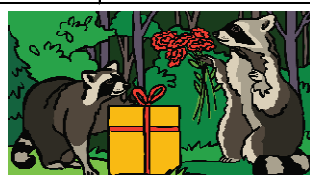




September



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Bible Journaling 2pm Bible Study 6:30pm			Men's Group 9am
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Worship COS 9am Concert 10:30am Worship Park 11am AA3pm	LABOR DAY SARM Bridge Walk	Pinecrest 2pm	Bible Journaling 2pm Bible Study 6:30pm			Men's Group 9am
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27	28	29	30			

BIRTHDAYS:

Sept 3	Chad Robertson	Sept 21	Brenda Keller
Sept 4	Jim Churchill	Sept 21	Dale Williams
Sept 5	Mary Lou Peters	Sept 22	Roger Moore
Sept 6	Sue O'Dwyer	Sept 22	Donna Hunt
Sept 7	Matt Cooley	Sept 23	Larry O'Brien
Sept 8	Emma Zabik	Sept 27	Gene Kapp
Sept 10	Pastor Ed Weiss	Sept 28	Quincy Ranville
Sept 12	Madison Jutson	Sept 28	Peter Walugembe
Sept 14	Don Hawver	Sept 29	Meaghan Kuehn
Sept 15	Spencer Austin	Sept 30	Greg Brown
Sept 18	Kim Jutson	Sept 30	Ross Bell
Sept 21	Karin Thompson	Sept 30	Courtney Jaggi

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sept 1	John & Brenda Keller
Sept 8	Bob & Beth Steward
Sept 10	Ken & Kristi Laninga
Sept 10	Matt & Shannon Cooley
Sept 12	Todd & Sue Kohs
Sept 14	Ross & Lynn Bell
Sept 18	Rob & Katie Strittmatter
Sept 23	Peter & Caitlyn Ryan
Sept 30	Jim & Judy Churchill

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Mike's Musings

As many of you know Donna and I have been serving in Engadine, Michigan for seven months. I have learned so much, but we can always learn more. I had been part of the evangelism team in the church for many years. My personal evangelism method was to tell people about Jesus anytime I could and invite them to church. Then I read a post that challenged inviting people to church.

This post said to stop inviting people to church. That shocked me to say the least. It went on to say this; Jesus did not say: "Go invite people to a service." He said, "Go make disciples." How do we make disciples? Well, we talk to them at our kitchen table. We talk to them in our home, over a meal, in a real conversation, with an open Bible, with the gospel actually being spoken by you.

People do not just need your church's address. They need to hear about sin, repentance, the cross, the resurrection, Baptism, the Holy Spirit, and the Kingdom of God. And they may need to see it lived out before they ever understand it being preached.

The early church did not need a marketing campaign to reach homes. They were home; they met in homes not at a church building. They broke bread, they opened their lives, they proclaimed Jesus, and they made disciples where life already happened. So, stop outsourcing the mission to a building. Open your mouth, open your bibles, open your home, share the gospel, share a meal, and make disciples. I copied most of this from the post from Justin Kopp, but I believe it is true and applicable for all of us. Be the servant God asked you to be and make disciples and further the Kingdom of Heaven.



Operation Christmas Child
We're gathering items to fill boxes in November. These are just suggestions – look for items on sale or clearance!

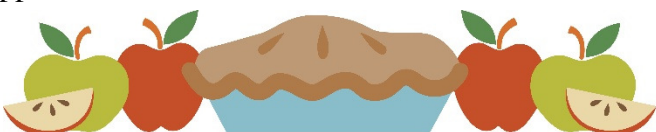
Suggestions: September is games, small puzzles, yo-yos, jacks, Etch-a-Sketch, marbles, jump ropes, etc... anything fun!!! ☺ We can always use: activity pads, note pads, coloring books and items for older boys.

Service Time Change

We are currently in our summer worship schedule with service at 10am and Adult Bible Study at 9am. We will be returning to regular 10:30am Worship Sept 13th, the Sunday after Labor Day.



The Bliss Pioneer Memorial Church in Bliss at the corner of Pleasantview Rd and Sturgeon Bay Road will hold it's Annual Church Service September 13th at 2:00 pm. Picnic after the service with food provided. Please plan to attend and support this historic Church.



Red Cross Blood Drive

There is an upcoming blood drive on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at St. Anthony's Parish Center from 12-4:30



pm. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome as schedule permits. Each donor will receive a \$25 e-gift card for this particular blood drive. Please call 866-642-5663 to schedule an appointment. One blood donation can save up to three lives. Thank you.



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.



A very sincere thank you to the Lieghio's for helping us out with our chronic roof leak issues. ❤️. And thank you Rod Westhuis for your expertise. ❤️

Labor Day Sunday Worship Schedule

9am Service at the Church.
10:30 am Jim Stevens in concert at Conkling Heritage Park in town. With our outdoor worship service following at 11am. Please plan to attend!

VBS Thank You!

Big thank you to all of the volunteers and attendees that made this years True North VBS a great experience where we learned about Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!



Pinecrest Fellowship is the second 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

Change to Make a Change

Kids helping Kids. We will be collecting your spare change as well as other donations to help support several causes this year including:

Coats for Kids
Operation Christmas Child "Shoeboxes"
Purses with a Purpose

We will have collection boxes for any items that are donated. Thanks for your support helping us to make

SARM happenings

At Church of the Straits, We Love Kids!



VBS!

Packing Purses



True North VBS!

Upcoming Events

September 7th Bridge Walk and Breakfast at Audies

Shannon Cooley at Church of the Straits. Wed-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

September 2026



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To grow together spiritually
To serve Jesus Christ and
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OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.



I don't know if you experience the same thing I do, but if you are a Facebook user do you seem to think that Facebook knows what you are interested in? As far as my encounters are concerned, they grab whatever they can and hit you with it! I have been dealing with Plantar Fasciitis (sp) in the last little while and trying to get it to go away. Facebook all of a sudden is giving me oodles of ads in regards to this condition and the solutions. The same thing with turkey necks in guys Ha! Ha! (I shared that in one of my weekly devotionals).

Here is the kicker! A lot of the junk they are trying to sell you doesn't even work. Some things do but most of it is just to make some bucks off willing customers that want instant answers (which many ads claim very quick results). It brings me to this point. We live in a culture where we want instant answers to everything that ails us. A pill that makes me better, a surgery that takes all the pain away, an exercise that will mend what is wrong and it will all go away.

As long as we live on this earth, we will experience pain and decline in our health eventually. We can do things to help delay it and help with it but the real answer is not the temporary fix but the eternal one. What I need even more than these temporary patchwork solutions to some of my ailments is the solution to my sin and the sinfulness of humanity brought on with the fall of Adam and Eve.

God gave us that solution in Jesus Christ. When sin came into our world it brought pain and fear and distrust and decay and an unraveling of the beautiful world God created for us. But Jesus came into our world to redeem us from sin and its consequences. "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ" (Romans 3:23-24) HE redeemed us from the ultimate penalty of sin, death! He paid what we couldn't pay for because God is a just God and demanded justice for wrongdoing.

So, although Facebook purports to share with us solutions to all that ails us, it doesn't take care of the deeper issue, our sin! Wouldn't it be lovely if Facebook directed us to Jesus when we are feeling defeated and riddled with problems. All these issues we face are important but only the eternal solution will completely take care of it in the end.

Love you,

Pastor Dave

