



# THE COMPANION



## **“WHAT DO YOU SAY?”**

I utter that phrase quite often, as parents do. We want our kids to say “thank you” when they receive something. Our heavenly Father expects no less from us. And how are we in that department? How much more ought we to display gratitude to God in our own lives?

Christ calls us to daily give thanks for what God has done for us in Christ Jesus.

And how do we give thanks to God? We offer prayers of thanksgiving at home and throughout the day. In the morning, in the evening, and at meals we offer prayers of thanks together with our family and on our own. We read God’s word with our family, together submitting our will to the good and gracious will of God.

We bow in humble gratitude as we go to church. We again hear His gracious word. We receive the sacrament. We offer him our prayers, our offerings, our voices, our lives. We humbly bow in thanksgiving, offering everything to his service. Saying “Lord, every good gift that we receive is from your hand. Not my will, but thy will be done”.

Think about it... God doesn’t need anything from you. He’s God...almighty all-powerful God. But he does desire something from you. Your praise and thanksgiving. So, we praise him, by acknowledging who he is and what he has done...By confessing that all that we have, our lives and everything in them, are gifts from the unmerited grace of God.

Consider all that he has done. Christ went to the cross and by his suffering and death has forgiven all your sins, including all the times you’ve failed to thank Him for what he has given you. He has rescued you from eternal separation from God. Saved you from death and hell by his glorious resurrection. Received you into his kingdom.

So, remember...When someone gives you something, what do you say? “Thank you.”

Every week, every day, return to Jesus, bowing before him, giving him thanks, praising the giver of all good gifts. And then rise and go in peace, thankful and confident in the saving faith you have received.

*In His Peace,  
Pastor Darren Harbaugh*



As I indicated in the previous newsletter, the Seaside City Attorney and the Verizon attorneys have been deliberating about installation of a cell tower antenna on our property. We first thought that they were discussing the original design in which the antenna would be hidden inside a steeple in the back of the church. Then the antenna was supposed to be within a fake eucalyptus tree in the open space behind the church. The latest proposal is that the antenna would be on the roof of the Faith Community Center. The Verizon construction manager is scheduled to visit on November 21 to inspect the Community Center so that the construction plans can be provided to the City as soon as possible. The present schedule is that the City and Verizon attorneys will meet (in private) on December 5 (yes, 2019) and the City Council will consider the use permit application on Thursday December 19. If this schedule holds, it will be three months after the City Council had shocked us by denying the Verizon use permit application for the cell tower on our property.

A special Board of Directors meeting was held on October 27 to finalize a revised Air Force Reserve Chaplaincy agreement between Pastor Harbaugh and our congregation. That document was posted to those members who are on our email list, and was also distributed on Sunday November 3 and Sunday November 10 before the special Voters meeting after the worship service. After some discussion and clarifications (e.g., it is to be reviewed annually), the agreement was approved as submitted. The signed agreement has been forwarded to the Synod Armed Services Board, District President, and Circuit Visitor for their information. Meanwhile Pastor Harbaugh has submitted more medical records and is awaiting a decision.

Thanks to Tim Ruediger who (with help from Juli Reynolds) completed the financial reports for the first 10 months of 2019. The Board of Directors has begun consideration of the 2020 budget that will be presented to the next Voters meeting that is presently scheduled for January 26, 2020. Hopefully, the uncertainty about the Verizon cell tower will have been resolved by that time since it will affect the budget.

The Board of Congregational Care is searching for members to serve as President, Recording Secretary, and Directors of the Boards of Education, Board of Congregational Care, and Board of Mission and Outreach. Please consider serving in one of these open positions.

*Peace,*  
*Russell Elsberry*

# DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Guest Pastor Anton Prange</b> <b>Advent 1</b> 				<b>MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICE 6 P.M.</b>  <b>FOLLOWED BY BOWLING AT 7 PM AT MONTEREY LANES</b>		 "Everyone loves butter!"  <b>MEN'S BREAKFAST AT 8 AM</b>
<b>Advent 2</b> 	 <p><b>PASTOR HAS BEEN SUMMONED TO JURY DUTY</b></p> <p><b>WE WILL KEEP YOU ALL UPDATED.</b></p>					  <b>PLEASE COME JOIN US AT 1 PM!</b>
<b>CHURCH BOARD MEETING</b> <b>CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PGM.</b>  <b>Advent 3</b> 				 <b>DEADLINE:</b> Newsletter Articles  <b>10:00 A.M.</b>  <b>REMEMBER CHRISTMAS IS NEXT WEEK</b>		
<b>Advent 4</b> 		<b>SERVICE 5 P.M.</b>  <b>Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE</b>	<b>SERVICE 10 A.M.</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 			
			<b>SUNDAYS AT 9AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY</b> <b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST: GUEST PASTOR: ANTON PRANGE</b> <b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH: MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICE AT 6 PM TO BE FOLLOWED AT 7 PM WITH BOWLING AT MONTEREY LANES</b> <b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH: MEN'S BREAKFAST AT 8 AM</b> <b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH: PASTOR HAS JURY DUTY</b> <b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 1 PM: DECORATING THE CHURCH!</b> <b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM</b> <b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH: BOARD MEETING</b> <b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 5 PM~CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE</b> <b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH AT 10 AM~CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE</b>			
						

# ❁ DECEMBER SERVANT LIST ❁

<i>December</i>	DECEMBER 1ST	DECEMBER 8TH	DECEMBER 15TH	DECEMBER 22ND	DECEMBER 29TH
ASSISTANT	RUTH NUTT	TIM RUEDIGER	RUSS ELSBERRY	PASTOR	PASTOR
LECTOR	MARJIE KEATING	LINDA ELSBERRY	DON WALLICH	MATT ZELINSKAS	KARL KRUEGER
FLOWERS	THE RUEDIGERS	THE RUEDIGERS	NO ONE SIGNED UP!	 <i>Poinsettias</i>	
COFFEE HOUR	THE ELSBERRYS	NO ONE SIGNED UP!			
ALTAR GUILD	SARA WILLIAMS	RUTH NUTT	JULI REYNOLDS	BECKY PEARSON	TO BE ANNOUNCED



**FAITH  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

## OFFICE HOURS:

**PASTOR HARBAUGH'S OFFICE HOURS:**

10 AM - 1 PM\*

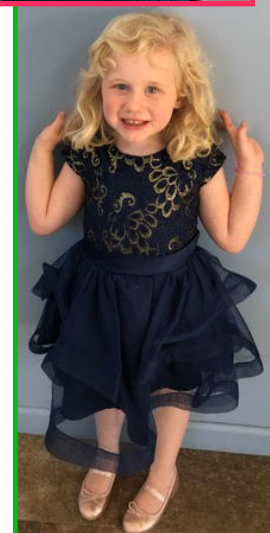
*\*OR BY APPOINTMENT*

**MARTHA'S OFFICE HOURS:**

**TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY**

9 AM - 1 PM

# Pictures from around Faith Lutheran Church



**THANK YOU**

**MARGIE**

**for all the pictures!**

**PHOTOS**

# PORK SCHNITZEL WITH CREAMY MUSHROOM SAUCE

Prep Time 12 mins    Cook Time 20 mins    Total Time 32 mins



## INGREDIENTS:

### For the mushroom sauce:

1 tbsp butter	7 oz mushrooms sliced
1 shallot very finely diced	1 garlic clove minced
1/2 cup chicken stock or white wine	7 fl oz heavy cream
1-2 tbsp Dijon mustard	1 tbsp finely chopped flat leaf parsley
salt and freshly ground pepper to season	

### For the pork schnitzel:

4 pork medallion steaks	5 tbsp plain all purpose flour
1 egg lightly beaten	2 1/2 oz Panko breadcrumbs
2 tbsp finely grated Parmesan cheese	zest of 1 lemon
salt and freshly ground pepper to season	light olive oil / sunflower oil to fry

## INSTRUCTIONS:

01) Place the pork medallions between two sheets of cling film and lightly pound the with a rolling pin to flatter to about 3/4in thick. 02) Put the flour on a plate and season with salt and pepper. 03) Put the egg in a shallow bowl. 04) Blitz the panko in a food processor so that you have really fine breadcrumbs. 05) Put on a plate and mix with the Parmesan and lemon zest. 06) Dip the pork into the flour to lightly coat, then dip in the beaten egg and finally coat in the breadcrumbs. 07) Cover and chill while you make the sauce. 08) Heat the butter in a non-stick frying pan. 09) Add the shallot and garlic and sweat over very low heat for 5 minutes. 10) Add the mushrooms, stir well and cook over medium heat for 5 minutes. 11) Add the stock or wine and bring to a simmer. 12) Stir in the heavy cream and mustard and simmer for a few minutes until the sauce thickens slightly. 13) Taste and season with salt and pepper. 14) Stir in the parsley. 15) Heat enough oil to cover the base of a large non-stick frying pan and cook the pork over medium-high heat for 2-3 minutes on each side. 16) Transfer to a plate lined with kitchen paper and rest for a few minutes. 17) Serve the schitzel with mashed with some of the mushroom sauce spooned over it.

**The Deadline for the JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER is:  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2019 at 10:00 am!**



## DECEMBER 2019 BIRTHDAYS:

Najoo Ruediger - 12/02

Matt Zelinkas - 12/20

**If you want your birthday in the Newsletter,  
please contact Martha in the office at:**

**{831} 394-1312**

**-or- at office@faithseaside.org**



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Announcements



**WE WILL BE HAVING A MID-WEEK  
ADVENT SERVICE ON  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AT 6 PM**



**FOLLOWED UP WITH  
BOWLING AT MONTEREY LANES  
AT 7 PM!**



**THE MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP**  
On Saturday, Dec 7 at 8 AM - The Men's Breakfast group will be meeting at The Butter House in Seaside (Formerly Nifty 50's Cafe) located at 1760 Fremont Blvd. B-1, in Seaside, CA.  
For more information see Pastor Harbaugh.



**Pastor has been summoned to  
Jury Duty on Monday, December 9th.  
He may be out all week.  
We will keep you all informed.**

**COME AND HELP US**



**We will be decorating the  
church on Saturday, December 14th  
at 1:00 PM!**

**Come help us decorate and stay  
for the hot chocolate, cookies, or  
some hot coffee!**



The church board will be meeting on Sunday, December 15th after church.



The **Children's Christmas Program** is scheduled for **Sunday, December 15th.**



THE JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH AT 10 AM. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT CHRISTMAS IS THE FOLLOWING WEEK AND I WILL NOT HAVE THE TIME TO GET EVERYTHING TOGETHER!



Christmas Eve  
CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICE

CHRISTMAS  
DAY  
SERVICE



The Christmas Eve Service will be held on Tuesday, December 24th at 5:00 P.M.

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The Christmas Day Service will be held on Wednesday, December 25th at 10:00 A.M.



We would like to THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH for your patience and understanding as Pastor and I tried to fix the computer. We greatly appreciate it! It took about a week and we got it up and running on Wednesday!