



# THE COMPANION



## Lengthening of Days

We are entering the season of Lent. The word “Lent” means “lengthening,” as in the lengthening of days. At one time, Lent was used as another word for Spring.

I think it’s appropriate that Lent is in the springtime. Gradually, day by day, there is more and more light as we approach Holy Week - culminating with Easter - when the light of Christ’s Resurrection shines brightly.

Jesus defeated sin, death and the devil by his victory over the grave and so the empty tomb means that we will have an eternal lengthening of days. Because you are baptized, you can trust that you are **RIGHT NOW** living eternal life in God’s kingdom.

Sometimes, that kingdom may appear hidden, like when the fog is thick and the sun is hidden and it’s hard to believe that the sun is actually shining somewhere. But we see glimpses of our **ETERNAL** lengthening of days when we hear the comforting words of the Gospel. What amazing good news God’s grace is! God has more forgiveness than you have sin!

You also see a glimpse of your eternal lengthening of days in the service of the Holy Sacrament. We sing the Sanctus together with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven. You are united with Christ and with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Heaven and Earth meet in that moment. It is a picture of the marriage feast of the lamb in His kingdom which has no end.

A blessed Lent to you. A blessed eternal lengthening of days. During this Spring and Lenten season, there will be days when the clouds are still there. But we are indeed headed toward brighter days through Jesus Christ our Lord – the resurrection of our bodies and life everlasting. Amen!

*In His Peace,  
Pastor Darren Harbaugh*

## PRESIDENTS CORNER      MARCH 2020



After extensive examinations of Pastor Harbaugh's medical records, and a comprehensive medical exam, Pastor has been deemed to be physically qualified for service as an Air Force Reserve Chaplain. His name has now been submitted to the Department of Defense and will eventually be submitted to the Senate for his appointment as a military officer. Since this process may take as long as three months, our expectation that as soon as Pastor passed the medical screening he would quickly go to the Basic Officers training for five weeks is not going to happen! With the full expectation that approval is just a matter of time, the process of finding a specific unit with whom Pastor will serve will continue. Since the Air Force Chaplain Corps has recommended Pastor for a position of Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) Reserve Chaplain, Pastor in the next few months will have an interview with a Chaplain at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield CA, where there is an open position for an IMA Reserve Chaplain. A favorable aspect of such an IMA Chaplain position for our church is that the annual commitment is for a total of 12 days is more flexible versus the one weekend every month for a traditional Reserve Chaplain. In both Reserve Chaplain categories there is still the Annual Tour of 12 days, but as an IMA Chaplain Pastor will have more flexibility to coordinate that total of 24 days per year commitment with his (presumably Travis) Air Force Chaplain Supervisor. In times of war or a national crisis, the IMA program augments the active duty units by assigning reservists to the unit. Thus, the IMA program must train the reservists prior to such events so that the IMA Reservist can step in and provide seamless support. Our understanding is that in such an event there would be a few weeks notification that Pastor was going to be deployed, which would give us some time to find a Substitute Pastor (let's all pray that there is not going to be such a war or national crisis!).

Progress has been made in preparing for the installation of the Verizon cell tower on the roof of the Community Center. An agreement has been signed to lease two long 12-foot wide strips of land for the installation, operation, and maintenance of wires, cables, vault, conduits, and pipes. One strip of land is for an under-ground vault from the electricity pole on Hilby and under the church parking lot to a small building they will construct to house their equipment cabinets and a back-up generator in case the electrical power is lost. The second strip of land is for an under-ground vault from that equipment building and under the playground to the west side of the Community Center, where a conduit pipe holding the wires and cables will be installed up the wall (an access ladder will also be up that wall). The wires and cables in that conduit pipe are for the cell tower antennas that will be housed within a 10 foot by 10 foot steeple with walls that will be painted to match the color of the Community Center. The timing of the cell tower installation is uncertain, but will likely be in 2-3 months.

Exciting progress has also been made in organizing the English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Kelly Sycz will be teaching the classes, and Gaby Cavins will be assisting—including teaching a class if Kelly is not available. Davis Mendez has also volunteered to participate in whatever capacity as needed. Pastor Harbaugh plans to be at the first class to meet the students and mention opportunities for sharing in our ministry (e.g., baptisms). The first ESL classes will meet in the Community Center on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 pm – 9 pm starting March 3. The first 45 minutes will focus on instructional materials, then there will be a break for coffee, snacks, and socialization, and then another 45 minutes for activities related to the instructional materials. As there are 12 lessons in the first set "Adventures in English," the last class will be on April 9, which is Maundy Thursday. There is some uncertainty about whether to offer child care, because that would require more people from our church to be involved, more cleaning, and more expense. The main activity now is to enroll students. Gaby Cavins has prepared an announcement/enrollment form in both English and Spanish. Please pray for this ESL class project that is supported by a grant from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

*In His Peace,  
Russell Elsberry*

# MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7  <b>MEN'S BREAKFAST @8AM @ THE BLACK BEAR DINER</b>
8  <b>SPRING AHEAD 2 HOURS</b>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15  <b>BOARD MEETING</b>	16	17 <b>HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b> 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24  <b>10 AM</b>	25	26	27	28
29  <b>SPECIAL COLLECTION</b>	30	31	<b>Announcements and Upcoming Events</b>  SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH: MEN'S BREAKFAST BLACK BEAR @8 AM SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH: SPRING FORWARD! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH: BOARD MEETING AFTER CHURCH TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE @10 AM <b><u>SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH: 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK &amp; SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS</u></b>			

# MARCH SERVANT LIST

 MARCH	MARCH 1ST	MARCH 8TH	MARCH 15TH	MARCH 22ND	MARCH 29TH
ASSISTANT	TIM RUEDIGER	RUTH NUTT	RUSS ELSBERRY	PASTOR HARBAUGH	PASTOR HARBAUGH
LECTOR	MARJIE KEATING	ANDREW KONKLE	ALEX CAVINS	DON WALLICH	RUTH NUTT
FLOWERS	NO ONE SIGNED UP	THE RUEDIGERS	NO ONE SIGNED UP	NO ONE SIGNED UP	THE RUEDIGERS
COFFEE HOUR	THE ZELINSKAS	NO ONE SIGNED UP	NO ONE SIGNED UP	NO ONE SIGNED UP	NO ONE SIGNED UP
ALTAR GUILD	RUTH NUTT	BECKY PEARSON	SARA WILLIAMS	JULI REYNOLDS	RUTH NUTT & SARA WILLIAMS

## 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**



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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# Photographs from around Faith!



*Special  
Thanks to our  
Photographers  
~  
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**DUBLIN CODDLE** *PREP TIME 15 min* *COOK TIME 2 hrs* *TOTAL TIME 2 hrs 15 min*

**INGREDIENTS**

8 slices bacon, chopped into small pieces  
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
2 pounds potatoes, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces  
4 cloves garlic, minced  
3 bay leaves  
Fresh cracked black pepper

1 pound high-quality pork sausages  
1 bottle Guinness beer (see notes) or broth  
2 large onions, cut into slices  
4 tablespoons fresh minced parsley  
1 teaspoon dried thyme  
2 cups beef, ham, or chicken broth

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Preheat the oven to 300°F. Heat a large, oven-proof Dutch oven over high heat. Add in the bacon and cook until crisp, about five minutes. Remove the bacon to drain on paper towels. Leave the grease in the Dutch oven. Add the sausages in, a few at a time (don't crowd the pan), and cook on each side until just golden brown—no need to cook all the way through. Remove to a plate and continue with additional sausages. Remove to plate. When cool enough to handle. Slice into 1" pieces. Reduce the heat to low, and then whisk in the flour. Cook for 2 minutes, whisking constantly. Then remove from heat completely. Whisk in the bottle of Guinness (see notes if you'd like to not use beer). Place half of the potatoes in the gravy, followed by half of the onions, half of the garlic, half of the bacon, half of the sausages, half of the parsley, the bay leaves, the thyme, and black pepper. Repeat layers with the remaining ingredients. Pour the broth over the whole thing. Place lid on, and bake in preheated oven for at least 2 hours.

**NOTES**

Use whatever sausage you can find and you like (bratwurst, polish sausage, even good-quality breakfast sausage).

Between the bacon, sausages, and broth, this dish is inherently ***very salty***.

***DO NOT ADD MORE SALT WITHOUT TASTING IT FIRST!***

If you want to skip using the beer, just sub in 1 1/2 additional cups of whatever broth you are using.

The coddle will be ready to eat after 2 hours in the oven.



**The Deadline for the APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER is: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2020 at 10:00 am!**

**MARCH 2020 BIRTHDAYS**

**Tim Ruediger - 03/02**

**If you want your birthday in the Newsletter,  
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