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## MONTHLY CALENDAR

1 - YOHM JR. MEETING

3 - LAURA BELL CONCERT  
 AT MARION CHURCH - 6PM

7 - HOME COOKING WITH CHEF MI-  
 GUEL LARCHER - ONLINE - 6:30PM

8 - CHURCH BOARD MEETING  
 5:30PM/YOUTH OF HIS MESSAGE  
 6PM/PRAYER MEETING - 7PM

11 - PATHFINDER BIBLE  
 EXPERIENCE VS. ELDERS - 5PM

12 - ADVENTURER MEETING - 1PM

15 - YOUTH OF HIS MESSAGE  
 MEETING - 6PM

15- NORTHVIEW CHRISTMAS  
 PROGRAM AT 13TH STREET  
 CHURCH - 6:30PM

17 - NORTHVIEW CHRISTMAS  
 VACATION BEGINS

25 - YOHM CHRISTMAS DAY  
 CHURCH SERVICE

29-JAN 1 - GYC HOUSTON, TX

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### Pillars Move Samuel Girven

“Goodbyes are not forever. Goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean, I’ll miss you until we meet again.” That sentiment was echoed on November 20, when we said a formal goodbye to Lanette and David Brandow during our church service.

Lanette and David Brandow first arrived in Cadillac in 2008, when they took the teacher position there. The Cadillac News on August 15, 2008, said, “At the elementary, Lanette Brandow will start teaching after spending the past 22 years teaching in the Owosso area. With all those years of experience, Brandow brings a multitude of experience as well as strong Christian principles.” Both Lanette and David, known to the students as Mr. and Mrs. Brandow, were very involved with Northview and the children that attended. Later, in 2012, Lanette retired from her decades long teaching career in favor of caring for her aging mother.

But that was only the beginning of the Brandow’s support of the Cadillac Church. Lanette stayed involved with the school, as well as becoming the church secretary and clerk. She taught the Primary Sabbath School class for several years. David became an elder. Later, Lanette started

the Visitor’s Dinners and assisted with the kitchen ministry. The couple became known for their hospitality toward visitors and regular church attendees alike, frequently opening their home up for potlucks and luncheons. Together, they also started a senior’s Bible study group that continued until the pandemic. We will always remember their leadership, friendship, and ministry in our church.

David and Lanette’s last weekend here is December 4. Afterwards, they are moving to Ovid, Michigan, where they will be closer to their children. 📍

Brandow being presented with a quilt at her retirement (below); Brandow helping kids ski (right).



# Cadillac Update

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## Editor’s Corner

God created us to love and care. In November, we experienced this by honoring the Nelsons and the Brandows for how they have loved and cared so unselfishly for us. We have an article on each couple in this issue.

Besides our regular events calendar, we have an article on our church school’s Thanksgiving dinner that resumed last month. The remaining feature article is about members singing to the Harbor View apartment residents.

In summary, the Cadillac Communications Committee hopes you enjoy this issue and wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

TOM MEJEUR

## Inside This Issue

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## Thanks for Service Well Done!

Tom Mejeur

On Sabbath, October 30, our church took time to thank Elder Bob Nelson for the years of service as head elder. Pastor Ariel Roldan, current pastor, shared his appreciation for Bob’s support during his transition to our congregation. Pastor praised Bob’s leadership during the pastoral transitions during his tenure. With pleasure it was noted that he will continue to serve as an elder and Children’s Ministry coordinator. Bob quickly noted that during the last church office selection cycle he had desired to step down from this heavy responsibility but felt it best to continue to help the new pastor’s transition. Then spontaneously testimonies gushed forth from the congregation noting specific acts of service and compassion validating the heartfelt impact he has made to all church members.

Originally, Bob felt unworthy, but accepted this vital “number two” leadership position as a new elder and was faithful to the calling and God prospered Bob’s work. His love for people in and outside the church made it evident he was God’s choice at the time. He always went the second mile seeing what was needed and doing it. It was noted when the church board deliberated over how to clean the church, he did it.

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## News Briefs

Please take note of the new time for the monthly Cadillac church board meeting. Meetings will now be held every month on the second Wednesday starting at 5:30 PM. The next board meeting will be Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Registration for the Michigan Conference sponsored Man Camp opens on November 22nd. The actual Man Camp weekend is scheduled for January 28-30, 2022 at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, MI. You can register online at [www.misdayouth.org](http://www.misdayouth.org).

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

Who do you think knows their Bible facts better? Join us on December 11th at 5:00 PM for a good-natured, Bible-knowledge competition between the Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) members and the Pastor & Elders. This is sure to be a fascinating night filled with scripture and laughter.

Stay tuned for more information on the Junior/Youth Sabbath on January 29! It will be a full day of activities, spiritual food, actual food, learning, and more. Guest speaker will be Elder Elijah Ringstaff!

The YOYM youth group will be presenting a special Christmas Sabbath worship service detailing the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Make plans to spend Christmas morning with your church family celebrating the reason for the season.

Merry Christmas!



It is important to note that at times, being head elder is a taxing responsibility. You might say, it is “one heartbeat” from the acting pastor for the spiritual and physical leadership of the local congregation. For perspective of this responsibility, some churches rotate this position every other church office term while other have a high turn-

over, but Bob and Brenda have served loyally for well over a decade.

**Thank you, Bob, for your service and for continuing to serve in your other appointed positions. 🙏**

## When the Good News Became Good

~Editorial~

Pastor Ariel Roldan

There is something to be said about good news. They do not come in a vacuum. The good news “Here’s a large pizza!” is only good news if I am very hungry. Well, maybe even if I am a little hungry ;0). Hunger causes the announcement that there’s a hot, crunchy NY style thin-crust pizza available into very good news. In the same manner the good news of Christianity does not come in a vacuum, there’s a reason why it’s good.

We spent the first three issues of our newly formatted newsletter looking at what sin is for this very reason. A poor appreciation of the good news is in a large part due to a poor understanding of sin. To downgrade sin to simply choices and behaviors greatly limits our appreciation of the good news. There are several reasons for this, so we will only look at one. A major one.

It is our natural ability to compare ourselves to others. If sin is simply bad choices and behaviors I will find it easy to find someone else who behaves worse than me, or has made worse choices than I have. The better I see myself the less appreciation I will have for the good news of Jesus. We need to experience the revelation that when I compare myself with others I am judging them, cruelly. Which means I can be a pretty cruel person, not a compassionate one, like Jesus.

This is why gossip is such a big issue to God. He has placed it as part of the Ten Commandments. It is a huge mistake to misquote the commandment as simply “you shall not lie.” It actually says “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.” Exodus 20:16. Gossip will always carry bits and pieces of truth which mean it also carries exaggerations and omissions that make it false. Gossip will always be bearing false witness against someone even if all of the information shared is one hundred percent accurate. It will be false because the motives behind the sharing of that information is selfish, vindictive, cruel.

The truly alarming thing of all of this is we do not have the internal mechanisms to discern when we are doing this. Most of the time we deceive ourselves into thinking we are actually being loving concerned Christians when we gossip in cruel, judgmental, condemning ways. If we could only hear ourselves the way Jesus hears our words, right? Well, this is where the good news come in. We actually can!

The Holy Spirit is the One who allows us to experience the good news. Pay attention as the good news experience is described: “And when He [the Holy Spirit] has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:” John 16:8. Do you see how the good news experience begins? With the conviction of ... sin. With our inability to hear ourselves gossip, judge, and condemn. This realization creates in me a deep hunger for real, genuine goodness. One I cannot produce no matter how much I may try. This is the point when the good news truly become good news to me! 🙏

## Keeping You Informed:

<u>Offering Schedule:</u>	<u>Speaker Schedule:</u>
December 4 - Church Budget	December 6 - Pastor Roldan
December 11 - A.C.S. (NAD)	December 13 - Pastor Roldan
December 18 - Church Budget	December 20 - Steve Horvath
December 25 - Michigan Advance	December 27 - Youth of His Message

December Budget Goal:  
\$9,035.00

## Group Sings at Harbor View

Communications Department



Sabbath, November 6, a small but mighty group went to the Harbor View Apartments in Downtown Cadillac to sing to the shut-ins. Music is one of the most powerful ways to reach a person. With that in mind, the group sang sacred hymns for the shut-in church and community members. The responses they heard from residents were very positive, and they felt they were able to make a lasting

connection, even from a distance! 🙏

## Northview Thanksgiving Dinner a Success

Communications Department



Prior to the pandemic, Northview Adventist School held their annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner. This year, they renewed that tradition by hosting the event again this year! The tradition, started 21 years ago by Linda Schwartz, has become a staple in the school’s culture. After a short program with sacred music and readings, the attending seniors were treated to a scrumptious, festive dinner prepared by members of

the Home and School. The dinner was enjoyed to the fullest by everyone that attended. 🙏



## Strong Tower Radio: From the Broadcast Center

What a month is in store for you on our flagship 91.9 fm Cadillac station, STR. fm computer streaming, and Strong Tower Radio (STR) smartphone apps. Here are a sampling of highlights in addition to our 168 hours of regular programs per week and the network offerings.

“The Christmas Hour” started the season on “Black Friday” at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. The “Strong Tower Radio Christmas Variety Hour” followed Fridays at 1 p.m. and re-airing Sabbaths at 5 p.m. through Christmas Day.

On December 3 and 4 a new exclusive STR special entitle “Once in a Lifetime” debuts. It is a dialog about John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus, and his’ parents Zachariah and Elizabeth. “Fresh Manna” Christmas classic sermons begin weekdays December 6 at 2 and 11 a.m.

The Joe Wheeler’s holiday favorite, “Christmas in My Heart”, begins weekdays December 8th at 12:30 p.m. and Christmas “Your Story Hour” starts weekdays at noon on December 13th. Then the grand finale will be the 48 hours of continuous predominately STR produced specials Christmas Eve and Day. Witness with STR’s Christmas programs, it’s easier than ever!



Tom Mejeur, Strong Tower Radio