



THE COMPANION



Last month my newsletter article discussed feelings of despair and discouragement that we as Christians sometimes experience in life. After further reflection on that article, I'd like to unpack some of the phrases I used to avoid any misunderstanding.

My goal was to give comfort in the knowledge that as baptized believers we have been given the Holy Spirit who empowers us to live faithfully in the midst of any pain and loss.

I wrote: "As baptized believers in Christ, you and I have the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us and lift us up when we fall down"

This is not referring to you and I having the power to miraculously heal ourselves from diseases and afflictions in this life. My intent was not to turn people inward to their own strength or power. It was just the opposite. Let us consider how the Bible uses this phrase "lift up:"

"The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down."

"The LORD lifts up the humble"

"The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down"

"The LORD raises up the needy out of affliction."

"The LORD lifts the needy from the ash heap."

The LORD is the one who does the lifting up. This especially refers to the peace, forgiveness, hope and joy He gives us now and our complete restoration on the last day. The truth is, in this life we may never be healed of pain, affliction, loss. In 2 Corinthians 12, the apostle Paul says that he had been given "a thorn in the flesh." We are not sure what it was. It was probably some chronic health problem. Paul says: "Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Yes, in this life, we struggle with weakness, but Christ is at work in us. He'll give us comfort and peace in this life and will certainly raise up in body and soul on the last day. No more, pain, sorrow, sickness or sadness, but rather eternal joy in Christ's presence.

As baptized believers in Christ, you and I have the power of the Holy Spirit...to remind us that by the power of Christ's death and resurrection, we are more than conquerors through Him.

The context of the phrase "more than conquerors is this:

St Paul writes in Romans 8:31-39: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The conquering, the victory is not by our own power. It is through Christ. And how does Christ win the victory? He suffered and died on the cross and then rose on the third day. That is how He loved us. That is how he won the victory and conquered. He conquered sin, death, and the devil.

In this life, we still deal with tribulation, distress, danger. But no one can separate us from God's love for us in Christ. In all these things we are more than conquerors - right in the midst of all the suffering and turmoil. Christ was victorious as he hung bloody and beaten on the cross. You and I have eternal victory, comfort, and hope in the midst of our trials. Christ's victory is what gives us the strength to live faithfully in this world no matter what we face.

To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*In His Peace,
Pastor Harbaugh*



PRESIDENT'S CORNER OCTOBER 2019

For more than 3 years we have been waiting for the Seaside City Council to make a decision on small Verizon cell towers as an alternative to a single larger cell tower within a steeple on our church. On July 24th, the Seaside Planning Commission had finally approved a use permit for an alternate plan of four Verizon small cell towers in the neighborhood of the church—including one on Buena Street less than 400 feet from the Harbaugh house! When the Planning Commission was to finalize that use permit during its August meeting, more than 30 people in opposition to the neighborhood cell towers were present. When the Planning Commission did finalize the use permit, the opponents appealed that decision to the Seaside City Council, and gathered 176 signatures requesting the Council to over-turn the Planning Commission decision.

Our church has been repeatedly assured by Verizon that if all alternate small cell tower designs were found to not be acceptable, then the use permit for a cell tower on our church would be granted. However, it was announced at the beginning of the City Council discussions on September 19th that if the City Council denied the appeal by the neighborhood cell tower opponents, then the use permit for those four small cell towers would be approved, and the plan for a single cell tower on our church would not even be considered! It was a standing room only crowd at that City Council meeting, and more than 35 people spoke against the neighborhood small cell towers. It was 11:30 pm before the City Council unanimously granted the appeal by the neighborhood residents—there would not be four small cell towers in the neighborhood of our church.

Although the City Council wanted to delay consideration of the cell tower on our church, their attorney told them they must continue. Most of the audience had left by that time and only three opponents spoke against the cell tower on our church. Pastor Harbaugh, RG Nutt, Don Wallich, and I all expected the motion would be to approve the cell on our church, since the alternative of small cell towers had been denied. We were shocked when the motion was to deny, and all three Council members and Mayor Oglesby voted to deny. I have submitted a request to the City Council to reconsider on the basis that the appeal decision had actually been made by the City Council on June 16, 2016 when the City staff had recommended approval and no substantial evidence against the use permit had been presented. That is, the vote to delay until December 2016 at that June 2016 meeting had been only to consider a Verizon study of five alternate sites that had been provided to the Council on the morning of the meeting. It was later that the City requested studies of small cell tower sites, and Verizon had studied ~70 sites over the last 3 years.


If the City Council at its next meeting continues with a denial vote, we have been repeatedly told that Verizon will take the City to court, and Verizon knows it will win. I expect that with the knowledge that the City will lose in court, the City Council will now back down (and will tell the public that they did everything possible to stop the cell tower, but they can not spend all that money on a court case that they know they will lose). Thus, I expect that eventually the City will approve the use permit for the larger cell tower on our church.

*In His Peace,
Russell Elsberry*

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14  Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20  BOARD MEETING 	21	22	23	24	25	26
27  EVENT	28	29	30	31 ALL HALLOWS EVE 		

OCTOBER SERVANT LIST

	OCTOBER 6TH	OCTOBER 13TH	OCTOBER 20TH	OCTOBER 27TH
ASSISTANT	PASTOR HARBAUGH	RUSS ELSBERRY	TIM RUEDIGER	RUTH NUTT
LECTOR	DON WALLICH	MATT ZELINSKAS	ANDY KONKLE	KARL KRUEGER
FLOWERS	THE RUEDIGERS	SARA WILLIAMS	<i>No One Signed Up</i>	
COFFEE HOUR	THE ZELINSKAS	SARA WILLIAMS	<i>No One Signed Up</i>	
ALTAR GUILD	RUTH NUTT	SARA WILLIAMS	JULI REYNOLDS	BECKY PEARSON

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**

*Special Thanks to
our photographer
Marjie!*



Good
Luck,
Blessings
and
Godspeed
to Jesse,
as he
goes off
to
college!



Beef Noodle Casserole (My Aunt Terry called it "Talerino"- I don't know why.)

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 1 hour Yield: Serves 8

INGREDIENTS ****

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| 2 TBLSP. extra virgin olive oil | 1 med. white onion, chopped |
| 3 cloves garlic, minced, about 1 TBLSP. | 1 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes |
| 1 1/2 pounds ground beef | Salt/Pepper to taste |
| 12 ounces egg noodles | 1 1/2 cups frozen corn, defrosted |
| 1 15-ounce can of black olives, strained & chopped | 8 ounces cheddar cheese, grated |



METHOD

- 01) Preheat oven and start heating water: Pre-heat the oven to 350°F and start to heat a large pot of salted water (1 Tbsp salt, 2 quarts water) for cooking the egg noodles.
- 02) Make tomato sauce base: Heat 1 Tbsp of oil on medium high heat in a large, heavy bottomed pot or skillet. Add the onions and sauté until softened, about 4 minutes. Add garlic and cook for a minute more. Add the tomatoes. Bring to a simmer and let cook for 10 minutes. Lower the heat to warm.
- 03) Brown the ground beef: In a separate skillet, add 1 Tbsp of oil and heat to medium-high. Working in batches, so you do not crowd the pan, add the ground beef, breaking it up with your fingers as you add it to the pan. Do not stir the ground beef, but let it sit and cook for a minute or two until it browns on one side. Sprinkle a little salt over the meat while cooking. Once browned on one side, turn the pieces over to get the other side browned. Once the meat is mostly browned (can still be rare in the center), remove the beef from the pan and add to the tomato onion mixture.
- 04) Cook the egg noodles: Cook as directed, about 4-5 minutes. Strain when cooked, but still a little firm (al dente).
- 05) Add everything to casserole dish: Add the cooked egg noodles to a large (3 quart) casserole dish. (If your casserole dish isn't big enough, you may need to use 2 casserole dishes.) Stir in the tomato beef mixture. Stir in the corn, chopped olives, and about two thirds of the cheese.
- 06) Bake: Sprinkle remaining cheese on top of casserole. Place in the oven. Bake uncovered at 350°F for 30 min.

****** PLEASE NOTE: My Mom and Aunt Terry used Taco Seasoning in this... it was AWESOME!
You, however, DO NOT NEED TO DO THIS!******

**The Deadline for the NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER is:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 2019 at 10:00 am!**



OCTOBER 2019 BIRTHDAYS:

Danielle Ruediger - 10/04

Ben Harbaugh - 10/30/2018

Harry DeWeese - 10/31/1928

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

{831} 394-1312

-or- at office@faithseaside.org



MEALS
ON
WHEELS

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sunday, October 27th, 2019

(Directly after church.)

**Once again,
we will be filling cups with candy
for MEALS ON WHEELS.**

**We would like volunteers to
help fill the cups**

~AND~

to bring bags of SMALL candies!

**For more information, please see
RUTH NUTT.**

Thank You!

We Need Volunteers!



If you would like to be a reader/lector or a communion assistant, please contact SARA WILLIAMS.



If you would like to join the Faith Lutheran Altar Guild (we will train you), please see BECKY PEARSON or RUTH NUTT.



If you can donate some time to cleaning the church environs, please contact DON WALLICH or R.G. NUTT.



We need people to take pictures of **EVENTS/HAPPENINGS** around Faith and send them in for the **CHURCH NEWSLETTERS!!!**
send them to: office@faithseaside.org

Thank You!