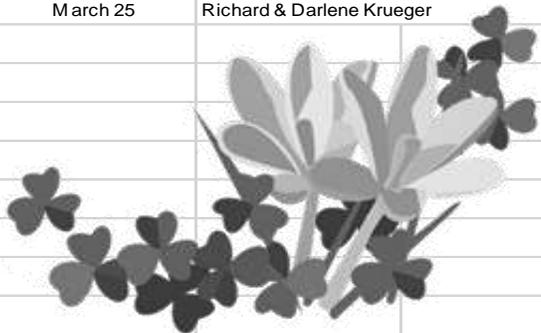




MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Communion					Art Class 2pm	
SARM Sledding 1:30pm	Healthy Living 2pm	Sr Yoga 10am	Food Pantry 10-11am	Men's Brkfst 8am	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	Men's Group 9am
AA 3pm	Wms Bible Study 3pm	PPRC 6:30pm				
Healing Service 5pm						
Disciple IV 6pm 1	2	3	4	5		6
Girl Scout Sunday					Art Class 2pm	
AA 3pm	Healthy Living 2pm	Sr Yoga 10am	Food Pantry 10-11am			Men's Higher Call
Prayer Group 5pm	Wms Bible Study 3pm					Gaylord
Disciple IV 6pm						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Kate's Kids					Art Class 2pm	
AA 3pm	Healthy Living 2pm	Sr Yoga 10am	Food Pantry 10-11am	Men's Brkfst 8am		Men's Group 9am
Prayer Group 5pm	Wms Bible Study 3pm			Willing Workers 10am		
Disciple IV 6pm						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					Art Class 2pm	
AA 3pm	Healthy Living 2pm	Sr Yoga 10am	Food Pantry 10-11am			Community
Prayer Group 5pm	Wms Bible Study 3pm	Evangelism 11am				Breakfast 9am
Disciple IV 6pm		BOG 7pm				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
AA 3pm	Healthy Living 2pm	Sr Yoga 10am				
Prayer Group 5pm	Wms Bible Study 3pm					
Disciple IV 6pm						
29	30	31				

BIRTHDAYS:		ANNIVERSARIES:	
March 1	Lucas Hunt	March 14	Peter Ryan
March 1	Lily Hunt	March 14	Brad Reed
March 2	Jameson Jutson	March 18	Stephanie Skeels
March 3	Kristina Heilman	March 23	Tim Zabik
March 4	Amy Rogala	March 24	Todd Kohs
March 6	Judy Churchill	March 24	Jane Spayde
March 8	Jean Hunt	March 27	Kate Walugembe
March 10	Emilia Laninga	March 29	Bud Stone
March 11	Sherry Paquet	March 29	Karen Spencer
March 12	Georgia Prillwitz	March 30	Jennifer Morse-Griffin
March 14	Laurel Birk	March 30	Steve Toth



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S.A.R.m. Youth Happenings



Sledding at Doc Holle's Silver Mountain, US-2 W & Cheeseman Rd in St. Ignace, Sunday, March 1st from 1:30 – 4:30 pm. Meet us there. SARM will pay

for the kids 18 and younger, \$8 for adults. Come fellowship with SARM and get to know your neighbors. All ages welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Crafts and Cookies, how sweet it was. So nice spending time with all the youth painting vases, making flowers and I can't forget the slime! After all that, was cookie decorating. It was nice to end with a sweet treat. The following day, SARM hosted coffee hour. SARM youth passed out flowers and served the cookies they had decorated. It was nice to see all ages of the congregation spending time together. ♥♥♥ God Bless, Shannon Cooley



"Come to the Table" by Susan Homan

Come to the table all your sins will be forgiven
Come to the table and love will be given
Come to the table to find peace
Come to the table where all your worries will cease
Come to the table and pray with me
Come to the table where you can be free
Come to the table eat and be still
Come to the table where all of your hopes and dreams will be filled.

" May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and the road downhill all the way to your door." ~ Irish Blessing



Mike's Musings

God wants us to love one another...

The world right now is a mess. People feel compelled to tell us what they think about anything and everything, yet are not willing to listen to what we may have to say. I know I have

been guilty of this myself. We get so caught up with our own thoughts that we forget what God intends for us to do. Please bear with me and hear me out. God doesn't want us to be arguing with one another he wants us to love one another. That can be hard if we are arguing who is right and who is wrong. Don't get me wrong I think we need to stand up for Godly principles, but we should never fight about it.

God's word in 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 gives us a prescription of how we are to act with everyone we come in contact with. It says, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs." Wow! If you think about what Jesus taught while he was with us this is exactly what he wants us to be. Another good verse to remember is Ephesians 4:2 "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." This verse comes in handy when dealing with people that like to stir the pot. Some people like to see Christians get mad, get flustered, even get angry. This isn't what God wants us to do.

I want you to know it is ok to walk away from people who are negative. It is ok to protect yourself from people who mean you harm. But what is important is to keep in mind is what Jesus said in Luke 6:27-36 "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

I know what has been said here is hard to do. This is what God expects of us. We may have to ask Gods help with this from time to time, but the more we do it the easier it will get. I pray we can bring love back to this world that is turned upside down. It has to begin somewhere. God wants it to begin with us His children. They will know we are Christians by our love.





We extend our sympathy to the families of those
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 who have entered the Church Triumphant:
 Obera Darling, who passed away in February
 2020.

**There will be no memorial for Obera, but those
 wishing to send condolences to her son can send
 them to: Lawrence Goldman
 3647 N. Val Vista Rd.
 Apache Junction, AZ 85119



Come One, Come All to our
 Second Community Breakfast,
 March 28th at 9:00 am. Invite
 your family, friends and
 neighbors. **FREE** food and fun
 for all who come and join us!

Coffee Hour Leaders – Each month
 someone is responsible to find people
 to serve coffee hour. Please continue
 to sign-up in Fellowship Hall.
 Questions, call the ‘lead person’ or
 the office.



→ March – Sue Kohs
 April – Elizabeth Zabik



Operation Shoe Box

You can impact more children
 around the world for eternity by
 looking for shoebox items
 throughout the year. Below is a
 suggested item for the month:

*March is quality crafts month –
 knitted, crocheted, sewing or no-sew items.*

*“I collected and bought pillowcases from friends and thrift stores,
 and am turning them into tote bags. These are easy to do by cutting
 them in half, and then using grosgrain ribbon for the handles!”
 –Annette M.*



Drop-in Art Class at the church on
 Fridays at 2pm. Bring work you
 want to finish and let’s see where the
 spirit moves us. We may have 5 or
 more different activities going on or
 may decide to concentrate on one thing for a day.
 Contact MaryAnn Moore at 734-934-0170 for
 more information.

Joyful noise

Use your voice and this hand-crafted
 percussion instrument to make joyful
 noises to the Lord.

What you need:

- Dry beans (about one Tbsp)
- Plastic Easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Markers and stickers

What you do:

1. Place the beans inside the egg and snap it closed.
2. Set the egg in a spoon and cover it with the second spoon so the spoons are holding the egg.
3. Tape the spoons to the egg. Also wrap tape around the spoons from top to bottom to make a shaker handle.
4. Decorate your shaker and use it as you sing praises to God.
5. Experiment with sounds by filling other eggs with coins, rice, and so on.

PUZZLE

MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD

People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.

Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.

	A type of horn	___ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/>	MURTEP
	Played by King David	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _	PRHA
	Plucked to make sound	_ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _	IGSNSTR
	Similar to a tambourine	_ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _	MRBELIT
	A type of harp	_ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/>	ELRY
	Blown through to make sound	_ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _	EPPI
	A percussion instrument	_ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _	YBLACMS

Le_ everyt_ing tha_ has _r_ath
 _raise the _ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals, Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Bible Quiz

Who came to Jesus by night to ask him questions, and what famous Bible verse was part of Jesus’ answer?

- Martha; “I am the resurrection and the life ...”
- Peter; “Do to others what you would have them do ...”
- Thomas; “I am the way and the truth and the life ...”
- Nicodemus; “For God so loved the world ...”

Answer: D (See John 3:1-16)



Straits Talk Newsletter

March 2020

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.

Minister	Pastor David Wallis
Youth Director	Shannon Cooley
Head Ushers	Todd Kohs and Greg Pietrowski
Organist	Loretta Martinek
Treasurer	Donna Falor
Financial Secretary	Cathy Brey
Clerk	Laura Jackson
Secretary	Judy Churchill

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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Have you ever wondered how God takes care of His creation? I am looking out my window in the office and my phone indicates that it is 0 degrees outside, a little bit on the nippy side for me. I notice that in a maple tree there is a squirrel nest. How do they survive winter?

I couldn't be outside in a little nest with the wind howling around me and survive in subfreezing temperatures. Yet God created these little creatures to survive. He knows each little squirrel and he protects and provides for them. Lisa and I were having a brief little conversation about birds the other day as well and wondered about where they go when they aren't flying to the bird feeder for food. How do they keep warm? It doesn't seem like they could endure the cold, but they do!

This is but another indication to me that God is sovereign, he is all powerful, all knowing, all perceiving, all providing, all loving and he is the All in all. I find myself comforted by the fact that Jesus said, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matthew 6:26) Do I really get that?

God cares about all creation but especially us! When he created the world, he said it was all "good" but when he created us as a part of that world, he said it was "very good". Psalm 8:3ff says, "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet...O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth."

We were created with authority over the animal kingdom and a place in the heavenly order that gives us an honored position. Why? Because he loves us and provided salvation for us in Jesus Christ. If he indeed takes such care in providing for the animal kingdom how much more will he also provide for us!?!

People, we are in the best of hands and the best of care. We have God! We have Christ! We have His eternal presence with us through the Holy Spirit. We are taken care of. Rest in that. Immerse yourself in that. Know that! It will give you peace and joy even in the midst of chaos and uncertainty!

Love ya,

Pastor Dave