



# THE COMPANION

From The Pastor



On October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation: *"I invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States...to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."*

President Lincoln thought that even in the midst of a bloody civil war, thanks should be offered to God. This sentiment is echoed in our liturgy every Sunday: *"Let us **give thanks** unto the Lord our God. // It is meet and right so to do. // We should at all times and in all places **give thanks** to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father everlasting God..."* In fact another name for the communion we partake of every week is "Eucharist," which means Thanksgiving."

And so Happy Thanksgiving to you! I know that there are still a few weeks until we celebrate our national day of thanksgiving on November 22. But we can still give thanks each and every day. Thanksgiving is not just a holiday once a year where we feed our faces and watch some football. Thanksgiving is what takes place as we gather together every week. And what happens in our lives everyday.

No matter the circumstances, we have so much for which we can give thanks: food and drink; clothing and shoes; house and home; all that we have. And as Christians we give thanks especially for the work of Jesus Christ our Lord who redeemed us from death and the devil, purchased and won us with his holy precious blood and innocent suffering and death. And (as it teaches in the catechism) for all that Christ has done for us, it is our duty to give him **thanks** and praise, to serve and obey him.

If President Lincoln can encourage us to give thanks even in the middle of a brutal war, we can give thanks regardless of our situation. Everyday we can give thanks. In fact, St Paul says in I Thessalonians 5: *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

For me, a reminder of "giving thanks in all circumstances" is the hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" (895 in *Lutheran Service Book*)

You may know the hymn, but do you know the story behind it? It was written by Pastor Martin Rinkart. He truly had gratitude to God even in the darkest of situations. Pastor Rinkart served as a pastor in the city of Eilenberg Germany in the 1600's. He became pastor right before the start of the Thirty Years' War. As the war raged on, refugees flooded into the city. Overcrowding led to food shortages. The situation was so bad that dozens of people fought in the streets for dead cats and birds. Soon the plague followed and in one year 8000 people died. There were 4 pastors in the city and at one point they were each holding 10 or more funerals a day. Eventually, one of the pastors ran away and, over time, Pastor Rinkart buried the other two.

Pastor Rinkart, left as the only pastor in town, continued visiting in the sick and dying. He held funeral services for as many as fifty people a day. This included his own wife.

Yet, living in a world dominated by death, Martin Rinkart was not consumed by despair. He still placed his trust in God. After many horrific years of war, when it finally appeared that there would be peace, Rinkart wrote a hymn of thanks for his children to sing at the dinner table: *"Now Thank We All our God."* It is a wonderful example of thanksgiving in all times and in all places:

*Now thank we all our God // With hearts and hands and voices;  
Who wondrous things hath done, // In whom this world rejoices.  
Who, from our mother's arms, // Hath led us on our way,  
With countless gifts of love, // And still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God // Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts // And blessèd peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace, // And guide us when perplexed;  
And free us from all ills, // In this world and the next!*

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

*In His Peace,  
Pastor Darren Harbaugh*

# PRESIDENTS CORNER

November 2018

One of the tasks of the Board of Directors is to develop a budget for the next year. This task was very difficult for the 2018 budget as it was uncertain when the Central Coast Senior Services Adult Day Care program would begin during 2018 (we assumed a start in April) with a user fee of \$1,800/month. Furthermore, the status of the Verizon application for installation of a cell tower on the church, which had been pending since December 2016, was also uncertain. Meanwhile we had a bid for \$7,000 to replace the flat roof at the back of the church as soon as the rainy season ended.

Fortunately, God provided us with some unexpected funds. First, Verizon began in January to provide a user fee of about \$1,500 per month in anticipation that the cell tower installation would occur in 2018. Then an amazing gift of \$15,000 was provided in March by an anonymous donor with instructions "to be used as needed," which was first allocated to cover the \$7,000 roof repair. However, the roofers uncovered extensive water and termite damage below the roof, which added another \$3,500 to the cost. Then termites were discovered in the interior and exterior of the church, which required tenting of the entire church. Fifty percent of the \$6,000 tenting cost was taken from the anonymous \$15,000 gift. The remainder of this gift was utilized to replace several very old banners in the sanctuary.

Although we have been concerned for years that the (original) furnace for the church would fail sometime, that failure occurred in May. As he has so many times in the past, Don Wallich stepped up to provide the \$9,500 to cover the cost of a new furnace. So the combination of the anonymous gift of \$15,000 plus Don's gift of \$9,500 allowed us to cover about \$24,000 of unexpected capital expenditures during the first six month of 2018. If God had not blessed our church through these gifts, we would have had to borrow that amount.

The financial drama was not over as the Adult Day Care program had not started in April as planned in our 2018 budget. Thus, we had to use regular budget receipts to cover the Community Center loan payments and insurance. Furthermore, the Seaside Planning Commission had repeatedly delayed a hearing on cell towers in our neighborhood—and there was a bit of panic when Verizon stopped sending the monthly checks of \$1,500 after July. However, the Jesus Center Church approached us about using our Community Center for their Sunday evening worship services. Since June 3, we have received \$100 per Sunday for that usage, which was a welcome addition to the budget.

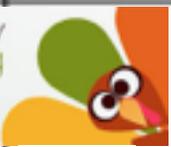
Fortunately, all planned budget receipts began in September with the opening of the Adult Day Care program, and Verizon restored the missing monthly user fee payments. Furthermore, the August and September regular giving was above the budgeted amount, for which we are most grateful. Thanks be to God for all he provides for Faith Lutheran Church.

*Peace,  
Russell Elsberry*

# Becca's Baby Shower!



# November 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>The <b>ASTERISK *</b> means that <u>these groups are NOT ASSOCIATED WITH FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</u></p> <p><b>WEEKDAYS (M - F) ADULT DAY CARE* 8 AM - 5 PM</b>  <b>EVERY SUNDAY - JESUS CENTER* 4-7:30 PM</b>  <b>I-HELP MEN* 5 PM - FIRST MONDAY - TUESDAY AM</b>  <b>I-HELP WOMEN* 5 PM - SECOND TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY AM</b>  <b>EVERY MONDAY - GIRL SCOUTS* -6 -8 PM</b>  <b>ELECTION DAY - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH</b></p>					<p><i>Bible Study</i> 11 AM</p>	
<p>Sunday School Adult Bible Study 9 AM Church 10 AM</p>	<p>I-HELP MEN* 5 PM - TUESDAY AM</p>			<p><i>Bible Study</i> 11 AM</p>		
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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!**  
**SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD!**  
**THURSDAYS IN NOVEMBER - BIBLE STUDY - 11 AM**  
**OFFICE CLOSED FOR VETERAN'S DAY**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH - BOARD MEETING**  
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH - 10 AM**  
**THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 ND & 23RD - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED!**

# ❁ NOVEMBER SERVANT LIST ❁

**November**

	NOVEMBER 4TH	NOVEMBER 11TH	NOVEMBER 18TH	NOVEMBER 25TH
<b>ASSISTANT</b>	<b>TIM RUEDIGER</b>	<b>HOWARD PEARSON</b>	<b>RUSS ELSBERRY</b>	<b>RUTH NUTT</b>
<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>KARL KRUEGER</b>	<b>MARJIE KEATING</b>	<b>DON WALLICH</b>	<b>RUSS ELSBERRY</b>
<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>NO ONE SIGNED UP</b>	<b>NO ONE SIGNED UP</b>	<b>NO ONE SIGNED UP</b>	<b>THE RUEDIGERS</b>
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	<b>NO ONE SIGNED UP</b>	<b>LOIS &amp; RUTH</b>	<b>NO ONE SIGNED UP</b>	<b>NO ONE SIGNED UP</b>
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	<b>JULI REYNOLDS</b>	<b>RUTH NUTT</b>	<b>SARA WILLIAMS</b>	<b>BECKY PEARSON</b>

## OFFICE HOURS:

**PASTOR HARBAUGH'S OFFICE HOURS:  
TUESDAYS - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY  
10 am - 1pm\***

**\*OR BY APPOINTMENT**

**MARTHA'S OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY- FRIDAY 9 AM - 1:00 PM**



**FAITH  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

## LEFTOVER THANKSGIVING CASSEROLE

YIELD: 6 SERVINGS    PREP: 15 MINS.  
COOK: 40 MINS.    TOTAL: 55 MINS.

### INGREDIENTS (LEFTOVERS)

4 C. LEFTOVER STUFFING, DIVIDED  
4 C. COARSELY CHOPPED TURKEY  
3/4 C. BEST FOODS® REAL MAYONNAISE  
1/4 C. WHOLE BERRY CRANBERRY SAUCE  
2 C. LEFTOVER MASHED POTATOES  
1 1/2 C. SHREDDED MOZZARELLA CHEESE



### INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat Oven To 375°. Spray 8-Inch Baking Dish With No-Stick Cooking Spray. Spoon In 2 Cups Stuffing, Then Top With Turkey. Combine 1/4 Cup Best Foods® Real Mayonnaise With Cranberry Sauce; Evenly Spread Over Turkey. Combine Remaining 1/2 Cup Mayonnaise, Your Favorite Mashed Potatoes And Cheese In Large Bowl. Evenly Spread Over The Last Layer, Then Top With Remaining 2 Cups Stuffing. Bake

40 Minutes Or Until Heated Through. Let Stand 10 Minutes Before Serving. Garnish, If Desired, With Dried Cranberries.

The Deadline for the **DECEMBER 2018 Newsletter** is:  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2018 at 10:00 am!**

## NOVEMBER 2018 BIRTHDAYS!

**Carolyn Short - 11/21/1932**

**Valera Hoskinson - 11/26/1921**

**Cyrus Ruediger - 11/28**

If you want your birthday in the Newsletter,

please contact Martha in the office at:

**{831} 394-1312**

**-or- at [office@faithseaside.org](mailto:office@faithseaside.org)**

**Happy Birthday!**





# GIVING OUTREACH!

We are proud to announce that our 5th Sunday Giving Outreach was able to raise over \$500.00 for the victims of the Northern California Fires.



## HERE ARE THE CHARITIES WE ARE SUPPORTING THIS YEAR:



### THE MONTEREY COUNTY FOOD BANK:

We have placed the FOOD BANK barrels in the Narthex. Here is a list of the most needed food items:

- Canned tuna, chicken or salmon,
- Peanut butter, Meals in a can (soup, stew, chili),
- Low-sodium canned vegetables, Low-sugar whole grain cereals,
- Canned fruit in its own juice or water, Olive or canola oil,
- Canned foods with pop-top lids,
- Spices (cinnamon, chili powder, cumin, salt-free spice blends)
- Healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit).

**Please avoid items packed in glass.**

No candy or sugar-sweetened drinks.

***FOODS IN CANS, BAGS, BOXES,  
PLASTIC CONTAINERS & PLASTIC BOTTLES.  
NO GLASS CONTAINERS!***

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# HERE ARE THE CHARITIES WE ARE SUPPORTING THIS YEAR, continued:

We are gathering toiletries for the I-Help Men and the I-Help Women. Here is a list of the items needed:

## HOMELESS SUPPLY LIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Shampoo    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Small First Aid Kit  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Toothbrush | <input type="checkbox"/> | Thermal Socks  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> | Small \$ Gift Cards<br><small>(to easily accessible restaurants or superstores)</small>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Deodorant  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lightweight Snacks<br><small>(trail mixes, granola bars, dried fruits, crackers)</small> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Comb       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mints/Gum  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Razor      | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bottle of Water  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chapstick  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hand Lotion  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Scarf      | <input type="checkbox"/> | Local Resources Guide  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hat        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Words of Encouragement   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gloves     |                          |  |

*Thank You!*