

# The Beacon

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### Pastor Chris's Message

I've been watching the news a lot over the last couple weeks, engrossed yet again in the coverage of our country's latest mass shooting, in which 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School died. If watching coverage of the shooting wasn't enough, I've also (foolishly) engaged in social media debates about gun violence in our country. For me, it's the same as last time – the same arguments, the same points, the same anger and tribalism. I'm somewhat overcome with the feeling that our country is heading to a bad place with a dark ending.

And then I think of Lent and I think of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. I think about how his disciples were embroiled with their own agendas. This was the Messiah they were following and he was going to restore the Kingdom of God to Israel, he was going to drive out the Romans and take up his rightful place as king, and the disciples were going to be at his right hand with status and power. And while they were heading to Jerusalem with Jesus and entertaining their own fantasies of grandeur, Jesus knew he was heading to the cross – Jesus knew he was heading to a bad place with a dark ending.

As I watch the news and see the same old arguments and anger and tribalism that I think not-coincidentally has some influence in the violence we see, I want to cry. My heart is so heavy with sadness that I can feel it in the pit of my chest, banging to come out. I think this is what Jesus must have been feeling as he was walking towards Jerusalem – to a bad place with a dark ending.

Yet the truth of the Easter story is that while Jesus, being accompanied by his disciples, was walking to an ending, a destination, a goal, he was walking his disciples to a beginning. For Jesus, Jerusalem was where it ended, but for the disciples, Jerusalem was where it would begin.

You see, as people we are oriented to end points, destinations, and goals. We've taken this as Christians and turned heaven into a place we go after life. For some Christians, they've envisioned an endpoint to this entire world that culminates in Jerusalem. And with recent events in our country, it seems like we might be getting close to that time. Except... Jerusalem was an ending for Jesus, but for all of us it is a beginning.

We may not be aware, but faith is not about an ending, a goal, or a destination, it is about the experience. Faith is about recognizing the moments that feel like we are heading to a bad place, or a dark ending, and realizing those moments might be our Jerusalem when we're being led not to an ending, but to a beginning. That is the story of Easter. As I've

watched the news over this last shooting and as I've been overcome with sadness and exhaustion and an impending feeling of no resolve, something different was happening this time around. Students from Stoneman Douglas High were holding rallies, giving speeches, taking to social media to share their stories and their resolve that something needs to be done in response to the perpetual mass shootings our country faces. They organized walk-outs, drove to their state capital, met with the president and have hit the ground running. When much of our country has felt like this was heading us to a bad place with a dark ending, these kids reminded us that these heart-wrenching moments do not have to suck the Spirit from us, but rather can feed the Spirit within us and move us forward to creating spaces of respect, empathy, compassion, love, and peace. Not an ending; a beginning.

That is the story of Easter.

**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 meets at 5 pm in the Fireside Room on Sundays. 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!**

## **Lenten Soup Supper**

Whether you have successfully devoted yourself to a Lenten practice this year, or remembered you gave up sugar half way through a giant slice of cheesecake, it's never too late to join us for Lenten Soup Supper. It's a nice way to experience fellowship and devotion over a simple soup supper surrounded by loving people. We meet every Wednesday at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Our last soup supper this year will be March 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **Easter Lilies**

If you would like to have a dedication in the bulletins and provide an Easter lily for worship, please fill out the form below and include payment of \$7. We will be getting twenty lilies this year.

I/We would like to provide # \_\_\_\_\_ lily/lilies

In memory of/In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed.

# Holy Week at Bethania

Holy Week helps the current participant navigate through Jesus' journey through Jerusalem that ends on the cross and continues through the resurrection. The church's liturgy is a way to guide us through the senses to experience this journey today. Join us for Holy Week as we once again partner with our siblings at St. Mark's to experience the promise of God through Jesus Christ. See service information below:

<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	March 29	St. Mark's	Supper	6 pm
			Service	7 pm
<b>Good Friday</b>	March 30	Bethania	Service	7 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	March 31	Bethania	Chalk Drawing	10 am
			Wear old clothes and bring something to kneel upon, if desired.	
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	March 31	St. Mark's	Service	8 pm
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	April 1	Bethania	Services	9 am & 11am

**\* Please note the time change to Easter Sunday. The first service will be at 9 am, NOT 9:30**

## Ministry at Bethania

### Youth & Family Ministry

**Hello Bethania,**

Vacation Bible School will be July 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Our theme is **"Shipwrecked"**

Volunteer and supplies list will be available at our first meeting on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am - 12 pm. Last year we had a blessing of volunteers help us make the event such a hit. We look forward to another successful week!

Confirmation will be meeting Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm-5 pm in our Fireside Room. All middle school aged students are invited to learn more about the Bible and discover their own path of faith. Our next youth and family trip will be a hike at the Sedgwick Nature Preserve on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please pack a water bottle and lunch for after our hike.

Some of our Houston attendees are serving at the Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday evenings (2/21-3/21). All donations will go to fund our trip.

Youth Group will be offering an Interior Auto Detailing service for church members on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 am. Reservations (\$20/vehicle) can be made the week prior during coffee hour. Youth Group will be meeting in the fireside room from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm that Sunday as well.

In Houston, 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 to be a part of. We still happily accept donations and are grateful for any

amount. 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.

Chalk Drawing will be happening again this year!! It's been fun participating in it each year Pastor Chris & I have been here. This year will be extra special with Vesper joining. All youth & Family can come, choose a square, and unleash their Easter creativity in chalk. Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 10 am!!!

The Rummage Sale was a huge success for our fundraising to Houston. We appreciate all of the items donated, the volunteers who donated their time and effort. We are so grateful to have a beautiful congregation to be our foundation of growth & change in the community.

With Love,

**Livier (Liv-EE-air) Ghamari-Brown**

**Director of Youth & Family Ministry**

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[livierghamari@yahoo.com](mailto:livierghamari@yahoo.com)

## **Bethania Preschool & After School**

So what's the number one thing happening at the Preschool and After School in March? It's our Third Annual Touch-a-Truck event!! Come join the fun on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 10 am. There will be lots to do and lots to see!! Have a pizza, take a picture in the photo booth, enjoy a Kona Ice, and touch trucks! Last year almost 1000 people came to the event in the Church parking lots, come and see what it is all about.

Other excitement in March will be a visit from those mischievous leprechauns! Each year they come to the Preschool and leave it in a big mess! The children enjoy seeing their classrooms "tossed" and "turned" and hunting for the "gold" left behind.

We will be having Spring Pictures taken on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. As we welcome Spring, our classrooms will be filling up with Springtime crafts, always a fun time of year. We continue to work with our Pre-K children getting them Kindergarten ready for a success in Elementary School.

Lastly we will be closed on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday. Hope to see you on March 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Blessings

**Eileen Knotts, Director**

## **Truck Quilt Raffle and The Habit**

Got a Truck enthusiast in your family? Check out this unique wall hanging quilt (see next page), tickets are available at the Touch-A-Truck event on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. to benefit Bethania Preschool and After School Care. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. See Kathy Walsh or Eileen Knotts for tickets. Take the flier on the next page to The Habit, March 5 from 4-10 pm. 20% of proceeds will benefit Bethania Preschool & After School.



**BETHANIA PRESCHOOL  
& AFTER SCHOOL**

*Presents a fundraiser event at*

**the  
Habit<sup>®</sup>  
BURGER GRILL**

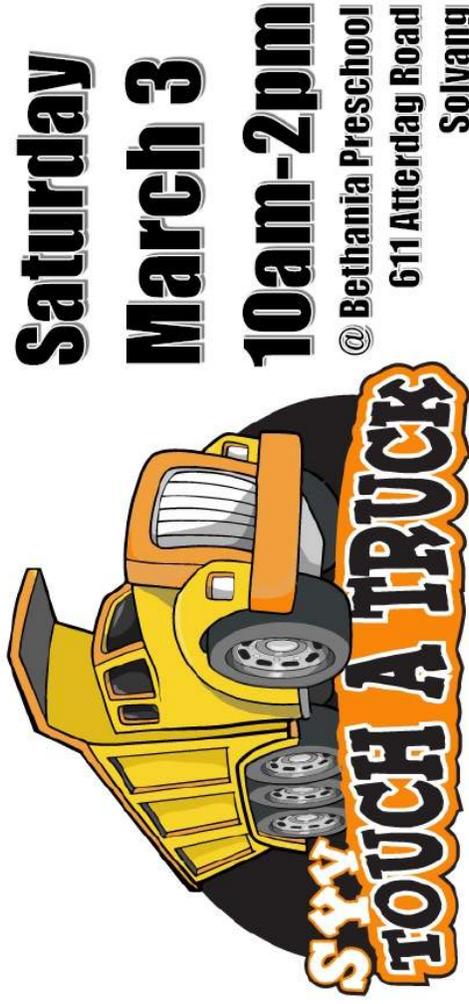
205 E. Highway 246  
Buellton, CA 93427

**Monday 3/5/18, 4:00 pm -10:00pm**

*Join us and enjoy delicious Charburgers,  
sandwiches, salads and shakes*

PRESENT THIS FLYER WHEN YOU ORDER AND WE WILL  
DONATE 20% OF THE RECEIPTS GENERATED  
TO YOUR ORGANIZATION!

**A family event for all ages!**



**Saturday**

**March 3**

**10am-2pm**

@ Bethania Preschool  
611 Atterdag Road  
Solvang

- 3 parking lots FULL of safety, construction, farming, & specialty trucks
- Bounce houses by M&J Jumpers • Face painting by Crystal
- Tower Pizza & Kona Ice food concessions • Petting Zoo
- Kids Safety Day activities - low-cost bike helmets from Cottage Hospital
- No horn hour from 10-11am for sensitive ears
- Rain or shine event - everything is more fun with rain boots anyways!

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

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

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To Benefit Bethania Preschool & Afterschool

## Ministry in the Community and Around the World

### Iglesia's Families & A Food Angel

Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz serves many families in their congregation with what they need daily to survive. The people who attend Iglesia Luterana in Santa Maria are the poorest of the poor in our area.

In addition to our regular donors, we have a "Food Angel" who flies through the area and gets us great items when they are available. We have received such diverse items as prepared deli food, crackers, cereal, day old bread and snacks for the families.

Recently we delivered 201 lbs. of food and other items from the "Souperbowl-Toilet Bowl" held at Bethania on Superbowl Sunday, and 98 lbs of food and 5 lbs. of personal care items on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Esteban and his wife Angie distributed bread, deli food and other items to those who came to their Ash Wednesday service from the Valentine's Day delivery.

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, these items are the most needed by priority:

**5 lb. bags of Masa (corn) or White Flour**

**Bags of Dried Pinto Beans**

**Canned Chicken** (*no tuna, please!*)

**Feminine Hygiene Products**

**Cleaning Supplies**

**Peanut Butter**

**Breakfast Cereal and Breakfast Bars**

**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)**

**Toilet Paper**

**Packaged Cookies**

**Microwave Popcorn**

**Juice (Apple Fruit Punch, Lemonade, Orangeade)**

**Snack Crackers**

**5 lb. bags of White Rice**

**Canola Oil**

**Diapers (any size, age)**

**Laundry Detergent**

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**

## **“Chill-Out” for Iglesia**

The raffle tickets to help buy a new refrigerator for Iglesia Luterana (part of a Thrivent Action Team Project) are selling briskly. I have visited Gloria Dei in Orcutt, Mt. Carmel in San Luis Obispo and will visit Calvary in Morro Bay, Bethel and Iglesia Luterana in Santa Maria.

### **Just an update about prizes -**

**1st Prize** - Two tickets to “Mamma Mia” at Theaterfest July 28  
and a \$75 Visa card for dinner

**2nd Prize** - Two bottles of wine from Casa Cassara and a box of Ingeborg's chocolates

**3rd Prize** - \$25 gift certificate to Olsen's Bakery

**4th Prize** - Three pairs of socks from The Sock Loft

**5th Prize** - \$25 gift card to Doc Bernstein's Ice Cream Lab  
(in Orcutt, Arroyo Grande or San Luis Obispo)

Raffle tickets are \$5 each and are available by contacting me at 805-688-4637 or [kristyl-downey@gmail.com](mailto:kristyl-downey@gmail.com). The drawing will be held March 14.

Thanks for “chilling out” for Iglesia!

**- Kristyl Downey**

## **Rummage Sale Rewards**

Following Bethania's fantastic Rummage Sale, there were plenty of items left to be donated elsewhere. Caro Stinson and Nancy Puder kindly loaded up some clothing and other items and took them up to Iglesia. They set up tables and the congregation got to “shop” right after their worship service. “Made lots of people very happy, including Nancy and me,” Caro said. Thank you so much, ladies!

## **Noisy Sunday: Making Change Count on March 25**

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 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 25<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 nights of emergency shelter for women and children.
- Answered crisis calls.
- Helped victims get legal assistance.
- Responded to 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, and continue to contribute notions to the women's shelter and to victims of domestic violence.

Concentrating on women's issues here in our Santa Barbara County, domestic violence touches the lives of women and children daily. **The cycle of violence** depicts a pattern often experienced in abusive relationships. The three phases repeat over and over. Domestic violence is a pattern of abuse in an intimate relationship that escalates over time. The cycle of violence is inter-generational. It not only repeats itself in an abusive relationship, it repeats itself by emerging in the relationships of people who experienced and witnessed violence in their homes growing up. Domestic Violence Solutions of Santa Barbara County commits 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

- 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.

*We all really "make change for the better" with the Noisy Sunday! **So bring your coins and make some noise on March 25<sup>th</sup>**. Together, we can CHANGE a woman's world - and change our world as well.*

– **Linda Marzullo**

## Events and Happenings

### Bethania's Book Group

Bethania's book group is reading and discussing What is the Bible? for our March book group meeting on March 13 at 2 pm (Parish Hall or office depending on weather), please read.

### Endowment Fund Scholarships Available

**Heads Up...to Bethania's graduating high school seniors and their families!** The Bethania Lutheran Church **Endowment Fund** will once again be offering **scholarships** to graduating seniors. Applications are available at Santa Ynez Valley Union High School, Alexa Restad. Completed Applications must be mailed by March 21<sup>st</sup>. Any questions, please contact Carolyn Petersen at 688-6243.

### "Revolutionary Women" - American Lives: History Brought to Life

Meet a camp follower from Virginia, a loyalist spy in South Carolina and a soldier from Massachusetts - Friday, March 16, 2018 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. General admission is \$15, seniors 60 and older and students: \$10. Children 12 and under: free. Proceeds Benefit a SYV Union High School Scholarship recipient. Tickets available (cash only) at: The Book Loft, Home Connection and First Street Leather. Presented by P.E.O. Chapter XH. For additional information contact: Sue Watkins, 805-680-2965.

## Gather Bible Study

The "Gather" Bible Study will be held at 10:30 am in the Atterdag Lounge at Atterdag Village. The topic is "The Good Samaritan," found in Luke 10:30-37. This study is included in the March "Gather" magazine, pp. 20-25. For a copy of this study, please call Anabelle Dalberg, 688-4687.

## Theo Pub

Theology Pub meets March 8 at 7 pm at Solvang Brewing Company. Enjoy the beer, the appetizers, the company and the discussion. Everyone is welcome.

## Postils for Preaching

### Commentaries on the Revised Common Lectionary

Pastor John Rollefson has completed and published his series of Commentaries on the Revised Lectionary for pastors to assist them in their time-honored calling of the word. These essays aim to be sermon-starters, goads and incitements to consider the assigned texts with serious imagination and good humor, all in the context of the church year and its inter-textual connections. The intention of this publication is to dip into a lifetime of that exegetical and homiletical "bag of tricks" as Jesus himself obliquely recommended when he noted how "every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old" (Matt 13:52). Please consider these postils a "thesaurus" ("treasury") from which to borrow insights, references, and allusions as needed and found of value.

**Orders:** Contact your favorite bookseller or order directly from the publisher via phone (541) 344-1528, fax (541) 344-1506 or e-mail at [orders@wipfandstock.com](mailto:orders@wipfandstock.com)

## Fastelavn in Brief - Kristyl Downey



If you came to Fastelavn, Feb. 11, you probably had a Danish hot dog, Fastelavn Boller, took a couple of swings at the Fastelavn barrels, and if you were a child, paraded in costume. If you stayed long enough, you also participated in the Grand March to honor Cat-King, Owen Andersen, the Cat-Queen, Jeanelle Needham, and the Cat-Prince, Erik Thompson - who were the strong ones who broke open the barrels.

We also had a wine and beer bar, small silent auction, 50/50 raffle and a drawing for a trip to Universal Studios. Our popcorn machine was up and popping and we had cookies from the Danish Sisterhood.

Leading up to Fastelavn there was a genuine, palpable sense of excitement. Tickets in advance sold quickly and steadily as well as at the door. Everyone was abuzz - talking about Fastelavn "back in the day," wondering yet knowing this one would meet expectations.

I took the opportunity to ask some of the planners a few questions. PC = Pastor Chris, MC = Mindi Christian (replying for herself, Glenda Madrid and Betty Petersen), RL = Robert Laufer, KD = Kristyl Downey

**KD: How did you come up with the idea of the Fastelavn event?**

**PC:** About 2 years ago Kate Nielsen asked if I would consider doing a Fastelavn festival at Bethania again, and since then it's been on my mind. I thought it would be a good fundraiser, but before I could offer it, Mindi, Glenda, and Betty spoke up and suggested doing it as a fundraiser.

**MC:** Glenda, Betty & I have talked about wanting to bring this event back for several years. When ideas for church fundraisers were being discussed it seemed like it could be a really nice family event.

**KD: What was your favorite part of Fastelavn?**

**MC:** I loved the overall feeling of the event. Full-house, attended by young & old, colorful decor, lots of laughter, and best of all, sharing a bit of Danish tradition with the community.

**PC:** I would parallel Mindi's comments on what my favorite part of Fastelavn was.

**RL:** The overall atmosphere was very festive and fun, kind of like the Halloween party with more adults. The beer and wine added a lot and luckily nobody had too much. The barrel breaking was a lot of fun.

**KD:** I enjoyed the Danish hot dogs with the toppings. I loved the decorations on the curly willow branches. I really loved seeing the great big smiles of everyone having fun. I took a lot of pictures of everyone enjoying the evening.

**KD: Did it meet or surpass your expectations?**

**PC:** Definitely surpassed expectations as far as what was raised and, most importantly, how much fun everyone had!

**MC:** Surpassed expectations.

**RL:** I didn't know what to expect so I hate to say it surpassed expectations, but I definitely had a good time.

**KD: Will we do it again?**

**PC:** I also think we'll be doing this every year from now on.

**MC:** Would love to do it again.

**RL:** I think this should be an annual event.

**KD:** I hope so!

## Thank You's

The Fastelavn Committee would like to thank all those who attended the event on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. We had a full-house and lots of fun. We would like to thank the following for their generous donation of time and materials.

**Gene Madsen** - Barrels      **Allan Laugesen** - Barrel Stand      **Bent Olsen** - Fastelavn Boller  
**David & Lisa Pedersen** - Music/Kitchen  
**Raelynn Pedersen** - Kitchen      All Cookie Bakers      **Fig Mountain Brewery**  
**Solvang Brewing Company**      **Casa Cassara Winery**      **Carolyn Martin** - Black cats

### Silent Auction Donors - Thank you!

**Alisal Guest Ranch**      **Solvang Children's Shop**      **Gypsy Studios**  
**Brittany Taylor Photography**      **Mattei's Tavern**      **Tom & Carolyn Petersen**  
**Kindermusik**      **John & Betty Petersen**      **Marie Jaeger**  
**Lisa Kekuewa**      **Glenda Madrid**      **Mindi Christian**

The Fundraising Committee would also like give a special thanks to Mindi Christian, Glenda Madrid, and Betty Petersen for leading the Fastelavn Fundraiser, as well as all their hard work. And, to the Memorials Committee for providing funds to offset the costs.

## From the Society of St. Vincent De Paul Council of Los Angeles To: Bethania Lutheran Church

I am so grateful to you for your compassion and support of our emergency request to help rebuild Circle V. Your generous gift of \$2000 to St. Vincent de Paul means that hundred of at-risk youth will be able to return home next summer.

The Whittier Fire burned its way through thousands of acres of Santa Barbara County, devastating our beloved Circle V Ranch Camp. The road is long and the task at hand mighty, but the commitment of our Camp Director, Ray Lopez and his team to Rebuild, Reopen and Restore the essential camp experience is unwavering.

Because of you and your generosity we are on our way to rebuilding this critical ministry. Your gift tells our campers they are important, they are empowered, and they are loved.

God bless your love for our Circle V Camp,  
**David R. Fields, Executive Director**

## From: The Boy Scouts of America, Los Padres Council To: Bethania Lutheran Church

On behalf of the nearly 3,000 Scouts registered with Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America, I would like to extend a heartfelt "thank-you" for your contribution of \$2,000 to our recent recovery efforts at Camp Rancho Alegre because of the Whittier Fire. The Whittier Fire completely devastated Camp Rancho Alegre and The Outdoor School. The property means a lot to scouting, youth and the community. Not only as it been the summer camping destination for countless scouts for nearly fifty years, it has forged memories and friendships for youth that have or will last a lifetime.

It's important that the tradition continues for years to come and we are working toward rebuilding the camp. Looking ahead we see this as an opportunity to make the updates the camp has needed for some time to serve our entire community and all our families while enhancing their Scouting experience at Rancho Alegre.

**Yours in Scouting,  
Carlos Cortez, CEO/Executive**

**From: SYV Salvation Army Service Extension  
To: Bethania Lutheran Church**

On behalf of the SYV Salvation Army Service Extension Committee, I would like to thank you for your continued and generous financial contributions. Your donation of \$1500 enabled us to continue our work here in the Valley by sending 20 local kids to the Salvation Army's Camp Gilmore last summer, provide over 200 food certificates to about 1000 persons locally and shelter for two families of domestic violence. It also helps fund our Emergency Assistance voucher program, allocated through our local sheriff's department and CHP offices.

**Charlie Uhrig, Community Resource Deputy, City of Solvang  
Chairman, SYV Salvation Army Service Extension**

## **Thumbnail Portrait - Carolyn Schuit**



Carolyn was born in Long Beach and lived there for ten years. Her father was an insurance adjuster and her mother was in real estate. Carolyn was a big sister to Pamela, and often involved in caring for her.

The family moved to West Covina, where Carolyn went to high school. She was an avid volleyball player, competing in league play throughout her high school years. Family cross country trips inspired her love of travel in later years.

After high school graduation, she enrolled at Cal Poly in Pomona, majoring in English. Her first job after graduating from Cal Poly was working at Sambo's Restaurant in Carpinteria. Additional jobs were with Flavia Greeting cards in Sales and Customer Service and serving for 18 years as

office manager at Dr. John Conti's dental office, also in Carpinteria. She retired from Hazelwood Transfer and Storage in 2009, working as a bookkeeper/office manager.

In 2011, after living in Carpinteria for 35 years, she bought a fixer-upper on Laurel Ave. in Solvang. She is busy there, researching the history of the house and inhabitants, cleaning and remodeling. In looking for her dream home, she wanted a unique house in a small community with services and stores nearby. Her hobbies include gardening, acrylic painting, walking, and sewing. She is writing a book about her family's genealogy, another interest that consumes her spare time. Carolyn has traveled to England, studying a summer at Cambridge University. She has visited Canada, Mexico, and Ireland and most recently, trav-

eled with Linda Johansen to Greece and Scotland. She has two sons: Timothy, who lives in Santa Barbara and Christopher, who lives in Portland, Oregon.

Prior to joining Bethania, Carolyn was an Episcopalian, attending All Saints by the Sea in Montecito for many years. She has attended Bethania since the beginning of the year, learning Lutheran liturgy and adjusting to the lack of kneeling benches. She likes the people, pastor, and the involvement in community projects. As she has more time, she looks forward to volunteering more in the church and community.

Welcome Carolyn to the Bethania family the next time you see her at church.

- **Emmy Abello**

## **Church Business**

The Council received a report that the work on the church entry light is progressing and that the cost will be about \$300 to repair, convert to LED and add a daylight sensor.

New check signers have been approved to reflect changes on the council with departing members being removed from the list. Ron assured the council that he and Pastor Chris review all the checks to ensure that they are correct and needed. This provides a check and balance to the bookkeeper's work.

The Memorials Committee brought a motion to change the wording of their Purpose and Procedures to restrict funding to wish list items and exclude general fund items. This led to a lengthy discussion of the distinction between such items and when does wish list become a necessary maintenance item making it General Fund. Also there was the concern over circumstances, as has happened at Peace Lutheran Lompoc, where the wish list out grew the designated funding stream and ultimately nothing gets done. The change was eventually rejected. Stewart Fries and Ron Walsh will be meeting with Memorial Committee to find a more appropriate description.

**Respectfully,**  
**Robert Laufer, Church Council President**

## **Treasurer's Report - January 2018 Financial Statements**

### **Balance Sheet**

- The cash in the general checking at the end of January was \$2,415. This was after transferring \$10,000 from the money market fund to the checking account, and catching up on all bills that were left unpaid at the end of December due to lack of cash.
- The cash in the money market fund was at \$99,259. This reflects the transfer to general checking, as well as additional funds coming in from the youth fund and the Farstrup - Mortensen lecture series.
- All other liabilities are current with no past due amounts due, with the normal exception of the pension liability.
- The balance sheet has not yet been adjusted for the gains in both the endowment fund and the cemetery fund. Those will be done during the month of February to reflect the 2017 year end balances.

## **Profit and Loss Budget Performance**

### **Income:**

- Other income was up by \$4,527 due to the income from the youth rummage sale. The cash was transferred to the money market fund, so that income does not actually belong to the church's operations as it is designated.
- Member offerings were down by \$999 from the budget and non-member offerings were down by \$50 from budget. Overall offerings were at 94% of budget for the first month.
- Other receipts were up by \$6,718, due to a \$5,000 gift that Pastor Chris's church in Chicago gave as a donation to the Thomas Fire/Mudslide victims. The remaining \$1,718 was donated as part of the vigil that was conducted for the same purpose. The cash was distributed through other benevolence to the United Way's Fire Victim's Fund. Again, this money was a pass through and does not impact our operating statement.
- Overall income was 94% of budget (after removing the youth fund and the other mission receipts as designated funds).

### **Expenses:**

- Benevolence was over budget for the reasons listed above.
- Salary & benefits were on budget at 100%
- Staff expenses were on budget.
- Office administration was over budget largely due to a one-time expenditure of a software program license fee that we use for our member giving reports.
- Property expenses were at 92% of budget.
- Utilities were significantly over budget, as we paid both the December and January utilities in January. (This was due to lack of cash at the end of the year.)
- Outreach expenses were up due to additional advertising for Christmas services (bill was not received or paid until January.)
- Worship & music expenses were up due to a repair to the organ.
- Overall we were at 103% of expenses compared to 94% of income.

### **Overall:**

While it is too early to tell, we continue to have a concern over member giving. To be below budget for the first month is not where we want to be. May God continue to bless us as we move forward in our mission and ministry. Thanks to all our faithful members and staff for their continued support.

**- Ron Walsh, Treasurer**

## In Our Hearts, In Our Prayers

**For Comfort During Grief for the Family and Loved Ones of Lise Bates.** Lise died Feb. 18, 2018. Service times for Lise will be via email and in the Sunday bulletin.

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

**On-Going Prayer Concerns:** Baby Leo (Iglesia Luterana), Joe & Pat Bode, Barbara Boyd, Annette Clausen, Mary Conners, Caylin, Katy & Kay Corlee, Dolores Dederding, David Eck, George Eckman, Terri Elwess, Armando Franco, Chris Frederiksen, Debbie Fritts, Chris Gideon, Pat Green, Kathy Hackler, Michael Jech, Robert & Gail Jennings, Steve Johnstone, Chris Kaping, Kate Knotts, Duane Lamberton, Stephanie Larrabee, Ethel Litwiler, Betsy & Steve Logan, Rick Marzullo, Brian Merrick, Denise Morris, Roger Myers, Marie Ostersag, Doyle Phillips, Audrey Robinson, Jean Stelling, Dave & Theresa Tannascoli, Alisha & Anna Marie Wilson and Robert Workman

## Photos



To the left: Candlelight Vigil for Victims of the Montecito Debris Flow



Above and to the left: SouperBowl/Toilet Bowl



To the Left:  
Ash Wednesday

# Fastelavn

Our favorite cheerleader!



Costume Contest



Above: Decorations



A Full House



Above & Below: The Grand March



Owen Andersen about to become Cat-King





# March 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedn'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CH = Church PH = Parish Hall FR = Fireside Room BPSAS = Preschool & AfterSchool OFC = Office Church	SME = St. Mark's Episcopal AV = Atterdag Village of Solvang			1 12 noon-2 pm Jodi House:PH	2	3 10 am - 2 pm Touch- A-Truck Event in the parking lots, PH & FR
4  9:30 am Worship: CH 10:45 am Coffee Hour:PH 11 am VBS Mtg: FR 5 pm Sunday School: Rm 6 5 pm Koinonia: FR	5 4-10 pm fundraiser for Bethania BPAS at The Habit, Buellton 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	6	7 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 6 pm Dinner Church: PH 7 pm Choir:FR	8 9 am Conference Clergy Mtg 12 noon-2 pm Jodi House:PH 7 pm Theo Pub: Solvang Brewing Co.	9	10  Youth Group @ Sedgewick Ranch
11  <b>2 am Daylight Saving            Time Begins</b> 9:30 am Worship: CH 5 pm Sunday School: Rm 6 3-5 pm Confirmation: FR	12 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	13  Organ Tuning:CH  2 pm Book Group: PH	14 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 12:45 pm Quilting: PH 6 pm Dinner Church: PH	15 10 am Communion: AV 10:30 am Gather Bible Study:AV 12 noon-2 pm Jodi House:PH 7 pm Council Meeting: FR	16  7 pm Revoution -ary Women Presentati on:PH	17
18  9:30 am Worship 5 pm Sunday School: Rm 6 5 pm Koinonia: FR	19 5:15 pm Grief Group: SME 6:30 pm Tai Chi: PH 8:00 pm AA: FR	20  12 Beacon: Deadline: OFC	21 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 6 pm Dinner Church: PH 7 pm Choir:FR	22 12 noon-2 pm Jodi House:PH	23	24  Alpha Pi Enchilada Sale:KIT
25 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:30 am Worship & Noisy Offering: CH 3 pm Youth Group:FR 5 pm Sunday School: Rm 6 5 pm Koinonia: FR	26 6:30 pm Tai Chi: PH 8:00 pm AA: FR	27	28 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel: CH 7 pm Choir:FR	29 <b>Maundy            Thursday</b> 6 pm Dinner & 7 pm Service at St. Mark's	30 <b>Good            Friday</b> 7 pm Service: CH	31 10 am Chalk Drawing in front of the Church

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Barbara Kargard  
Ann Tucker

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



*Palm Sunday - March 25*

*Procession of Palms & Passion Reading*

*Maundy Thursday - March 29*

*Dinner at 6 pm & Service at 7 pm*  
*at St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

*Good Friday - March 30*

*Tenebrae Service at 7pm*

*Easter Saturday - March 31*

*Chalk Drawing 10 am in front of the Church*

*Easter - April 1*

*Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am*