


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Communion Congregational Vote AA 3pm Prayer Group 6pm 2	Mission Mtg 1pm Wmn's Bible Study 3pm 3	Pinecrest 2pm PPRC 6:30pm 4	Hand Bells 12:30pm Bible Journaling 2pm 5	Men's Brkfst 8am 6	7	Men's Group 9am 1
S.A.R.M Pizza Party 12pm No nna Lisa's AA 3pm Prayer Group 6pm 9	Wmn's Bible Study 3pm 10	Music & Worship 10am 11	Hand Bells 12:30pm Bible Journaling 2pm 12	13	14	Men's Group 9am 16
AA 3pm Prayer Group 6pm 16	Wmn's Bible Study 3pm 17	18	Hand Bells 12:30pm Bible Journaling 2pm Lions Soup & Bread Bow @Pancake Chef 4-6pm 19	Men's Brkfst 8am Willing Workers 10am 20	21	Men's Group 9am 22
AA 3pm Prayer Group 6pm 23	Wmn's Bible Study 3pm 24	BOG Mtg 7pm 25	Hand Bells 12:30pm Bible Journaling 2pm 26	27	28	Men's Group 9am 29
Remembrance Sunday AA 3pm Prayer Group 6pm 30	Trunk or Treat @Rec Center 31					

BIRTHDAYS:

October 2 Shannon Cooley
 October 2 Jennifer Cole
 October 2 Sam Strittmatter
 October 2 Ann McClue
 October 3 Mike Canales
 October 4 Dave Bailey
 October 4 Jonathan Lyons
 October 6 Janet Schaefer
 October 9 Les Jackson
 October 10 Danny Ranville
 October 10 Tom Jones

ANNIVERSARIES:

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

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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 than 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 service for John.

Your presence, the delicious food, and the gestures of kindness and love to our family was 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
- Thur – Oct 20



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 2nd from 10-11:00 am. The Pantry will run every other Wednesday for the winter months. Donations can be dropped off at the church M-Th from 9:00am – 2:00pm.

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 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 for the kids is all that is needed.

SARM happenings

Labor Day Bridge Walk



Fall and WINTER



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

October 2022



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.

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OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.

Adult/Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m.



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



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