:	\$2,628.45	(West Berlin)

