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From the Pastor's study…….
"And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (II Corinthians 12:9)

Superman was voted the most popular superhero in the country beating Spider-Man. This according to OnePoll, March 24, 2020. Other superheroes include: Iron Man, Batman, Captain America, and The Hulk, as well as The Flash. Women aren't left out either. Think of Wonder Woman and Storm. This is just a small sampling of Superheroes prominent today, most of them courtesy of Marvel comics. Ask just about any five year-old and he/she will tell you who the favorites are. The power and strength of these larger than life characters easily capture young minds, not to mention some older ones as well.
In our adult world, power is much sought after. No one wants to be viewed as weak. In fact, when I'm weak physically or emotionally I fight the pull toward self-pity—"Woe is me!" I suspect that's why I love what the Apostle Paul writes in our verse today. It is so contrary to my thinking and to the "Superhero" culture around me. For Paul, God's grace enabled him to bear his mysterious thorn in the flesh. And, he found the Lord's strength made perfect in his weakness. That is, in our weakest times, Jesus shows His greatest strength! Knowing this, Paul could even boast of his afflictions! He could have felt sorry for himself but he didn't grumble. He knew that his maladies afforded him daily opportunities to depend on the Lord.

It is actually the best when we lean on the Lord. Please note the end of the verse: "that the power of Christ may rest upon me." **His power** upon… me. Amazing! Because of His **power** I am an overcomer. I have the victory even when the world sees only defeat. Even Superheroes have to bow to **power** like that!

Pastor Steve

Fall Fest will be on Saturday, October 30th from 5-7 pm. Lots of family friendly activities and yummy food! Kids are welcome to wear non-scary costumes. There's fun, games, and prizes for kids and free dinner for everyone in attendance.

If you would be able to run games or provide food, there will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby October 10th. If you would like to donate bags of candy, you can leave them in the donation boxes in the FLC.

Autumn

Autumn is so beautiful
Unfolding on the land,
With leaves of every color
Painted by His hand.

The wind blows hard,
The leaves fall down;
And God's bright carpet
Then covers the ground.

Autumn abounds in things to delight the sense and the spirit. Trees flaunt a lavishness of color. Fruit ripens and mellows for the eating. The harvest of the year's endeavors has come. And the coolness of the air points to hearth side and holiday and the gathering of friends. It is time to enjoy and to share the abundance that is ours. ~ *Esther York Burkholder*

It's that time again! Let's see if we can collect 100 shoeboxes this year! Kids can work with a friend to fill a box for someone their age! Grandparents, fill one for the age or ages of your grandkids! O.C.C. shoeboxes and instructions should be available October 13th in the FLC lobby. For many of those who receive these boxes, it is the only gift they will get and it will be the first time they hear about Jesus! Let's be a part of this great project!

Birthdays and Anniversaries*

Oct. 1
Don Schoenfielder
Oct. 3
Ethan Carty
Oct. 5
Steve Eisnaugle
Oct. 6
Rebecca Carty
Brandon & Angie Niles*
Oct. 7
Kary Niles
Oct. 11
Barbara Thorson
Oct. 14
Adam & Katie Chelsen*
Oct. 17
Matt Greven

Oct. 20
Katie Blanchard
Steve Bunge
Cheryl Durland
Judy Duvick
Stephen Meyer
Oct. 23
Tim Blanchard, Sr.
Oct. 24
Beth Adams
Crystal Cryder
Hope Frieders
Angie Niles
Oct. 25
Mike & Becky Butts*
Kenny & Cheryl Durland*

Oct. 26
Leonard Chally
Karl & Sandra Michaelson*
Natalie Toftoy
Oct. 27
David & Donna Braund*
Kyler & Dana Cryder*
Marlon & Sheila Mathre*
Oct. 28
Dennis O'Malley
Jim Vogen
Oct. 29
Ryan Cryder
Brent Urton

*Anniversaries

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Pickleball every Wednesday @8am		1 8am Adult Pickleball 9am Ladies Prayer Hour 12:30pm Homeschool	2 8am Men's Bible Study
3 9am Sunday School 9am Discover Helmar 10am Worship	4 8am Adult Pickleball	5 4pm Adult Pickleball 7pm Adult Volleyball	6 6:30am Men's Fellowship @ Southern Belle's 1:45pm Dessert Fellowship & Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Adult & H.S. Bible Study, BLAST, JAM	7 4pm Adult Pickleball 7pm Open Basketball	8 8am Adult Pickleball 9am Ladies Prayer Hour 5-7pm Food Pantry	9 8am Men's Bible Study
10 9am Sunday School 9am Discover Helmar 10am Worship	11 8am Adult Pickleball	12 4pm Adult Pickleball 6:30pm Deacon's Mtg. 7pm Trustee's Mtg. 7:30pm Council Mtg. 7pm Adult Volleyball	13 6:30am Men's Fellowship @ Southern Belle's 9am-2pm Quilting 2:00pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Adult & H.S. Bible Study, BLAST, JAM	14 4pm Adult Pickleball 7pm Open Basketball	15 8am Adult Pickleball 9am Ladies Prayer Hour 12:30pm Homeschool Group in gym & library	16 8am Men's Bible Study
17 9am Sunday School 9am Discover Helmar 10am Worship	18 8am Adult Pickleball	19 4pm Adult Pickleball 7pm Adult Volleyball	21 6:30am Men's Fellowship @ Southern Belle's 2:00pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Adult & H.S. Bible Study, BLAST, JAM	21 4pm Adult Pickleball 7pm Faith Circle 7pm Open Basketball	22 8am Adult Pickleball 9am Ladies Prayer Hour	23 8am Men's Bible Study
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