



November



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Men's Group 9 am
Communion AA 3pm Prayer Group 6 pm 3					1	2
		Pinecrest 2pm	Food Pantry 10 am Bell Choir 12:30 pm Bible Journaling 2 pm	Men's Brkfst 8 am		Men's Group 9 am
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AA 3pm Prayer Group 6 pm 10	Evangelism 11am Wm's Bible Study 2 pm 		Bell Choir 12:30 pm Bible Journaling 2 pm			Men's Group 9 am Jerry Archer Memorial 11am
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Shoe Boxes Due!! AA 3pm Prayer Group 6 pm 17	Wm's Bible Study 2 pm		Food Pantry 10 am Bell Choir 12:30 pm Bible Journaling 2 pm	Men's Brkfst 8 am Helping Hands 10am		Men's Group 9 am
	18	19	20	21	22	23
Hanging of the Greens AA 3pm Prayer Group 6 pm 24	Wm's Bible Study 2 pm BOG Meeting 7 pm	Community Thanksgiving Service 7 pm	Bell Choir 12:30 pm Bible Journaling 2 pm	Community Meal 12pm 	28	29
	25	26	27		29	30

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov 2	Ryleigh Crabtree	Nov 11	Dave Hubbard
Nov 4	Cathy Brey	Nov 13	Kathy Heilman
Nov 5	Julie Armitage	Nov 13	Jennifer O'Brien
Nov 7	Gail Ranville	Nov 13	David Skeels
Nov 8	Liz Limberg	Nov 14	Todd Williams
Nov 9	Arial Durant	Nov 15	Nancy Hinsman
Nov 9	Ayden Crabtree	Nov 15	Elise Powers
Nov 9	Lucas Powers	Nov 23	Loretta Martinek
Nov 10	Weston Martin	Nov 28	Katie Strittmatter
Nov 11	Sue Kohs	Nov 28	Nan Keck



ANNIVERSARIES:

Nov 10	Don & Jan Hawver
Nov 28	Dave & Patricia Hubbard

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Mike's Musings

So last month I talked about faith, and this month I want to continue that discussion of faith. To have faith you must trust God. Most of us say we trust God, but do we walk that out? I can only speak for myself, but I know I struggle with that also. Yet, I've seen God do mighty things in my life, so I must have trusted Him sometime. I think God does good things for me despite my lack of trust, and I'm sure you might say that is true for you also. In my studies I recently found some verses that help me understand our need to trust God.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green and will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit." These verses basically say that those who trust in God are able to thrive in adverse situations. We all can get on board with this, and we need to shut off the voice that tells us to worry and not trust in God.

Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

There are many more verses that tell us to trust in the Lord, and we probably are familiar with most of them. The problem is we don't believe what God says. We need to seek His face instead of seeking council with others. God knows us better than anyone. He knows what is going on with us and He cares. The word tells us in Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

My hope is you will listen to God, trust in God, and know that God wants the best for you no matter what it may look like. I'll leave you with this verse that comforts me about trusting God.

Philippians 4:6-7 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Memorial for Jerry Archer Nov 16th 11am

COMMUNITY WORSHIP THANKSGIVING SERVICE

- COS together with St. Anthony's Catholic Church will hold the Annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Tuesday, November 26th at 7 pm. The service will be held at COS. Please join us for this special holiday tradition.



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 a "Change" in our community.



Christmas Cantata will be returning Dec 8th at 2pm. If you would be interested in participating, please talk with Sharolyn Metternich

Food Pantry Resumes Nov 6th 10am

Help is needed to support healthy nutrition for those in need. We will need donations and help to distribute food on the day of the events. Please plan to help out if you are able.

Thanks!



For Sale: Santa's Secret Training Center Book



A fun way to teach children why Santa (St Nicholas) "started" giving gifts to the world. Families can start a new Godly Christmas tradition by reading this story every Christmas.

The story takes place in the Straits of Mackinaw and ends at our very own nativity scene. 100% of the profits will be going to Children's Ministries.

Books will be back in Church mid Nov. Any questions please call June Bailey 989-385-5050 or the Church office.

Out of towners can buy on Amazon.com



Operation Christmas Child

November is the month to fill the boxes! Boxes need to be at the Church by Sunday the 17th. Here are some suggestions! For older kids: 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 \$10.00 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.

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

Coffee Hour and Liturgist Sign Ups
Please see the various sign-up sheets by the entrance to the church. We always need help with Coffee Hour and for readers on Sunday.



Matthew 18:20 Meetup Class
Meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30pm to fellowship and discuss various topics. Please plan to attend!

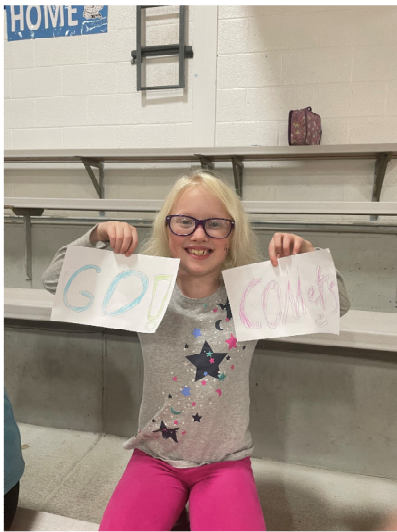


Community Thanksgiving Dinner
We will be hosting a dinner on Thanksgiving Day (Nov 28th) at Noon. Please bring a dish to pass. Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, and Beverages will be provided. Please sign up.

Thanksgiving Dinner

SARM happenings

At Church of the Straits, We Love Kids!



Cheer for the home team!



Bloomington Youth Group

Coats for Kids

Help S.A.R.M (Straits Area Resort Ministry) and the Salvation Army keep kids warm this winter! S.A.R.M is accepting donations of new coats and monetary donations for our youth group to go shopping for coats. Dec 14th. Drop off location at Church of the Straits.

Monday-Friday 10am to 2pm.

Upcoming Events

December 7th Help Decorate a Christmas Tree at the Rec Center
December 14th Shopping for Coats for Kids at Cheboygan Walmart

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

November 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.

Minister	Pastor David Wallis
Youth Director	Shannon Cooley
Head Ushers	Todd Kohs
	Erin Masters
Organist	Loretta Martinek
Treasurer	Donna Falor
Financial Secretary	Laura Jackson
Clerk	Laura Jackson
Administrative Asst.	Joshua Kuehn

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Office Phone: 231 436-8682

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As I was living through late summer into early fall this year, I feel like I let a lot of good stuff pass me by because I was preoccupied with my knee replacement surgery. There was the pain distractions, the physical therapy, the less than stellar sleep at night early on, the lack of ability to get things done, blah, blah, blah. I'm not complaining because actually things are going pretty well on that front, but my life dealt with some interference.

The Psalmist in chapter 66 exhorts us to pay attention to God, to listen to him. Here are verses 16-20, "Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was

on my tongue. If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!"

There is an admonition in this text to pay attention to how we live. It says, "if we cherish sin in our heart, the Lord would not have listened". Just like my distractions that came with my surgery, sin distracts us from what is important and good and special. It turns us away from developing a vital and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. It blocks the relationship from going any deeper.

I recall a conversation (and several variations of it through the years) with a person many years ago in which they indicated to me that a Christian friend told them that until they came to terms with their sin that God would not listen to them. They wanted me to say something different, but I agreed that our sin damages our relationship with God and if we aren't willing to confess and turn away from our sin, we can't expect God to honor that.

That would be something like a parent honoring a disobedient child by doing everything they asked without demanding they apologize for their wrongdoing. Of course, our relationship with God is affected by our reluctance to deal with sin. It's also true that our relationship can be restored and revitalized by doing what 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and cleanse of all unrighteousness."

So, getting back to the beginning of this article, my knee distracted me from enjoying these last couple of months to the degree I could. Don't let something like sin distract us from enjoying our relationship with Jesus the way we should. The devil is really good at creating distractions, don't let him!

Love ya'll,

Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave



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AND
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