

# The Beacon March 2017

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## What Are You Going to Give Up?



So what are you giving up for Lent? This is a common question that comes up every year during this time. I can recall back to my youth, even my non-church going friends would ponder giving something up and even commit to the task during the 40 days of Lent. It was treated as a game – who could last all 40 days or who gave up the most difficult thing. Kids remain some of the wisest people in our world showing us adults what we really look like minus the energy of trying to cover it up for fear of what others might think.

In many ways we still approach Lent with this mindset. Either we choose a task to give up as though the struggle or accomplishment will make us more worthy, or, we choose not to participate in Lent in this kind of a way because we think God really doesn't care – which I think is true.

Regardless, Lent is a time of practice, a time of action, a time of devotion, and most importantly, it's intentional time coming closer to God. Especially as we read the Gospel of Matthew during this Lenten year, it is a time where we come closer to God by understanding baptism.

The practice of Lent came from the early church. As this new faith was spreading and more and more people wanted to be a part of it, they participated in forty days of preparation, prayer and contemplation before committing in baptism on Easter. While some churches still use Lent for this purpose, at Bethania Lent is a time in our personal lives and as a community to be closer to God through similar practices. So this year I'd like to look at Baptism as a medium to come closer to God.

During the course of Lent we will be looking at Baptism in our Sunday service and in our weekly Wednesday Dinner Church and what it means for us as followers of Christ. But for now I want you to read what Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, chapter 6, verses 4 and 5: "We were therefore buried with him [Jesus] through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his." We read that baptism is merely our life without Christ versus our life with Christ. It's as simple as that.

So if you want to pick up Lenten practice this season, here's what I recommend. Whether it's giving something up or taking something on (dedicated time for prayer, an act of kindness, choosing to meditate, reading a daily devotional, etc.) make sure its central focus is coming closer to God, and do that by reflecting on aspects of your life apart from Christ and aspects of your life with Christ. Ask yourself if your life is the same apart from Christ or if you feel like your life is richer in Christ. And please note when I say apart from Christ, I don't mean the evangelical definition of "before you were saved", but more the lived parts of your life that don't include Jesus in them, of which we have many.

Lent is a very special time of the year and I worry we've trivialized it by treating it like a task to complete or attempt. Lent is about understanding our life in Christ (baptism). It is about trying to understand in a deeper way how much and how unconditionally we are loved by Christ, how we avoid understanding that love by the superfluous activities we fill our time with, and how much more rich our lives become in living our lives through God's love and grace. And if this sounds confusing or fluffy, bear with me – hopefully it will become clearer as we enter this Lenten season.

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

## **Ministry at Bethania**

### **Youth & Family Ministry**

Confirmands, Youth Group and families are encouraged to attend the Dinner Church on Wednesdays - March 8, 15, 22, and 29 and April 5.

Confirmation will be meeting Wednesday March 1, 2017 from 5-7 pm in the Fireside Room. We are thrilled to announce our class has grown again and we now have seven active and inspirational young minds!

Youth Group will be meeting Sunday, March 26, 2017 from 3-5:30 pm at St. Marks-in-the-Valley. We will indulge in fun games, activities, light snacks and in depth conversation. Please welcome any high school aged teenagers to attend. This meeting is provided in an open and safe environment to discuss community and faith.

### **Upcoming Events for Youth & Family**

#### **Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 10:30 am - Atterdag Village BINGO**

All Confirmands and Youth Group from Bethania and St. Marks are expected to attend. We will meet at the Bethania parking lot at 10 am then walk over. This will be a fun activity to get competitive, make memories and become friends with the residents. You are strongly encouraged to invite your friends to come join.

#### **Saturday April 1st or 8th or 29th: Santa Barbara Service Mission**

All volunteers would meet at Bethania at 4 pm and carpool to the Service Mission. We are teaming up with St. Mark's in the Valley to serve dinner to those in need. More details coming soon. If you would like to participate in the way of donations, let me know and I will provide a list of items most needed.

#### **Early July - Early August 2017**

A fun five-day excursion to be one with nature and explore your faith daily.

Camps up for consideration currently include: Camp Stevens, Camp Redlands, Hume Lake or Rancho Allegre. More details to be announced.

**Blessings,  
Livier Ghamari-Brown  
Director of Youth & Family Ministry**

## **Get Your Ash in Church!**

This year Ash Wednesday will be on March 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

*The Outreach Committee is hosting a soup supper at 6 pm before the service on March 1. Everyone is welcome to attend and sample the delicious soups the committee members prepare.*

## **Dinner Church is Back!**

This Lent everyone is invited to Dinner Church! What is Dinner Church? It's a weekly practice during the season of Lent where we gather as a community over a simple meal of soup, salad and bread. We'll read scripture, sing some hymns, reflect on baptism, and experience communion in a communal way. Dinner Church is how church was practiced in the first centuries of Christianity.

We started Dinner Church last year during Lent and it was a very meaningful, well-attended Lenten practice. It's a transformative way to experience our faith the way it was meant to be experienced – in community! All are welcome to attend, whether you only make it to one evening, multiple, or all. This is a simple way to gather during Lent and come closer to God

Starting March 8<sup>th</sup>, we'll meet every Wednesday during Lent at 6pm in our Parish Hall. How can you help?!?! There's one way in particular! Please sign up during one of the weeks to bring either a soup, salad, or bread. I'll have a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall for people to sign-up.

I have to say this is one of my favorite things we do during the year and I'm really excited to be doing it again. As a pastor it's difficult for me to find spiritual nourishment for myself as I'm usually the one providing it, but this is a time where I'm exceptionally fed by all of you (literally and figuratively). I hope you all can be present for at least one of these Wednesdays and I pray it's as meaningful for you as it is for me! As always if you have any questions, let me know.

**Blessings,  
Pastor Chris**

## **What is the Visitation Team?**

One of our most pertinent needs at Bethania right now is people who want to be a part of the Visitation Team. However, it seems that just hearing the words "Visitation Team" might create some intimidation. It takes some courage and intentionality to talk to someone you've never met before. So I'd like to tell you a little about the Visitation Team and how meaningful it is.

We have a group of members at Bethania who are either homebound, at times hospitalized, or just in need of a visit from someone. The Visitation Team is an incredible opportunity and ministry to reach out to these people. It can be quite lonely at times being restricted to a place, and a 15-minute conversation means the absolute world to those who receive a visit.

All that is asked of Visitation Team members is to check in with a few people a couple times a month at your convenience and see how they're doing. It's that simple, yet it's incredibly meaningful. You'll also find that this will be one of the most rewarding experiences you'll ever have, and I can't stress that enough. You'll hear the most amazing stories and you'll develop connections that will stick with you for the rest of your life. This is a **BIG** need we have at Bethania, so if you'd like to join the Visitation Team, please get in touch with me. Thanks!

- Pastor Chris

## **Bethania Preschool & After School Update**



Bring your family and friends to Touch-a-Truck in Bethania's parking lots on Saturday, March 4 between 10 am and 2 pm Funds raised will enable Bethania Preschool & After School to replace worn out playground equipment and add some new, fun structures. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. If you are able to help please call the Preschool at 688-7077. Thank you.

The Preschool children will be getting a visit from the Leprechauns on March 17<sup>th</sup>! These mischievous little people get into everything in the classrooms. They also leave behind a "pot of gold" for the children to enjoy. So far we have not been able to catch one in the "traps" we set, but we keep trying!

We already have families registering their children for Summer and Fall 2017-18 classes. Be sure your children, grandchildren and those of friends get registered as soon as possible so they can reserve a spot for this next year. Because so many families want their children to attend our programs, we do have parents registering soon after a child is born or a year or two before he or she will attend.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!!**

**Eileen Knotts, Director**

## **Ministry in the Community and Around the World**

### **Noisy Sunday: Making Change Count**

February's "Noisy Offering" benefitted Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz. These funds will be used to help our friends in Santa Maria during the difficult winter months, when work is hard to find in the fields. Our offering of \$349.50 will be used towards food items, emergencies or whatever is required. Thank you to everyone who contributed - it will make a difference for so many hard-working families.

The next "Noisy Sunday" is coming on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Our donations from the offering will be used to support Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County.

### **What will our donations be used towards?**

\$50 allows 10 teens to attend a Workshop on Healthy Relationships in a Junior High or High School.

\$100 buys one day of food, shelter and support for a mother and her two children.

\$250 provides one woman with domestic violence counseling for 3 months.

\$500 allows a Shelter Advocate to respond with police to all 9-1-1 domestic violence calls for a week.

\$750 provides 3 months of outings and activities for 10 children living at the shelter. \$1,000 keeps their Hotline Service running 24-hours a day for one month.

## **Last year, thanks to donors like you, Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County:**

- Provided 10,676 nights of emergency shelter for women and children;
- Answered 4,080 crisis calls;
- Helped 887 victims get legal assistance;
- Responded to 459 calls from local police;
- And much more.

Your donation is not only helping save lives now, it's helping to prevent domestic violence in the future.

March 8<sup>th</sup> is International Women's Day: a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. At Bethania, we have recently supported educational scholarships for PACE in India, continue to contribute notions to the women's shelter and to victims of domestic violence, and recently gave socks, hats, gloves and as support for homeless women and men.

Concentrating on women's issues here in our Santa Barbara County, domestic violence touches the lives of women and children daily. Domestic Violence Solutions of Santa Barbara County is dedicated to:

- Providing safe and confidential shelter for battered women and their children throughout Santa Barbara County.
- Providing emotional support and personal advocacy to battered women and other women in crisis, enabling them to recognize strengths and resources within themselves. We encourage women to be empowered to be free to make choices.
- Playing a leadership role in effecting social change by educating the community, by associations with other social change groups and by supporting the work of women's rights organizations.

Here are some facts to keep in mind:

- Domestic violence is not solely a woman's issue, nor is it solely a man's issue. However, the vast majority of victims of domestic violence are women.
- Domestic violence is about power and control.
- Domestic violence is not a relationship problem. A person using power and control over another is entirely responsible for his/her behavior and the outcome.
- Domestic violence affects all people in our society, not only the victim and the perpetrator.
- Domestic violence is child abuse; it is a learned behavior; it affects the whole family and is cyclical and intergenerational.
- Domestic violence feeds on silence.

## **What You Can Do**

If you are in immediate danger CALL 911.

Report domestic violence when you see or hear it happening. Domestic violence is not a private family matter-- it's a crime. Call 911.

If you or someone you know needs help, call the 24-hour crisis line nearest you:

Santa Ynez Valley 24-Hour Crisis Line - (805) 686-4390

Santa Barbara Shelter 24-Hour Crisis Line - (805) 964-5245

Lompoc Shelter 24-Hour Crisis Line - (805) 736-0965

Santa Maria Shelter 24-Hour Crisis Line - (805) 925-2160

You can help by learning more about domestic violence through visiting the Domestic Violence Solutions website. If interested, you might consider attending the 40-Hour DV Advocacy Certification. This is a series of classes that prepares participants to work directly with victims and perpetrators of domestic violence. A new class begins this March in SB and May in SM (see website for more details).

We all really “make change for the better” with the Noisy Sunday! So bring your coins and make some noise on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Together, we can CHANGE a woman’s world - and change our world.

- **Linda Marzullo**

## **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](mailto:vikingpressprint@verizon.net)

- **Linda Marzullo**

## Your Investment in Piyali Center Students' Education

As of Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, the Beacon deadline, your contributions for the Piyali Center scholarships in India (also known as PACE Universal) total \$1,195. We just need \$80 more to pay for the 2017 schooling of Rekha and Reshma and the literacy/vocational training for our 3 women students at the Center. Any contributions beyond that will go to PACE Universal for its campaign to expand the campus so more students can be enrolled.

Thank you to all who already participated. If you wrote a check to the church, you will find the payment noted on your quarterly statement from Bethania and those contributions will be transferred to BLCW, which sponsors this project. If you made your check out to BLCW directly, you will receive a receipt from it.

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### 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

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## Church Life

### Theology Pub Meets

Theology Pub continues March 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 The Naked Now- Learning to See as the Mystics See by Richard Rohr on Wednesday, March 15 at 2 pm, Parish Hall. It can enrich your spiritual life. To learn more about Richard Rohr, an internationally recognized ecumenical teacher, please visit the Center for Action and Contemplation website, [www.cac.org](http://www.cac.org).

### Gather Bible Study

This month's Bible study will be held on Thursday, March 16 at 10:30 am in the Atterdag Lounge. The study is from the March issue of Gather magazine, pp. 26-30. We will continue to read and discuss Paul's letter to the Galatians, chapters 3 and 4, Romans 8:14-27, and also Genesis 17:15-21. Paul explains that they do not need to keep all the Jewish laws since they are not Jewish, but strive to create a Christian community in Galatia. For a copy of the study, call Anabelle at 688-4687.

## **Scholarships for 2017 Graduates**

In 2016 the Endowment Fund was able to award three \$1000 scholarships for education beyond the 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, be it community college, university or trade school, to Mia Andersen, Blane Hemming and Paige Jensen. We are pleased to announce that Scholarships will once again be available to 2017 graduates. Application is open to persons who are pursuing education beyond 12<sup>th</sup> grade this fall and who are also active in the church life of Bethania. We invite you to apply by submitting your transcript and writing an essay introducing yourself to the Endowment Fund Committee. The content should include a description of your past and present church participation with Bethania, the influence your faith has had in making everyday life decisions, ways your faith has determined educational and future goals and examples of your community service. Please also share your strongest memory of being part of the community which is Bethania Lutheran Church and why that one memory holds significance.

Applications must be postmarked by March 16, 2017. They may be mailed or e-mailed to the church office or Carolynn Petersen, 1457 Alamo Pintado Road, Solvang, CA 93463. Scholarship recipients will be selected and the funds distributed upon submission of proof of enrollment in the school of your choice. Funds will be distributed through your school for the scholarship awarded.

For anyone who does not have a standard application form, some will be available at the church office and also at Santa Ynez Valley Union High School.

**Carolynn D. Petersen**  
**Chairman, Endowment Fund**

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

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

We are planning a baby shower for Pastor Chris and Livier on **Sunday, May 7** after the 9:30 worship service. If you would like to contribute to a larger item (a stroller) you will be given an opportunity to sign a card and make a donation in lieu of buying an individual gift.

## **Congregational Business**

### **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 are available in the Church Office two weeks before the meeting. Please contact Kristyl (805)688-4637 or [bethania.lutheran@verizon.net](mailto:bethania.lutheran@verizon.net) if you cannot come in to the church office.



# Treasurer's Report - January 2017 Financial Statement

## Balance Sheet:

- The most significant change in the balance sheet is the addition of the cemetery fund, the increase in the 2016 endowment fund balance, and the addition of the new preschool building. This represents a major step forward in consolidating our church assets into one combined balance sheet. We still need to add the value of the cemetery land, and hopefully that will be done in the next month. The combined current assets of the church are \$3,313,752.
- The cash position is strong and all accounts are current, with no additional demand on the cash recorded.
- The only current non-fund balance liability is the pension liability of \$1,371.

## Profit & Loss Budget Performance:

### Income:

- Offerings were up in January by \$412 or 102% of budget. This is a good first month indicator of our members response to the budget presented!
- Other income was down, largely due to not transferring the funds for the youth fund from the designated funds. This transfer will be done in February.
- Child care reimbursements are down, as the preschool did not pay the reimbursement to the church until February. That will reverse out during the next month.
- Total income was 87% of budget. However when we factor in the child care reimbursement and the youth fund monies, we would have been over budget by \$668, or 102% of budget.

### Expenses:

- Benevolence is over budget due to the increase in giving.
- Salary and benefits are slightly over budget due to increased worship musicians, and guest pastor in January.
- Staff expenses are within budget.
- Office administration continues to be an issue of being over budget. Copier expense, office supplies, and postage seem to be the problem area. I will be meeting with Kristyl to determine if there are ways we can reduce these expenses to stay within budget.
- Utilities are under budget.
- All other expenses are at or under budget.

### Overall:

For the first month of the new year, we were \$2,759 expenses over income. However, factoring in the youth fund and child care reimbursement timing would have reversed that number. God continues to bless Bethania with dedicated staff and committed congregational members to do His work in our community. God is Good!

- Ron Walsh, Treasurer

## Thrivent Benefits

If you are a Thrivent benefit member (own Thrivent insurance or annuities) and you have not checked to be sure you directed all your 2016 Thrivent Choice Dollars, please do so NOW as last day to direct them is March 31, 2017. Also, please check to see if you have 2017 Dollars to direct. Call 1-800-236-3736 and ask for Choice Dollars or sign in to your Thrivent account online at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com). So far in 2017, \$158 has been directed to church and \$53 to Preschool. Members, please think about church, Atterdag Village or other community projects where you can offer to obtain a Thrivent Action Project. It will provide \$250 to be used as seed money to help with expenses for doing a fundraising or service project. Contact me for help in completing simple application. If you would like to learn more about Thrivent's financial services and philosophy, you can go online or contact Brian Boyle, Thrivent Financial Associate, [1-805-692-1222](tel:1-805-692-1222) and leave a message for him to contact you.

**Nancy Emerson, Thrivent Congregational Advocate**  
693-1386

## “This and That”

### Memorials Committee

The Memorials Committee met Feb. 14, 2017 and approved a request from the Preschool and After School Program for a new laminator. The Committee also approved a request from Pastor Chris for partial costs of projectors, screens and their installation in the sanctuary. Both of these requests were then approved by the Church Council.

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

### In Our Hearts, In Our Prayers

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

**Gerda Larsen**, Birgitte Pedersen's mother. Gerda died Feb. 1. Her burial service was held Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at Oak Hill Cemetery.

**Myrtle Emerson**, Fred Emerson's mother. Myrtle died Feb. 2.

**Immediate Prayer Concerns:** Brianna Ceballos, Pat Green, Bill Klein, Jr., Pat Knotts, Josh Kraushaar, Gary Lake, Addison Meaux

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



# March 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>CH = Church PH = Parish Hall FR = Fireside Room OFC = Office AV = Atterdag Village of Solvang</p>			<p><b>1 Ash Wednesday</b> 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 5-7 pm Confirmation: FR 6 pm Soup Supper: CH 7 pm Worship Service: CH</p>	2	3	4  10 am - 2 pm Touch-a-Truck on the premises
<p>5 9:30 am Worship: CH 11 am Annual Meeting:PH 5 pm Evening Worship: CH 5 pm Sunday School: FR</p>	<p>6  6 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR</p>	<p>7  11:30 am Chapel: CH  6-8 pm Art Class: PH</p>	<p>8 12:45 pm Quilting/ Sewing: PH 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 6 pm Dinner Church: PH 7 pm Choir:FR</p>	<p>9  7 pm Theology Pub: Solvang Brewing Company</p>	10	11  5 pm Wedding:CH
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<p>19 9:30 am Worship &amp; Noisy Offering: CH 11 am Adult Forum:FR 5 pm Evening Worship: CH 5 pm Sunday School: FR</p>	<p>20 12 noon Beacon Deadline  6 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA:FR</p>	<p>21 11:30 am Chapel:CH  6-8 pm Art Class: PH</p>	<p>22 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 6 pm Dinner Church:PH 7 pm Choir:FR</p>	<p>23 2:30 pm Preschool Board Mtg: PH</p>	24	25  3 pm Wedding: CH
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**Sunday Schedule**  
**9:30 am Worship**  
**11:00 am Adult Forum**  
**5:00 pm Worship**  
**5:00 pm Sunday School**

**A family event for all ages!**



**KIDS WILL  
CLIMB ON, SIT  
IN, EXPLORE &  
LEARN ABOUT  
THEIR FAVORITE  
BIG TRUCKS  
& VEHICLES!**

**Saturday, March 4**  
**from 10am-2pm**

**@ Bethania Preschool - 611 Atterdag Rd, Solvang**

- Dozens of safety, construction, farming, military, & specialty trucks
- Bounce houses by M&J Jumpers • Face painting by Crystal • KnitFit crafting booth
- Tower Pizza & food concessions • Live music by Dylan Ortega Band • Petting Zoo
- **Rain or shine event!** • No horn hour from 10-11am for sensitive ears
- **NEW** Kids Safety Day activities including - Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Trauma Services providing low-cost bike helmets

**TICKETS:**  
**\$5/person**  
**\$20/family of 5**  
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