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From Pastor Chris

It is amazing to see the winter storms going through the East Coast and the Midwest and think that this time last year, Livier and I were bracing ourselves for similar conditions. I'm also continually amazed that my beautiful wife would regularly walk a mile to the bus in those conditions to support our family. She's way more strong and brave than I am!

As we experience a different kind of winter here in California, one of the signals we look for in the changing season as Christians is the season of Lent. We have a much earlier Lent this year and Ash Wednesday is right around the corner! For many people, church goers and non-church goers alike, Lent is a time more associated with giving something up for forty days and having a friendly bet with yourself to see if you can do it. While this can be a helpful practice to enter more fully into the essence of Lent, the goal is to ultimately understand the sacrifice at the cross in which we are journeying towards on Good Friday.

Out of that sacrifice comes not only our salvation as broken people, but also our communal connection to one another. The churches in the first century would celebrate this gift by gathering over a meal, usually dinner, and singing, reading scripture, having conversation, and especially celebrating communion. This way of church has changed quite a bit in almost 2,000 years, but the connection we all share is meant to remain.

Yet, I've always been fascinated at this idea of gathering over a meal. Many churches throughout the country have some kind of a simple service in the middle of the week during Lent, and I understand this was something that Bethania used to do as well. I'd like to get back to a weekly service during Lent and this year I would like to try something I've been wanting to do for a long time: "**Dinner Church**". This was something created by churches who wanted to get back to the roots of the first century churches that would gather over an actual meal. It's a time that, hopefully, will allow us to quiet down the busyness of the world around us and experience the communal nature the Lord's Supper was meant to create with one another. We will sing a few hymns, have a scripture reading, participate in communion, and enjoy the fellowship of one another as God intends us to do.

I know the landscape of the Church is changing quite a bit and I think what has been lacking in many churches is this communal identity. Many churches don't gather together in various ways outside of Sunday service. My hope is that these Dinner Church services during Lent will be a way for us to experience that communal identity again and rediscover God's love in one another. The details of Dinner Church will be further on in the Beacon this month, so please read on! I hope you will join me on any of the weeks your available for these services, as I am really excited to be leading them! I look forward to seeing you!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Chris

Dinner Church

What is it?

Dinner Church is a weekly Lent service that will be offered for anyone who would like to come. It is a simple worship service that will be held as a simple supper with soup, salad, and bread. We enjoy fellowship, sing a few hymns, hear a short reflection, and have communion in a special, more intimate way.

In first century Judea, dinner was the only time people were able to gather together, and so naturally, this was when they had their worship services. It was a very communal moment, in which men, women, and children gathered together around a table and worshipped as one. Since that time, church fellowships have grown so big that it's difficult to have this kind of a close-knit service. However, for Lent this year, I think this is something that might be very special and meaningful for us at Bethania.

When is it?

Dinner Church services will be on the Wednesday in between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week. The dates and times are:

February 17	6:00 pm	February 24	6:00 pm	March 2	6:00 pm
March 9	6:00 pm	March 16	6:00 pm		

How do I participate?

There are two ways to participate. The most important one is to simply come and enjoy the service. We will have a service during these 5 consecutive weeks so that anyone can come as often as they want. Lent is traditionally a time of continual devotion and meditation on Christ's sacrifice on the cross, which is why we're offering this every Wednesday during Lent. Come every week, or only one week – it's meant to be flexible to your schedules.

And second, we need volunteers to make soup, salad, and to provide bread and water. There will be a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please sign up as soon as possible. If people sign up for one soup or one salad during just one week I think we'll have a good selection of soups and salads to choose from. Remember, you only need to sign up for one during these five weeks. I don't want anyone to feel burdened to make soup or salad for each Dinner Church service (unless you really want to).

And of course, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call or email me. I'm very excited for this and am looking forward to seeing you there.

- Pastor Chris

Council Highlights - Jan. 21, 2016

*Approved recommendations from the Memorial Fund Committee that it use memorial gifts to fund roller shades for the Fireside Room (\$1,279) and a new welcome sign for the front of the church building (Will cost \$789).

*Church Council began exploring possible ways to provide a space with visibility of the sanctuary for parents (and their young children) when they feel a separate area is needed.

*Very good news from Ron Walsh, Church Treasurer: We had an increase of net income of \$19,185 from the 2015 operations.

*Church Council will begin using a Consent Agenda for routine items not needing discussion. Council will prepare an agenda a week ahead of each meeting and make it available to our members at that time. This will enable you to contact Council members ahead of time with your suggestions. You are encouraged to attend its meetings, which are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Fireside Room.

Nancy Emerson, Council Member

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

The Outreach Committee invites everyone to our
Annual Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall

As in past years you will be treated to a delicious selection of homemade soups and bread followed by our traditional Ash Wednesday service in the church at 7:00pm.

This is always a wonderful evening of fellowship and sharing over a sumptuous selection of soups. We hope that you will plan to join us as we begin this season of Lent.

Please bring your own bowls for soup!



Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group will meet Feb, 24, 2015 at 2 pm in the Parish Hall. The group is discussing Luther the Reformer: The Story of the Man and His Career by James M. Kittelson. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Gather Bible Study

The Gather Bible Study will be held Thursday, Feb. 18 at 10:30 am in the Atterdag Lounge next to BLDG 14. The study (January/February Gather Magazine) will be based on Philippians 1:27 – 2:18 and will explore Paul's call to a countercultural approach to citizenship shaped by the gospel and participants will see Christ as both a model and power for living a servant-shaped life. All are welcome. For a copy or more info call Anabelle Dalberg at 688-4687.

A family event for all ages!



Saturday

March 5

10am-2pm

**@ Bethania Preschool
611 Atterdag Road
Solvang**

- Dozens of safety, construction, farming, military, specialty trucks
- Bounce house by M&J Jumpers • Face painting by Prismatic Body Art
- Live music by Dylan Ortega Band • Food concessions
- Rain or shine event - everything is more fun with rain boots anyways!
- No horn hour 10-11am (for sensitive ears)
- Bring your favorite stuffed animal for a "check-up" & "groom"

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To Benefit Bethania Preschool & Afterschool

Bethania Preschool & After School News

What's New with the Preschool & After School?

If you peak over the green construction fence on the playground you will see that our new building, built by API in Santa Maria, has been delivered. Its employees have completed the roof and stucco. Our own Glen Jacobsen is doing the concrete work and D. J. Dunn is our contractor.

The Strandskov family has donated a beautiful bench in honor and remembrance of their parents, whose home was on the playground site. It will be dedicated at about 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27. All are invited to attend.

Eileen Knotts, Director

Why is Preschool and After School Tuition Assistance Important?

Thank you so much for your support of the Preschool & After School's Tuition Assistance Update via Christmas Greetings and the January Noisy Offering (\$282.50). It will help us meet this year's need of \$19,000-\$20,000.

Why is tuition assistance so important? For a four-member family, very low income is defined as a maximum of \$37,700 and low income as maximum of \$54,300. Tuition costs vary, depending on number of hours and days a child attends. But if a preschool child attends year round from 7:30-6 p.m., tuition and fees will cost \$7,690.

This will be at least 20% of a very low income family's income or at least 14% of a low income family's income.

So you can see why tuition assistance is necessary if children from lower income families are to attend our high quality program so the school and life playing field can be leveled for them.

And finally, a brief tuition assistance financial report:

Income

Beginning balance, 7/1/15	\$2,128.79
Christmas Greetings (2015)	\$3,702.50
No Show Fundraiser (2015)	\$727.00
Thrivent Choice	\$5,000.00
Anonymous Foundation	\$4,000.00
CDBG Grant payment	\$1,797.00
Exstar	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$18,355.29

Expenses

Tuition Assistance, 12/31/15	\$ 9,176.55
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Balance on hand, 1/18/15 \$ 9,178.74

We will be applying for additional grants this spring to finish funding this year's recipients and to be ready for next year's applicants. Tribute Gifts honoring or remembering family or friends and other contributions will enable us to continue funding all who have documented need.

Nancy Emerson

Tuition Assistance Fund Chairperson

Farstrup-Mortensen Lectures

Our 2016 lecture series, scheduled for February 26-28 and themed **The Matrix of Reformation**, will mark our 31st anniversary of presenting world-class scholars and educators who present reasoned and scholarly interpretations based on current evidence.



Rev. Dr. Jarmo Tarkki — Luther's Smartphone?

The authority of the church was challenged by Martin Luther 500 years ago with the publication of his 95 theses on October 31, 1517. This radical act encouraged and emboldened others to begin to question the common wisdom in various fields of life. This in turn gave impetus to an entire era called The Age of Enlightenment. Sapere aude — have the guts to reason for yourself — became the motto for this age of reason. All this in turn advanced sciences and technologies that eventually have made it possible for you to own a smartphone!

In 2016, February 26-28, our theme is The Matrix of Reformation. We will look into the context—the matrix—of Reformation. Why Martin Luther, why in 1517, and why in Germany? Our distinguished speakers are Bishop Dr. Guy Erwin and Professor Ted Peters from the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California.

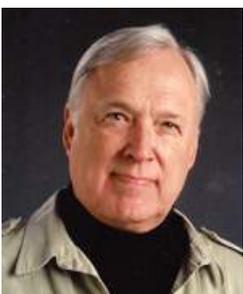
In 2017, February 24-26, we will explore the Reformation itself in detail and its impact, not only on Christianity, but on society at large. Our distinguished speakers are Bishop Dr. Guy Erwin and Professor Risto Saarinen from the University of Helsinki, Finland.

Mark your calendar now and get ready to expand your mind. Find out where we came from so that we would know where we are and where we are going.



Bishop Dr. Guy Erwin — Why Reformation? Why Luther?

These lectures will explore the preconditions existing in Germany in the years leading up to Luther's famous protest in 1517, asking "why?" Why then and why there? A similar set of protests one hundred years earlier led to the burning of Jan Hus and a kind of crusade against his followers. But by Luther's time the situation had changed, and he came through his great public dissent relatively unscathed. What were the underlying issues? Why did Luther's case make such a powerful difference?



Professor Ted Peters — Sin Boldly! The Godly Life after the Reformation

Prior to the Reformation, we thought of the godly life as pursuing purity, as self-sanctification, as readying oneself for heaven. Once the Reformation reliance upon God's grace in justifying faith took hold, however, the godly life became one of serving the neighbor in love. Just how does justifying faith turn a fragile soul into a robust soul? Just how does justifying faith inspire the pursuit of justice in the name of love?

Lecture Schedule

Friday

7:00-9:00 p.m. LECTURE I & II: Introductory Lectures by Bishop Erwin and Professor Peters

Saturday

9:00-10:30 a.m. LECTURE III: Bishop Erwin

11:10-12:40 p.m. LECTURE IV: Professor Peters

1:30-3:00 p.m. LECTURE V: Bishop Erwin and Professor Peters

Sunday

11:00-12:30 p.m. PANEL DISCUSSION: Bishop Dr. Guy Erwin, Professor Ted Peters, Pastor Chris Brown, Professor Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, and Dr. Jarmo Tarkki (moderator)

For more information about local accommodations and activities, please visit SolvangUSA.com, VisitSYV.com, or call the Solvang Conference & Visitors Bureau at (800) 468-6765.

Entertainment

Ellen and Vincent Pillow, whose musical and comedic talents have entertained past FM Lecture Series attendees, will perform a program of humorous songs from the stage.

REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE: www.FMLectures.org A complete registration brochure is also online.
OR MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM: Bethania Lutheran Church.

If you need a brochure mailed to you, please contact the church office.

Iglesia Food Shed: Your donations in pounds

Good work, Bethania! We recently delivered 928 pounds of food to the Iglesia food shed on January 17th. There were families lining up to receive food items after my delivery this day.

This amount also included the 500+ pounds gathered by Rosemary Thomas at her food drive held in front of Nielsen's Market in December. A big thank you to Rosemary and her helpers, the shoppers at Nielsen's Market, and of course the Nielsen family for their support.

Our next food delivery will be on Feb. 7th – bring your donations to the annual Souperbowl-Toiletbowl and we will get them straight to the families that day before the big game! (*see related article*)

Thank you all for being such blessings to these needy families.

-Linda Marzullo

Theology Pub

Theology Pub will meet at the Solvang Brewing Company on the Third Wednesday of every month and will next meet Feb. 17, at 7 pm. We'll either be in the Windmill Room or out in the patio by the fireplace. This is also a great way we can support one of our local businesses so bring your appetites and feel free to order some of their delicious food. For questions, call or email me! I look forward to seeing you!

Pastor Chris

Guidance for Survivors at the Death of a Loved One

Occasionally, the Church Office gets requests to provide a guide for planning a “Celebration of Life” Service and other details at the time of someone’s death. In that regard, we are providing this guide to help. Please feel free to fill in the information. You can keep a copy for yourself, your family and let the Church Office keep one on file. If you need any help, please contact Pastor Chris.

When an individual dies there are many details that are frequently overlooked in the initial days of grief and confusion. To assist those persons who survive you, this guide has been developed for you to complete now when a rational and calm approach can be taken to the matter of what to do in the event of your death.

Remember that this is not a “will.” Such a document which will cover your estate and other things and should be completed by a suitable professional.

Biographical Information

Full Name _____
Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
Date of Baptism _____ Place of Baptism _____
Date of Current Marriage & Spouse _____
Former Marriage(s)/Spouse(s) _____
Name of Children** & Address _____

Father’s Name: _____
Father’s Place of Birth: _____
Mother’s Name: _____
Mother’s Place of Birth: _____
Siblings and Locations _____

Please attach a separate page for your autobiography. It may include school, employment, accomplishments, etc. and other items you wish to share. Add a list of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc. if desired.

Plans Concerning My Death

At the time of my death, please notify those listed below. (May include pastor, specific funeral home, relatives, employer, friends, and co-workers, cemetery, unions and fraternal or professional organizations, social security office, veterans administration, attorney, insurance agent, etc.)

Name	Address	Identification	Phone
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Executor of Will _____

Please check below all that apply.

I desire to have a funeral _____ or memorial service _____ at the church _____, funeral home _____ or cemetery _____ with _____ or without _____ viewing of my body.

I prefer earth burial ____, mausoleum entombment ____, or cremation with ashes to be _____.
I have pre-arranged funeral arrangements with _____

(Please list name of company and phone number. Please attach a copy of the pre-arrangement contract.)

Cemetery name, location and lot Number _____

Preferences regarding marker _____

Plans for the Funeral or Memorial Service

Favorite music and hymns (3 hymns are usually used)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

I prefer that the organist select. _____

Special music desired _____

Favorite Scriptures

1st Lesson _____

2nd Lesson _____

Psalm _____

Gospel _____

I prefer that the pastor select. _____

Further plans for my service have been discussed with _____ and are attached. (Please include casket bearers, vocalists, reader, type of service and any other helpful information.)

Plans for the Reception after the Service

Please check one.

____ I would prefer my family and loved ones provide a coffee, cookies and cake reception after the service.
The women of Bethania will help serve.

____ I would prefer that a luncheon will be served. I understand that my family or friends will make arrangements to provide a lunch. The women of Bethania will help serve.

Oftentimes family members now make a CD or PowerPoint Presentation to show at the reception after the service. Please discuss this with your family. You will need to provide several pictures (printed, scanned, or digital) and some music to someone in your family to compile.

I prefer that any memorial gifts be designated for organizations and institutions most meaningful to me; such as Bethania Evangelical Lutheran Church***, 603 Atterdag Rd, Solvang, CA 93463. Bethania has a Memorial Fund, Endowment Fund, and Heritage Fund. You can also designate memorials to Bethania Preschool & AfterSchool Program. If you would like more information, please contact the pastor or the office manager.

Memorial Gifts

Is there anything else you desire your survivors to know?

Remember, **THIS IS NOT A WILL**. This is designed to be a guide to your survivors. It may be a good idea for you to complete this and attach to it any legal documents you have drawn up. It would be wise to have a separate copy kept elsewhere. Inform several people of the existence of this guide and its location. Completing this guide is also an act of responsible Christian stewardship. You may consider updating this document at regular intervals as circumstances and wishes change.

Signature _____ Date _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

*** Please remember the church in your will. You can continue to do the work of the Lord even when you are gone.

Memorial/Tribute Gifts Fund

With much happiness, the **Memorials/Tributes Fund** committee reports that at their January 2016 meeting, applications were reviewed for funding. After discussion and evaluation, two proposals were approved. The committee appreciates that all questions on the forms had complete responses and were submitted on time. Those issues had caused some applications not to qualify in the fall. The successfully submitted and approved applications and their committees are: 1) Christian Education committee---\$1,279.34 will be used to remove old drapes in the Fireside room and be replaced with roller shades to cover the regular part of windows, not the upper part that is covered by the eaves; and 2) Church Council was approved to spend up to \$1,450 for a welcome sign that will be designed and placed to the left of the front church doors to welcome and encourage visitors and valley residents to enter the church at any time.

The committee believes these two additions to Bethania will enhance the church and extend the ministry. The next deadline for submitting applications is March 30,2016 and will be considered for approval at the April meeting of the fund committee. A supply of applications is available in the church office. Please use these because we had them printed on card stock since they are handled often and will be filed. At this time there is approximately \$5,800 available for requests.

We encourage every committee to participate so we may fund a diverse number of opportunities for the work of Bethania.

-Liz Beeler

Note for Persons Donating Directly to BLCW or Preschool

If you donate directly to BLCW or the Preschool rather than writing a check to the church for projects of these two groups, both organizations send donors thank you/receipt information. We send thank you's to donors who give through the church, but your official receipt for tax purposes from the church lists these contributions since your check was written to it. If you do not receive any notification from BLCW or the Preschool for a donation to one of their projects, please contact Eileen Knotts or Nancy Emerson.

Making Change, for the Better:

January Noisy Offering helped families in our Preschool

Thank you to all who participated in our January Noisy Sunday Offering! We received donations totaling \$282.50 from your generous pockets. Thanks to you, the Tuition Assistance Fund for Bethania Preschool and After School programs will get a boost in their ability to help families. The TAF helps families pay for the high quality education that their children receive at our wonderful Preschool. Preschool Director Eileen Knotts is grateful for our generous assistance and support of the Bethania Preschool and After School program.

Our next Noisy Offering is Feb. 17th. During “Noisy Sunday”, any change you would like to get rid of from the bottom of your purse or pockets may be tossed into a bucket. This “noise” (coins) is used to “Make Change for the Better” by helping to fund upcoming Social Ministry projects. Feb. 17 will benefit “Pastor’s Discretionary Fund,” so that Pastor Chris may help people with immediate, emergency needs which may arise.

Thank you all for you who choose to support the monthly “Noisy Offering”. These gifts of your spare change are extra-mile giving that we use to change the world. Any amount, from a penny, quarter, dollar or more is much appreciated. Together, we can make “change” one coin at a time!

– **Linda Marzullo**

In Our Prayers, In Our Hearts

The friends and loved ones of ...

Dorothy & Alton Turk, parents of Janet Petersen.

Dorothy did Nov. 21, 2015. Alton died Dec. 22, 2015.

Lily Baggesen-Jensen, Kim Jensen’s grandmother. Lily died Dec. 5, 2015.

Ben Cassara, father of Dan Cassara. Ben died Dec. 29

Darlene Saulsbury, wife of Jim Saulsbury. Darlene died Dec. 19, 2016

Patricia Myers, wife of Frank Myers. Patricia died Jan. 20, 2016.

Immediate Prayer Concerns: Caylin & Katy Corlee, Lisa Demeter, Armando Franco, Bryan, Jennifer & Jayce Petersen

Other Prayer Concerns: Suzanne Asselstine, Esther Bates, Jim Blanton, Joe & Pat Bode, Steven Boyd, Brian Coover, Kay Corlee, Dorrie Crooks, Nanette Dacuy-cuy, Len Dalberg, Dolores Dederding, Robin Denny, Lois De Meyer, George Eckman, Terri Elwess, Chris Frederiksen, Debbie Fritts, Jack Fujimoto, Dolores Gehrs, Chris Gideon, Arla Hoj, Michael Jech, Robert Jennings (friend of Fred & Genie Machetanz), Jennifer Juel, Chris Kaping, Melissa Kargard, Richard Lindekens, Rick Marzullo, Ellis McDaniel, Marjorie Mee, Denise Morris, Roger Myers, Ned Nelson, Helen Nielsen, Marie Ostertag, Marc & Laurie Owens, Jensen Paulus (baby), Doyle Phillips, Audrey Robinson, Scotty Sexton, Rose Skytt, Lee Statom, Jeanie Stelling, Clay Tremblay-McGaw, Cora Vandecar, Tina Walen, Ann Wallace, Betty Wilkes, Alisha & Anna Marie Wilson, Robert Workman

PACE Scholarship Fundraising Continues – Goal is \$1,275.



Why we fund \$175 scholarships for the PACE women's adult literacy and vocational education program (ALP):

My name is Rama Naskar. When I was five years old, my mother became handicapped. I had to look after my mother and also involved myself in household work. So I did not get chance to study. When I was 25 years old I got married. I have a son and a daughter. My daughter studies in the nursery class at Piyali Learning Center. Then I came to know about ALP. I got admitted in ALP. A few months back a few ma'am came to PLC and taught us about health and usefulness of clean water. So I want to thank them. I love to do all classes in ALP and I have learnt many things. I want to become educated and self dependent. *Translated by Sukanya, one of the Piyali teachers.*

And a progress report from our two, 9 year old students: Both Rekha and Roshma wrote that their best subject is English. Be sure to see for yourself how well they use English by reading their cards on the narthex bulletin board.

Thrivent Action Team Projects

Thrivent members, have you thought about doing an Action Team Project? It is easy to apply for, and obtain team members to help with charitable projects for our church, Preschool, Atterdag Village and/or other community activities. Lois DeMeyer, Brenda Knudsen, Rosemary Thomas and Nancy Emerson have each done one or more projects and can help others organize for these projects.

If you are doing a hands-on service project, you can buy materials such as quilting supplies, or additional items being collected by the project, e.g. blankets, food for hungry. The one thing you cannot do is donate cash via gift card to an organization or individual. After the date of the activity, Thrivent e-mails you and asks you to complete a report, also simple. They love photos.

You go online at Thrivent.com using your user name and password and search for Thrivent Action Teams. When filling out a simple application you can order promotional items like news releases or posters, items for team members like T-shirts and for participants - bookmarks or thank you cards

Thrivent responds quickly by e-mail and then sends you an information packet with items you ordered and a \$250 gift card. The card can be used like a regular gift card to obtain items for the event such as advertising, food, favors, handouts.

Thumbnail Portrait - Edel Schonfeldt

Edel (Pedersen) Schonfeldt was born on January 17, 1932 in the town of Tres Arroyos, Argentina, 300 miles south of Buenos Aires. Her father came from Denmark to Argentina in 1901 when he was three years old. Her mother came from Denmark with Edel's grandmother and great-grandmother in 1916 when she was 12 years old. Edel's parents were farmers in this beautiful area grazing 500 sheep and growing flax and wheat. While Tres Arroyos at that time was home to 30,000 people, Edel and her family lived about 30 miles outside of town so she was raised in a very rural area. There were many Danish immigrants here. She has four siblings – a brother who lives in Denmark, another brother who lives in Nevada, and a brother and sister who still live in Argentina. Edel has been involved in the church her entire life. She was confirmed in Tandil, Argentina (a town founded by a Dane), and remembers as a child that visiting pastors would come by train and stay with the



various families of the congregation. Edel says her parents chose Argentina because at that time it was more positive economically “but that doesn’t mean they had much”. As a child Edel and her siblings rode horses to school as well as to visit friends and family where they might stay for two or three days. It was customary that the schoolteachers would live in the homes of their students. There were no phones. Edel’s lifelong interest in art was sparked during one year when they moved to the city to help an ill relative and she was able to attend private art classes.

Edel met her husband in Argentina – he was also of Danish heritage but born in Argentina. He had a motorcycle! Edel had been a waitress in Argentina so it was easy for her to get work doing the same thing in Denmark. Edel and Martin were married in Denmark by his uncle in 1955, after which they embarked on a five week honeymoon through Europe. They stayed in Denmark for three years.

In 1961 when Edel was 29 years old she and Martin came to America as immigrants and landed in Miami. They explored both America and Canada looking for where they would like to settle. Just coincidentally while in Santa Barbara they met a Dane who told them to visit Solvang for a cup of coffee. They drove into town off of Highway 101 on Nojoqui Road and were taken with the beautiful scenery, fell in love with the town, and the rest is history! (Also coincidentally Martin’s family farm in Argentina was named Solvang!) After moving here Edel continued waitressing and says that allowed her to meet so many interesting people. Edel has many hobbies including painting (she likes both watercolor and acrylic) and photography. Her favorite subject is nature. She had a frame shop for 15 years. She also makes beautiful photo greeting cards and enjoys collage. She teaches a Spanish class (she is actually trilingual!) to residents where she currently lives at Atterdag Village. She is a docent at the Elverhoj Museum, and a founding member of the Santa Ynez Valley Artists Guild. She loves to learn new things and is passionate about what she does. (She says she has “too many hobbies”!) A goal Edel is currently pursuing is to complete a photo scrapbook for members of her family. Her life philosophy is that it is important to have fun and to laugh. She says she has been blessed by many kindnesses from others and that she tries hard to “pass it forward”.

While only recently officially joining Bethania, Edel’s roots actually go far back. She used to make quilts with Brenda Knutson, and came to church for special occasions. She was a good friend of Carlo Petersen.

Welcome to Bethania Edel Schonfeldt! We are so glad you are here to stay!



Who Will Win – Broncos, Panthers or the Commercials?

Souperbowl-Toiletbowl — Feb. 7th during coffee time following worship

Get ready for Superbowl 50 by warming up your throwing arm at Bethania's **Souperbowl-Toiletbowl!** Enjoy coffee and a snack after worship while you “vote” for your team.

Each can of soup or roll of toilet paper or dollar donated will count as a point. Each “point” donated towards one of the two teams playing in the Superbowl will inch that team closer to the Souperbowl-Toiletbowl win...a distinct honor for any team. You can even “vote” your preference for only watching the commercials!

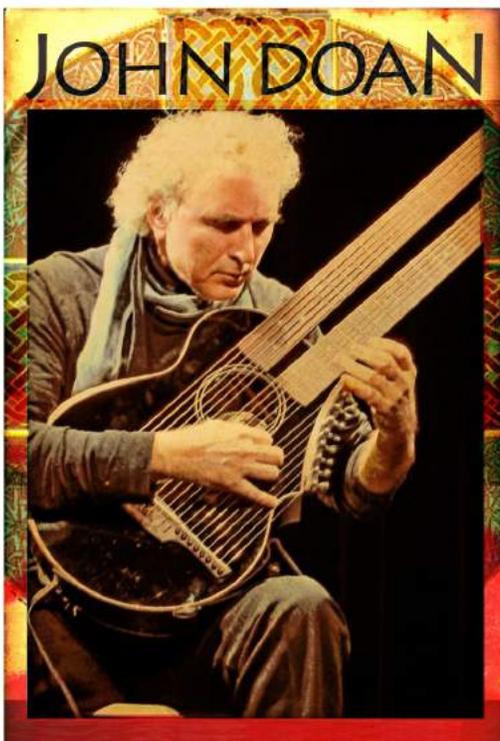
Bring your donations of soup or toilet paper (or any canned or dried goods) to the Parish Hall and “throw” them for your team’s win. (Monetary donations will also be accepted, if you prefer for us to do your shopping.) All items will be delivered to Pastor Patricia immediately following coffee time, so be sure to bring your donations for your “Team”.

“Souperbowl-Toiletbowl” Donations will be given to Iglesia Luterana’s members to help meet their needs this winter while the fields are dormant. They need help to make it through these months when the field work is slow and their employment is down.

Help us have fun “playing” in the Souperbowl-Toiletball so Iglesia can “win” on Superbowl Sunday! Play in the Souperbowl-Toiletbowl and make a difference in a life with your efforts.

If you have any questions, contact Linda Marzullo at 688-5219 (work) or vikingpressprint@verizon.net

March Concert - Mark Your Calendar



**Beyond Six Strings
Concert Featuring John Doan
Sunday, March 20, 2016
7 pm in the Sanctuary**

February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8 pm AA: FR	2	3 11:30 am Chapel:CH 7 pm Farstrup- Mortensen Cmt. Mtg: FR	4 2 pm Chapel: CH 7:00 pm Choir Practice: PH	5	6
7 9:30 am Worship: CH 9:30 Sunday School: FR "SouperBowl/ Toiletbowl":PH 11 am Adult Forum: FR	8 7 pm Finance Committee Mtg: FR 8 pm AA: FR	9	10 Ash Wednesday 11:30 am Chapel:CH 12:45 pm Swing/Quilting Group: PH 6 pm Soup Supper: PH 7 pm Service: CH	11 2 pm Chapel: CH 7:00 pm Choir Practice: PH	12	13
14 9:30 am Worship 9:30 Sunday School: FR 11 am Adult Forum: FR	15 7 pm Finance Cmt: OFC 8 pm AA: FR	16	17 11:30 am Chapel:CH 6 pm Dinner Church: PH 7 pm Theology Pub: Solvang Brewing Company	18 10 am Communion: AV 10:30 am Gather Bible Study:AV 2:00 pm Chapel: CH 2:30 pm Preschool Board Mtg: FR 7 pm Council: FR	19 12 noon Beacon Deadline: OFC	20
21 9:30 am Worship & Noisy Offering: PH 9:30 Sunday School: FR 11 am Annual Meeting: PH	22 8 pm AA:FR	23	24 2:00 pm Book Discussion Group: PH 6 pm Dinner Church: PH	25 2 pm Chapel: CH 7:00 pm Choir: Practice PH	26 Farstrup- Mortensen Lectures Introductory 7-9 pm:PH	27 Farstrup- Mortensen Lectures 9 am 11:30 am 1:30 pm 6:30 pm Banquet & Program:PH
28 9:30 am Worship: CH 9:30 am Sunday School: FR 11 am Farstrup- Mortensen Lectures Panel:PH	29 8 pm AA:FR					CH = Church PH = Parish Hall FR = Fireside Room OFC = Office AV = Atterdag Village of Solvang

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Sunday Schedule
9:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Adult Forum

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Lectures Series

The Matrix of Reformation

Feb. 26-28, 2016

Dr. Jarmo Tarkki

Bishop Dr. Guy Erwin

Professor Ted Peters

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