

# The Lakeshore Congregationalist

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF SAUGATUCK

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## Our Covenant

We covenant with the Lord and with one another, and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in all his ways, according as he is pleased to reveal himself unto us in his blessed word of truth.

## Our Goal

The church exists to change lives. That's what we're about. It's simple to say, harder to live. Every single week, we find a way to love God through worship, through one another, through fellowship, and through simple acts of service in the Saugatuck/Douglas area. We don't always get it right, but we have fun trying.



*"You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."*

*Ephesians 2: 19-22*

We are nearing the completion of the roof project! As I type this, the West Michigan Roofing crew is working on the church's steeple. I want to thank you all for your patience and amenability over the past month. Your tolerance of construction grit, noise, and limited parking space has made functioning amidst a construction zone for a month as smooth as can be hoped for.

Soon, Boy Scout Troop 29 will be coming out to spruce up our landscaping, and we will be back to hosting concerts, weddings, and recitals without having to have dumpsters hauled away and shingle debris swept off the steps.

There is much to look forward to!

One thing I am particularly looking forward to is the next round of fund raisers. We will be hosting a bake sale table each Wednesday evening during "Music in the Park", which I hope will be extraordinarily successful as there have not been concessions available for those performances in the past.



We will also begin our "Sponsor a Lego Brick" project this month! We will be assembling a replica of the church made out of Legos throughout the summer! Congregation and community members are invited to sponsor bricks for \$2 apiece, which will be added to the Lego church building.

This idea came to us from the Washington National Cathedral renovation project in Washington DC. They are restoring the cathedral following an earthquake in 2011 which caused over \$20 million dollars' worth of damage. Along with the cathedral construction, inside the building you will find the beginnings of what will be a 13' long, 8' high replica of the church that will be constructed from over 500,000 Lego bricks. That's about the size of a mini-van! It is a nearly exact 1:40 scale model. You can read more about this charming project at [cathedral.org/lego](http://cathedral.org/lego).

Our own "Lego church" will be far more humble, at about 2,500 bricks!

Both of these fund raisers will be open to the congregation and the community at large. Let's encourage strong participation!

Please join me in praying for the continued safety of the West Michigan Roofing crew as they carry on their difficult work and for the success of our upcoming community fundraisers- that they might be wonderful fellowship time and fruitful as we tend to our Meeting House's roof.

Jesus is our cornerstone, may we all be faithful stewards for that which we have been blessed!

All together in Christ,  
Pastor Sarah



Update:

The new roof...moving toward completion. As I write this note, they are hard at work on the old section and anticipating completion by the first week of June. Total amount raised so far is \$25,836 and we have fundraisers in the works for this summer and fall.

Doris



*In the Beginning...  
Spring Mission update  
from Phyllis Yff*

Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity is almost finished with their 150th build in Holland, finishing a home in Hudsonville, getting ready for a ground breaking ceremony in Holland and starting two Unity Build projects - one in Holland and one in Hamilton. Our church is participating in the Hamilton unity build along with many Hamilton area churches. The site is currently undergoing well water testing. Pastor Sarah, Dave Edwards and I attended a build kickoff meeting in March and learned a lot about the process. It takes about 1500 volunteer hours to build about 80% of the home - they use licensed electricians, plumbers, and roofers to complete the project. Home ownership is earned by volunteering 250 hours towards their build or other opportunities within the Habitat for Humanity program. We met the Cadman family, the recipients of this build. Mrs. Cadman said "When we walk through the door, I can say 'We're Home!'" Stability, safe, decent, and affordable homes that are well built and energy efficient are great for the entire community.

Our church has raised \$1160.62.

We can also help by volunteering at a build site, providing meals for the volunteers, working at the ReStore, donating building supplies or other goods to be sold at the ReStore or even office help. For more information, go to <https://www.lakeshorehabitat.org>

**Habitat for Humanity  
The Cadman Family**





### Our "First Sunday" Family

Communion will be a special day of prayer! Following a brief worship time, we will head out for a **prayer walk through town.**

For those of you who would prefer to remain in the sanctuary, there will also be a time of hymn singing and prayer.

\*\*\*Children are encouraged to remain during worship and celebrate communion with family



### Outdoor Worship Services Begin This Month!

June 9<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, and August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Grab a blanket or your favorite camp chair and get ready to worship God in His Creation Cathedral!

### Church Bake Sale for the summer "Music in the Park"



Our first bake sale is **Wednesday, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>**

You are welcome to drop off your goodies here at the church by 3:00 pm on that day or take them directly to our sale table at Wicks Park after 6:00 pm.

**All baked items must be individually packaged, ready for sale- Thanks!!!**



Special thank you goes out to Ralph Birkholz for providing a brand new pop-up canopy for the church.



All the ladies of the church are invited to get together for Bible study and conversation **First Tuesday of the Month:** Next gathering: **June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10am**



**GROOVE! Dance Class**  
Fridays @ 10am; Cost: \$7/session  
Instructor: Heather Winia

**EveryBODY welcome!**



**Grace of Douglas Worship Service**  
Every Second Sunday  
with Pastor Sarah

Next Worship: **June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm**  
Everyone is welcome to lend their singing voice and friendship.

### Church Picnic, June 30th!



Once again, Dale & Kathy Plapp will be hosting the Church Picnic at their home: 3034 Harbor Road in Saugatuck. Bring a dish to pass.

## Church in a Box

by Kristyn Boyce & Linda Escott

Are you traveling this summer? Concerned about how to stay connected? No worries—we've got your back! Beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup>, you can pick up your "Church in a Box"! What's that you ask? It's a box full of ideas and activities to help you and your family stay connected to God during the lazy, crazy days of summer.

The "Church in a Box" will hold many items. Take "Flat Jesus" fishing or on a hike! Help another traveler on the journey. Share God's living water. Devotions, prayers, car conversation starters—the possibilities are endless!

So, as the summer days may find you elsewhere, never feel disconnected. Matthew 18:20 reminds us, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



"Sponsor a Lego Brick" project begins this month! We will be assembling a replica of the church made out of 2500 Legos throughout the summer! Congregation and community members are invited to sponsor bricks for \$2 apiece.

**Part of "Under This Roof" capital campaign**

## Pastoral Care



Pastor Sarah makes pastoral calls at home and hospitals by need and request. Feel free to contact her if you or someone

you know would appreciate a visit:

[rev.sarahgladstone@gmail.com](mailto:rev.sarahgladstone@gmail.com) or 989-640-1487.

Please be aware that hospitals and care facilities will not contact clergy if someone is being admitted. Our Shepherds are also happy to help coordinate meal deliveries.



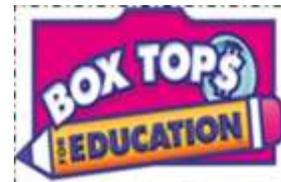
Check out the church's new

**YouTube Channel**

Visit [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search:

**First Congregational Church of Saugatuck**

There you will find videos of our Sunday sermons!



There is now a collection box for **Box Tops For Education** clippings in our donation area by the handicap entrance.





**Upcoming Meetings:**

Board of Ministry Meeting,  
**Monday, 06/17 @ 6:30pm**

**Fellowship Hosts**

- 06/02 – Women’s Fellowship
- 06/09 – Thom & Char Houseman
- 06/16 – Garret & Tina Sturris, Bev Nieuwma
- 06/23 – **AVAILABLE**
- 06/30 – Phyllis Yff, Linda Escott

**Scripture Readers – Available!**

- 06/02 – Myrna Dornan
- 06/09 – Cathy Brockington
- 06/16 – **AVAILABLE**
- 06/23 – Dave Edwards
- 06/30 – Linda Escott

**Welcome Team – Available!**

- 06/02 – Myrna Dornan
- 06/09 – The Kolev Family
- 06/16 – Linda Kinnaman
- 06/23 – Kristyn Boyce
- 06/30 – **AVAILABLE**

**Children’s Story-Time Leader**

- 06/02 – Family Sunday
- 06/09 – **AVAILABLE**
- 06/16 – **AVAILABLE**
- 06/23 – Kristyn Boyce
- 06/30 – **AVAILABLE**

Jeff Baker	06/03
Karen Baker	06/11
Erin Van Grouw	06/14
Brad Rudich	06/18
Marilyn Starring	06/19
Ava Brockington	06/25
Michael Gentry	06/25



Rev. Sarah & Tim Terlouw	06/09
Kirk & Cindy Raue	06/17
Kirk & Jennifer Wingard	06/20
Thom & Char Houseman	06/21
Brad & Janna Rudich	06/30

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June 22-25

### 65th Annual Meeting & Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches

Saturday, June 22 ~ Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Cleveland, Ohio

Hosted by the Ohio Association



National Association of Congregational Christian Churches  
8473 S. Howell Ave ~ PO Box 288 ~ Oak Creek, WI 53154  
(414) 764-1620 ~ (800) 262-1620  
Website: www.nacc.org

June 23-28

## NAPF/HOPE 2019



*Be still,  
and know that  
I AM GOD.*  
PSALM 46:10



June 23rd-28th

\$450

Mohican Outdoor School

In today's day and age, amongst the hustle and bustle and constant barrage of everyday life we can easily lose ourselves. The way back is to unplug, Be Still, and re-center yourself with God.

This year we are SO EXCITED to announce we will be going to camp! Activities will include team building, worship time, speakers, & mission work. So get ready for camp fires and S'mores! We'll see you in Ohio!!



@NAPFHOPE  
#NAPFHOPE2019

July 14-19

Summer Camp  
Registrations Due By  
June 30<sup>th</sup>! Scholarships  
available through the  
office – if interested,  
contact Pastor Sarah.

## Mischief Managed A Christian Camp for Modern Muggles



July 14-19th, 2019

3rd -8th grade students

Applications now available at:

[MichiganCongregationalSummerCamp.Org](http://MichiganCongregationalSummerCamp.Org)



Camp will be hosted at  
YMCA Camp Ohiyesa  
(7300 Hickory Ridge Rd. Holly, MI 48442)

Register early and save!  
Early registration ends May 15th,  
with a cost of \$315 per camper!



## JUNE 2019

### First Congregational Church Activity Calendar

**Sunday Worship Services – 10:00am (Nursery Provided)**

Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

**Sunday School – 10:15am**

**Fellowship after Worship – 11:00am**

**Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs – 10:00-2:00**

Sunday 2	Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Saturday 8
Prayer Walk & Communion	Pastor out of town ***	WFC 10am ***	***	OFFICE CLOSED ***	Groove 10	
9 Outdoor Worship Grace of Douglas 2pm	10 District 3AA 7pm	11	12 Bake Sale @ Music in the Park 6 pm	13	14 Groove 10	15
16 Father's Day	17 Board Meeting 6:30	18 Cub Scouts 6:30	19 ***	20 ***	21 Groove 10 ***	22 *** NACCC Conference
23 Guest Speaker ***	24 ***	25 ***	26 ***	27	28 Groove 10	29
30 CHURCH PICNIC	1 JULY	2 JULY WFC 10am	3 JULY	4 JULY 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Celebrations	5 JULY Groove 10	6 JULY

\*\*\* Pastor Sarah out of the office June 3-6; Office will be closed June 6<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*\* NACCC Annual Meeting/Conference – Pastor Sarah & Cathy Brockington attending and away 6/19-6/26