



THE COMPANION



PASTOR'S MESSAGE...

What are your plans for Easter? Does your family have any traditions?

We always had an Easter egg hunt. My Grandpa would hobble around in the morning hiding plastic eggs filled with candy and coins. My cousins and I would line up with pink or blue plastic basket in hand and await the signal.

There was always a special egg filled with a five (!) dollar bill. No one would ever find it he thought. I've always supposed that Grandpa hid it some place where only he could find it (i.e. his pocket).

A few times we bought a PAAS egg coloring kit from the dime store. It came with coat hanger-esque curved eggholding wires, an assortment of dyes, and stickers. It was a blast until we actually had to eat the eggs. The idea of something green and purple tasting like a egg never sat well with me. For weeks, the eggs would sit in the fridge. Not only would I refuse to eat them but I also refused to let my parents to throw out my priceless egg art. At some point, the smell would become too overpowering and they'd toss them while I slept.

We were also big fans of the hollow chocolate bunny. I loved feeling his ears and head crumbling beneath the might of my molars.

Holiday traditions are fun. But my favorite Easter tradition has become joyously shouting "Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

See, we "bury the Alleluia" during Lent. This is a custom dating back to at least the fifth century. Tradition holds that we don't sing or say the word "alleluia" again until Easter Day. We choose to restrain our praise during the 40-day season of Lent ending with Easter, looking with great anticipation to the message of forgiveness and eternal life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter.

Then we get to shout our Alleluias!

There's a great hymn that we sing before Lent, "Alleluia, Song of Gladness," which points, not only to the joys of Easter, but to the Alleluias of our coming Heavenly Eternal Easter won for us by Christ's victory over the grave.

**Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while forego;
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.
Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.
Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

*In His Peace,
Pastor Darren Harbaugh*

PRESIDENTS CORNER ~*~ May 2019



A blessed Easter to you. He is Risen! He is Risen! Alleluia! Thanks to Pastor (who we should note has now completed three years of ministry with us!) for all his services during Holy Week. Thanks to the Altar Guild for all the arrangements for the services and especially for getting the Easter lilies. Becca Harbaugh and Laura Zelinkas arranged the Easter egg hunt. Several members donated \$400 to cut the weeds/grass in the back of the church, and Martha Laden arranged for a friend to cut the weeds around the front of the church, which certainly improved the curb appeal of the church.

While passing out thanks, we should certainly include RG Nutt and Don Wallich who helped deal with two sewer drain line blockages in the past few week. In the first incident with the Community Center toilets, the blockage was due to crab legs. It is not clear what the cause was for the second blockage that also included the toilets in the church. The plumber worked until 10 pm, and we still do not have the bill. Since the plumber stated the blockage was 200 feet from the church, it is possible that the blockage was in the main line down the street from the church. If we do have to pay perhaps a thousand dollars for clearing the second blockage, and if the blockage was due to vandalism by an IHELP participant, we may have to also terminate the men's IHELP use of the Community Center. It should also be noted that there was a vandalism incident in which a pickup entered the church parking lot around the chain fence and damaged the sprinkler system control, which caused a water leak that flooded the area for many hours until RG Nutt and Don Wallich could repair the damage.

In last month's Newsletter I described some external factors that have impacted our church membership. The Board of Directors is also discussing a list of internal factors that may have contributed to decreasing worship attendance. Two of these internal factors are the aging membership and the smaller family sizes that I mentioned last month. Pastor Harbaugh also noted that the Lutheran Church is retaining as adult members only about one third of its confirmands. In our family, three of our children married Catholics and one married a Baptist, and none of these families are now attending a Lutheran church. Our oldest grandson did search for a church and he selected a large non-denominational church because of the band music and the number of other young adults in attendance. This may be an example of an internal factor on the list that is called the "Triple Elder Effect" of older churches with older members and an older pastor having difficulties drawing in younger families. While we are an older church with older members, we do not have an older pastor. The Board of Directors will continue discussion of the internal factors known to contribute to decreasing worship attendance—and then address the question of what, and if we are willing to, change to reverse the declining worship attendance and membership in our church. We ask for God's guidance in these discussions.

*In His Peace,
Russell Elsberry*

Photographs from around Faith!

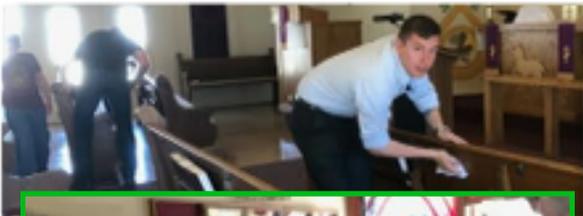


SAM'S BIRTHDAY!



Russ made the kitchen sparkle!

THE CLEANING CREW!



BABY SHOWER!

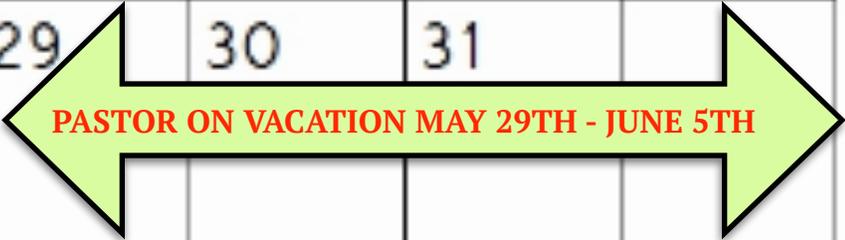
It's a boy!



NAJOO AND BEN!



MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2  11 AM	3	4
5 CINCO DE MAYO	6 I-HELP MEN* 5 PM - TUESDAY AM  6 - 8 PM* MOM SCHOOL	7	8	9  11 AM	10	11
12 Happy Mother's Day	13  6 - 8 PM* MOM SCHOOL	14	15	16  11 AM	17	18
19  Voters Meeting	20  6 - 8 PM* MOM SCHOOL	21  10 AM	22	23  11 AM	24	25
26	27  OFFICE CLOSED	28	 PASTOR ON VACATION MAY 29TH - JUNE 5TH			



First Monday: I-Help Men: 5PM-Tuesday 7AM
Mondays in May: Girl Scouts 6-8 PM
Mondays in May: Mom School
Sunday, May 12th: MOTHER'S DAY
Sunday, May 19th: Voter's Meeting-after church
Tuesday, May 21st: Newsletter Deadline - 10 AM
Monday, May 27th: Memorial Day
Thursdays in May: Bible Study at 11 AM

PASTOR ON VACATION
FROM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29TH
THROUGH
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH

❁ MAY SERVANT LIST ❁

	MAY 5TH	MAY 12TH	MAY 19TH	MAY 26TH
ASSISTANT	RUSSELL ELSBERRY	TIM RUEDIGER	PASTOR	PASTOR
LECTOR	KARL KRUEGER	MARJIE KEATING	ANDREW KONKLE	MATT ZELINSKAS
FLOWERS	THE ELSBERRYS	<i>Please Sign-Up</i>		
COFFEE HOUR	<i>Please Sign-Up</i>	MEN OF FAITH	<i>Please Sign-Up</i>	
ALTAR GUILD	JULI REYNOLDS	RUTH NUTT	BECKY PEARSON	SARA WILLIAMS

**OFFICE HOURS HAVE CHANGED:
PASTOR HARBAUGH'S OFFICE HOURS:**

10 AM - 1 PM*

***OR BY APPOINTMENT**

**MARTHA'S OFFICE HOURS:
TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY
9 AM - 1 PM**



**Faith Lutheran
Church**



CHERRY ALMOND
DUTCH BABY
SERVES 2 GENEROUSLY
OR 4 PETITELY

INGREDIENTS:

3 LARGE EGG

3/4 C. ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR

1/2 TSP. ALMOND EXTRACT (TO TASTE)

4 TBLSP. BUTTER

1/2 C. SLICED ALMONDS, TOASTED

LEMON WEDGES

2 TBLSP. GRANULATED SUGAR

3/4 C. MILK

PINCH OF SALT

2 C. PITTED SWEET CHERRIES

POWDERED SUGAR

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven to 425°F. Whisk egg, sugar, flour, milk, extract and salt together until the batter is blended but lumpy; you can also do this in a blender. In a 12-inch ovenproof frying pan, melt butter. Add cherries and cook until warmed, about 2 minutes. Pour in batter and transfer to heated oven. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until golden brown and rumped-looking. (I err on the side of more cooking time with these pancakes, because I find the longer, within a range, they cook, the more rumped and golden they get.)

Remove pancake from oven and quickly scatter with toasted almonds, dust with powdered sugar and squeeze lemon juice over. Serve in wedges, piping hot.

The Deadline for the **JUNE 2019 Newsletter is:
TUESDAY, MAY 21ST, 2019 at 10:00 am!**

MAY 2019 BIRTHDAYS:
JOE PARSHALL - 05/29/43

**If you want your birthday in the Newsletter,
please contact Martha in the office at:
{831} 394-1312
-or- at office@faithseaside.org**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ENJOY!

