						SATURDAY
						M en's Group 9am
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	1
Communion				Men's Brkfst 8am		
Congregational Vote	Mission Mtg 1pm	Pinecrest 2pm	Hand Bells 12:30pm			M en's Group 9am
AA 3pm	Wmn's Bible Study 3pm	PPRC 6:30pm	Bible Journaling 2pm			
Prayer Group 6pm						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
S.A.R.M Pizza Party						
12pm Nonna Lisa's	Wmn's Bible Study 3pm	Music & Worship 10am	Hand Bells 12:30pm			M en's Group 9am
AA3pm			Bible Journaling 2pm			
Prayer Group 6pm						
9	10	11	12	13	14	16
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	Wmn's Bible Study 3pm		Bible Journaling 2pm	Men's Brkfst 8am		M en's Group 9am
AA3pm		L	ions Soup&Bread Bow	Willing Workers 10am		
Prayer Group 6pm		@Pancake Chef 4-6pm				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Wmn's Bible Study 3pm	BOG Mtg 7pm	Hand Bells 12:30pm			M en's Group 9am
AA3pm			Bible Journaling 2pm			
Prayer Group 6pm						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Remembrance Sunday			O -44			
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AA3pm	Trunk or Treat		112/99	1190		
Prayer Group 6pm	@Rec Center					

BIRTHDAYS:

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October 2 Shannon Cooley October 12 Nelson LaPointe October 2 Jennifer Cole October 13 Judy Most October 2 Sam Strittmatter October 15 Stella Smith October 2 Ann McClue October 15 Edie Bennett October 3 Mike Canales October 17 Cheryl Newman October 4 Dave Bailiey October 19 Mark Sellers October 20 October 4 Jonathan Lyons Jim Stevens Amber Waliis October 6 Janet Schaefer October 24 October 9 Les Jackson October 26 Ben Strittmatter October 10 Danny Ranville October 28 Dutch Miller October 10 Tom Jones

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ANNIVERSARIES:

October 8 Roy & Meredith Cole Jeff & Sharolyn Metternich October 12 October 14 Mark & Lou Ann Sellers Jerry & Marita Archer October 21 Rod & Jill Westhuis October 24 October 26 Pastor Ed & Joyce Weiss October 28 Denny & Lana Qualey M att & M egan Wallis October 29

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Mike's Musings

My wife and I were returning home on I-75 the other day and I saw a familiar sign of a giant picture of Jesus with the words in large letters that read "Are you on the right road?" That stuck in my head for a while and I then I said to myself, are we on the right

road? God had a plan. He wanted everyone on earth to follow Jesus, but that didn't happen. Matthew 7:13 (NLT) says' "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many that choose that way." Most people choose the way of the world, but why?

I think that question is the one we need to ask ourselves. Why are so many people choosing to go to hell rather than going to God. Part of it is because we (Christians) don't show them another way. I'll say it again; Christian's are part of the reason. Either we don't show them or we don't tell them. So then I have to ask myself why? Because many of us don't even mention the name of Jesus to anyone except those we go to church with. Is it because we don't know enough about what God is all about? Jesus said, "If you deny me before the world I will deny you before my Father." You would think we should be seeking to know more since Jesus told us to spread the good news to everyone we meet. In the 90's in America 90% of the population identified as Christian. Now it is less that 65%. The Church is dying. Of course when the church leaders are saying the Bible isn't the word of God. Or worse yet they say there are many ways to heaven. These are lies the devil is telling people and you know what, they believe it.

It's simple enough for us to change this trend. We must be on the right road. A friend of mine and I went to lunch last week. When we were finished we went up to pay our bill and my friend asked the cashier if she knew that Jesus loved her. She got a big smile on her face and said she did. It is that easy to spread the good news. You don't have to know a lot about the bible to tell them Jesus loves them. I hope you will try it next time you get a chance. Jesus loves you too. Ask God to give you the courage to tell others about Jesus. He wants you to. So get on the right road and do what God expects you to do. Tell everyone Jesus loves you!

Dear Church Family,

Jim and I are sincerely humbled by your outpouring of cards, letters and gifts for our retirement. The party on Sunday, September 25th was perfect! My sixteen years working for the Church of the Straits has been the very best experience - what a great note to go out on! You all will be missed greatly. I just really have no words, except that I love you. Thank you again and again! Blessings on you all,

-Jim & Judy Churchill



Operation Christmas Child

We're gathering items to fill boxes in November. These are just suggestions!

The October suggestion is for a personal note or letter to the child who receives the box.

But there is always a need for other items for the big packing party next month, so anything fun!!

Older kid suggestions: tape measure, craft hammer, sewing kit, mixing spoons, spatulas, plastic utensil sets, calculator, flashlight & batteries.... Boxes you can fill yourself are now available in Fellowship Hall. Please do not tape shut, rubber bands are acceptable. Each box requires a \$9.00 payment for shipping. REMEMBER – NO candy, toothpaste, gum, chocolate, food, seeds, fruit rolls, drink mixes, liquids, lotions, aerosol cans, vitamins, medications, nothing glass or breakable, no toy guns, knives, or military figures.

Dear Church of the Straits Church Family,

Thank you to all who came to the recent Celebration of Life ervice for John.

Your pressene, the delicious food, and the gestures of kindness and love to our family wa such a blessing!

God's plans are not always our plans, but we know His plans and purposes are always for our good!

Love in Christ Jesus, Cheryl Schroeder & family

FREE CLOTHING from the Community Clothes Closet Infant thru Adult Sizes 3 Days: 10am – 4pm

Tues – Oct 18

Wed - Oct 19

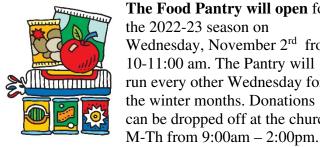
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Community of Christ Church 9854 S River Rd in Cheboygan Corner of M-33 & S River Road Everyone is Welcome!



Dear Church Family,

I want to thank each and every one of you for your prayers, cards, and thoughts for my family that I received in the passing of my Mom. Love you all. -Sue and Todd Kohs



The Food Pantry will open for the 2022-23 season on Wednesday, November 2rd from 10-11:00 am. The Pantry will run every other Wednesday for the winter months. Donations can be dropped off at the church

Cash donations can be made to the Church of the Straits, c/o food pantry. Helping Hands on Wednesdays are always welcome!! If you have questions, call Rose LaPointe at 436-5307.

Lions "Annual" Soup in a Bread Bowl Dinner

Come join the Lions Club of Mackinaw City at the Pankcake Chef: 327 E Central Ave. Mackinaw City Wednesday October 19, 2022 – 4:00 – 6:00 pm \$10 Per person - Walking age and up





Coffee Hour is back immediately following worship. Please join us for coffee, cookies and fellowship. There is a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall for the coming

months. Please don't feel you have to do an "elaborate spread". Cookies and coffee, some juice for the kids is all that is needed.

SARM happenings

Labor Day Bridge Walk













S.A.R.M. Schedule

All SARM youth activities are free of charge and open to all youth

Oct-9 YMS* Celebrating S.A.R.M.* pizza party 12:00 at Nonna Lisa's Oct-Dec. change to make a change.....coats for Kids
Oct-31 trunk or treat MC* Rec Center...COS* Willing Workers and S.A.R.M*

Nov-1 Exercise for Your Soul begins /Coats for Kids

Nov-20 YMS* cookie decorating bake sale and coffee hour 10-1 COS*

Dec-11 YMS* Children Community Christmas party 2-4 COS*

Dec. shopping for coats for kids and pizza lunch date TBA

*SARM Straits Area Resort Ministry *COS The 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





The Mission of The 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.

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Minister Pastor David Wallis
Youth Director Shannon Cooley
Head Ushers Todd Kohs and Carl Strieby

Organist Loretta Martinek
Treasurer Donna Falor

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I have a little sign in my office behind my desk that says, "God answers knee mail." I like the sign because it reminds me that I need to be in prayer more often and the posture of my heart needs to be in reverence and respect of the Almighty God. What I mean by that is, I can literally kneel before God on my knees in prayer (as a physical posture of awe and respect), or if not, I can be in a spiritual posture of humility, awe and respect whether I am on my knees or not

The sign doesn't indicate when God answers our knee mail! That is the frustrating part for all of us, isn't it? Sometimes we bring things before God

and receive an almost immediate answer and other times it may take years for the answer to come. In the meantime, we can trust that he got our knee mail, and He is working whether we feel we have heard from Him or not.

Just like I trust God that "if I confess my sin, he is faithful and just to forgive me my sin and cleanse me of all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9), I also trust that he will answer when I "ask and it will be given to me; seek and I will find; knock and the door will be opened to me." (Mt. 7:7)

If I ask and "it" will be given to me, then is that answer necessarily immediate? No! If I "seek," do I always know what it is I will find? If I "knock", do I know what's on the other side of the door? The truth is that God is answering us in his own time and in his own way and we need to discern what is given, what is found, and what is opened. And then we just trust Him!

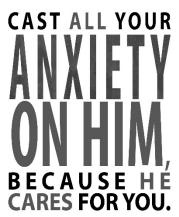
Do not give up on God because he will NEVER give up on you! Pray like you breathe! Pray like He is your best friend! Pray knowing he cares! Pray knowing that he "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen!" (Eph. 3:20)

So here is a reminder! We need to get on our proverbial knees more often and "cast all our anxiety on Him, because he cares for us." (1 Peter 5:7) He is open 24/7 and he is waiting to hear from us. I go to Him often but need to go to him more!

He cares and so do I,

Pastor Dave





1 PETER 5:7