

# The Beacon June 2016

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## From Pastor Chris

I have finally come to a point this year where things have settled down. Lent and Easter came so early, and with Mother's Day, Confirmation, and graduation all in the month of May, it feels like the start of the year has been a whirlwind. But now, as we enter into summer, things finally feel settled and it has offered me a chance to simply sit back and reflect on the awesome chaos of activity in these first few months.

In reflecting, there's a word that has been standing out to me: experience. The beginning of the year has been so full of experience – experiencing our mortality and limitations during Lent, experiencing God's redeeming grace through the cross and the resurrection, and experiencing God in these milestones in the lives of our young ones.

The experience of God, in whatever medium we find it, is the reason I came back to the church, it's the reason I decided to become a pastor. I grew up going to church and the motions of the liturgy, hearing the best stories from the bible, learning all about the life and ministry of the Jesus. But it wasn't until I was 22 that I feel like I really experienced God in my life, felt like God was present with me, and felt like there was a relationship there.

Doctrine, morality, and theology didn't go out the window by any means, but these experiences with God suddenly took the spotlight and became the most meaningful aspect of my faith. And almost immediately I wanted to share my experience with others so they could experience God in this kind of meaningful way, too!

I shared this with council last month, but even though my "God experiences" are so meaningful, I struggle to talk about them publicly. I can talk theology, biblical scholasticism, or social justice with ease and comfort, but ask me how I've heard God in my life recently and I freeze up.

I challenged myself at council to talk about these experiences more in my life, and not just me, but also all of the members on council (which comes easier for some). It was an awesome moment to go around and hear how everyone had these unique "God experiences" in their lives!

And so I want to offer this challenge to everyone at Bethania. How have you experienced God in your life recently? How have you heard God speaking to you? Where have you seen God around you? And in which people have you experienced God's presence?

We have such an amazing theology, but ultimately, at the heart of all of it, is how we have experienced God in personal and meaningful ways in our lives. A part of living out our theology is sharing how it informs our experiences. If you feel comfortable doing so, I'd like to invite you to share any of these experiences with me, because one of the ways I experience God is through talking with all of you!

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

## Council Highlights

- Council approved installing new carpet in the Fireside Room. The cost will be split with the Preschool.
- Council approved initiating a special appeal for the month of June to help fund new carpet, windows, and window coverings for the church office. It was agreed that Building Maintenance funds would cover any surplus costs. (see note below)
- It was agreed that, working with the Christian Education Committee, a formal job description would be drawn up for the Family Ministry position.

## Church Council Decision

After careful consideration and prayer, your church council has voted to do some much-needed upgrades to our facilities. At its May meeting, the council approved the replacement of the carpeting in Fireside Room (it is over 15 years old and can no longer be effectively cleaned), replace the carpeting in the church office (it is 23 years old), install new windows in the office (there are two windows that have window air-conditioners that are no longer needed, as well as replacing the remaining windows with energy efficient double-paned windows), and installing new window coverings on all the office windows. A special letter to all members of the congregation will soon be mailed explaining all the upgrades and asking for the Congregation's assistance in getting these projects done.

## Bethania Preschool & After School News

### Help Bethania's Preschool & After School Tuition Assistance Fund

If you've been meaning to contribute to the No Show Fundraiser but have been too busy to get a check in the offering plate or mail, it is not too late to help a child from a very low or low income family attend either the Preschool or the After School programs.

You can use the return card in the invitation you received or put it in a church envelope with the notation, "No Show Fundraiser." **Check can be made out to either Bethania Preschool or the church. Many thanks to all of you who have already contributed. We will provide each donor with a thank you/ tax receipt - either delivered personally or via mail.**

- Eileen Knotts

## BIG Big Band of Sweden Comes to Bethania!

The BIG Big Band of Sweden is coming to the US for one final tour and they're coming to Solvang! This big band is one of the biggest in the world boasting 45 members ranging in age from 16 to 73! They have traveled all over Western Europe and the United States since forming in 1955.

When they were first formed, it was a way to reach out to youth with the Gospel of Christ, and since then have grown more and more prestigious. In playing through more than 6 decades, many players have come and gone, but the BIG Big Band of Sweden has continued to thrive, boasting one of the best jazz trombone players in the world.



All members, friends, and family of Bethania are invited to this once in a lifetime experience being held at the Santa Ynez Valley Presbyterian Church, on June 23, at 7pm. There's no cost to attend, however, there will be a freewill offering at the door. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$15, which will be donated to Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Center and to the Solvang School Arts and Music Program. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Chris at (805) 688-4637, or, [pastor@bethanialutheran.net](mailto:pastor@bethanialutheran.net). Hope to see you all there!

## **Congratulations to Our Confirmands!**



On May 22, 2016, Lexi Hemming, Sevin Laufer, Karli Lundberg & Andrew Nielsen affirmed their baptism and were confirmed members of Bethania. We are proud of their achievement.

Back Row: Sevin Laufer, Andrew Nielsen, Pastor Chris  
Front Row: Allison Piligian, Karli Lundberg, Lexi Hemming

During the service, the Confirmands presented to the congregation their Twelve Theses.

**The Confirmands' Twelve Theses are posted on the next page.**

# The 12 Theses

## of Bethania Confirmation Class of 2016

*Out of love for our church and a desire for all people to experience the presence of God, the following theses will be presented publicly at Bethania Lutheran Church, on May 22, 2016, among the gathered brothers and sisters in Christ. They represent a style of worship that we have created and characterize our corroborative work as confirmands.*

- 1 **T**he time in which we gather before the service starts will be a time of community and energy with the effect of being connected as a family in Christ for worship.
- 2 **T**his feeling of connection is hoped to be achieved through a large team of greeters to welcome people, music to create a warm space, and a time for connecting with all those gathered.
- 3 **W**e hear the Word through the reading of scripture, the spoken sermon, and the prayers we lift up to God. We hope that the Word of God is connected in all three of these aspects by having them closely associated with one another.
- 4 **T**he reading of scripture and the spoken sermon will come one after the other in our service so that the theme of the readings will be more connected to the spoken sermon. The preacher for each Sunday should engage the congregation through the sermon with contextual examples and questions that relate to the readings.
- 5 **T**he prayers that are lifted up are also a communal event that represent the shared prayers of those gathered, as well as the world. One way to experience the communal element of the prayers is to have people share prayers of joy and concern out loud. For those who might be shy, a method of writing down prayers before the service, either anonymously or by name, and then reading aloud can also be used.
- 6 **C**ommunion is more than a symbol. It is the actual manifestation of Christ in the service through bread and wine/body and blood. To emulate the body of Christ being given to all, a fresh loaf of bread will be broken and distributed during communion. This not only represents how the body of Christ is given to all, but through a fresh loaf of bread, the body of Christ will be substantially represented.
- 7 **T**he offering is a time of honoring the blessings we have received from God by the sharing of those blessings with those in need. Because we want the giving of God's blessings to be evident, we will have a space for people to share how they have recently given to those in need to bear witness to the impact of God's love in the community.
- 8 **T**he offering is also a time of reflecting. Music and scripture are good ways to stimulate reflection on how we have been blessed by God and how we are called to share those blessings. Music and scripture should be utilized in contextual ways to those who are gathered in order to create a contemplative element to the offering.
- 9 **T**he sending is the conclusion of the worship service but the beginning of our service to the world for that week. Our worship of God does not end with the worship service, but continues from there.
- 10 **A**n expansion of the call to "Go in peace and serve the Lord" will be used to signify that we are called to continue Jesus' work in the world, not just in proclamation by word of mouth, but also through some kind of sign, whether as a bulletin insert or something posted for all to see.
- 11 **T**o show the significance of being sent into the world, the sharing of personal ways people have experienced this sending, much like the prayers, can be used.
- 12 **M**usic transcends time and is one of the most effective ways to connect to God through the worship experience. Because a service has a diverse number of people, music that is contextual to those who are gathered should be used. Music should be considered that uses instruments familiar to the congregation in their daily lives and tempos that are not only contextual, but also thematic to the theme of the worship service.

## **ELCA Global Links**

There are several ways to volunteer through the ELCA. One is to...**Volunteer in Mexico.** Spend a week in Oaxaca City or in the jungle working to promote sustainable solutions for some of the most marginalized communities in Mexico together with Mexican non-profit Amextra. Work with eco-technologies in Oaxaca or in environmental conservation in Chiapas while also learning about the bigger picture that leads to poverty and environmental degradation. Choose June 6 – July 2 or Aug. 7-13. Visit [amextra.org/seeds](http://amextra.org/seeds) For more information about what the ELCA is doing around the world, visit [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org)

## **ELCA Foundation**

### **Reasons to Review Your Will or Trust**

There are many reasons to review your will or trust on a regular basis. Some major reasons include not having reviewed your will or trust in the last ten years, a change in family situations, or a change in personal holdings. I would also have tiny consider the adding of a statement of faith known as a Christian Preamble, or adding a charitable component to your estate plan. Making changes to a will or trust can be expensive if you are not properly prepared. If you are thinking about adding or changing a charitable component to you estate plan, I can help you be prepared for a meeting with your attorney, or show you ways to leave a legacy gift without changing your will or trust. Contact me at 1-909-910-6823 or by email at: [gregory.shepher@elca.org](mailto:gregory.shepher@elca.org)

**Greg Shepherd**  
**Regional Gift Planner**  
**ELCA Foundation**

## **Endowment Fund Report**

The Endowment Fund is happy to announce the awarding of three scholarships of \$1,000 each to three of Bethania's graduating seniors: Mia Andersen, Blane Hemming and Paige Jensen. We wish them well in their college endeavors.

You will have noted in the May Beacon that our church treasurer spoke of losing value in the Endowment Fund. While this may seem alarming, I want to reiterate that this was a "paper" loss preceded by extensive "paper" gain. In other words, we did not lose money from the principal, as we had gained money for the fund previously. The Endowment Fund is secure.

I would urge you to consider the Endowment Fund for memorial gifts or honorariums. By choosing the Endowment Fund, your gift will benefit Bethania for years to come.

- **Carolynn Petersen, Chairman**

## **Gather Bible Study**

The Gather Bible Study Group meets Thursday, June 16 at 10:30 am in the Atterdag Lounge Building 14. The group will be using the material from the Gather Magazine "Treasure in Clay Jars" based on 2 Corinthians 4-7. Connie Bachman will lead the study. If you need a copy of the lesson, please call Kristyl Downey in the office.



## Hike For Hunger Update

Sunday, April 24th was the Hike for Hunger at Bethania Lutheran Church., It was a beautiful day for the 7 mile hike from the church to Nojoqui Falls Park. The group included 16 people that I recruited from my friends and family, some of whom are not even affiliated with Bethania. Experienced hikers Tom Walton and Sadie, Leanne and Pam Liberia walked with the “not-so experienced” hikers that included my daughter Alexis complete with 18-month

old Gabriel in a stroller and his 8-month old sister Alicia strapped to her in a backpack accompanied by her friend Bianca and me. Mark and Alex Glover with all three of their kids walked as did Theres Strong who brought Janelle and Alana.

Everyone was cheerful and excited as we gathered at the church to get our t-shirt from Thrivent and say a prayer before we left. It was a beautiful day for a walk - the sun was shining and the weather was perfect, but I was dreading it because I had been sick with a sinus infection the week before. I asked my husband to follow in the truck and check on us just in case that I could not make it.

As we progressed, the group stretched out with the younger and faster walkers getting ahead early. I found myself with the kids trailing the pack. The kids would run ahead and then fall behind, playing with rocks and sticks to keep themselves occupied. I finally had to stop them from teasing the longhorn cattle grazing along the way by telling the kids that there was a hole in the fence. There was a rover driving to the park and some of the kids caught a short ride to catch up with their parents. I stayed behind with Alexis, Bianca and the babies. Walking along the road was a little dangerous when motorcycles or sports cars came too close to the edge. A couple of the Datsuns that had been in Solvang for the car show got a little too close and scared us, but Karma or Divine Providence caught up with them because we eventually walked by them while they were broken down. As we walked by, I noticed that their kids were playing in the trees close to some poison oak. I asked the adults if they knew about the poison oak, so they called them back immediately. Some of the uphill was difficult but when my husband came with the truck I told him I did not want a ride. I could make it.

Pastor Chris drove by us in the car. He slowed down to tell me that we were going too slowly. My comment to him was that he could be walking with us - to which he answered that he had a sermon to do. I though, “OK - you have a sermon to do, why does that stop you from walking?” He could have walked with us and still given his sermon at the service at the park. When we got to the park, he explained further that he had to give the sermon at the 9:30 service at church and then drive up to the park in time to do the services there.

Thank you for a great day, a lot of good exercise, a great meal and a big dose of Christian Fellowship. I never thought I could walk the 7 miles. Thanks, Pastor Chris.

- **Bridget Cassara**

P. S. I will be there next year, too.

# Great Summer Fun

Sponsored by your  
Outreach Committee!!

Mark your calendars for these fun-filled events!



## Theaterfest!

Outreach is once again sponsoring a night at Theaterfest!  
Join us for the fun of theater under the stars as we  
gather for what promises to be a fun-filled performance  
of “Shrek—the Musical”!!

## Movie Nights at 7 pm!

This summer’s movie nights should be better than ever!  
Plan to attend one or all three for great movies, good fellowship,  
Wine, cheese, and hors d’oeuvres

Dates are:

**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

and

**Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

Childcare is provided  
With a special movie and popcorn for the children!



## End of Summer Barbecue!

Once again we will be hosting the barbecue luncheon  
on **Sunday, August 28th**

This will be in conjunction with the very first day  
of Sunday School!

These have proven to be wonderful opportunities  
for the congregation to get together to share and visit  
over hamburgers, hot dogs and strawberry shortcake!  
Plan to join us this year where we plan to once again  
have some fun activities for the children.





## Host Homes Needed

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Big Big Band from Sweden will be performing at the Santa Ynez Valley Presbyterian Church as part of their final US tour. They are a world renowned Big Band that has been together for over 60 years and have performed all over the world. 20% of the proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Solvang School Arts and Music Program (SAM).

We need volunteers to house members of the band for just one night after the concert. The members of the band will perform at 7pm and need a ride to their host house after

their concert and then a ride to Bethania Lutheran Church by 9:00 the next morning. Lastly, they are asking that they be provided with a simple sack lunch for the bus drive to Garden Grove the next day.

If you are able to be a volunteer, please contact Chris Brown at [pastor@bethanialutheran.net](mailto:pastor@bethanialutheran.net), and let him know how many members you can host. Your help makes this concert possible, so thank you!

## Make Change Count For Good

### Noisy Offering - June 19

The next Noisy Offering will be June 19 and will purchase backpacks and towels for Lutheran World Relief School Kits and Personal Care Kits. (see information in the "Mark Your Calendars" article) Any change you bring on June 19 will make change for the better. School Kits and Personal Care Kits benefit poor people around the world, many of whom are refugees fleeing war, suffering from hunger or homeless because of environmental disaster or crisis.

Visit [lwr.org](http://lwr.org) for more information about school kits and personal care kits. [lwr.org/schoolkits](http://lwr.org/schoolkits) has information specifically about the school kits with a printable sheet of what to collect and a video.

May's "Noisy Offering" benefitted Circle V Ranch with \$260.00. Thank you one and all who made some noise with change!

## Hooray for the Produce Table!

As the Beacon goes to "press," the Produce Table has been open for only three Sundays in May. Through your generosity, we have \$169.50! We have been able to buy a piglet (within months this little piglet can grow to nearly 200 pounds), baby chicks and a rooster (within months they are laying eggs and with the rooster able to multiply the flock!), farming tools and training, ten fruit trees, water purification tablets and mosquito nets. The table is qualifying for \$400 for the ELCA World Hunger Project and \$300 for the Salvation Army-SYV Extension, BUT this is a \$1.00 for every \$3.00 raised match by Thrivent. So, to receive the full \$400 for the ELCA we need to raise \$1200, and to receive the \$300 for our local needs we must raise \$900. We can do it - please be generous, check your yard and your neighbors' yards for possibilities for the Produce Table, and remember to stop by each Sunday and see what we have.

-Carolynn Petersen, 688-6243

## Mark your Calendars for these Social Ministry dates:

- June** PERSONAL CARE and SCHOOL KIT KICKOFF  
Need Thrivent members to sign up for starter funds for Backpacks and Towels  
Collection begins for Personal Care & School Kit items  
(focus on Toothbrushes, Combs and Clippers)
- June 19** Noisy Sunday offering - LWR School Kits
- July** Kit Collection Continues: School Supplies  
(focus on #2 Pencils, 2-1/2" Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners, Box of Crayons, 16 or 24 count)
- July 17** Noisy Sunday offering
- August** Kit Collection Continues: School Supplies  
(focus on 70 sheet College ruled Notebooks-spiral bound, Rulers with centimeters and inches, Pencil sharpeners, Blunt tip scissors)
- August 21** Noisy Sunday offering
- September** Kit Collection Continues: Bath size towels (light weight, between 20"x40" & 27"x52"), dark colors preferred, Bars of soap (4-5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping – 2 per kit) and any other needed items
- Sept. 18** Noisy Sunday offering - Donation towards LWR shipping cost of Kits
- Sept. 25** Day of Service: Assembly of Kits

## In Our Prayers, In Our Hearts

**Immediate Prayer Concerns:** Barbara & Robert Boyd, Caylin & Katy Corlee, Wayne Countryman, Armando Franco, Pat Green, Linda Marzullo, Norma Pedersen, Myra Petersen

**Other Prayer Concerns:** Esther Bates, Jim Blanton, Joe & Pat Bode, Annette Clausen, Kay Corlee, Nanette Dacuy-cuy, Dolores Dederding, Don DeLaney, Robin Denny, Lois De Meyer, George Eckman, Terri Elwess, Chris Frederiksen, Debbie Fritts, Dolores Gehrs, Chris Gideon, Arla Hoj, Michael Jech, Robert Jennings (friend of Fred & Genie Machetanz), Jennifer Juel, Chris Kaping, Richard Lindekens, Ethel Litwiler, Rick Marzullo, Ellis McDaniel, Jeff McConnell, Denise Morris, Roger Myers, Helen Nielsen, Marie Ostertag, Marc & Laurie Owens, Doyle Phillips, Audrey Robinson, Scotty Sexton, Rose Skytt, Lee Statom, Jeanie Stelling, Clay Tremblay-McGaw, Cora Vandecar, Tina Walen, Ann Wallace, Joan White, Alisha & Anna Marie Wilson, Robert Workman

## Shrek the Musical

Tickets will be available for PCPA's "**Shrek the Musical**" to be performed at Solvang Theaterfest on Wednesday, July 13th at 8:00 p.m. We can share car rides if you meet at the church at 7:20 on that night. Cost for the show will be \$20.50—checks made out to PCPA. Ticket sales must be completed by June 26th so see Emily Abello after church on Sunday, June 19th or June 26th if you are interested in joining us for this group event.

## Thank You's

Pastor Brown,

We wanted to thank the group of your congregants who helped paint bisque bowls for the Lompoc Empty Bowls event. At the conclusion of the event there were very few bowls leftover, so your church's assistance was very important. I thought you'd like to hear about the outcome of the event. Lompoc Empty Bowls was bigger and better in every way, including sponsorships, soup contributions, auction donations, attendance, and money raised. Hitting a new high of funds raised, more than \$39,000 came in to help address the food needs in Lompoc this year. The increased income will provide around 80,000 meals more than last year's event, which will make an important difference to this community that has the highest concentration of people living at or near the poverty level in the county.

Blessings on you all for your gift of service!

**Judi**

### **Judith Monte, Development Manager**

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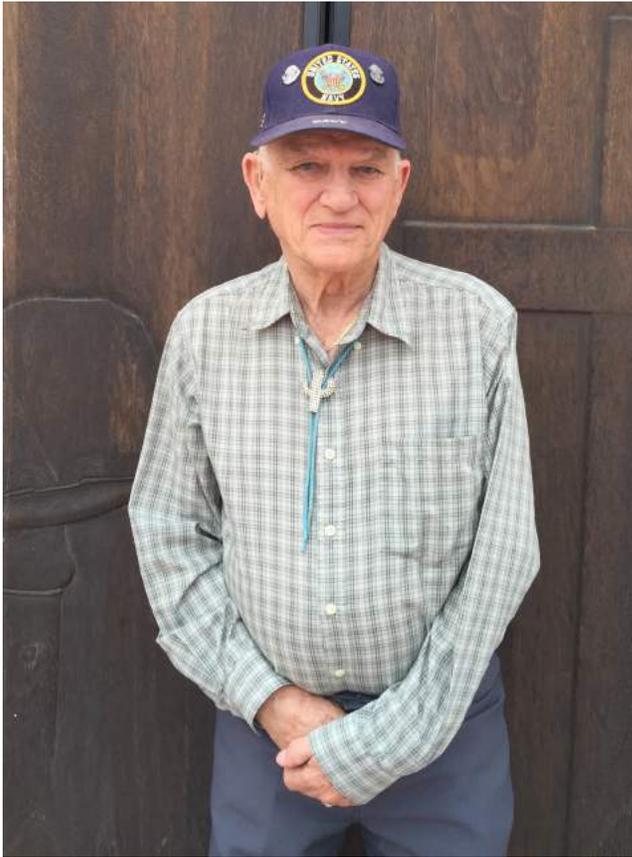
## Another Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and sympathy cards. Len's service was beautiful - thanks to Pastor Chris Brown, organist Loretta McConnell, violinist Lana Dalberg, pianist Emily Abello, soloist Denise Boyd and Alan Satchel trumpet. We enjoyed hearing the reflections given by our four children and Suzanne Hollrah. A lovely reception was served by women of Bethania. Thank you!

**-Anabelle Dalberg**





## Thumbnail Portrait - Ted Brameld

Ted Lee Brameld and his friend, Marie Rider, can be found most Sunday mornings sitting up front on the right side of the church. (Ted often wears a beautiful string tie cross.) They both live in Santa Maria but have been coming to Bethania for the past year, coinciding with Pastor Chris' first Sunday with us.

Ted and his wife, Rene, often drove from their home in the L.A. area to visit Solvang and surrounding areas while he was working in Hollywood. He played his accordion at the Maverick in Santa Ynez and at Miller's Ballroom in Lompoc.

In 1992 they retired to live in Goodyear, Arizona, seeking a dry, warm climate for Rene's health. After Rene's passing five years ago, Ted left Arizona and, at the invitation of Rene's good friend, Marie, moved to Santa Maria. He has a small apartment in Santa Maria, but is looking for a more spacious place to accommodate his music.

It was in Arizona that he met Carlene and Jim Christensen, former residents of Solvang. The Christensens suggested that he look up their old friend, Gerda Willis and worship at

Bethania. As Rene and Ted had belonged to a Lutheran church in Arizona, it was a smooth transition to attend Bethania.

Ted was raised as a Presbyterian, the only child of a career Army officer who was a colonel in the Army Transport Command. They lived in Paterson, New Jersey until Ted was nine. His grandfather was a concert organist, so Ted was given music lessons as a young child. He started playing accordion when he was only six years old and has continued playing the instrument to this day.

The family moved to the Panama Canal Zone with the military, where Ted spent his adolescent years attending the American School there. At age sixteen, he joined the Navy and went off to see the world.

During his four years of Navy service, Ted was a demolition team diver, repairing ships and working underwater as a "Tinhat Diver." It was during this time that he joined his first band, playing his accordion.

When he got out of the Navy, he got a job at a radio station in Newton New Jersey. He married his sweetheart, Rene, and they had a daughter, Debbie. Today, his daughter lives in Lake Elsinore. Ted has two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The young family moved to Long Beach, where Ted got a job as a welder. The flexible hours of this job, as arranged by a sympathetic boss, enabled him to seek a musical career in Hollywood.

He was invited to join the Hollywood Christian Group as a professional musician, which was his first big break. The group played for Monday evening church services for the Hollywood personalities who couldn't attend regular church services due to the intrusive paparazzi.

This group helped Ted get a foothold in the Entertainment Industry in Hollywood. The stars that he has appeared with are many: Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, Pat O'Brien, Billy Barton, Ethel Waters, Shirley Jones, Clint

Walker, Jim Dury, Doug McClure (from “The Virginian” series), among others. (Dale Evans was a special friend.) The venues at which he has played include the Hollywood Bowl, the Shrine Auditorium, and the Lawrence Welk Show. He did kids’ shows with “Polly Pockets” and even got “blown “ out of a building with a stick of dynamite for a comedy show. He also performed many shows with Ginny Tyler & Jimmy Dodd from The Mouseketeers.

One of his proudest accomplishments was the production of an album of hymns, “This Too, is Hollywood.” This music is available as a CD of the same name.

Ted is waiting to get a new computerized accordion since his old one was stolen in Arizona. Hopefully, he can be persuaded to share his musical talent with Bethania and the larger community, once he has the new instrument.

In the meantime, catch Ted at the coffee hour following church services and ask him to tell you some of his interesting Hollywood stories.

**- Emily Abello**

## **Treasurer’s Report for Month of April 2016**

### **Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position):**

- The balance sheet continues to be strong with a good cash position.
- All liabilities are current, with the only amount owing is a pension liability of \$1,376.
- The new pre-school building has not yet been placed on the balance sheet (as a fixed asset) as it has not been completed and we have not made the final payment at this time. Once that is done, the building will be added to the fixed assets of the church.

### **Profit & Loss Budget Performance (Statement of Operations):**

#### **Income:**

- Offerings were down from the budget in April, but were up for the four months of January – April. (103% of budgeted offerings)
- Facilities usage was up \$1,700 over the budgeted amount; they were also 419% of the budgeted amount for the period of January to April.
- Overall income was 108% of budget for January through April.

#### **Expenses:**

- Salary & benefits are 95% of budget.
- Staff expenses are 80% of budget.
- Office administration is over budget by 19% for the first four months (mostly due to telephone and increased office supplies).
- Utilities are up largely due to water rate increases.
- Property related expenses are at 76% of budget.
- Overall expenses for the first four months are at 97% of budget.

**Overall:** Bethania Lutheran Church continues to be financially healthy with increased income compared to budget, and well-controlled expenses compared to budget. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

**Ron Walsh, Treasurer**



# June 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CH = Church PH = Parish Hall FR = Fireside Room OFC = Office AV = Atterdag Village of Solvang			1  11:30 am Chapel: CH	2  2 pm Chapel: CH	3  Preschool/After School Program Closed  Synod Assembly	4  Synod Assembly
5 9:30 am Worship: CH 9:30 Sunday School: FR 11 am Adult Forum: FR	6  6 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	7  7 pm Christian Education Mtg: FR	8  12:45 pm Sewing/Quilting Group: PH	9  Conference Clergy Mtg: FR	10	11
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19 Father's Day 9:30 am Worship: CH 9:30 Sunday School: FR	20  12 noon Beacon Deadline: OFC  6 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA:FR	21	22  2 pm Book Discussion Group: PH	23  7 pm BIG big Band of Sweden: SYV Presbyterian Church	24	25
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**Sunday Schedule**  
**9:30 am Worship**  
**9:30 am Sunday School**  
**11:00 am Adult Forum**

