



THE COMPANION

EVER GET A CASE OF ENNUI?



Ever gotten a case of the Mondays? Ever felt blue or down in the dumps?

If you are a human, then the answer is yes. We have all gotten discouraged and despondent at some point in our lives. Maybe you feel that way right now as you are reading this. Even the great heroes of the faith like the Apostle Paul and Martin Luther were not immune to feelings of despair.

In the Small Catechism (Explanation of the Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer), Luther writes to encourage all those who are losing heart:

And Lead us Not into Temptation

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world and our sinful nature may not mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory."

Sometimes in life we become filled with sadness and discouragement. The Lord allows us to experience this inner conflict so that we might despair of our own efforts and rest content with the grace of God. We are weak. He is strong. His strength is mighty in the weak.

The power to overcome discouragement doesn't come from our own strength. It comes from the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life - the Spirit which came to dwell within you at your baptism.

When we just look exclusively at our circumstances, we begin to sink like Peter did when he took his eyes off Jesus and began to look at the waves.

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 and to remind us that by the power of Christ's death and resurrection, we are more than conquerors through Him.

Our ultimate weapon against discouragement is God's promise that He will always be powerfully at work in our lives. As St. Paul says in **2 Corinthians 4:7** "**But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair...**" So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

*In His Peace,
Pastor Darren Harbaugh*

PRESIDENTS CORNER SEPTEMBER 2019



After waiting since June 2016 for the City of Seaside to consider an alternative to installation of a Verizon cell tower on the back of our church, we will find out in September (yes, 2019) whether the alternative or the tower on our church will be selected. The Seaside Planning Commission met on Wednesday, August 14 to make the final decision on the use permit for installation of four Verizon small cell towers in the neighborhood of the church, which the Commission had first considered on July 24. More than 30 people of the people in attendance were in opposition to the four small cell towers (most of them were holding up signs, and they all clapped after each person in opposition spoke). Since I could not stay for the whole meeting, I called Rick Medina, Senior Planner for Seaside, and learned that the Planning Commission approved the Verizon small cell tower network, although those attendees in opposition are appealing that approval to the City Council. Now the small cell tower network and the original Verizon cell tower on our church options will go to the Seaside City Council, and Rick Medina said it could be as early as 5 September or perhaps 19 September. Verizon will be given 10 minutes to present the case for each option. Seaside has hired a lawyer to present the case for or against each option to the City Council, who could deny both or approve one of the options. Our Verizon contact on August 17 stated “the City Council will have to pick one or the other, and we (Verizon) are confident they will pick our church site, but you never know.” In the past, Verizon has told us that if the Council denies the cell tower on our church, they will take the Seaside to court and Verizon will undoubtedly win their case because of all they have done with researching these four small cell towers as an alternative to the cell tower on our church.

As indicated in the August Newsletter, an anonymous gift of \$10,000 with no specific directions as to its use has been received. One proposed use of this gift is to address the damage to the tile floor in the front of the sanctuary, which was originally laid by members when the church was built more than 55 years ago. Because these are asbestos floor tiles, we cannot take up these tiles ourselves. Rather, the removal of asbestos tiles must be done by professionals in special suits. The alternative suggested by R G Nutt is to lay wood laminate flooring on top of the asbestos tiles. This laminate flooring is water-resistant and is available in many styles. R G will get three bids for the voters to make a decision at the Voters meeting on September 22. If members have suggestions for other uses of this anonymous gift, please give these suggestions to Pastor or Russ.


Another important event at this Voters meeting is the election of officers and Directors of the various Boards to serve during 2020. Some of the present officers and Directors have served for a number of years and would be happy to be replaced. If you have questions about the Boards, or an interest in serving as an officer, please talk with Pastor or Russ. We are also looking for volunteers to fill-in as counters of the gifts after the worship services. Please talk with Becky Pearson, Pastor, or Russ if you are interested.

*In His Peace,
Russell Elsberry*

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	LABOR DAY!			NO BIBLE STUDY		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
 				NO BIBLE STUDY		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				NO BIBLE STUDY		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
 VOTER'S MEETING				NO BIBLE STUDY		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
 5th Sunday Potluck CHURCH PICNIC		<p><i>Weekdays-Adult Care* 8 AM-5 PM - Mondays: Girl Scouts* 6 - 8 PM (*The ASTERISK * means that this group is NOT ASSOCIATED WITH FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH*)</i></p> <p>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND - LABOR DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH - GRANDPARENTS DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH - SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY RESUME WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH - PATRIOTS DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND - VOTER'S MEETING <u>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH - 10AM - NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u> SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH - 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK</p>				
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SEPTEMBER SERVANT LIST

 SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER 1ST	SEPTEMBER 8TH	SEPTEMBER 15TH	SEPTEMBER 22ND	SEPTEMBER 29TH
ASSISTANT	RUSSELL ELSBERRY	TIM RUEDIGER	PASTOR HARBAUGH	RUTH NUTT	PASTOR HARBAUGH
LECTOR	MATT ZELINSKAS	DON WALLICH	LINDA ELSBERRY	KARL KRUEGER	MARJIE KEATING
FLOWERS	NO ONE SIGNED UP	THE PEARSONS	NO ONE SIGNED UP	THE ELSBERRYS	NO ONE SIGNED UP
COFFEE HOUR	NO ONE SIGNED UP	THE PEARSONS	THE NUTTS	THE ELSBERRYS	FIFTH SUNDAY
ALTAR GUILD	JULI REYNOLDS	BECKY PEARSON	BECKY PEARSON	RUTH NUTT	SARA WILLIAMS

OFFICE HOURS:

PASTOR HARBAUGH'S OFFICE HOURS:

10 AM - 1 PM*

**OR BY APPOINTMENT*

MARTHA'S OFFICE HOURS:

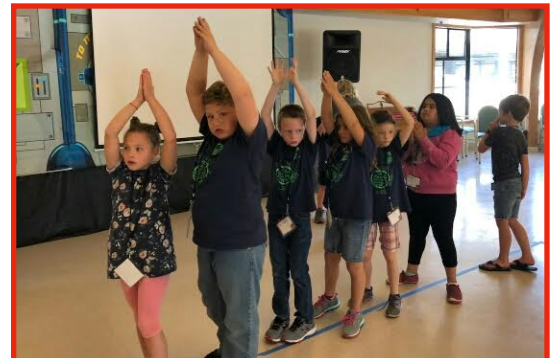
TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY

9 AM - 1 PM





PICTURES FROM BETHLEHEM'S VBS



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CHICKEN BACON RANCH BUBBLE-UP BAKE

SERVES: 8 PREP TIME: 10 MINS TOTAL TIME: 50 MINS

INGREDIENTS:

COOKING SPRAY

6 TBSP. BUTTER

3 C. WHOLE MILK

1 LRG. PKG. FROZEN CHOPPED BROCCOLI

1 (16.3-OZ.) CAN REFRIGERATED BISCUITS

6 SLICES BACON

6 TBSP. ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR

3 C. SHREDDED CHEDDAR

3 C. SHREDDED CHICKEN

2 TBSP. RANCH SEASONING MIX

YUM YUM YUM

DIRECTIONS:

01) PREHEAT OVEN TO 350°. 02) GREASE A 9"-X-13" BAKING DISH WITH COOKING SPRAY. 03) IN A LARGE SKILLET, COOK BACON UNTIL CRISPY, ABOUT 8 MINUTES, THEN DRAIN ON A PAPER TOWEL LINED PLATE. WIPE SKILLET CLEAN. 04) IN THE SAME SKILLET OVER MEDIUM HEAT, MELT BUTTER. WHISK IN FLOUR AND COOK UNTIL BUBBLY, ABOUT 1 MINUTE. 05) GRADUALLY STIR IN MILK AND BRING TO A SIMMER. COOK UNTIL THICKENED, ABOUT 2 MINUTES. 06) WHISK IN CHEESE AND COOK UNTIL MELTED, 1 MINUTE. SEASON WITH SALT AND PEPPER AND STIR IN BROCCOLI. REMOVE FROM HEAT. 07) SPREAD BROCCOLI MIXTURE INTO THE BOTTOM OF THE BAKING DISH, THEN TOP WITH CHICKEN. 08) CUT EACH BISCUIT INTO EIGHTHS AND SCATTER ON TOP OF CHICKEN. 09) CHOP BACON INTO SMALL PIECES AND SCATTER ON TOP OF BISCUITS, THEN SPRINKLE WITH RANCH SEASONING. 10) BAKE UNTIL BISCUITS ARE GOLDEN AND COOKED THROUGH, ABOUT 25 MINUTES.



**The Deadline for the OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER is:
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2019 at 10:00 am!**

SEPTEMBER 2019 BIRTHDAYS:

Laura Zelinkas - 09/13

Linda Elsberry - 09/17/1942

Russell Elsberry - 09/26/1941

R. G. Nutt - 09/28/1946

Roman Zelinkas - 09/29/2011

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

{831} 394-1312

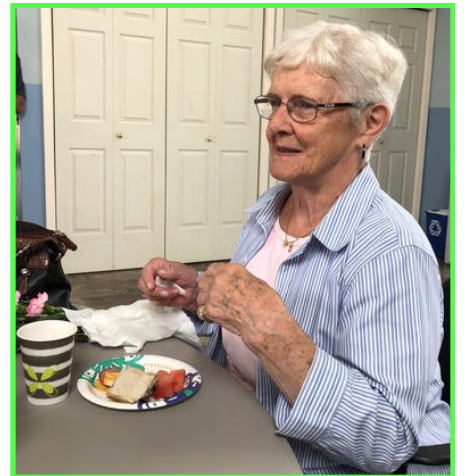
-or- at office@faithseaside.org



MORE PICTURES FROM AROUND FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH!

From our photographers

BECKY PEARSON and MARJIE KEATING





FIFTH SUNDAY INFORMATION!

**ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND
OUR 5TH SUNDAY EVENTS ARE AS
FOLLOWS:**

- 01) THE SPECIAL OFFERING IS FOR
“LABORERS FOR CHRIST”**
- 02) THE 5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP
WILL BE THE CHURCH PICNIC!
UPDATES TO FOLLOW!!!**



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!



We need **LECTORS** and **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**. For more information, please talk with **SARA WILLIAMS**.



We are looking for volunteers to help out with the **ALTAR GUILD**. For more information, please talk with **BECKY PEARSON** or **RUTH NUTT**.



Please Sign-Up for Fellowship Hour or Altar Flowers!



Altar Flowers are an easy way to celebrate or remember an occasion.

Fellowship Hour is a way to get to know each other and to greet visitors or new members!

The Sign-Up Boards are in the Narthex!