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Summerfest is this weekend. See page 2 for a list of all the great activities.

The first farmers' market of the season will be Saturday, June 27 from 9 to noon at Kelsey Square.

Don't forget the candidate debate Saturday, June 20 in Greenville. See page 9.

Spring Forecast

Thu A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before 8am. Mostly cloudy, high 68. Breezy, with a west northwest wind 18 to 21 mph, with gusts as high as 37 mph.

Thu Night Mostly clear, low 51.

Juneteenth Sunny, high 71.

Fri Night Mostly clear, low 50.

Sat Sunny, with a high near 74.

Sat Night Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

Sun A chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

Sun Night A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Mon Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.



Lakeview Baptist Church Welcomes Pastor Jeffrey Hawes



By Bethel Larsen

When Pastor Jeffrey Hawes told me that he would be in his office on Tuesday afternoon last week, he did not tell me that he would be remodeling it. He emerged from skim-coating the former popcorn ceiling to give me a warm handshake, introduced his son Riley who has been helping with the project, and sat down to share with me the journey that has led him to the pulpit of Lakeview Baptist Church, where his ministry officially began on Sunday, May 31. Throughout our conversation, a wide grin and a twinkle in his hazel

eyes reflected a man at peace with God and people, grateful for where God has placed him and eager to move forward in the ministry entrusted to him and his wife, Michelle.

He grew up near the eastern end of M-46 in Shields (Saginaw), where his grandfather had started a Bible study that outgrew the home to become Community Baptist Church. As time went on, the church also established a K-12 school, where Jeff attended. Watching his father serve for years as the church handyman, Pastor Jeff acquired a wealth of construction and maintenance skills along with the

Biblical teaching he absorbed on a daily basis from his parents and grandparents. After graduation from Maranatha Baptist Bible College in Watertown, Wisconsin, he and Michelle returned to Saginaw and Community Baptist, where they reared three sons—Gabe, Riley (now married to Olivia), and Parker—and served in youth ministry for twenty-two years. “I loved it!” he says. “We had a great youth program, ran buses to pick up kids for church....”

As time went on, he felt a persistent urge to do more preaching. He and Michelle began quietly

praying for God's direction and were surprised when he was asked to take a church in Clarkston for a period of time. After sixteen months, it became evident that his call there was not to be long-term. While he sought direction for future ministry, God provided employment through a friend named Stacy, who hired him to work for Northeastern Paint, Flooring, and Lighting, a home improvement chain that owns stores along the east side of Michigan. While there, he did a careful audit of the company's spending that eventually saved them about \$25,000.00. In addition, he also built relation-

ships for the company among area Chambers of Commerce and other community groups.

With the urge to preach still unabated, he continued to do temporary supply preaching as far away as Florida but kept his eyes open for a full-time position in Michigan. “We love Michigan! We didn't want to leave!” he commented. Through a Facebook group, he eventually became aware of Pastor Zane Abberger's October retirement and the opening in Lakeview.

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Her- Story in the Making

By Mindy Raglin

“It's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do and share with others.” – Mother Teresa

Gina Johnsen from day one, knew in her life she wanted to help others. She grew up in a conservative household, with loving parents in the heart of Lansing. Time went on, and she attended Wellesley College in Connecticut an all women school. She found out first-hand the differences in being conservative and liberal in life. Gina's father worked 29 years as an attorney. He was an avid Christian and taught her to think for herself. Her father taught her that our very Constitution's foundation is based on the Bible. Upon attending Wellesley College, later on her views in life

led her to strengthen in Christ as a stronger Christian experiencing first hand life of mainstream feminism.

Gina is a mom of one beautiful daughter and even home schooled her daughter during COVID. She has a health care background for many years over seeing multiple workers in that field.

The viewpoint on Republicans running against one another clash, when we have the same views and yet the Republicans are often in opposition. Gina has the experience of successfully moving from House to Senate. She hopes for significant changes and has the background, the proven record, and she was the better representation from day one.

With an amazing staff beside her, who are to this day, effective at getting things accomplished

the sky is the limit. She is not just one person, Gina has an entire team behind her, moving forward, to make lives easier. Her staff, as well, know how to strategically negotiate to better this economy for all. The staff was carefully delegated for each task based on each person's talent and skill.

Gina Johnsen knows how to speak the steps a to b. in order for incremental change to develop into a bigger change. That is what we strive for and hope for in a leader. Americans need to take back our farming, businesses, and our churches. The parents should have rights over their own children as well as true freedom of speech. No hate speech.

She would love to see a tax credit for home school or school of choice.

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