

# The Beacon April 2017

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## From Death to Life: The Meaning of Easter

On Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, over a billion people will gather to hear and celebrate a story that has been told every year for almost 2,000 years. It is the story of a poor Jewish carpenter from the small town of Nazareth rising out of a tomb after being crucified three days earlier by the Roman Empire.

In its truest form the Easter story is about movement from death to life. But how that story affects different communities in different parts of the world has varied over time. Today in America, the meaning and promise of Easter has almost exclusively been relegated to how it affects us after we die. The thinking is that because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too will rise after we die. And while I believe that to be true, it remains a reflection of our own time and place and disregards the meaning and promise of Easter in the time of Jesus.

Our meaning of death is a scientific definition. When the heart stops beating the human body is dead. But death in antiquity had a more philosophical meaning. If a person was cut off from their community due to poverty, inability to work, disease, a profane profession, or any reason that caused them to be marginalized, they were considered to be dead. Community was so important in this time that death was also thought to be a state of being in which a person was not able or allowed to be a part of their respective communities. These were the people Jesus primarily ministered to: the disabled, the diseased, the beggars, the prostitutes, the tax collectors – those who were cut off. We see the movement from death to life as Jesus restored life to people by bringing them back into their communities.

The promise and meaning of Easter is that a God who personally reached out to anyone cut off from human connection and love and moved them from death to life is still present today, moving us from death to life, assuring us that nothing can separate us from God's love and inclusion. If you feel cut off in any way, God is still present, still moving among us, still bringing us back into community. That is the promise and meaning of Easter today.

**In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Chris**

## **Ministry at Bethania**

### **Youth & Family Ministry**

#### **Happy Easter Season!**

**Confirmation** will meet Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 5-7 pm in our Fireside Room.

**Youth Group** will meet at St. Mark's in the Valley's Parlor Room on Sunday, April 30, 2017 from 3:00-5:30 pm. We look forward to seeing our youth attend as we grow. Please share the word that all high school youth and invited to attend.

With April being a very busy month with our church, we look forward to seeing the youth share their gifts throughout the upcoming services and events. We expect youth to attend the following: Palm Sunday (4/9), Maundy Thursday (4/13) at SMITV, Good Friday (4/14), church chalk drawing (4/15), Easter (4/16), and Hike for Hunger (4/23). We want to encourage their involvement, let us share God's love and bond our relationships within our faith and community.

#### **Upcoming event:**

We have arranged a hike for **all youth** to attend Sedgwick Nature Preserve on Saturday, May 13, 2017. We will be guided by a docent and Bethania's very own Meighan Dietenhoffer. We will provide cold water bottles for all, but please bring snacks/lunch to munch during our tour.

If you have any questions please contact me at (909) 962-9366

**Blessings,**

**Livier (Liv-EE-air) Ghamari-Brown**

**Director of Youth & Family Ministry**

### **Last Dinner Church on April 5**

On April 5, our last Dinner Church will take place as we gather as a community over a simple meal of soup, salad and bread. We'll read scripture, sing some hymns, reflect on baptism, and experience communion in a communal way. Dinner Church is how church was practiced in the first centuries of Christianity.

6 pm in the Parish Hall.

Please join us!

**Blessings,**

**Pastor Chris**

## Bethania Preschool & After School Update

We are so excited to report that our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Touch-a-Truck event was a huge success!! We had a total of 965 guests attend. Along with the trucks and other vehicles, we had face painting, South Coast Karate demonstrations, Knit Fit crafts, Cottage Hospital Bicycle Helmets, a petting zoo, photo booth and bounce houses.

Just over \$10,000.00 was made. This money is to purchase and install a new playground structure on the Preschool playground. Our old one is over 14 years old. We are looking for someone to head this project. If anyone is interested please let me know.

A **huge** thank you to Lisa Kekuewa who planned, organized, and produced a wonderful event for us. Also thank you to those congregation members that supported us and attended our event.

- Eileen Knotts  
Preschool & After School Director

## Hike For Hunger



Hike for Hunger is back and better than ever! This is starting to become one of our bigger events at Bethania because it's such an awesome experience. The Hike for Hunger is one of the ways we raise money to combat hunger in the world. We'll be hiking 7 miles, one-way, which gives a small semblance of what many women in developing parts of the world go through every day in their 7-8 mile daily walks for water. We will be gathering once again at 8:30 a.m. in front of Bethania for a blessing, after which our hike will begin.

We'll be hiking the 7 miles up to Nojoqui Park where we will gather for a delicious lunch of barbecued chicken, garlic bread, salad and baked beans. We'll have a short worship service and plenty of games for all ages. This is also an awesome way to invite someone new to our church. It's a great event that new folks are usually interested in participating. We really need people to RSVP if they plan on coming so we can make sure there's enough food. The chicken BBQ (prepared by Rick & Donna Ineman) is \$7.50/person. You can pay at the park. Please RSVP by emailing ([bethanialutheranch@gmail.com](mailto:bethanialutheranch@gmail.com)) or calling the office at (805) 688-4637! If you have any questions please call the office!

Sponsor sheets for pledges are on the counter in the narthex and in the church office.

## Ministry in the Community and Around the World

### Noisy Sunday: Making Change Count

March's "Noisy Offering" benefitted Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County. Our offering of \$260.50 will be used towards supporting this valuable resource. Thank you to everyone who contributed - your donations will make a difference to women and their families in our area.

**The next "Noisy Sunday" is coming on April 23, which will be the Hike for Hunger.** Our donations from the offering will also be used to help fight hunger around the world, by increasing our donations to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Please consider this another opportunity to help fight hunger, either by donating your change or by supporting a Hiker as a sponsor.

*We all really "make change for the better" with the Noisy Sunday! **So bring your coins and make some noise on April 23.** Together, we can **CHANGE** our world for the better.*

### Iglesia's Pantry

Thank you to all who have contributed shopping money donations and food items for the Food Pantry at Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz. Last week, Pastor Esteban Salazar and his wife Angie sent me a photo of the emptied food shelves, so we rushed up a food delivery for them for the weekend. Many people in their congregation have been unable to find any work in the past several months, and are feeling quite desperate.

When I made the delivery on March 16, a man with a family of several small children had been by to get some food. The other thing he really needed was help to keep his apartment. He had not worked in over 30 days and was terrified he was going to lose his rental. The church gave him everything that was left in the pantry and a donation of clothing items they had just received for his children. Unfortunately, Iglesia is not in a financial position to assist with housing or financial emergencies.

Angie also told me about a woman with an infant and a toddler who was on her own, could not pay her rent, and had been evicted. She had been sitting outside the grocery store for several days with no place to go and no local family connections. Part of her problem was with communication: she spoke no Spanish or English, just Mixteco (which Pastor and his wife do not speak). The **Mixtec** languages are spoken by over half a million people. Identifying how many Mixtec languages there are poses extreme challenges. Depending on the criteria for distinguishing dialects from languages, there may be as many as fifty Mixtec languages. The traditional range of the Mixtec languages is the region known as La Mixteca, which is shared by the states of Oaxaca, Puebla and Guerrero. Because of migration from this region, mostly as a result of extreme poverty, the Mixtec languages have expanded to Mexico's main urban areas, and to certain agricultural areas in the United States. Pastor Esteban and his wife found someone in their congregation who spoke both Spanish and the same Mixteco dialect, got him to translate, gave her some food, and then arranged for a place for her and her children to stay for a while.

Iglesia serves many families in their congregation through their food pantry, which is a shed on the church grounds at Bethel. The people who attend Iglesia Luterana in Santa Maria are the poorest of the poor in the area. The majority of their people are field workers, who are out of work this time of year. In addition, Bethel occasionally uses our food donations to help other people with unmet food needs.

If you would like to contribute funds to this project and have us do the shopping, you can earmark your donation “IGLESIA FOOD” and drop it in the offering plate or at the church office.

If you would like to donate, these items are the most needed by priority:

**5 lb. bags of regular white flour or tortilla flour (maseca or minsa)**

**Pasta** specially the small kind like angel hair, alphabet, stars

**Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers (any size, age) and Wipes, Toilet Paper**

**Children’s Clothing** (please clean clothes only - gently used OK)

**5 lb. bags of white rice**

**3 lb. bags of Pinto beans**

**Canned chicken** (*no tuna, please!*)

**Canola Oil**

**Peanut Butter**

**Breakfast Cereal and Breakfast Bars, Snack Crackers**

Thank you for making a difference to people who are struggling in our area, and supporting other Christians involved in a young, vibrant mission church. If you have any questions or have questions about possible donations, please feel free to contact me 688-5219 (work) or by email: [vikingpressprint@verizon.net](mailto:vikingpressprint@verizon.net)

– **Linda Marzullo**

## **An Invitation from Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz to El Día del Niño**



A girl lights up a smile for Children’s Day in Mexico  
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On Sunday, April 30, you are invited to celebrate Children’s Day (*El Día Del Niño*) at Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz in Santa Maria. *El Día Del Niño* is celebrated as a tribute to children in Mexico each year, which is a national day of observance.

Since 1925, this day of celebration recognizes children as an important part of society so the day focuses on the importance of loving, accepting and appreciating children. Parties are held and children take part in activities like face painting, story-telling, art workshops, and plays. There will be fun, food and socializing with our friends from Iglesia. More details when available - please save the date and plan to attend!

## **Be a Friend of Circle V Ranch Camp**

Circle V Ranch Camp is traditional summer camp with activities including hiking, swimming, nature, archery, drumming, arts & crafts, painting, sports, campfires, skits & songs. Programs are designed for each camper to participate in innovative and enriching outdoor experiences that build self-esteem, expand knowledge and appreciation of others, nature and God. Campers stay in cabins or conventional canvas tents and enjoy three nutritious daily meals served family-style in the Dining Lodge—supervised by caring, trained counselors and long-time staff. Campers are mostly inner-city children who have never before experienced camp or nature activities. Circle V Ranch Camp embraces youth-centered programming and is committed to the growth and development of children through positive, meaningful and rewarding activities.

Circle V Ranch Camp was founded by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Council of Los Angeles in 1945, and has been located on 30 acres in the Los Padres National Forest in Santa Barbara County's Santa Ynez Valley since 1990. The camp is at 2550 Hwy. 154 - right here in our backyard. The "Friends of Circle V" were founded in early 2012, all volunteers who support the mission of Circle V Ranch Camp in the Santa Ynez Valley—to provide a traditional, sleep-over summer camp experience in a safe, nurturing environment for kids ages 7-13. There are no dues to become a "Friend" of Circle V—just a commitment to help!

Most children who attend (or want to attend) Circle V Ranch Camp need financial assistance. Of the 1,255 campers who attended in Summer 2013, 95.5% received full or partial scholarships known as "camperships" to help their family pay the fees. (Camperships are around \$450 per child, with family's paying a percentage according to a sliding scale.)

We will begin collecting items to help meet the camp's needs for this year in the Parish Hall. We will also be donating a "**Noisy Offering**" on **May 21<sup>st</sup>** towards purchases for their needs.

Among the items needed include:

- 50 Sleeping Bags
- 50 Sweatshirts/Jackets
- Sports Equipment: Soccer Balls, Basketballs, Volleyballs, Arrows, Jump Ropes
- Arts & Crafts Supplies: Paint, Lanyard Spools, Beads, Yarn, Glue, Clay, Wax
- 75 Beach Towels
- Children's socks and underwear (all sizes)
- 100 Flashlights
- Hair Brushes, Combs and Hair Ties

**\*\*Complete Wish List in the Parish Hall\*\***

Year-round opportunities to volunteer & contribute work/wealth/wisdom are available at Circle V. For more information about becoming a Friend of Circle V Ranch Camp, please contact: Nadine Melancon, Chair, Friends of Circle V, 805-693-9706 or [melancons@verizon.net](mailto:melancons@verizon.net). For information about camper fees, applications and campership details, contact: Ray Lopez, Camp Director, 805-688-5252 or [rlopez@svdpla.org](mailto:rlopez@svdpla.org). You can also visit the Website [www.circlevranchcamp.org](http://www.circlevranchcamp.org). All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law; the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a legally recognized 501(C) 3 non-profit charity. Tax ID #95-1644622

Whatever we can help contribute will make a difference in the life of a child who needs this experience. Please contact me if you have any questions about the camp or donation needs: 688-5219 (work) or [vikingspressprint@verizon.net](mailto:vikingspressprint@verizon.net).

**-Linda Marzullo**

## Church Life



### **Easter Lilies**

To celebrate Easter we will have 20 Easter lilies in church. If you would like you dedicate one in honor of someone or in memory of someone, please fill out this form and return it to the church office with payment of \$8.50 per lily. You may take your lily after the second service.

I/we would like # \_\_\_\_\_ lily/ies at \$8.50/each. Payment enclosed.

I/We would like the dedication to read:

Given by \_\_\_\_\_ in memory/in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### **Holy Week and Easter Services!!!**

If Lent is a time to draw closer to God, Holy Week and Easter are when we draw right next to God. It is a time of very intentional connection to the experience of God's love for humanity. Each day of worship adds to the other in understanding how multifaceted and expansive God's love is and how it reaches to the very depths of every aspect of your life – to viscerally be reminded that God loves you in your pain and sorrow, as well as your joys and your beauty. You are invited to experience this love during Holy Week with Bethania. Service times are below and please feel free to invite anyone you think might need this reminder, too!

#### **Palm Sunday**

**Bethania Lutheran Church, 603 Atterdag Rd, Solvang  
9:30 am**



Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday, April 9. The service begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we hear Matthew's account of the passion.

#### **Maundy Thursday**

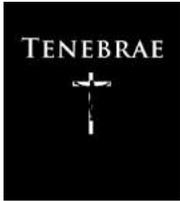
**St. Mark's 2901 Nojoqui Ave. Los Olivos  
6 pm Dinner 7pm Worship Service**

We will gather with our brothers and sisters over at St. Mark's for supper and worship in the Maundy Thursday service. We have a lot in common with St. Mark's and this is another wonderful way to gather together throughout the year. If you haven't been to a Maundy Thursday Service you might discover that it is one of the most meaningful services you'll ever be a part of.

## Good Friday

**Bethania 603 Atterdag Rd. Solvang**

**7 pm**



While Easter is a time to celebrate Jesus' victory over death, his greatest act of love is at the cross. Join us for our Good Friday service as we hear the story of this love. One of the greatest Christian misconceptions is that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. His love goes so much further than this. Jesus died to connect to our own human suffering and pain and to show us that death does not have the final say.

## Saturday, April 15

**In Front of the Church**

**12 noon**

The Outreach Committee invites you to use your artistic and creative expression to beautify the sidewalk for Easter. Bring something to kneel on if you'd like and wear old clothes.

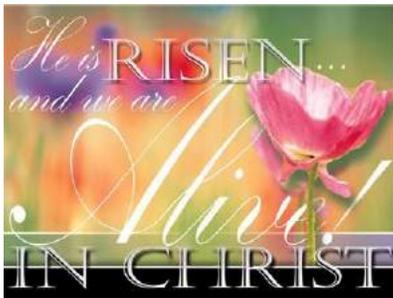


## Easter Sunday

**Bethania**

**9am**

**11am**



Our church is growing and our Easter service has gotten so big we're switching to **TWO** morning services, so please pay attention to the time change. We'll have a service at 9am and another at 11am. They will be identical services so you don't have to worry about missing out. Come celebrate God's triumph over the grave! A God who rises to new life is a God who is constantly raising us to new life! All are welcome to join in the celebration!

Between the Easter services, the Outreach Committee is hosting coffee hour, serving hot cross buns. Come after the 9 am service or before the 11 am service, and celebrate Easter together!

## **Calla Lilies???**

If you or someone you know can provide calla lilies for the church, please bring them to the narthex on Saturday, April 15 before 10 am when members of the Worship & Music Committee will use them to decorate the church for Easter. We appreciate your participation!



## **Flowers on the Cross**

And, remember to bring flowers for the cross in front of the church on Easter. The cross, made of chicken wire, will be outside before and during the services. It is a lovely tribute to remember our family and loved ones, to honor them or to celebrate an occasion.

## **Theology Pub Meets**

Theology Pub continues **April 6** (please note: this is the first Sunday of the month due to Maundy Thursday, April 13) the Solvang Brewing Company at 7 pm. Keep your eyes open as we may be in the Windmill Room if it's too cold outside. We've had some amazing conversation and everyone is invited to join us. Just a refresher, no one needs extensive knowledge to participate in Theology Pub. Come as you are, and join us for refreshing drinks, delicious food, and great conversation!

## **Read a Good Book and Share Your Ideas!**

We are reading and discussing The Naked Now- Learning to See as the Mystics See by Richard Rohr on Wednesday, April 19 at 2 pm, Parish Hall. It can enrich your spiritual life. To learn more about Richard Rohr, an internationally recognized ecumenical teacher, please visit the Center for Action and Contemplation website, [www.cac.org](http://www.cac.org). At the April meeting, we will be selecting a new book.

## **Gather Bible Study**

The monthly Bible study will be held on Thursday, April 20 from 10:30 until 11:30 am. in the Atterdag Lounge. The topic is "Christian Faith and Freedom". We will read and discuss Paul's letter to the Galatians, chapters 5 and 6. The study is printed in the April "Gather" magazine. For a copy of this study call Anabelle at 688-4687.

## **Upcoming...Save the Date**

### **Baby Shower for Pastor Chris and Livier**

We are planning a baby shower for Pastor Chris and Livier on **Sunday, May 7** after the 9:30 worship service. If you would like to contribute to a larger item (a stroller) you will be given an opportunity to sign a card and make a donation in lieu of buying an individual gift. We ask that this gift be in cash rather than a check. You may give your donation to Sheila Mee, Robin Gehrs or Kristyl Downey. If you cannot make it to church or the office, please call Kristyl and she will come to you.

## **Congregational Business**

### **Getting the Beacon**

In the interests of cost savings, we are going to send The Beacon electronically if possible. If you do not have email or would prefer to keep getting the mailed, paper version of The Beacon, let Kristyl know. **Electronic Version of the Beacon** - Similarly, if you have not been getting The Beacon electronically, please let Kristyl know and you will be switched over.

### **Church Office Email**

Please note the church has a new email address: [bethanialutheranch@gmail.com](mailto:bethanialutheranch@gmail.com) If you have not been getting weekly emails from the church office, please contact Kristyl at the address above. Also, check your junk mail, spam or trash to see if emails from Bethania have not made their way into your inbox.

## Thank You's

### From the Salvation Army

It is a pleasure to acknowledge your gift of \$1200 to the Salvation Army received on Dec. 12, 2016. we are humbled by your confidence in our ability to provide vital services including food, utilities and rent assistance, after school programs and senior programs. These are just a few of the services your help makes possible in your community.

With deep appreciation,

**Donna Marshall**  
Central Coast Social Services Director

**Charlie Uhrig**  
Chairman, SYV Salvation Army Service Extension



**Dear Rosemary,**

Thank you so much again for all of the donations that made a tremendous difference in our Christmas gift distribution! The flashlights were a hot item and enough for everyone to be able to have one. Here is the photo album on our Facebook page so you can see the joy your gifts brought to our guests: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/SantaBarbaraRescueMission/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=10154503315589079](https://www.facebook.com/pg/SantaBarbaraRescueMission/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10154503315589079)

Happy New Year!

**Rebecca**

**Santa Barbara Rescue Mission**

## 2nd Annual Blankets for the Needy

"Hi, how can I help you?" She said to me when I was dropping off our donations to Santa Barbara Rescue Mission. Homeless can look like you or me, it isn't always their fault.

I want to thank each of you that generously donated warm blankets and clothing benefitting the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission. Bethania Lutheran Church collected over 1025 items wanted and used by the needy. We donated 411 articles of women's clothing, 158 articles of men's clothing, 59 articles of kid's clothing, 64 towels, 34 blankets, and 300 mini flashlights.

The Santa Barbara Rescue Mission was very happy with our donations to help the 100+ daily homeless. We were able to add to their Christmas party with our gifts for the homeless. Not only do they help the homeless, they also have facilities to help those battling substance abuse and rehab training.

To walk a mile in their shoes, is troubling at best. Hope to think of other ways to help. Any ideas?

September is "Closet Awareness Month" - get ready for #3 Blankets for the Needy.

**- Rosemary Thomas**

## From Lisa Kekuewa and the “Touch-A-Truck Event”



Pastor Chris at the “Touch-A-Truck” event

On Saturday, March 4th, trucks, activities and lots of smiling kiddos filled the grounds of Bethania Lutheran Church for the 2nd Annual SYV Touch-A-Truck event. This year's event was attended by 965 guests and was able to reach our goal of \$10,000 raised. Those who attended this year's event were able to experience all kinds of vehicles, and learn about what they do, as well as all kinds of different activities to participate in. And of course honk some horns! A **huge** thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who gave their time throughout the planning and executing of this event, the participants who brought all of their equipment to share, and the business sponsors who generously made donations and provided goods & services. This was truly an event made possible by our community, for our community! We are looking forward to adding the funds raised this year, to those from our 2016 event and further enrich the experiences for children at Bethania Preschool and Afterschool.

**Thank you!**

**Lisa Petersen Kekuewa**

## February/March Council Meeting Highlights

- Council approved a 3% raise for Pastor Chris Brown for the 2017 year.
- Council approved a proposed Family Leave policy and a Bereavement policy presented by the Executive Committee.
- Council discussed projects that Pastor Chris would like us to work on for 2017 including the Leadership Campaign and long term strategies for Bethania.
- The Property committee presented an estimate for installing air conditioning in the Parish Hall. Council will be looking at whether such a project is feasible and if we should try to find a way to proceed.
- Pastor Chris reported that he had talked with our insurance about liability costs for having a Shelf Ministry program at Bethania. This is a program that Pastor Chris would like to see implemented and Council agreed to consider. This ministry would involve having a locking cupboard attached to the outside of the church building (somewhere along the north side) which would be used for donations of non-perishable food items that would then be able to be accessed by those in the community who needed them.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Larsen, Secretary**

## **Treasurer's Report - March 9, 2017**

### **Balance Sheet:**

- The cash position in general checking \$13,118, which is low compared to last year and last month. That indicates we are using cash at a faster rate. We will need to monitor the cash as we move forward in the next couple of months.
- The money market fund balance is \$96,108.
- All other liabilities are current with the normal exception of the pension fund liability.

### **Profit & Loss Budget Performance:**

#### **Income:**

- Regular offerings were down \$987 for the month, and non-member offerings were down by \$73 for the month. For the first two months, offerings were at 98% of budget, or \$647 below budget.
- Facility usage was up by \$1,180 over budget. The youth fund contribution was also recorded this month and added \$3,000 to the P & L.
- Two months of child care utility reimbursements were received in February
- Total income for the month was \$3,262 over the projected budget.

#### **Expenses:**

- Salary & benefits were up \$1,257 over budget. This was due to guest pastor services in February and additional worship musicians. (Some of these were for services in March).
- Bookkeeper services were up due to the January tax filings that were required.
- Staff expenses were within budget.
- Office administration expenses were up in several areas. Computer and internet expense includes a one time yearly fee for our payroll service (\$565) and office supplies were up due to a purchase of paper (some of which is still in inventory).
- Property expenses are up by \$952 largely due to a major repair in the parsonage to one of the bathrooms (mold problem) that was an \$882 expense.
- All other expenses were within or below budget.
- Total expenses for the month were \$2,150 over budget.
- For the month of February we had \$89 net revenue over expenses compared to a budget of -\$1,026.

### **Overall:**

While we are meeting our expenses, we need to be aware of the cash flow, and the offerings not meeting the budgeted amount each month. This is an area of concern and we ask God to guide us as we move forward doing the work He has given to us. God is good.

- Ron Walsh  
Treasurer

## **“This and That”**

### **Memorials Committee**

The Memorials Committee meets next on April 11 at 2 pm in the church office. If you would like an application to fund something for the church, please contact Liz Beeler or Kristyl Downey.

## **In Our Hearts, In Our Prayers**

**For the family and friends of Helen Bertram.** We learned recently that Helen died Sept. 30, 2016.

**Immediate Prayer Concerns:** Robin Adkins, Brianna Ceballos, Pat Green, Pat Knotts, Carol Summit

**Other Prayer Concerns:** Esther Bates, Joe & Pat Bode, Annette Clausen, Caylin, Katy & Kay Corlee, Dolores Dederding, Don DeLaney, George Eckman, Terri Elwess, Armando Franco, Chris Frederiksen, Debbie Fritts, Dolores Gehrs, Chris Gideon, Kathy & Calvin Hackler, Michael Jech, Robert & Gail Jennings, Chris Kaping, Kim Kenton, Kate Knotts, Gary Lake, Richard Lindekens, Ethel Litwiler, Linda & Rick Marzullo, Amber Mee, Brian Merrick, Denise Morris, Roger Myers, Helen Nielsen, Marie Ostertag, Marc & Laurie Owens, Marian Petersen, Doyle Phillips, Jonathan Poldberg, Audrey Robinson, Jean & Bill Stelling, Cora Vandecar, Tina Walen, Alisha & Anna Marie Wilson and Robert Workman

## **Photos**

**Owen Andersen and friend talking to the group at coffee hour about their experiences at the Piyali School in India (below).**



**Pastor Chris, Liv & Youth at Cloud 10 (right and on next page)**





**Dinner Church (right and below)**





# April 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 am Worship: CH 5 pm Evening Worship: CH 5 pm Sunday School: FR	3 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA:FR	4 11:30 am Chapel: CH 7 pm Christian Ed:OFC	5 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 5-7 pm Confirmation: FR 6 pm Dinner Church: CH 7 pm Choir Practice: FR	6	7	8 12:30-3:30 pm Memorial Service for Mary Pedersen
<b>9 Palm Sunday</b> 9:30 am Worship: CH 5 pm Evening Worship: CH 5 pm Sunday School: FR	10 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	11 11:30 am Chapel: CH 2 pm Memorials Mtg: OFC 6-8 pm Art Class: PH	12 12:45 pm Quilting/ Sewing: PH 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 7 pm Choir:FR	<b>13 Maundy Thursday</b> 6 pm Soup Supper and Service: St. Mark's Episcopal Church	<b>14 Good Friday</b> 7 pm Tenebrae Service: CH	15 12 noon Chalk Drawing: in front of the church
<b>16 Easter</b> 9 am Worship Service: CH 11 am Worship Service: CH	17 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	18 11:30 am Chapel: CH 6-8 pm Art Class: PH	19 2 pm Book Discussion Group: PH 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 7 pm Choir:FR	20 10 am Communion: AV 10:30 am Gather Bible Study:AV 12 noon Beacon Deadline 7 pm Council: FR	21	22
23 8:30 am Hike for Hunger begins. 9:30 am Worship & Noisy Offering: CH 11:30 am Hike For Hunger BBQ: NFP 5 pm Evening Worship: CH 5 pm Sunday School: FR	24 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA:FR	25 11:30 am Chapel:CH 6-8 pm Art Class: PH	26 3:30 pm Chapel: CH	27 1:30 pm Preschool Board Mtg: PH	28	29
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**Sunday Schedule**  
**9:30 am Worship**  
**11:00 am Adult Forum**  
**5:00 pm Worship**  
**5:00 pm Sunday School**

## Holy Week

Palm Sunday - April 9  
Services at 9:30 am & 5:00 pm

Maundy Thursday - April 13  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
6 pm Dinner, 7 pm Service

Good Friday - April 14  
Tenebrae Service 7 pm

Saturday - April 15  
12 noon Chalk Drawing in  
front of the church

Easter - April 16  
Services at 9:00 am &  
11:00 am

