**WELCOME TO**

**THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS**

Pastor David Wallis

September 1, 2019 9 a.m.



*Welcome and Announcements*

* *Please sign our attendance pads; pass it down the pew, take time to note with whom you are sitting, so that you can greet them later.*
* *Green Prayer Cards may be filled out with your joys/prayer concerns. Ushers will collect them during prayer time.*
* *Musical Guests – 4 ONE Quartet asks that you please refrain from applause during the service, thank you.*

\*Call to Worship Psalm 90:12-17 pg. 589

Liturgist – Danna Marvin

Special Music 4 ONE Quartet

\*Prayer of Confession   
 **O God, you have provided and you have sustained. You have guided and you have protected. In the future and for today, remind us of your provision in the past. We are yours! Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri #623

First Scripture Reading pg. 57  
 Exodus 4:10-17

Children’s Time

\*Affirmation of Faith through Song #433

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology #625

\*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1034

Luke 14:16-24

Sermon “Excuses, Excuses, Excuses!”

\*Hymn “Freely, Freely” #447

\*Benediction

\*Postlude in unison

*God be with you till we meet again;   
By His counsels guide, up-hold you,   
With His sheep securely fold you;   
God be with you till we meet again.*

*Please join us for refreshments between Worship Services in Fellowship Hall.*

*Everyone is welcome!*

**How to become a Christian**

1. **Admit to God that you have done things that oppose His desires for you.**

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

1. **Acknowledge Jesus Christ as God’s only solution to your condition.**

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6

1. **Ask God to forgive your sins and invite Jesus into your life.**

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:12

**What to Pray**

“Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank you for coming to earth, living an unblemished life, and dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive you as Savior and Lord of everything I do. Make me the kind of person you want me to be.”

**What to Do**

**G**o to God in prayer daily.

**R**ead God’s word daily.

**O**pen your life to other Christian friends.

**W**orship God weekly at church.

If God is speaking to you this morning and you desire to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, or desire prayer for a particular matter, we invite you to the front of the sanctuary at the close of the service where Pastor Dave and/or others will be glad to pray and talk with you.

**THE CHURCH OF THE STRAITS STAFF**

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**In the Nursery – for 1st grade and younger**

Sept. 8 – *need someone*

Sept. 15 – *need someone*

**Liturgists in Coming Weeks:**

Sept. 8 10:30 am *need someone*

Sept. 15  10:30 am *need someone*

Sept. 22  10:30 am *need someone*

**Sunday Worship Attendance**

8/25/19 9am – 66 11am – 71

8/26/18 9am – 54 11am – 57

**Flowers:** If you wish to have flowers on the Altar for any occasion, please contact the church office at 436-8682.

**Hearing Devices** are available from the sound booth. Please turn the device off and return it to the sound booth after the service.

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.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**September 1** – **8, 2019**

**SUN 9-1** 3:00 pmKeller Wedding

3:00 pmAA

6:00 pm Prayer Group

**MON 9-2** Labor Day – Office will be closed

**TUE 9-3** 6:30 pm PPRC Meeting

**WED 9-4** 11:00 am Suzanne Darrow Service

**THR 9-5**  8:00 am Men’s Breakfast

**SAT 9-7** 9:00 am Men’s Accountability

**SUN 9-8** 9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Traditional Worship

3:00 pm AA

6:00 pm Prayer Group

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes –**

***Septembet is*** *games month – puzzles, peg games, etch-a-sketch, puzzles cubes, jacks, marbles, dominos, cards, hack-sacks, etc.*

**Katie Darrow would appreciate** help with rides to Petoskey 3 times a week for dialysis. Sign up in Fellowship Hall, thank you!

**Christmas in Chicago!** December 5-6-7. Trip includes round trip from Mackinaw City to Chicago via Coach, transportation within Chicago, tickets to all shows, museums and tours, two-night stay at a downtown hotel and three breakfasts. Highlights include: *One of a Kind Holiday Show, Chicago Art Institute, Christkindlmarket, Macy’s* “Holiday Traditions Tour”, *Driehaus Home Museum, Museum of Science & Industry*. Sponsored by the Mackinaw City Area Arts Council. Contact Judy in the church office for more information or call Linda Orlow at  
231-838-4484.

**Communion will be held the 2nd Sunday of September,** the 8th. We return to **one service** on September 8th at 10:30 am.

**A Funeral Service for Suzanne Darrow** will be held here at the church on Wednesday, September 4th at 11:00 am with a luncheon to follow.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: the family of Suzanne Darrow, Gregg Kolaski, Liz Cole, Agatha Andersson, Cindy, Claudia Schneider, Vicky, Martha, Elmer Jackson, Bill Gray, David Cluley, M. Bell, Kandi Soler, Joe, Aiden, Ed M., Rick K., Pat G., Linda Gilsman, Blaine Paquet & family, Nelson LaPointe, Scott Holmquist, John Burke, Rochelle Kennedy, Bob Bach, Ted Stone, Beth Mottsinger, Shirley Maiville, Mary Sikkens, Larry Dodson, Carla Stone, David Canales, Barb and George Lennon, Ronnie Cooper, Tim Zabik, Mary Terrian, Connie Ware’s mom, John Kurtz, DanTassier, Pastor Dave, Kathy Neill, Jennifer Davis, Mary Beth, Benny, Ricki Caswell, Dick Campbell, Nan Keck, Pastor Jerry Tallman, Irene Rasmussen, Jim Rose, Jeanine Clemens, Don Bedell, Katie Darrow, Casey Holsinger, Jodi Prieur, Meredith Cole, Naomi Gomez, Diane Stevens, Katie Roberts, Al Artz, Leslie Sherman, John Delis, youth at Tip of the Mitt, Rick Pauley, Mary Marquis, Theresa Gonzales, Staci Belanger, Chuck Adkins, Bill Nowaske, Sharon Bonter, Adam Greenly, Hailey Williams, Laurel Birk, Adam Cripps, Tillie Frazier, Denice Hansen, Jolene Rogala, Nathan Raboin, Dave Bryers, Jimmy Wilkins, Marilyn Cole, Julie Burnett, Janet Schaefer, Doris Rottschalk, Janice Wallis, Arvella Tenbrink, Mason Brey, Kate Walugembe, and our Military.

Nikki Haneczek

***At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’  
Luke 14:17***

Welcome to Our Service

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