

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Food Pantry 10am Hand Bells 12:30pm Bible Journaling 2pm Bible Study 6:30pm 1	Men's Brkfst 9am  2	3	Men's Group 9am 4
Communion AA 3pm Prayer Group 5pm 5	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 6	Pinecrest 2pm PPRC 6:30pm 7	Hand Bells 12:30pm Bible Journaling 2pm Bible Study 6:30pm 8	9	10	Men's Group 9am 11
Mother's Day  AA 3pm Prayer Group 5pm 12	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 13	14	Hand Bells 12:30pm Bible Journaling 2pm Bible Study 6:30pm 15	Men's Brkfst 9am Willing Workers 10am 16	17	Men's Group 9am 18
Sunday School Graduation AA 3pm Prayer Group 5pm 19	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 20	BOG Mtg 7pm 21	Hand Bells 12:30pm Bible Journaling 2pm Baccalaurate 7pm 22	23	24	Men's Group 9am Parade 11am 25
AA 3pm Prayer Group 5pm 26	 Memorial Day 27	 28	Hand Bells 12:30pm Bible Journaling 2pm Bible Study 6:30pm 29	30	31	 MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS:

May 2 Brenda Bell
 May 3 Andrew Laninga
 May 5 Judy Hurlburt
 May 5 Joshua Kuehn
 May 6 Linda Gwilt
 May 7 Sharolyn Metternich
 May 10 Michelle Williams
 May 12 Sarah Hartman

May 15 Alvina Williams
 May 16 Linda Moore
 May 24 Phyllis Stemkoski
 May 27 Chuck Brew
 May 27 Aubrie Reed
 May 29 Denise Thompson
 May 29 Laurene Irwin

ANNIVERSARIES:

May 3 Larry & Jennifer O'Brien
 May 13 Dick & Jean Hunt
 May 14 Todd & Laura Janeczek
 May 15 Bob & Lyn Benefiel
 May 28 Meaghan & Joshua Kuehn

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Mike's Musings

We are in May now and the summer season has begun. I like summer in Mackinaw City, but it isn't for everyone. Some have to work and love when the tourists come and some hate how our little village gets overrun by tourists; that is how the seasons go. Change is hard, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace."

One fact is always true, the seasons will change. It may pass with joy, or it can pass like a kidney stone. No matter what comes God's got it all under control. I've had some hard seasons in my life but so far God has got me through all of them. He will get you through whatever season you are in too. Take faith that God loves you so much He sent His son to die for you. Don't you think if He did that for you, he wants the very best for you now? It's simple, trust God in everything, and God will always come through. It may not feel like it, but feelings aren't always the truth. Learning to trust God with everything will teach you more than you can imagine. Keep the faith my friends and watch and see the seasons pass with Joy. Amen!



Operation Christmas Child

Please continue to shop for shoebox items throughout the year.

May is: small stuffed animals, dolls and hygiene products.

Memorial Day Parade-Books

Please join us Saturday May 25th to show our community how awesome our God is! The theme will be "God Bless America." Sign up for walking or riding in the parade. We have over 2250 Christian books to hand out. Any questions please call June Bailey 989 385 5050



Also join us to help put stickers on the books here at the church on Friday May 3rd at 10am

On Friday May 10th we will be making signs and decorations for the parade as well as brainstorming ideas.

Thanks for all of your help and support!!!



Help Us Honor Our Veterans

If you or a loved one has served and would like to be part of our slide show presentation, please send your info to the Church office. Please include a picture, branch of service, and years served. The slide show will be shown on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.



Baccalaureate Wed May 22nd at 7pm



Baccalaureate WORSHIP SERVICE

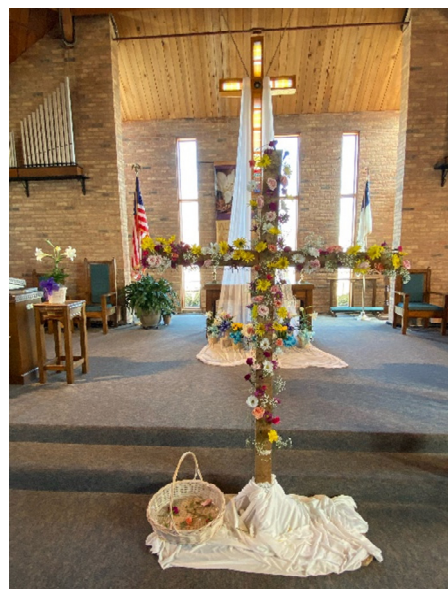
COS & St. Anthony's will host Baccalaureate for the 2024 Mackinaw City Graduates on Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to bring a plate of finger food or cookies, a reception will follow the service.

Coffee Hour Signups Needed



We're always looking for helpers! There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for the coming months. Please don't feel you have to do an "elaborate spread". Cookies and coffee, some juice is all that is needed.

Easter Flowers



Pinecrest Fellowship is the first Tuesday of each month from 2-3 pm. There will be a short devotional, prayer and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to come and visit with the residents.



Want something mentioned in the newsletter?
Let the Church Office know! Thanks.
(231) 436-8682 or cotsoffice@yahoo.com

Midweek Bible Study

Lead by Michael Canales. Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8pm. We will be studying the book of Romans. The class will be geared to those of all faith levels.

Willing Workers Spring Fling Luncheon

The event was a huge success! Thanks for all of your help and support to raise money for supporting our ministries!

SARM happenings

At Church of the Straits, We Love Kids!



We offer children's church during service, Sunday school Oct.-May plus free monthly outings and activities with clean newly remodeled nursery and youth rooms for age 5 and up. If you are looking for a family friendly Church, please come and worship with us at Church of the Straits.



Upcoming Events

May 12th SARM Sunday Celebrate Our Moms

May 19th Last Day of Sunday School and Ice Cream 9am

May 25th Memorial Day Parade "God Bless America"

June 9th "God Rocks" on Mackinac Island
Help us decorate and distribute rocks on Mackinac Island!

July 14th Sunday Sundae @ Sully Sweet Shop

VBS August 5-9th

August 11th Sunday Sundae @ Dairy Queen Mackinaw City

September 2nd Bridge Walk and Breakfast at Audie's



Shannon Cooley at Church of the Straits. Wednesday through Friday 11 AM to 2 PM (231)436-8682

*SARM Straits Area Resort Ministry *COS Church of the Straits

*YMS Youth Ministry Sunday *MC Mackinaw City.

All changes to SARM schedule will be posted on SARM Youth Facebook page or you can always contact youth director Shannon Cooley at COS (231) 436-8682 for updates.

Straits Talk Newsletter

May 2024



The Mission of Church of the Straits:
To worship God faithfully
To grow together spiritually
To serve Jesus Christ and
our neighbor joyfully
...in the power of God's Spirit.

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Organist	Loretta Martinek
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OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m.



How many of you are like me when it comes to spellcheck/wordcheck/”what are you wanting to say” check on your iphone? Interestingly, the anticipating feature that gives you the word you may want to use is often right, but sometimes way off. The “spell check” will sometimes give me a word based on what I typed that isn’t even close to the meaning or word I intended. Personally, I would prefer to not even use the features (and I am sure I can shut it off somehow) but I’ll just deal with it. It’s frustrating because of its frequency of not being correct.

This is really a form of artificial intelligence that has its limitations based on the input it receives. It anticipates where you are going with a conversation based on what you have already contributed. The devil tries to do that with us as well. He tries to convince us, lure us, attract us, deceive us into the next move. He wants us to dabble in sin and then he hooks us to go even further in.

On the other hand, we who proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior, have the Holy Spirit of God living within us. He knows what we are going to do even before we do it. If we listen to His leading, He guides us in the right path, the righteous path. God leads us always in the right direction. There are no errors in His direction. We do need to follow His lead though.

My favorite childhood memory verse says it all, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6) Trusting Him with all my heart means I have to build a relationship that says I am all in. He is trustworthy so that is a good start. I should be very skeptical about leaning on my own understanding because I am tainted by an old sin nature (that I count as dead – see Romans 6:11) that nudges me in the direction of self and sin.

In everything I do I should acknowledge Him! That means I should consult with Him and visit with Him while I am involved in every detail of my life. If my eyes and heart are on Him, then I walk in His path.

When the verse says “He will make my path straight” He is sharing with us that clarity comes in our walk as we grow in Him. We gain understanding of His will for our lives. We realize the journey is for our good and our growth and it may not be easy, but it will certainly be with eternal purpose.

So, my iphone does not know what lies ahead for me nor does it know what I am ultimately thinking, but God does. Trust Him!

Love ya,

Pastor Dave

