

Rev. Brian Episcopo

I'm a planner. I have to be prepared for any scenario: Diversified portfolio; Emergency fund; Plan B-Z. You can't read the book of Proverbs and not walk away convinced that God asks His people to be good planners. To work hard and "store up for winter," (Prov. 6:6-8). However, I can't ignore the sins of God's people in 1 Kings 18. The bottom line is that they took out an insurance policy on THE only SURE plan: God's provision. Elijah calls them out, asking, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him," (1 Kings 18:21). Clearly there is a line between a good preparation and a backup plan for "if God fails to provide for me." And only that line can be uncovered in the murky waters of our own hearts.

So what's in yours? What are the "insurance policies" you have taken out on God? What or who is it, if they totally disappeared tomorrow, would shake your source of HOPE?

NOTES

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

Elders are available for prayer Sunday mornings during and between all services. Please stop by the Welcome Center any time during the morning and one of our staff would be happy to connect you with an elder for prayer.

EASTER SERVICES

Please join us and invite your family and friends to one of our Easter services:

A communion service will be held on Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. Our Easter services will be on Saturday, April 15 at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, April 16 at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

ADULTS Meet the Pastor

Monday, April 10 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. Hangar 36 | No cost Register at **aachur.ch/mtp41017**

Get to know Pastor Dennis. He'll share his journey to faith and the vision for Appleton Alliance Church. Ask questions and interact with our Senior Pastor.

2017 Bible Conference

Friday, May 19 | 7:00-9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20 | 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Worship Center | No cost Register at aachur.ch/bc052017

Join Dr. Elio Cuccaro for our 2017 Bible Conference: *Dealing with Temptation*. Better understand the temptations that we all face, how to prepare for and stand up to temptation, and ultimately, escape it.

SENIOR ADULTS

Senior Retreat: Faith For All Seasons Friday - Sunday, April 21-23 Green Lake Conference Center Cost: \$175 per person Register at aachur.ch/samr42117

Join other AAC seniors on this inspirational weekend away with guest speakers and musicians, Pastor Dave and Nancy Zimmermann, and music team, Ken and Holly Sina.

XCEL SPORTS

Adult Spring and Summer Sports

As summer approaches, so does the urge to get off the couch and on to the field! Choose from many activities and invite your friends to come play:

Basketball Soccer
Golf Softball
Pickleball Volleyball
and more!

Stop by the Xcel Sportsplex desk to pick up a flyer or visit **xcelsports.org** for details.

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Global Connections 101 Class

Sunday, April 9 | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Global Connections Corner No cost or registration

This month's Global Connections class, "Developing the Called," speaks to how we can support AAC's students called to full-time ministry in the U.S. and abroad. Save the date! Our final spring class is on June 4.

WELCOME We're glad you're here!

Stop by the Welcome Center in the Hub. We have a gift for you and would love to connect with you. Find out what's happening at AAC at **appletonalliance.org**

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