



THE COMPANION



A Quick Message From Mike Sycz

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we leave behind a trying year. 2020 stretched our faith and resolve in our personal lives, our local community and our world. I can speak for my family of the joy our Faith community has brought us, even in the limited capacity that we have been able to meet, as this pandemic has forced us to worship from a distance and come to His table in our outdoor setting for almost a year now. We cling to the hope that very soon we will be able to sing and enjoy handshakes and hugs in our sanctuary, which I'm sure none of us will take for granted again.

I would like to acknowledge and show great appreciation to Russ and Linda Elsberry who have given their lives to care for, strengthen, and build Faith Lutheran Seaside. Through their leadership and love for this church community they have established a legacy that we hope to uphold as we serve God, our church community and share the precious Gospel through our words and actions to our neighbors.

As you may have noticed (if you have been fortunate enough to recently attend our outdoor communion service) construction of the Verizon cell tower has finally begun as there has been much digging behind our main building. If all goes according to plan the work will be done by March, with added structural integrity that will be added to our annex.

Pastor Harbaugh is about halfway through his basic officer's training in Alabama. He has been fortunate to be able to have contact with June, Sam, Ben and Becca on a semi regular basis which has lifted their spirits as they anticipate his return at the end of February. We also look forward to that day when we can see and be proud of our new Chaplain/Pastor.

Lastly, I want to thank the service and work that Pastor Prange has given us through this period as we continue to deal with our global pandemic, political strife, personal heartache and at times inclement weather. His kindness and care have truly been a blessing to our congregation and we are forever grateful for it.

*In His Peace,
Mike Sycz*



MUSHROOM & LEEK PIE

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 30 min. + chilling
Bake: 30 min. YIELD: 8 servings.



INGREDIENTS:

Pastry for single-crust pie	12 oz. fresh mushrooms
3 tablespoons butter, divided	1 med. leek (white part only), halved and sliced
1/2 teaspoon salt	1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese	4 large eggs
3 tablespoons heavy whipping cream	Minced fresh parsley, optional

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375°. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to a 1/8-in.-thick circle; transfer to a 9”in. pie plate. Trim crust to 1/2 in. beyond rim of plate; flute edge. Refrigerate while preparing filling.
2. Wipe mushrooms clean with a damp tea towel. Trim stems; quarter or slice large mushrooms.
3. In a large skillet, heat 1 tablespoon butter over medium-high heat. Add leek; cook and stir 2-3 minutes or until tender. Remove from pan.
4. In same pan, heat remaining butter over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms; cook 4-6 minutes or until tender and liquid has evaporated. Stir in leek, salt and pepper. Cool slightly.
5. Sprinkle 1/2 cup cheese onto bottom of crust. Top with mushroom mixture; sprinkle with remaining cheese. In a large bowl, whisk eggs and cream until blended; pour over top.
6. Bake on a lower oven rack 30-35 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.



There will be a VOTERS' MEETING on FEBRUARY 7TH directly after the Communion Service, RE: SYNOD VOTE.

**The Deadline for the MARCH NEWSLETTER is:
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 2021 at 10:00 am!**



FEBRUARY 2021 BIRTHDAYS

Becky Pearson - 02/02
Howard Pearson - 02/23
Claude Gau - 02/26

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