THE DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



$^{THE}COMPANION$



I'm not all that thrilled by the shorter days this time of year. Fewer and fewer hours of daylight.

In our house, we're big fans of the movie "The Endless Summer" It's about a couple surfers who travel the world in search of the perfect wave. The film's title comes from the idea that it would be possible to follow the summer up and down the world (from the northern to southern hemisphere and back), making it endless.

But even before this movie was made in the 60's, Jesus introduces the idea of an Endless Summer. He says in <u>Mark 13</u> "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates."

In Jesus, is the coming of The Endless Summer.

The sun was darkened on Good Friday, the day Christ offer his life for the salvation of the world and the sky will again be darkened on the last day as all his redeemed ones are gathered in to their heavenly home. But what happened after the darkness of Good Friday? The brilliance and glory of the resurrection. The light of that day will come with Christ on the clouds on the Last Day.

Jesus says that before His coming, the sun and moon will be darkened! Just think about that! The sun is so bright that you can't even look at it. But that light is nothing compared to the coming of the power and glory of Christ. It's like a how a single candle offers a bit of light in a dark room, but when the lights are turned on, it's nothing. Can't even see it. With the coming of Christ, the light is turned on - the eternal endless light. He is the Light that shiners in the darkness. The light no darkness can overcome. In the light of Christ, do we see light. And so finally, in the new heavens and the new earth, there is no need for sun. For Christ is the true light - brighter than even the noon day summer sun.

In Rev 21 and 22 St John tells of the future heavenly city saying: "And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there."

This is what we are waiting for.

A day beyond compare. Our Lord coming in glory. The eternal summer. Hold on to this promise and encourage one other with these things.

In His Leace, Pastor Harbaugh



A Special Thank You
to our wonderfully
awesome photographers,
Marjie Keating,
Don Wallich,
Becky Learson,
and Juli Reynolds!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	ione Decemb		Midweek Advent Service at 6:00 PM	2	3	4	
5	6	PEARL HARBOR	8	9	10	HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH! TODAY AT 10AM	
INSTALLATION OF OUR CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS!	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 5PM	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT 10AM	
26	27	28	29	30	New Year's Evel	GOODBYE DECEMBER	



DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST: MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE AT 6 PM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH: PEARL HARBOR REMEMBERANCE DAY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH: DECORATE THE CHURCH AT 10 AM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH: INSTALLATION OF CHURCH BOARD SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH: INSTALLATION OF BETHLEHEM'S NEW PASTOR 4 PM FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 5 PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH: CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT 10 AM FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST: HAPPY NEW YEAR'S EVE!

DECEMBER SERVANT LIST

December	DECEMBER 5TH	DECEMBER 12TH	DECEMBER 19TH	DECEMBER 26TH				
ASSISTANT	~PLEASE VOLUNTEER~ SEE PASTOR or SARA WILLIAMS							
LECTOR	ALEX CAVINS	TIM RUEDIGER	MARGIE KEATING	MIKE GOLCHERT				
FLOWERS	THE RUEDIGERS	POINSETTIAS	POINSETTIAS	POINSETTIAS				
COFFEE HOUR	No One Signed Up							
ALTAR GUILD	BECKY PEARSON	SARA WILLIAMS	JULI REYNOLDS	RUTH NUTT				
OFFICE HOURS:								



PASTOR HARBAUGH'S

OFFICE HOURS:

10 AM - 1 PM*
*OR BY APPOINTMENT
MARTHA'S OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAYS 9 AM - ONE

SHEET-PAN CHICKEN AND RAINBOW VEGETABLES 4 SERVINGS * 35 MINUTES



INGREDIENTS:

Nonstick Spray

1 Lb. Boneless, Skinless Chicken (Your Choice)

2 Tblsp. Soy Sauce

2 Red Bell Peppers, Diced

3 Carrots, Sliced

2 Red Onions, Diced

Kosher Salt And Freshly Ground Black Pepper

1 Tblsp. Sesame Oil

2 Tblsp. Honey

2 Yellow Bell Peppers, Diced

½ Head Broccoli, Cut Into Florets

2 Tblsp. Extra-Virgin Olive Oil

¹/₄ Cup Chopped Parsley, For Serving

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat The Oven To 400°F. Lightly Spray A Baking Sheet With Nonstick Spray.

- **2.** Place The Chicken Onto The Baking Sheet. In A Small Bowl, Whisk Together The Sesame Oil And Soy Sauce. Brush The Mixture Evenly Over The Chicken.
- **3.** Arrange The Red And Yellow Bell Peppers, Carrots, Broccoli And Red Onion On The Baking Sheet. Drizzle The Olive Oil Over The Vegetables And Toss Gently To Coat; Season With Salt And Pepper.
- **4.** Roast Until The Vegetables Are Tender And The Chicken Is Fully Cooked, 20 To 25 Minutes. Sprinkle With Parsley Before Serving (Optional).









The Deadline for the <u>JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER</u> is: MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2021 10 AM



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

NAJOO RUEDIGER

If you want your birthday in the Newsletter, please contact Martha in the office at: {831} 394-1312 -or- at office@faithseaside.org

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM AROUND FAITH!

HAPPY 93rd BIRTHDAY TO HARRY DEWEESE!











Some of the people of Faith Lutheran Church!

MORE PICTURES ON THE NEXT PAGE! A Special Thank You
to our wonderfully
awesome photographers,
Marjie Keating,
Don Wallich,
Becky Learson,
and Juli Reynolds!



These two guys were <u>AWESOME!</u>

They never quit working!
There was no real noise and they
were so very nice!

{If you need some flooring work done-call Medranos Flooring at: 831.261.0772}

AND a BIG THANK YOU To R.G. and Don too!



at FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Beautiful Christmas wreaths and Poinsettias will be used to decorate our sanctuary during this joyful time in the life of our church.

If you would like to bring one or more home with you at the conclusion of the season, they are available for \$10 each.

Sign up below to reserve your wreaths - or - poinsettias today!

If you would like to reserve more than one wreath - or - poinsettia, please write the total number of wreaths - or - poinsettias beside your name.

Thank You.





SAVE THE DATE!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church will install Reverend Joshua Schmidt on December 12th, 2021 at 4:00 PM.
Directly after the Installation they will have a small dinner.

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH, EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH, & ST.PHILIPS LUTHERAN CHURCH

ARE SPONSERING A "SHOE DRIVE"!

THESE THREE CHURCHES HAVE PARTNERED WITH "FUNDS2.ORG" TO HELP PROVIDE OVER FAMILIES CREATE A PATH OUT OF POVERTY BY SELLING THE COLLECTED SHOES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR "OLD" SHOES AT ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH 52 SOLEDAD, MONTEREY CA 93940 UNDER THE BIG RED ARROW—>.

To schedule a pick up call 831.375.2042

or e-mail to OFFICE@STTIM.ORG.



NEW or GENTLY WORN shoes only please. For more info call 831.375.2042.





We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 11th at 10 AM.

Please come and join us!







We give thanks to God for the new floor that's been installed in the sanctuary!

This was made possible by a gift to the church in honor of *Glenna Deweese*.