

# The Beacon

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### Pastor Chris's Message

In the Oscar winning film, *Forrest Gump*, there's a scene in which Forrest is celebrating New Year's Eve with his former commanding officer, Lieutenant Dan, at a bar in New York. While there some friends of Lieutenant Dan show up and one of them says to Forrest, "Don't you just love New Year's? You get to start all over. Everyone deserves a second chance."

This woman captures in a single line the mystical idea that New Year's Day represents for us today. When that clock strikes midnight and we ring in the new year the slate is clean and we start all over. It reminds me of starting a new semester in college. After the first day of classes when I was at Cal State Fullerton I would frequently remind myself that in this particular moment I had straight A's. I was a college student with a 4.0 GPA. The semester never ended that way, but at the very beginning it always felt good to know I had not yet screwed up that perfect record.

It's the same with that first day of the new year. It feels as though we have an untarnished record and the possibilities that lay before us are unlimited. Anything we struggled with, like the stereotypical New Year's resolution of eating healthy and exercising, suddenly seem within reach and any element of our past-year selves we didn't like can be improved upon. For a moment the year ahead of us allows us to reflect on who we were and consider who we want to be. And for many people the first few weeks or months are dedicated to becoming that person.

It's an interesting approach to life having this day that forces us to reflect on change when in actuality nothing between Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> changes. The world, the climate, the national landscape, and the people we are will be the same once that clock strikes 12. Yet, despite this reality we can't help but approach the new year with renewed hope in the possibility of positive change for ourselves and our world.

There is beautiful theology in this. The essence of Jesus was to bring renewed hope to humankind. A system was in place for Jewish people in antiquity – a system of remembering the actions of people and then a way to dissolve those actions if they were contrary to Torah through sacrificial atonement. And through this system was a perpetual separation of God from God's people (think of the temple curtain that is torn open when Jesus breathes his last breath).

Then Jesus comes onto the scene. He heals, he loves, he brings people back into the fold. He stands outside of the prescribed system of atonement and tells people God's presence is no longer in the temple, but among people. And in the penultimate moment Jesus goes to the cross to wipe slate clean for humanity. Jesus is God's action of making us new, of wiping clean the slate, of allowing us to look at who we were and reflect on who God is calling us to be.

Yet, we don't approach God in this revolutionary and novel way. We still approach God from our primitive mindset that God is continually keeping a tally and only our actions can dismiss the points against us or add points in our favor.

Consequently, we take this perceived divine system and apply it to our own interactions with the people in our lives. We keep our own tallies and we demand the actions of others to either appease our anger or allow them to stay in our good grace. In other words we take our primitive understanding of God and become this version of God ourselves, missing what Jesus came to do in the first place – free us from this burden and live new lives.

New Year's Day naturally makes us feel like we're starting fresh. My hope for us this New Year is that we can take this approach with God through Christ. The advent of Jesus in our world is meant to break us away from this old way of tit for tat so we can see in its purest form God's unconditional love for us; we don't earn it and nothing can take it away – our slate is always clean. This love frees us to see who we were before encountering this love and who we can be with it, empowered by it to share it with those around us.

God is constantly making all things new (Rev. 21:5) and we all have the joy to be partners in this divine action. My New Year's resolution is to be more intentional about recognizing these moments in my life where God is calling me to live deeper into the love of the divine presence through creation and through the people around me, and to live more intentionally into my call to be an avenue of this love for the world. I pray I can be a contact point of this love for all of you and together we can continue this journey of new creation of which God has us traversing.

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

## **Koinonia – A Gathering**

Koinonia is a Greek word that is translated usually into communion – that thing we do every Sunday. But its meaning is much more expansive. It's also meant to convey the divine connection we feel with God and with neighbor. It's an intimate word meant to highlight the deepness the community of the Church experiences. This is the name of the small group gathering that will be starting at Bethania on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in the Fireside Room. We're going to do a small meditation, a bible study, some discussion, prayers and communion. We welcome anyone who wants to join. It'll be casual and communal. Please invite anyone you think would also be interested. Come As You Are, Loved As You Are!

## **Theo Pub**

Theology Pub will meet Thursday, Jan. 11 at 7 pm at the Solvang Brewing Company. The topic is "The Nature of God." Join Pastor Chris and friends for good beer, soda, food, cheer, and conversation.

## **Bethania Book Group**

Just a note to current readers of John Caputo's The Folly of God: We plan to finish our current book in January. To do this, we are asking everyone to read Chap. 10 with reading of Chapters 6-9 as you have time between now and Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2 p.m. in the Parish Hal. The book group thinks Dr. Caputo and the Farstrup-Mortensen lectures should be very stimulating this year. Do register to attend at least one session of the lectures. Join us in February

to read and discuss Rob Bell's What Is the Bible?, recommended by Pastor Chris. We will begin it on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 2 pm. We will order copies from the Book Loft in early January. If you want us to order a copy for you, please contact Nancy Emerson and she will contact you when it arrives. Rob Bell began his professional life as an evangelical. After the publication of this 2017 book, he engendered considerable controversy with former supporters. Join us to learn what he currently thinks about the Bible.

## Ministry at Bethania

### **Youth and Family Ministry - Happy New Year Bethania!!**

Confirmation will be meeting Jan. 14th from 3-5 pm in our Fireside Room. All middle school aged students are invited to learn more about the Bible and discover their own path in faith. I am taking the students ice skating at Ice in Paradise in Goleta on Saturday, Jan. 20th.



Some of our Youth Group, parents, and I are putting together the Rummage/Book Sale for Saturday Jan. 27, 2018 and during coffee hour on Sunday. We will host drop off hours from 4-8 pm in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 24th and Thursday, Jan. 25th. Friday, Jan. 26th will be reserved for organizing and pricing all of the items.

Please donate gently used home decor items, furniture, kitchen supplies, tools, knick-knacks, movies, working electronics, etc. Please no mattresses, bedding, or pillows. Volunteers will be offering pick up services for those who are unable to drop off items themselves. Please show your support by stopping by the sale, sharing the news with friends, or purchasing several items.

At the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer, we will participate in service learning projects, help empower Houston community partners to further their mission, and create a transformative experience for participants to return as agents of change in our community. It will be a great faith building and learning opportunity.

We still happily accept donations and are grateful for any amount for our trip. Please address offering envelopes with "Youth Fund" in the "Other" category. Please make checks out to Bethania Lutheran Church and write "Youth Fund" in the memo line.

We appreciate all of your support, whether in the form of monetary donations, verbal affirmations or just wanting to help. We are so grateful to have a beautiful congregation to be our foundation of growth and change in the community.

### **Blessings to you all,**

Livier (Liv-EE-air) Ghamari-Brown, Director of Youth & Family Ministry  
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## December and Our Preschool & After School

December started out as usual. Staff and I prepared our preschoolers for our Christmas program and I readied the stage backdrop. And then the Thomas fire sent smoke our way!

As you probably know, California has very strict regulations for licensed preschool and child care programs. It includes rules about temperature and air quality that require us to keep children inside on very hot or smoggy days. When Solvang School announced it would close on Monday, Dec. 11, we closed, too. But a high percentage of our parents work outside the home and we quickly reopened. Thanks to the Parish Hall being included in our square footage requirements, we were able to use this space for our older students, for physical activities moved inside from the playgrounds, and for a final rehearsal of our Christmas program.

And what a fine Christmas program it was. Our 60 preschoolers arrived, dressed in Christmas finery. They enthusiastically performed their memorized Christmas songs and poems, complete with hand motions, for a room full of proud parents, younger and older siblings, grandparents and friends. Cameras flashed as parents photographed this important event in their children's lives. Cookies, cupcakes, candy, carrot and celery sticks provided by the parents were avidly devoured after the program before they disappeared into the night, leaving the lights twinkling in the stage scenery as board members cleaned up after the festivities.

Because many families take vacation between Christmas and New Year's Day, we close during that week. By the time you read this, students and staff will have returned to their "home away from home." And, hopefully, for all whose lives were uprooted by the fire and for our staff and students, life will no longer be focused on a menacing, terrible fire. And we will be back to "normal" with our students happily learning both in the classrooms and on the playgrounds.

**Eileen Knotts, Director**

## Ministry in the Community and Around the World

### Bethania has Angels as Members



Thank you to all of our Christmas Angels who helped with the gifts for our 51 Iglesia children and the 5 Preschool/After School children. This was another large Christmas Angel event, with 56 children to shop for, and I am so proud to say that Bethania members and friends really stepped up to this challenge.

The members of Iglesia Luterana are primarily of indigenous Oaxacan descent; most do not speak English but may be able to get by with some Spanish, as their primary language is a native dialect.



Their pastor communicates in Spanish and those who speak only the indigenous dialect(s) have the Spanish translated to their language by others. They attend a start-up church about 40 miles north of us located on the premises of Bethel Lutheran Church in Santa Maria. The parents of these children struggle during the off-season months to have enough food for their families and other necessities. Christmas presents are non-existent for the majority of these children. We worked with their pastor

and his wife, and the children's "wish lists" they dictated to church helpers, to purchase as many of their wants as was possible. We concentrated on focusing on warmer clothing and shoes with the inclusion of at least one toy for each child. In total we were "Christmas Angels" to 51 children of both genders, ranging in age from newborn (2 days old!) to age 17. The presents were wrapped and delivered to the church in two vehicles for distribution to the children. The joy of the children and the gratitude of their parents is overwhelming, as the only gift that most of them will get was from our "angels".

We also supported some local families whose children attend our own Bethania Preschool and After School Program with gifts. These families are our neighbors who are struggling with their financial challenges. The five children were chosen by Director Eileen Knotts for assistance this Christmas season. We are very happy to be able to help some children who are attending our wonderful program based here at Bethania.

By focusing our drive on working together for the goal of meeting the needs of each child, we accomplished more. We encouraged people of all ages and abilities to participate. All sizes of monetary donations were given, ranging from spare change to \$200. We promoted the concept of "we can do the shopping for you" so that people who did not have the time or were physically unable to go shopping could participate. Thankfully we had many wonderful people agree to shop for their "adopted" child, which really helped with the task. Additional donated items received which did not meet the "wishes" or guidelines for the children will be distributed to other children or used next year.



I believe we are inspired to give generously with the knowledge of the difficulty many of these families face. They work hard at picking fruit and vegetables in the fields, and struggle with acceptance in so many areas of their lives, including trying to be accepted by the Spanish-speaking Latino majority. Even though their fieldwork is hard and the pay is not high, they still feel proud to be able to work hard and give their families better lives than they had

in Oaxaca. Their hard work, positive outlook and gratitude for even the smallest things in their lives inspire us to do our best to help others, even if our donations are small on their own. It is a privilege to be able to help them and their families in a small way. We are also grateful to be able to share the love of Christ during the Christmas season with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you all for your generous hearts and loving help with this project. An extra special thank you to: my gift delivery team (Rick Marzullo, Tom Petersen, Lisa Hess); Special Angels Lois and Don DeMeyer; Christian Education Committee members Donna Hinsbeeck, Caro Stinson, Brenda Knudsen, Alice Laufer, Barbara Kargard; Carolyn Petersen for extra support and Annalisa Nearn for her special gift, and all the angels in our congregation and community who contributed in ways large and small...including helping to wrap all of these gifts!

**-Linda Marzullo**

## **Food Drive Continues for Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz**

You are invited to bring donations to the box in the Parish Hall to help the members of Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz. The people who attend Iglesia in Santa Maria are mainly field workers. Many of them are taken by buses early in the morning to fields hours away (such as Salinas) to work picking crops and then are bussed back home after dark. Because of this, Pastor Esteban has started a dinner program several times a week. He loves to cook, and so he cooks up huge meals in the kitchen at Bethel and delivers them to families who are struggling. Oftentimes, the parents will be gone all day working, and he will feed the whole family as part of his pastoral care. Recently one of their parishioners was killed by a drunk driver on Hwy 154, leaving behind five children. Pastor and Angie are helping to feed the family while others care for the children, since the father was critically injured and is in the hospital recovering.

This past year we have been asked to contribute more regularly to their food needs than ever before, and we appreciate your kind and loving support of the food drive over these last months. We are entering the time of year when field work becomes less certain and their food insecurity is highest, due to weather and other factors.

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.

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**

**Vegetable Oil**

**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 / Jelly / Honey**

**Breakfast Cereal**

**Diapers (any size, age)**

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: [viking-pressprint@verizon.net](mailto:viking-pressprint@verizon.net)

- **Linda Marzullo**

## **Noisy Sunday: Making Change Count on Jan. 28.**

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do." - Edward Everett Hale

December's "Noisy Offering" helped raise funds to provide last-minute Christmas gifts and food items for members attending Iglesia Luterana in Santa Maria. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$289.50 to help with our Angel Project and to stock the cupboards of families who are truly in need - what a blessing!

Pastor Esteban Salazar and his wife Angie were sharing stories of what the lives of their parishioners are like, and of their daily struggles. I cannot say it often enough, thank you for supporting this ministry. You are making a difference in a child's life with your quarters and dimes. You are helping to keep food on the shelf for the children of field workers who struggle to make ends meet.

**The next "Noisy Sunday" is coming on Jan 28th.** Our donations from the offering will be used to help purchase another round of food items and possibly food gift cards for the families at Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz (*see related article*).

We all really "make change or the better" with the Noisy Sunday! So bring your coins and make some noise on Jan. 28. Together, we can CHANGE a family's world, right here in our area. Even one donation or one coin can make a difference to someone in need.

- **Linda Marzullo**

## **Produce Table Recap**

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to gift \$2,000 to the ELCA World Hunger - Good Gifts program (baby chicks, livestock, fruit trees, water wells, mosquito nets, etc.) together with the training to utilize these gifts. As of the end of the year, you have also donated \$1,900 to assist with local needs. \$1,500 will go to the Santa Ynez Valley Extension of the Salvation Army. \$400 is earmarked for Pastor Chris Brown's discretionary fund in addition to the budget line item for this fund. Thanks to our growers, buyers and assistants for a great year.

- **Carolynn Petersen**

## Piyali Learning Center Scholarship Drive Begins

Wouldn't you like to be a mouse in the corner at the Piyali Learning Center this week? You could watch Rekha and Reshma on the playground with four Santa Ynez High School students. They are spending 3 weeks with Deepa Willingham, founder of PACE Universal, at its Piyali Learning Center in a large village near Kolkata, India.

We specifically asked Olivia Berman, who will be attending the Houston Lutheran Youth Event this summer with our Youth Group, to take our greetings to our elementary school students and the mothers we sponsor in the literacy/vocational program.

And we are able to sponsor all of them for only \$1,275/year. Our goal is to raise these funds during January so they can reach the school in a timely manner.

For Rekha and Reshma (\$375 each) your gifts fully fund:

- books and supplies
- nutritious meals
- medical care and hygiene kits
- transportation to and from school,
- school uniforms and shoes,
- after-school activities.

For Rama Naskar, Suparna Naskar and Arabi Sardar (\$175 each), your gifts fully fund:

- adult education and literacy classes
- vocational training
- on-site child care services
- educational supplies
- micro loan training
- business micro loan after completion of program

To me, this is the investment opportunity of a lifetime – for you and for them!

### - Nancy Emerson and Bethania Lutheran Church Women

Please fill out the form below and include your check made out to Bethania Lutheran Church or BLCW.

#### Piyali Learning Center Scholarships

Name\_\_\_\_\_

\*E-mail\_\_\_\_\_

If no e-mail, phone #, please\_\_\_\_\_

\*So we can remind you about group photo for students on Jan. 25 in front of sanctuary after worship. Please save the date.

## Gather Bible Study

The January Bible Study is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 18 at 10:30 am in the Atterdag Lounge at Atterdag Village. This session is about the various meanings that people get out of a passage of scripture. This month we will discuss Mark chapter 7:1-8. How important is tradition to you? It may have a different meaning to others. See the January "Gather" magazine pp. 20 - 29.

## Fastelavn Help Needed



If you'd like to help with our Fastelavn Fundraiser (Feb. 11 5:30 - 8:30 pm) here are some areas you can be involved:

- Set up
- Decorating/decorations
- Kitchen/Dinner
- Advertising/ticket sales
- Building Barrels/stand
- Judging Costume contest/prizes
- Silent Auction items/set up
- Clean up

If you'd like to help out please email Glenda Madrid at [Glenda\\_madrid@hotmail.com](mailto:Glenda_madrid@hotmail.com)

## Thank You

Dear Pastor Chris and Kristyl,

Thank you so much for letting the Santa Ynez Valley Jewish Community use your Parish Hall for our Hanukkah Party this year. It worked perfectly, and everyone enjoyed their time there. We really appreciate the generosity of the church in sharing your facility with us. We will let our board know of your invitation to hold future events at the church. Pastor Chris, if we had known that you lived so close to the church, we would have invited you to come over and join the fun. We are glad you enjoyed the music. It was a good band and people of all ages got up and danced, which is what we had hoped would happen. We hope the week following the party wasn't too stressful, and that you have a wonderful Christmas and wish you the Happiest of New Years!



**Sue Schwartz - 2017 Hanukkah Party Chairperson  
and Ariadne Weaver - 2017 Hanukkah Party Helper  
Santa Ynez Valley Jewish Community**

## End of Year Report from Your Endowment Fund



Endowment Fund Committee Presenting Check to the SYC Cottage Hospital Foundation

Your Endowment Fund is the perfect spot to gift special memorial funds or honorary gifts. Your gift will continue to give through the years because only the earnings of the funds are expended. The principal will remain intact and continue to generate income to support our ministry outreach.

- Gift to Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz's Ministry \$4,000  
*To fulfill our commitment to that ministry at Bethel Lutheran Church in Santa Maria.*
- A gift to Bethania Preschool/After School Program \$926  
*To refurbish all the playground "bark"*
- Three \$1,000 Scholarships \$3,000  
*To 2017 graduating seniors*
- A gift to Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital Foundation \$5,000  
*Which will benefit the entire Santa Ynez Valley*
- Fund the Church Council commitment to Middle Circle \$1,500  
*Request from Pastor Chris Brown*
- A gift to Rancho Alegre to assist with rebuilding \$2,000  
*Following the destruction from the Whittier fire*
- A gift to Circle V Ranch Camp to assist with rebuilding \$2,000  
*Following the destruction from the Whittier fire*

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me: 688-6243.

### - Carolynn Petersen, Chairman, Endowment Fund



Presentation of Checks to Rancho Alegre & Circle V

# Treasurer's Report November Financial Statement

## Balance Sheet:

- The cash position in the general checking account ended the month in a negative \$175. This means, essentially, we had no operating cash going in to the month of December. This is the lowest point the church has been in for the last 4 years. The ending result of this figure is that we have a loss in net asset value of the church of \$19,832 through the month of November.
- The money market fund remains unchanged at \$93,697.
- The fund accounts (cemetery, endowment, and heritage) remained unchanged. They will change in January when the interest and earnings are posted to the funds.
- All other liabilities are current with the usual exception of the pension fund liability.

## Profit & Loss Statement:

### Income:

- Once again, member offerings were below budget (\$2,909 for the month, and \$14,413 for the year or 93% of budget). Non-member offerings were below budget by \$198 for the month and are at 88% of the year to date.
- Other income (facility rentals, youth fund, miscellaneous receipts) are at 125% of budget for the year. Facility usage fees are \$11,816 compared to \$7,967 budgeted.
- Child care reimbursements are now current and at 101% of budget.
- Income for the month was \$189 over budget. Current income for the first 11 months was \$249,691 compared to \$249,249 budget, or 98% of budget.

### Expenses:

- Benevolence is below budget, as we were not able to pay the November benevolence due to cash flow (noted above on balance sheet comments).
- Salary and benefits are over budget by \$3,210 for the month. Again, increased benefits for Pastor Chris, and additional worship musicians contribute to the increase in this line item.
- Staff expenses are below budget at 86% for the year to date.
- Office administration is at 80% of budget for the year to date.
- Property expenses are at 108% of budget. The major increase is in janitorial supplies (these were moved from office supplies two months ago) and an increase in property taxes.
- Utilities are at 99% of budget for the year to date.
- All other expenses are at or below budget for the first 11 months.
- Overall November showed a deficit of \$4,477. For the first 11 months our deficit was \$19,823 compared to a planned deficit of \$14,335.

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## Overall:

The month of November was a challenging month for Bethania. The way we were able to pay our bills and not go into further cash deficit was to withhold benevolence and not complete some pass through dollars. Please prayerfully consider an additional year-end gift to Bethania so that we may continue God's work here in our community and world. God's love is abundant and our response to that love is love abundantly also. God bless you all.

- Ron Walsh, Treasurer

## Giving by Range Category Analysis 2017

The report that is attached to this analysis is the giving range by category. What it shows is the number of giving units by a certain giving level category. The range is from \$0 to \$12,399. I believe those numbers are from January to the end of October 2017.

The pattern is very informative and gives us a clear picture of giving patterns of our members. The following is my analysis of those givers.

171 givers (65% of the 262 giving units) gave less than \$500

34 givers (13%) gave between \$500 and \$1,000.

**These two categories make up 78% of our givers**

26 giving units (10%) gave between \$1,000 and \$2,000

13 giving units (5%) gave between \$2,000 and \$3,000

12 giving units (5%) gave between \$3,000 and \$5,000

6 giving units (2%) gave between \$5,000 and \$12,399

22% of our giving units gave 78% of the member offerings.

- Ron Walsh, Treasurer

## In Our Hearts, In Our Prayers

**Immediate Prayer Concerns:** Brianna Ceballos, Denise Chaboya, Ida FitzGerald, Patrice & Herb Fuller and Bobby McGee

**Other Prayer Concerns:** Robin Adkins, Baby Leo (Iglesia Luterana), Lise Bates, Mark Bates, Joe & Pat Bode, Barbara Boyd, John Camp, Dan Cassara, Annette Clausen, Mary Conners, Caylin, Katy & Kay Corlee, Dolores Dederding, Niels Djaernes, George Eckman, Terri Elwess, Armando Franco, Chris Frederiksen, Debbie Fritts, Chris Gideon, Pat Green, Kathy Hackler, Sharon, Sarah & Casey Harris, Michael Jech, Robert & Gail Jennings, Berdella Johnson, Steve Johnstone, Chris Kaping, Barbara Kargard, Kim Kenton, Kate Knotts, Duane Lamberton, Stephanie Larrabee, Ethel Litwiler, Betsy & Steve Logan, Rick Marzullo, Brian Merrick, Denise Morris, Roger Myers, Helen Nielsen, Marie Ostertag, Edith Plam, Doyle Phillips, Lance & Jonathan Poldberg, Audrey Robinson, Jean & Bill Stelling, Carol Summit, Dave & Theresa Tannascoli, Clay Tremblay-McGaw, Tina Walen, Alisha & Anna Marie Wilson and Robert Workman



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedn'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day - Office & BPSAS are closed.	2 11:30 am PS Chapel:CH	3 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 3:30 pm AS Chapel:CH 7 pm Choir: FR	4 12 noon-2 pm Jodi House:PH	5	6 12 - 8 pm Baby Shower: PH
7 9:30 am Worship: CH 5 pm Sunday School: Rm 6 5 pm Koinonia: FR	8 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	9 11:30 am Chapel: CH 2 pm Book Group: PH	10 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 3:30 Chapel: CH 12:45 pm Quilting/ Sewing: PH 7 pm Choir:FR	11 12 noon-2 pm Jodi House:PH 1:30 pm BPSAS Brd Mtg:PH 7 pm Theo Pub: Solvang Brewing Co.	12	13 2-9 pm 75th Wedding Anniversary : PH
14 9:30 am Worship: CH 5 pm Sunday School: Rm 6 5 pm Koinonia: FR	15 5:15 pm Grief Group: SME 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	16 11:30 am Chapel: CH	17 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 3:30 Chapel: CH 7 pm Choir:FR	18 12 noon-2 pm Jodi House:PH 5:45 pm Touch-a-Truck:FR	19	20
21 9:30 am Worship 5 pm Sunday School: Rm 6 5 pm Koinonia: FR	22 12 Beacon: Deadline: OFC 6:30 pm Tai Chi: PH 8:00 pm AA: FR	23 11:30 am Chapel: CH	24 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 3:30 Chapel: CH 7 pm Choir:FR	25 10 am Communion: AV 10:30 am Gather Bible Study:AV 12 noon-2 pm Jodi House:PH	26	27 7am - 2pm Rummage/ Book Sale: PH
28 9:30 am Worship & Noisy Offering: CH 5 pm Sunday School: Rm 6 5 pm Koinonia: FR	29 6:30 pm Tai Chi: PH 8:00 pm AA: FR	30 11:30 am Chapel: CH	31 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 3:30 Chapel: CH 7 pm Choir:FR	CH = Church PH = Parish Hall FR = Fireside Room BPSAS = Preschool & AfterSchool OFC = Office Church	SME = St. Mark's Episcopal AV = Atterdag Village of Solvang	

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Robert Laufer

Sunday Schedule  
9:30 am Worship  
5:00 pm Koinonia  
5:00 pm Sunday School



**RUMMAGE**

**SALE**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 27**

SHOP FOR A GOOD CAUSE #HELPHOUSTON

**7AM - 2PM**

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The poster features a dark wood-grain background. At the top, the word 'RUMMAGE' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, the word 'SALE' is spelled out using four brown paper tags with holes at the top, hanging from a teal string. The letters on the tags are 'S' (cyan), 'A' (red), 'L' (yellow), and 'E' (green). Below the tags, the date 'SATURDAY JANUARY 27' is written in white, bold letters. Underneath the date is a red banner with the text 'SHOP FOR A GOOD CAUSE #HELPHOUSTON' in white. Below the banner, the time '7AM - 2PM' is written in yellow, bold letters. At the bottom, the address and phone number are listed in white text.