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## MONTHLY CALENDAR

2 - HOME COOKING WITH CHEF MIGUEL LARCHER - 6:30PM (ONLINE)

3 - PRAYER MEETING - 7:00PM

5-7 - PUBLIC HI-C RETREAT AT CAMP AU SABLE

10 - NORTHVIEW SENIOR THANKSGIVING PROGRAM AND DINNER 11:00AM

10 - YOUTH OF HIS MESSAGE/ PRAYER MEETING - 6:00PM/7:00PM

11 - CHURCH BOARD MEETING 6:00PM

13 - PATHFINDER/ADVENTURER MEETING - 1:30PM

17 - PRAYER MEETING - 7:00PM

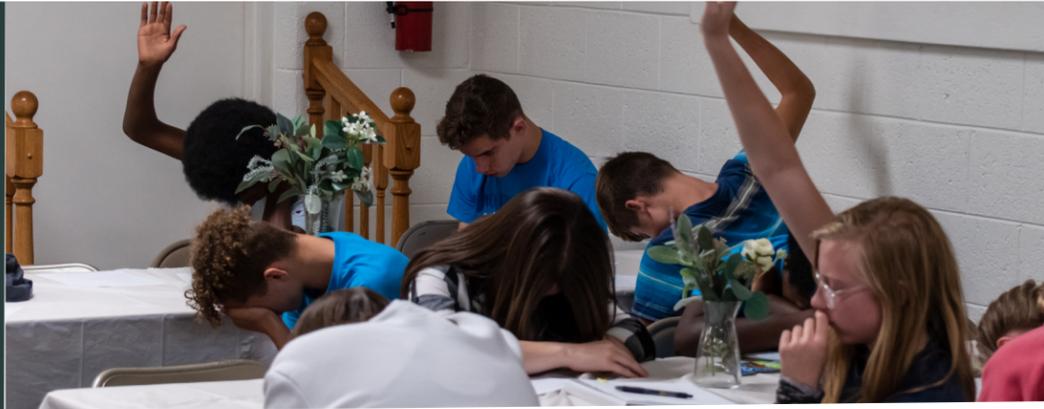
24 - YOUTH OF HIS MESSAGE/ PRAYER MEETING - 6:00PM/7:00PM

24-26 - NORTHVIEW THANKSGIVING VACATION

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### YOHM: Christmas and Online Evangelism Samuel Girven

It's hard to believe, but Christmas is less than eight weeks away. The holiday season and final stretch of the year is within viewing distance!

While this realization may have snuck up on some people, for Youth of His Message, Cadillac's youth group for ages 12-18+, it has been on their mind for some time. Every year, the group sponsors Christmas gifts for almost 50 people in the community who otherwise would not have Christmas gifts. This year, they are hoping to make a similar impact as in past years.

Lots of planning takes place to accomplish this endeavor. After certain financial goals are set, the group contacts local community organizations such as the District Health Department and Habitat for Humanity regarding information on families they can sponsor. Later, after shopping and preparation, the presents are delivered to the families before Christmas.

This year, the group has decided to sponsor multiple families for Christmas. They are also hoping to plan other Christmas related initiatives and events for the church family. More information about those will be available soon.

Another opportunity that is being researched and prepared is online ministry and content creation. Podcasts, TikTok, Instagram and other digital resources have gained increasing popularity with the younger generations. Initiatives and content creation related to religion has benefitted from interest. Pastor Ariel Roldan has been leading out in this effort. He is excited to work with the youth on a project like this. Please continue to pray for this ministry's evangelistic initiatives.

Digital evangelism's relevance has increased exponentially over the past five years. During the COVID-19 lockdowns in 2020, Hope Awakens, a popular and successful online evangelistic series, spread throughout North America and beyond through a partnership with It Is Written. More recently, short-form evangelism through Instagram Reels or "TikToks" has become especially popular among youth. The youth group is hoping they can tap into this medium and continue to help fulfill Jesus' call to "Go and make disciples of all nations."



# Cadillac Update

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## Editor's Corner

When we plan the newsletter, we focus on the articles. The photos are, unfortunately, an afterthought. I want to thank Samuel Girven for the compelling cover photos that have grabbed our attention and told many of the stories through pictures in this issue, as well as past issues.

Our youth have been a major portion of our newsletter and for good reason. It is reassuring to see their projects and reports each month. We've had a string of awesome sacred Sabbath social activities during these uncertain times. We have a photo collage for depicting it. Finally, our church took time to say, "Thank you" to our pastor and his family. See the picture and article on this as well.

TOM MEJEUR

## Inside This Issue

Editorial: Pastor Roldan  
 Gem Castor, Arcadia  
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## Youth Take the Pulpit

Samuel Girven

It's inevitable: every week, a new sermon is preached. Every week, a new idea is presented. And every week, much of the message is forgotten about. The week (unfortunately) passes by us, and we lose what we seemed to absorb during the weekly excursion into corporate worship.

There's a noticeable difference when youth "take the pulpit", though. People listen, and they grasp the message with amazing intentionality. People remember the message, simply because it came from the youth. That's powerful. But the congregation is not the only group effected by this...the youth that preach are affected too. "I see it as an opportunity to grow personally, as well as in my walk with God," says Andrew Horvath, speaker on October 2nd and Vice President of MI Youth Retreat.

Preaching, for most people, is out of their comfort zone. The youth have decided to be proactive about that. While it may be out of their comfort zone at first, they are not willing for this to hold them back. "I do not naturally love to get up in front of lots of people and speak, so this is a wonderful opportunity for me to overcome this fear," Horvath emphasized. Peyton Shaffer, another youth that has spoken in the past, and is also scheduled to speak on November 16, agrees. "This isn't my first sermon, so even though I'm still not used to it, I'm less nervous than I was the first time I preached."

Both speakers say that they are motivated by God, and not themselves. They give all credit to Him. "I wish I could say I am motivated by my own desire to preach, but I can't. My motivation comes primarily from God, He is giving me the thoughts and words I need and keeping me motivated to do this." Shaffer explained. Prayer has also been an important part of the equation for both. "Prayer has been the most important part of this entire experience." Horvath says.

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## News Briefs

The worship service and tour of the Adventist Historic Village has been postponed to Spring 2022.

The following people were elected for office during the church in session on October 30:

STEVE HORVATH - ELDER  
STEVE HORVATH - PERSONAL MINISTRY LEADER  
DALYN GARCIA - FAMILY LIFE LEADER  
ROXANNE SNYDER - CHURCH CLERK/  
CHURCH SECRETARY

Are you a senior or do you have a senior in your life? Northview SDA School is hosting its annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner on November 10. The Northview students will be presenting a short program beginning at 11:30 AM, followed by dinner.

Home Cooking with Chef Larcher continues December 7th at 6:30pm. Find out more at [www.campcuisine.org](http://www.campcuisine.org).

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Neither one of them skimps on the preparation either. In fact, a remarkable amount of work goes into each sermon. "When I was asked to give the sermon, I was given a specific topic. Then, I prayed, and I researched to see what the Bible had to say about the topic." Horvath detailed. "My next step was to start writing out ideas from those verses and then find a way to organize that into something that I could present. Later, I had the privilege to spend some time going over them with Pastor Ariel. He helped me to tie all my points together into one theme, as well as eliminate what did not fit." Both Horvath and Shaffer emphasized the importance of prayer and communication with God throughout the entire process.

The spiritual impacts are unique to each person, and they are positive ones. "On a spiritual level, this entire experience has really taught me to depend totally on Christ. I realize my weakness and see my need for His help and guidance." Horvath says. For Shaffer, it helps him affirm his beliefs. "Speaking to such a large group of people definitely makes me affirm that I believe what I am saying and know why I believe it." Stay tuned for more information on when these youth will be speaking again.

## Fellowship and the Gospel:

~Editorial~

The New Normal (Part 3)

Pastor Ariel Roldan

In this article we will conclude this series seeking to better understand what sin is. We have been doing so through various life lessons we can glean from the present COVID pandemic. The main one has been the repercussion COVID has had on our society at large and, more specifically, in our church by causing us to experience the acute pain of isolation and loneliness. We concluded in our last article how a true friendship is the only cure for loneliness and the impossible challenge it presents for us to be one.

It is at this point where we begin to grasp the importance of the gospel in our lives. In Luke 18:27 Jesus emphatically tells us that "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." God can transform us into the kind of friend that is willing to lay down one's life for our friends. We know God made this change in Moses.

When Israel was behaving its worst and God told Moses He was going to start fresh with him, Moses responded to God: "Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written." (Exodus 32:32) Moses was a friend to Israel, but not because Moses somehow was nicer than they. Remember how he killed that Egyptian some years back? Moses apparently had had a violent way of solving life's problems. But that had somehow changed. How, you ask? "So, the LORD spoke to Moses, face to face, as a man speaks to his friend." (Exodus 33:11). Moses had learned how to be a friend by speaking with humanity's best Friend, face to face. Your Friend.

Moses understood (though not entirely at first) how God would deliver not just Israel, but the entire world from the ultimate form of slavery. Slavery to sin. That's what Jesus says: "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin." (John 8:34) It first became evident to Moses the night they left Egypt. In all the previous plagues Moses had done something. But in this one, God would do something powerful. He would protect all those who would slaughter an innocent lamb and place its blood on their doorposts.

That Lamb, which became central to the more detailed and elaborate Sanctuary service, God revealed to Moses. The idea of self-sacrifice out of love for a friend began to change Moses into the same image. Though like us, Moses did not have all the pieces together right away; he eventually did understand what it would take for God to deliver him and the rest of the world from sin. When Moses, after his resurrection, appeared to Jesus (along with Elijah), they spoke to Him "of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem." (Luke 9:31) Do you know what Greek word is used for "departure"? The word "exodos," which is the exact same word for the book of Exodus. Moses learned and was transformed from the gospel which centers upon self-sacrifice out of love.

Another follower of Jesus, who also had a violent and angry way about life, was also transformed and summarizes how this change takes place simply and beautifully. "We love Him because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19) May the gospel change our church family. May the gospel change you and me into friends that love each other like our Friend loves us.

## Keeping You Informed:

### Offering Schedule:

November 6 - Church Budget  
November 13 - (GC) World Budget  
November 20 - Church Budget  
November 27 - Michigan Advance

### Speaker Schedule:

November 6 - David Brandow  
November 13 - Peyton Shaffer  
November 20 - Pastor Roldan  
November 27 - Pastor Roldan

### November Budget Goal:

\$9,035.00

## Pastor Appreciation Month

Communications Department

We truly appreciate our pastoral family! October was Pastor Appreciation Month. We have been exceptionally blessed to have Pastor Roldan and his family in our church. During the worship service on October 9, Pastor Roldan and his family were presented with an assortment of various gifts on behalf of the church family. Later, a card that was passed through the church was given to the family.



## Gem Castor Speaks at Northview

Communications Department

Gem Castor, Prayer Coordinator at ASAP Ministries, missionary to America, and the early morning speaker at this year's Michigan "How Much More" Camp Meeting, spoke at Northview Adventist School's Fall Week of Prayer. They started the week virtually with Castor on October 26, and he spoke each morning until Friday, October 29 when they met in-person. Castor spoke about his favorite

subject, prayer. The students thoroughly enjoyed the week-long series!



## Arcadia Hike and Vespers an Afternoon to Remember

Please enjoy this photo collage of the church's visit to Arcadia Dunes and Beach on October 9.



## Strong Tower Radio: From the Broadcast Center

Strong Tower Radio (STR) Spacked October with Reformation programming from our vast audio vault. In November, we will bring you joy with our Thanksgiving week specials. Also, check out Pastor Mark Howard's easy to understand "Righteousness by Faith" newsletter article. Share it with your friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Remember when we had an STR Variety Hour program here at Cadillac? Well, last month we recorded 2 of these listener events at Cheboygan and Berrien Springs that will be aired soon.

Finally, we interviewed Pastor Ron Kelly and employment lawyer Jonathan Zirkle on "Mandates and Religious Liberty," and we aired "The Inspired Exhibit", a worldwide traveling Holy Scripture exhibit that highlights the God-guided history of the Bible. If you missed these programs, you may listen to them (and more) by accessing the Strong Tower Radio "Today" Resources Archives at [STR.fm](http://STR.fm). There's always something happening at Strong Tower Radio; don't miss it!

Tom Mejeur, Strong Tower Radio

## Who are our Elders?

Recently, the following question has been asked: "Who are our Elders?"

The following people are Elders in the Cadillac Church:

Head Elder:  
(Open Position)

Elders:  
Bob Nelson  
David Brandow  
Tom Mejeur  
Gunther Schwartz  
Steve Horvath