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A Lesson in Non-Duality



I want you to imagine you're on a journey and you come to a fork in the road. The road going to the left is shrouded in a complete fog. There's no telling what happens to the road, if it gives way to a cliff, or if there are dangers that simply cannot be seen, but through the fog you can hear the sound of birds chirping in frivolous joy. The road going to the right is dark and ominous. It looks like a road one might get lost on in a frightening story, but you can see for a great deal down the way and there aren't any imminent dangers present. So which road do you take? The pleasant sounding, but obscure looking road, or the daunting, yet unhindered looking road?

The answer: maybe it's neither. Maybe you turn around and look for another path. Or maybe you go off the road and walk around. Maybe you go back to where you came from and decide this journey isn't for you. The point is there are many options we don't consider when presented with this either/or scenario. And this is our lesson in Duality!

From the moment we are born and realize that we are a separate entity from our environment, we develop this sense of either/or, black and white, us versus everything else mentality. It's necessary. This is one of the earliest survival methods we develop to protect ourselves from the environment around us. However, it's a survival method few people grow out of. I imagine any one of us would agree that life is not black and white, but full of shades of grey. Yet if you think back onto your life, how often do you judge what you see as an option of either/or? Seriously, think about that for a moment.

A relevant and consistent example is our American political system. Since the time of Abraham Lincoln we have had a clear cut two-party system. Our options between local and national candidates are almost always a choice between two people and two political parties. We are given an either/or, and often we feel like we're choosing the lesser of two evils.

Whether we're conscious of it or not, this duality seeps into our personal political opinions. We choose one of the two teams we're given, dig our heels into the sand, and defend our side while condemning anything that sounds like the other. We do this even when it's against our own benefit at times. Whatever side you're on, I will submit that inevitably there will be options the other side proposes that are beneficial at some point. Yet, we don't take the time to consider those options with facts or data or education. We put on our duality lenses and say yes or no based on where those options come from.

Duality is also quite prevalent within Christianity, which is fascinating considering Jesus was a non-dualistic teacher. Christianity teaches us today that life is an either/or, divided by the saved or the unsaved – those who believe in God or those who do not. And with that come either/or beliefs: you either believe God created the world in 7 days or you believe in The Big Bang absent of God, you either believe Jesus was born of a virgin, or Jesus was just a normal human being. Even in our more theologically progressive churches, we

think that our understanding of the bible is the best without regard to other understandings, or we think that Jesus is the fullest conception of truth while other faiths only grasp at that truth.

Duality is everywhere – it is intertwined into the very fabric of our country’s history. Yet, duality is inherently an unchristian idea. While we can selectively pull out parts of the bible and turn them into dualistic, either/or commands of God, that’s not who God is in the bible. God is one who gave the Hebrews the law and consequences, but was always reconciling the people back to God’s self.

And Jesus was a source of unconditional love for all people. He ate with sinners, prostitutes and tax collectors on one side and Pharisees and synagogue elders on the other side. He asked God to forgive the very people who had crucified him. He was buried, not by his own disciples or his mother, but by two Pharisees. He used Paul, an ardent, zealous, persecutor of Christians to carry his message of unconditional love and reconciliation to the Gentiles of the diaspora. The dualists of his time would ask him either/or questions about divorce, marriage, forgiveness, and Torah and Jesus regularly responded with stories and parables that always pointed to a third path.

So my point is this: if Jesus was so non-dual with his love, why do we as Christians continue to be so dualistic with ours? Why do we let our faith take a back seat to our political ideologies instead of trying to listen to what the other person is saying? Why do we take snippets of information and generalize them to entire classes of people?

Our election is a perfect example of this. Many people are concerned about the election of Donald Trump and many people felt neglected over the last eight years by the Democratic Party. Many people do not understand how Donald Trump could have won the presidential election with the rhetoric he used during his campaign, and many others thought he was the only choice that might listen to their concerns, despite disagreeing with the rhetoric he used. And many people just watched or participated in the largest protest of any incoming president. Yet how many people are listening to each other?

I have pastoral colleagues in the Midwest who have parishioners that voted for Donald Trump because their community hospitals closed down from affects of the Affordable Care Act and then others who are terrified they’ll lose their healthcare now that Donald Trump is president. Is one side wholly wrong while the other is wholly right? Or are there people (or as the Gospel would call them, the “least of these) on both sides who are going to be hurt. And why can’t we as Christians who are called to love be a reconciling force between the two?

I don’t care what side of the aisle you’re on, but the marches that took place on Jan. 21 are so historically significant that we should all be stepping outside of our dualistic inclinations and at least be willing to hear what’s being said. I think we would all find that much of the concern of those who marched and the concern of those who didn’t, and in a third way, the concern of our God, would be the same. And if we could just find a way to pull ourselves out of this black and white thinking and find the non-dualistic love that Christ has for all of us and the love that Christ calls us to have for each other and sit down and just listen, we might discover God sitting among us.

**In Christ’s Peace,
Pastor Chris**

Ministry at Bethania

Youth & Family Ministry

Greetings!!

Confirmation class will return on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017 from 5-7 pm in the Fireside Room. We will be diving right into the New Testament. If you know any 11-12 year old kids interested in learning more and getting to know others in a fun and educational environment, please invite them.

We are excited to announce our first **Confirmation/Youth Group event** and heading to **Cloud 10** in Santa Barbara on Saturday Feb. 11, 2017. Cloud 10 is a safe and fun jump center for all ages. Tickets are based on height of each participant (under/over 42" can be \$12-\$15) and parents/guardians must sign a waiver. Waivers are found online. A possible service project will be scheduled prior to the excursion. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please call Livier at (909) 962-9366.

Youth Group will be meeting for the third time on the last Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017 from 3 pm-5:30 pm at **St. Marks-in-the-Valley**. We will have fun activities like interactive games, videos, mindfulness practices and snacks. If you know any high school age teens that are looking for a spiritual outlet and want to grow more relationships and experiences they are welcome here.

**Love and respect to all,
Livier - Director of Youth & Family Ministry**

Bethania Preschool & After School Update

The new building and refurbished playground are now being used by students. A special thank you acknowledges Bethania member, Allan Needham for his most generous leadership and his Valley Landscapes crew's skillful work on the large playground.

We have a waiting list for current and 2017-18 enrollment so please encourage families hoping to enroll their child next summer or fall to sign up now.

Thank you for your generous gifts to Christmas Greetings in December, which totaled \$2,300. They will help provide up to 50% tuition assistance for 12 students (10 families). Tuition for each these working families ranges from \$140-\$947/month during the school year, from \$310-\$1,208/month during the summer, so lower income families must have assistance to attend our program.

Pastor Chris and Kristyl have a lot of fun with our students in Chapel. If you would like to observe, Preschool Chapel is at 11 am every Tuesday and After School Chapel at 3:30 pm each Wednesday in the sanctuary.

We'll be celebrating Valentine's Day just like you remember doing when you were young. Look for decorations on classroom and Parish Hall windows when on the campus.

Eileen Knotts, Director

Ministry in the Community and Around the World

Who Will Win Bethania's 2016 Souperbowl-Toiletbowl?

Feb. 5th *during coffee time following worship*

Get ready for Feb. 5th for SUPERBOWL LI 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 canned food item 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, 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 Iglesia Luterana 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 vikingsprint@verizon.net

Food Drive for Iglesia's Pantry Continues

You are invited to bring donations to the box in the Parish Hall to help the members of Iglesia. Iglesia serves many families in their congregation through their food pantry, which is a shed on the church grounds at Bethel in Santa Maria. In addition, we contribute gift cards so that families may purchase items such as meat, fresh vegetables, dairy products and other necessities, such as diapers.

Iglesia Luterana is a mission start-up church based at Bethel Lutheran. The new interim, Pastor Esteban Salazar and his wife Angie, are very enthusiastic and have so many exciting plans to develop the scope and mission of Iglesia Luterana. The members of Iglesia are mainly field workers, who depend on the strawberry crops and other picking jobs for income. During this time of year, their incomes are minimal. Many of these families support extended family members who are single parents or parentless children. They are very proud people who work hard, and who appreciate their brothers and sisters in Christ supporting them in their efforts to make a better life for their loved ones.

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.

We encourage everyone to become more educated about families who are the "working poor" and who struggle every day to feed their families in our area.

If you would like to donate, items most needed at this time to re-stock the pantry for Iglesia families include:

5 lb. bags of white flour, 5 lb. bags of white rice, 3 lb. bags of Pinto beans, Canola Oil (used for cooking tortillas), Canned chicken (no tuna, please!), Canned Vegetables (Corn, Green Beans, Refried Beans, Peas, Mixed Vegetables), Large cans of Hominy (very popular and relatively inexpensive if you watch for a sale), Canned Soups (Chicken Noodle or Beef), Peanut Butter, Breakfast Cereal and Breakfast Bars, Diapers (any size, age)

Items which Pastor Esteban could use for the Youth program: Packaged Cookies, Microwave Popcorn, Juice (Apple Fruit Punch, Lemonade, Orangeade), 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, please feel free to contact me at 688-3059 (home) or 688-5219 (work) or by email: vikingpressprint@verizon.net

Linda Marzullo

Noisy Sunday: Making Change Count on Feb. 19th

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'

- Martin Luther King Jr.

January's "Noisy Offering" helped raise funds to provide food items for members attending Iglesia Luterana in Santa Maria. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$387.50 to help stock the cupboards of families who are truly in need in our area. Rest assured, you are making a difference in a child's life with your quarters and dimes.

The next "Noisy Sunday" is coming on Feb. 19th. Our donations from the offering will be used to help support the families at Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz (*see related article about the food drive*). In addition to needing help with food items, the members of Iglesia confront many other daily challenges.

One story that Pastor Esteban Salazar and his wife Angie shared with me recently was heartbreaking. This mother of 4 was going to have her children be a part of the Angel Gift program this past Christmas. Her youngest, a baby boy, had been hospitalized in the ICU with breathing problems. A single mother, the church was trying to support her and I was happy that we would be able to provide some of the few needs she requested for her children (blankets, jackets, shoes and a toy). I believe she had been the victim of some domestic violence. Once the baby had been released from the hospital at the beginning of December, she made the decision to take her children back to Mexico to be with her family. Sadly, her baby boy died, possibly due to lack of proper medical care in Mexico. In addition to not having any funds for her children's medical needs, now she had to pay for her baby's funeral. The church managed to pull together some funds to help with the burial, but the mother is now so depressed that she is considered suicidal and they are extremely concerned about her. The Pastor and his wife are running into these types of stories every day. They have no "discretionary funds" to help with situations such as medical bills, unexpected death, support for single mothers, and more. Hopefully we can help kick start a small fund to help with these needs in some way through our donations.

"Make change for the better" this Noisy Sunday. Bring your coins and make some noise on Feb. 19. Together, we can **change** a family's world, right here in our area.

Linda Marzullo

Invest in Piyali Learning Center and Its Students

February is Piyali Scholarship month, your opportunity to invest in the future of two girls and three mothers, who attend school at the Piyali Learning Center in India. This is our 6th year sponsoring Reka and Resha, who are now in Grade III. It is our 2nd year to help Rama Naskar, Superna Naskar and Arabi Sandar, who will complete an 18 month literacy and vocational program for young adult women later this year. Please visit the bulletin board in the Parish Hall to see recent photos and letters from our scholarship recipients plus additional information from Owen Andersen's recent Rotary trip to Piyali. Non-profit PACE Universal (Piyali Learning Center) was visioned and developed by Deepa Willingham, a Solvang resident, to model prevention of child trafficking and reduction of extreme poverty through education of girls and young women. Kristine Pedersen, a member of Bethania, spent several years in India providing leadership for the Piyali Learning Center. Owen Andersen, Ken & Allie's son, was recently there.

Our 2017 scholarship goal is at least \$1,275. Rekha's and Reshma's scholarships are each \$375. This funds their educational expenses, meals, uniforms, medical care and after-school enrichment programs. The women's scholarships are each \$175. This funds literacy instruction and materials, vocational training in sewing, jewelry making, agriculture, child care and micro-loans upon completion of the program. Any additional funds raised will help expand the overall program so more students can be served. Please become a 2017 shareholder in the Piyali Learning Center by writing a check, made out to Bethania Lutheran Church or BLCW (Bethania Lutheran Church Women). **Write "Piyali Scholarships" on notation line and return with the form below so BLCW has a record of your contribution. Copies of the form will be on the narthex table.**

PIYALI SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN

Invest in making a lifelong difference for girls and young mothers in India.

Your name _____

Your address _____

Amount invested: \$ _____ Check made out to: ___ Bethania ___ BLCW

Church Life

Clayton Nielsen's 70th Anniversary!!!

Super Bowl Sunday is the lowest attended Sunday of the year, but if there's anything that could get you to church on this year's Super Bowl Sunday, it should be the **70th Anniversary of Clayton Nielsen's ordination!** As someone who hasn't even been ordained for 2 years, this is tremendously special! We will be honoring Clayton at our worship service on **Feb. 5th at 9:30 am**, as well as with some treats and fellowship immediately after. Please come and join us for this hallmark anniversary of such a special person and meaningful pastor to those whom he has been called.

Theology Pub Meets

Theology Pub continues Feb. 9 at 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 a new book on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 2 pm, Parish Hall. It is The Naked Now - Learning to See as the Mystics See by Richard Rohr. To learn more about Richard Rohr, an internationally recognized ecumenical teacher, please visit the Center for Action and Contemplation website, www.cac.org.

Gather Bible Study

This month's Bible study will be held on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 10:30 am in the Atterdag Lounge. The study is from the January/February issue of Gather magazine, pages 42-46. We will continue in Paul's letter to the Galatians, chapters 2:19-3:29 and Genesis 12:1-6. For a copy of this study, call Anabelle at 688-4687.

Farstrup-Mortensen Lectures - Luther's Smartphone?

The authority of the church was challenged by Martin Luther 500 years ago with the publication of his 95 theses on Oct. 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 have made it possible for you to own a smartphone today! In 2017, Feb. 24-26, Farstrup-Mortensen Lectures' theme is *The Reformation And Its Consequences*. We will look into the historical events and new ideas that erupted out of the Reformation. Our distinguished speakers, **Bishop Dr. Guy Erwin** and **Professor Kirsi Stjerna** will open your eyes to the world-changing forces that Luther helped to unleash.

Join us in this life-long learning opportunity to celebrate our church's 500-year history!

To register and more information, see: <http://fmlectures.org>

Rev. Dr. Jarmo Tarkki

For Thrivent Members

If you are a Thrivent member who recently became part of Bethania Lutheran Church, please be sure to notify Thrivent via phone or e-mail to now list your home church as Bethania.

Thank you to all the Thrivent benefit members who directed Choice Dollars to Bethania Lutheran Church or Bethania Preschool. The total directed to the church was \$1,776 and to the Preschool \$3514. Since the inception of this program in 2010, the church has received \$23,596 and the Preschool \$32,882. Thrivent helped during all the years of fundraising for the new preschool building and was the largest donor.

It is very easy to direct your Choice Dollars. If you use a computer, you can visit www.thrivent.com, go to your account, see your Thrivent Choice \$s, and direct them. Or you can call Thrivent at 1-800-236-3736, ask for Choice \$s and talk with a national staff person.

Recent Thrivent Action Team Projects and Leaders include: Angel Christmas Project – Lois DeMeyer, Preschool Basketball Project – Kristyl Downey, Blanket Project – Rosemary Thomas.

Upcoming...Save the Date

Get Your Ash in Church!

This year Ash Wednesday will be on March 1st, and from there we begin the Season of Lent. We will be having an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 7 pm and all are welcome. If you haven't been, this is a meaningful service in which we are reminded that life is finite, but God's love endures forever. Please invite any friends or family that you think might be interested.

Honk!! Beep!! Vroom!!

The 2nd Annual SYV Touch-A-Truck event will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 to benefit the Bethania Preschool & After School programs. This family-friendly event for all ages is open to everyone and is sure to be a great time for all! This event provides a unique experience for kids, and kids at heart, to climb on, climb in, honk horns and turn on sirens of all kinds of vehicles! We will also have Tower Pizza, face painting, bounce houses, music, petting zoo and **New Kids Safety Day** activities! Contact us at syvtouchatruck@gmail.com for more information or if you are interested in being a truck participant or event sponsor. We are looking for all kinds of vehicles/equipment to participate as well as business sponsors! Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/syvtouchatruck/

See you then!

Lisa Kekuewa

Congregational Meeting

The Annual Meeting, pt. 2, will be March 5, 2017 in the Parish Hall after the morning worship service. At that time we will review the Annual Reports, updates to the Constitution and other business. The Constitution and Annual Reports will be available in the Church Office two weeks before the meeting. Please contact Kristyl (805)688-4637 or bethania.lutheran@verizon.net if you cannot come in to the church office.

Congregational Business

Council Meeting Highlights - Jan. 19, 2017

- Council discussed beginning a "Shelf Ministry" to serve needy families in our community. More information will be coming soon.
- Council approved getting repairs done to the parsonage bathroom due to a recurring problem with mold.
- Council approved setting the Congregational Meeting Pt. 2 for March 5, 2017.
- Council approved having the Property Committee move ahead with getting estimates for new front doors for the church. The current ones are no longer functioning.
- Council approved having the Property Committee get the stove in the kitchen inspected to see if it can be fixed and report back on its condition and what can be done.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Larsen, Secretary

Treasurer's Report for December 2016

Balance Sheet:

- The cash position carrying forward to 2017 is \$17,093. This is a decrease of approximately \$3,000 from November 2016.
- Overall cash position is \$2,500 less than November 2016

Profit & Loss Budget Performance:

Income:

- Offerings for December were \$25,830 compared to the budget of \$34,392 or \$8,562 below budget.
- Overall offerings for the year were \$200,716 compare to a budget of \$206,500 or a difference of \$5,784, (This figure represents nearly all the deficit we experienced in 2016 -\$5,939)
- Facility use receipts were a highlight with an income of \$6,306 compared to a budget of \$3,000.
- Total income for the year was \$261,863 compared to a budget of \$263,358 or 99% of total income.

Expenses:

- Benevolence contributions were up due to additional designated benevolence contributions or \$5,940 compared to a \$1,500 budget. Regular benevolence is 10% of offerings (\$20,171)
- Salary & benefits were \$155,653 compared to \$157,620 budgeted or 99% of budget
- Staff expenses were 77% of budget for the year (\$13,533 compared to \$17,500 budgeted)
- Office administration was \$14,790 compared to \$12,000 budget. However, it should be noted that because we are on a cash accounting basis, there are supplies that were purchased and paid for in 2016 that are actually still in inventory for 2017.
- Property expenses were 89% of budget (\$26,890 compared to \$30,050 budget)
- Utilities were up by \$1,500 over budget largely due to water rate increase.
- Outreach was up significantly (over \$2,000) due to a radio advertising expense that we tried
- Stewardship expenses were over by \$722, as purchased a supply of offering envelopes. Again, more than half of these are in inventory.
- Worship and music expenses were up by over \$750 due to increase costs for organ and piano maintenance, service bulletins, and choir/music supplies.
- Overall expenses were 101% of budget (\$267,802 compared to \$265,715 budget)

Overall:

Bethania Lutheran sustained a \$5,710 deficit for the calendar/fiscal year 2016. While we had hoped that we would end the year with a positive balance that did not happen. While expenses were well controlled (with some of the exceptions noted above), offerings were below budget by \$5,785. Taking into account inventory of supplies, the actual deficit is probably closer to \$3,000, and we projected a budget deficit of \$2,635 in our 2016 budget.

While these numbers are certainly a cause for concern, we know that God has richly blessed us in our ministries as we moved forward in 2016. We know He will sustain us in 2017 as we grow in ministry and our outreach to the community. To God be the glory!

“This and That”

Memorials Committee

The Memorials Committee will meet Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 1 pm in the Church Office. If you have something for the church you'd like Memorials to fund, please pick-up a form from Kristyl in the Church Office or Liz Beeler.

In Our Hearts, In Our Prayers

For Comfort and Care for the family and loved ones of ...

Connie Mogensen. Connie died Dec. 27, 2016.

The service celebrating her life was held Jan. 3 at Loper Funeral Chapel.

Ken FitzGerald. Ken died Dec. 28, 2016.

The service celebrating Ken's service was held at Oak Hall Cemetery Jan. 4.

Edith Moeller who died Jan. 9, 2017. Edith's committal service was Jan. 24 at Solvang Cemetery.

Tove Matherly who died Jan. 23. The service for Tove will be Feb. 4 at 11 am in the church.

Immediate Prayer Concerns: Brianna Ceballos, Caylin, Katy & Kay Corlee, Pat Green, Gary Lake, Addison Meaux

Other Prayer Concerns: Esther Bates, Joe & Pat Bode, Annette Clausen, Nanette Dacuy-cuy, Dolores Dederding, Don DeLaney, George Eckman, Terri Elwess, Armando Franco, Chris Frederiksen, Debbie Fritts, Dolores Gehrs, Chris Gideon, Kathy & Calvin Hackler, Marion Hallum, Arla Hoj, Michael Jech, Robert & Gail Jennings, Chris Kaping, Kim Kenton, Kate Knotts, Richard Lindekens, Ethel Litwiler, Linda & Rick Marzullo, Denise Morris, Roger Myers, Helen Nielsen, Marie Ostertag, Marc & Laurie Owens, Norma Pedersen, Doyle Phillips, Jonathan Poldberg, Mac Redfern, Audrey Robinson, Clay Tremblay-McGaw, Jean & Bill Stelling, Cora Vandecar, Tina Walen, Alisha & Anna Marie Wilson and Robert Workman

Boy Scout Troop 41

The boy scouts of Troop 41 would like to thank the congregation and the community for their generous support of the wreath and greenery sales during the Christmas holiday. The money raised goes directly to our troop. It makes it possible for our boys to participate in many outdoor activities, including camping/backpacking trips and acquiring merit badges on their way to becoming an Eagle scout.

The boys of Troop 41 would like to invite you to their annual pancake breakfast at the Presbyterian Church at the corner of Baseline and Alamo Pintado Rd. on Feb. 26th from 8:30 am -12:30 pm. The delicious pancake breakfast comes with sausage, fresh fruit, juice and coffee and is prepared and served by the boys (with some help from the parents).

The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Tickets will be sold at the door. For more information on pre-sale tickets, call Nancy at 805-448-7404.

Again, thanks for supporting our boy scouts.

- Nancy Puder



Each year we present world-class scholars and educators who present measured and scholarly interpretations based on current evidence. Join us for fellowship and fascinating discussions in the best Grundtvigian tradition.

February 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 5-7 pm Confirmation: FR 7 pm Choir: FR	2	3	4 11 am Service for Tove Matherly: CH Lunch:PH
5 9:30 am Worship: CH 10:45 am 70th Anniversary of Ordination - C. Nielsen:PH 5 pm Evening Worship: CH 5 pm Sunday School: FR	6 6 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	7 11:30 am Chapel: CH 6-8 pm Art Class: PH	8 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 12:45 pm Quilting/ Sewing: PH 7 pm Choir:FR	9 7 pm Theology Pub: Solvang Brewing Company	10	11 Cloud 10 Youth Group
12 9:30 am Worship: CH 11 am Adult Forum: FR 11 am Finance Cmt. Mtg: OFC 5 pm Evening Worship: CH 5 pm Sunday School: FR	13 6 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	14 11:30 am Chapel: CH 1 pm Memorials Cmt. OFC 6-8 pm Art Class: PH	15 2 pm Book Discussion Group: PH 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 7 pm Choir:FR	16 10 am Communion: AV 10:30 am Gather Bible Study:AV 7 pm Council: FR	17	18
19 9:30 am Worship & Noisy Offering: CH 5 pm Evening Worship: CH 5 pm Sunday School: FR	20 6 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA:FR	21 11:30 am Chapel:CH 6-8 pm Art Class: PH	22 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 7 pm Choir:FR	23 2:30 pm Preschool Board Mtg: PH	24 Farstrup- Mortensen Lectures	25 Farstrup- Mortensen Lectures
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Sunday Schedule
9:30 am Worship
11:00 am Adult Forum
5:00 pm Worship
5:00 pm Sunday School

Feb. 24-26, 2017

Farstrup-Mortensen Lectures

The Reformation and its Consequences

Bishop Guy Erwin and Professor Kris Stjerna

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