



THE COMPANION



JOY TO THE WORLD! CHRISTMAS HAS COME...AND GONE.

For a lot of people the joy of the Christmas season is opened gifts and a family meal. But here we are just a few days out and the glow of Christmas is fading fast. Christmas morning quickly turned into a living room filled with empty boxes, shredded wrapping paper, trampled bows and ribbons and half-played with toys; Christmas Evening quickly transitioned into empty wineglasses on the dining room table and a stack of dirty dishes piled sky high in the kitchen sink.

The story of Simeon and Anna from [LUKE 2](#), challenges us to rediscover the true joy of Christmas. Joy to the World! The Lord has come! The joy of the things of this world is empty. As empty as those packages scattered on the floor. But Christ fills us with a joy that cannot be contained. A joy that can redefine our lives. It is my prayer for you that you may be filled with the Lord of the Lord as his salvation is revealed to you in his word and in his sacraments.

Simeon and Anna had been waiting. A long time. Waiting to be comforted. Waiting for hope to be fulfilled. Their story from [LUKE 2](#) is filled with an overwhelming sense of expectation and longing on the part of this elderly man and woman. They were worshipping, praying and fasting, day and night. Waiting. And waiting on the Lord's timing. Trusting that he is going to keep his promises. Simeon had been told that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Both he and Anna were waiting for the Lord's promised redemption.

Then, suddenly, the waiting was over. They entered the Temple that day with nothing but a promise, but they left with hearts full of hope and a message so wonderful that it transformed these tired people into bold witnesses of God's promise fulfilled. They had seen Jesus. Incredible joy filled their hearts.

We're tempted to look at Simeon and Anna and interpret their responses as relief from a great burden that has been lifted. We can think of many who carry burdens. Who struggle with depression or a lingering illness or living life without the ones they love. We can think of those who beg for a quick passage to heaven after a long life, crying out to the Lord, "Why don't you just take me?" Many carry burdens. Many lack joy.

But joy is not simply freedom from a burden. Simeon and Anna's celebration in the temple is not from a burden lifted but from a gift given. Joy is found in a gift received. The answer to emptiness is being filled...Hands and a heart that are full of the right things. Things like the gift of salvation given to us in baptism. The promise that we will never be alone. The truth that the gospel really does change people. The truth that it changes the world. That it changes you and me.

Through his word and through his Spirit, Christ is working in your heart and mind to redefine joy in our lives according to the gifts that he is giving us. You are forgiven! You are Free! Christ has defeated sin, death and the devil and has given you new life now and eternally! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

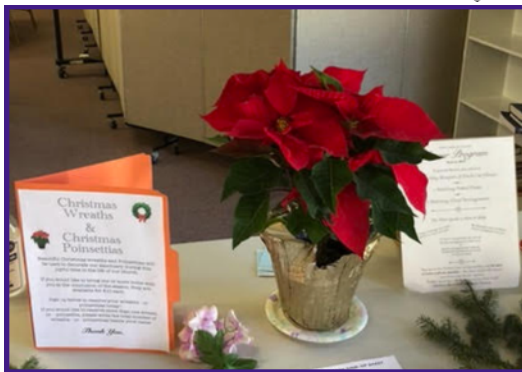
*In His Peace,
Pastor Harbaugh*



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DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!



A Special Thank You to our wonderfully awesome photographers, Marjie Keating, Pastor Karbaugh, and Becky Pearson!

SEE YOU ALL IN 2022

The Lord bless you and keep you!
The Lord let his face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you,
The Lord look kindly and give you peace.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Attention please</p>  <p>SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST: NEW YEAR 2022! THURSDAY, JANUARY 6TH: EPIPHANY BEGINS! SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH: NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY! SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY! MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH: MLK DAY OBSERVED! TUESDAY, JANUARY 25TH: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 10 A.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 27TH: HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY!</p>						<p>1</p> 
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<p>9</p>  <p>NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY</p>	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>16</p>  <p>RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY JANUARY 16</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>OBSERVED</p>	18	19	20	21	22
23	<p>24</p>  <p>Newsletter DEADLINE 10 A.M.</p>	25	26	<p>27</p>  <p>HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY</p>	28	29
30	<p>31</p>  <p>BYE JANUARY!</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px;">  <p>COMING SOON FEBRUARY DATES</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid pink; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH - VOTER'S MEETING. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH - VALENTINE'S DAY!</p> <p>REMEMBER- IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL DATE/ ANNIVERSARY, BIRTHDAY, BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ETC. - SEND THE INFORMATION TO OFFICE@FAITHSEASIDE.ORG</p> </div>				

❁ JANUARY SERVANT LIST ❁

JANUARY	JANUARY 2ND	JANUARY 9TH	JANUARY 16TH	JANUARY 23RD	JANUARY 30TH
ASSISTANT	~ PLEASE VOLUNTEER ~ SEE PASTOR or SARA WILLIAMS				
LECTOR	MARJIE KEATING	TIM RUEDIGER	JEFF VANDERHOOF	MIKE GOLCHERT	MARJIE KEATING
FLOWERS	<p style="color: red; font-size: 1.5em; text-decoration: underline;">PLEASE NOTE:</p> <p style="color: green; font-size: 1.2em;">The NEW 2022 FLOWER</p> <p style="color: blue; font-size: 1.2em;">and COFFEE CHARTS are</p> <p style="color: purple; font-size: 1.2em;">in the NARTHEX!</p>				
COFFEE HOUR					
ALTAR GUILD	BECKY PEARSON	RUTH NUTT	SARA WILLIAMS	JULI REYNOLDS	BECKY PEARSON & RUTH NUTT

**OFFICE HOURS:
PASTOR HARBAUGH'S
OFFICE HOURS:**

10 AM - 1 PM*

****OR BY APPOINTMENT***

**MARTHA'S OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAYS 9 AM - ONE**



CHICKEN QUESADILLAS

YIELDS: 4 SERVINGS

PREP TIME: 25 MINS

TOTAL TIME: 25 MINS

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp. plus 1 tsp olive oil, divided

2 tsp. chili powder

1/2 red bell pepper, chopped

6 oz. shredded cooked chicken breasts (about 1 1/4 cups)

6 oz. shredded sharp Cheddar cheese (about 1 1/2 cups)

Salsa, sour cream, fresh cilantro, lime wedges, and sliced avocado, for garnish

4 tsp. all-purpose flour

1/2 c. chicken stock

4 oz. sliced mushrooms

4 large flour tortillas

DIRECTIONS:

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add flour and chili powder. Cook, stirring, 1 to 2 minutes. Gradually whisk in stock. Add bell pepper, mushrooms, and chicken. Cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender, 6 to 8 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in cheese. Heat 1/2 teaspoon oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Spread half of vegetable mixture on a tortilla, leaving a 1-inch border all around. Top with a second tortilla. Cook, turning once, until golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Repeat with remaining oil, tortillas, and vegetable mixture. Slice into wedges and serve topped with desired garnishes.



*****PLEASE NOTE: You can use beef, pork, tofu-etc in place of the chicken. AND you can change the vegetabes to ones you prefer AND you can do the same with the chicken stock, tortillas and the cheese.*****

The Deadline for the FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER is:

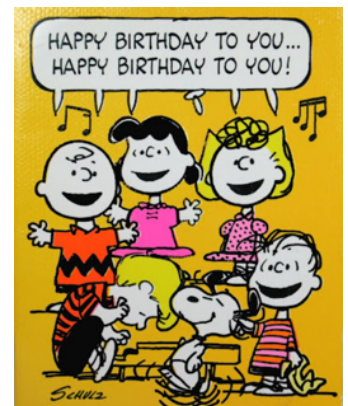
MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2022 10 AM

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

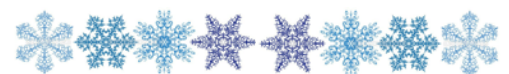
MARTHA LADEN - 01/05

NATASHA NUTT - 01/27

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



HAPPY NEW YEAR!





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**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
INSTALLS THEIR NEW PASTOR!
REV. JOSHUA ANDREW SCHMIDT**



*A Special Thank You
to our wonderfully
awesome photographers,
Marjie Keating,
Pastor Harbaugh, and
Becky Pearson!*



