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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Men's Brkfst 8 am  1		Men's Group 9am 3
Communion AA 3pm Prayer Group 5pm 4	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 5		Hand Bells 12:30pm Bible Journaling 2pm Bible Study 6:30pm 7	Worship 10am 8		Men's Group 9am 10
Mother's Day  AA 3pm Prayer Group 5pm 11	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 12	Pinecrest 2pm 13	Hand Bells 12:30pm Bible Journaling 2pm Bible Study 6:30pm 14	Men's Brkfst 9am Helping Hands 10am 15		Men's Group 9am 17
Sunday School Graduation AA 3pm Prayer Group 5pm 18	Wmn's Bible Study 2pm 19		Hand Bells 12:30pm Bible Journaling 2pm Baccalaureate 7pm 21			Men's Group 9am Parade 11am 24
AA 3pm Prayer Group 5pm 25	 Memorial Day 26	BOG Mtg 7pm 27	Hand Bells 12:30pm Bible Journaling 2pm Bible Study 6:30pm 28			

**BIRTHDAYS:**

May 2	Brenda Bell
May 3	Andrew Laninga
May 5	Judy Hurlburt
May 5	Joshua Kuehn
May 6	Linda Gwilt
May 7	Sharolyn Metternich
May 10	Michelle Williams

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

May 3	Larry & Jennifer O'Brien
May 13	Dick & Jean Hunt
May 14	Todd & Laura Janeczek
May 15	Bob & Lyn Benefiel
May 28	Meaghan & Joshua Kuehn



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Mike's Musings

The adult Sunday school class has been studying the 23rd Psalm and we have been learning how God does things in our life to show us He is there going through whatever the trial that we are experiencing. The part that the study is focusing on is in

Psalms 23:5 "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." So, what does that mean? When I think of what this looks like I see a scene with a battle going on. A table comes down before me and my favorite food is laid out across the table, and there on the other side of the table sits Jesus. He asks me to sit down and take a rest with Him. Right there in the middle of my battle. Then God says to my enemies, "This is my child. They are with me at my table."

Jesus can do this for you too. When troubles come into our lives, we should go straight to God with what is going on. He doesn't want us to carry it alone. Sometimes we are under attack from the evil one. Scriptures tell us in 1 Peter 5:8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Also, in John 10:10-11 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

When you have a relationship with the Jesus that gave his life for you and me, He watches over us. It seems funny this imagery of God setting a table in front of my enemies. Yet we see that God cares for us. He laid down His life for us and is with us in every battle. I can't always understand why God would care so much about me, but I can trust that He does. So, when your battle is raging and all seems lost. Look for God to bring down a table and have a feast with the Lord God Himself. He wants to be there for you. Now go ahead and believe it and take a rest.

**Remember God is good all the time,  
and all the time God is good.**



**Operation Christmas Child**  
Please continue to shop for shoebox items throughout the year. **May ideas: small stuffed animals, dolls and hygiene products.**

**Respect Life of Cheboygan**

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Cheboygan Library. (the meeting room is in the basement). We welcome additional people to join us. Please call with any questions. Nancy Prindle 269-270-7123



**Help Us Honor Our Veterans**

If you or a loved one has served and would like to be part of our slide show presentation, please send your info to the Church office. Please include a picture, branch of service, and years served. The slide show will be shown on Memorial Day and Veterans Day



**Baccalaureate**  
WORSHIP SERVICE

**Baccalaureate Service**  
**Wed May 21st at 7pm**

COS & St. Anthony's will host Baccalaureate for the 2024 Mackinaw City Graduates on Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to bring a plate of finger food or cookies, a reception will follow the service.

**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.



**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](mailto: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 "Shoebboxes"  
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.

## SARM happenings

### **At Church of the Straits, We Love Kids!**



### **Easter Bunny Lunch and "King of Kings" Movie**

### **Upcoming Events**

**Memorial Day Parade: May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mackinac Island Pocket Prayers: June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**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

## May 2025



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.

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I'm writing this on April 3rd because I will be heading out for a church meeting and then a week or so vacation in Florida to see our son and family starting tomorrow. When we get back, we will be heading right into Easter. Now you will all be receiving this after all that takes place.

Here goes my point. Right now, things are still pretty tough for some people in Northern Michigan. We are still out of power at our house and many others are out as well. People have experienced some damage and tree clearing, etc... When you read this, I presume almost all of this will be behind us and we will have recovered. Life will be continuing, and

we will not only have survived but we are going to thrive.

The lesson is, "we will get through this, so there is no need to be overly anxious." God will provide in time of need. He sometimes provides through people, weather (he warmed it up quickly to get the ice off the trees Wednesday and today), community services and churches, and so on to do His work. In fact, it is worth noting that when we had several people spend the night at Church of the Straits last night, we made breakfast with the Men's Breakfast group. Following the meal and devotional we prayed. At the exact moment we were done praying, the Bridge opened up for traffic. We had prayed moments before that it would happen, and it did. Wow!!! God is good!

Psalm 121:1-2, 7-8 says "I lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth...The Lord will keep you from all harm, he will watch over your life. The Lord will watch over your coming and your going both now and forevermore."

These words remind us that God indeed knows what is going on and will provide a way through it. If I read this after it has been sent out to us in the newsletter, I will be reminded that once again God has provided and taken me and you through another challenge in life.

So, take some time today to say "thank you God." He has watched over us, protected us, guided us, provided us, sustained us, and yes, he has saved us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You are dearly loved,

Pastor Dave

