

The Beacon

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Pastor Chris's Message

One of the things I love about being a pastor are the people I get to connect with who are not Christians. Most of the time these interactions are predicated on their perceptions of Christianity as informed by what they see in the media, news outlets, or very enthusiastic friends. What I enjoy most about these conversations are how honest these people are about their perceptions, and most especially about their struggles with Christianity. I have found one of the best ways to engage people with the love of God is to be open and honest about the shortcoming of God's people.

Often in my interactions with non-church folk, when they find out I'm a pastor they assume that I'm going to try to evangelize to them and convert them to Christianity. It takes a while for barriers to come down when this happens, but what usually breaks those barriers are when I find the connections we have as a Christian and non-Christian, when I can honor their experiences as meaningful and fulfilling, just as I feel about my own faith-filled experiences. Through this kind of sharing I think they find that I'm not interested in evangelizing, but simply in encountering another soul in this world and learning from one another.

Through these conversations I've found that there's quite a big disconnect between what a lot of non-church folk think our understanding of Christianity is and what I experience it to be (and possibly you too). Here are some misconceptions I encounter regularly:

- * We are anti-science. We do not accept the theory of evolution, the Big Bang theory, or ecological concerns.
- * We believe the world was created 6,000 years ago in seven 24-hour days through one man and one woman named Adam and Eve.
- * We are focused on moral living. People need to act according to prescribed morals as laid down in the bible.
- * Our mission is to save people from the wrath of God and help secure their place in an afterlife called Heaven.
- * People who do not believe in or accept Jesus will go to an afterlife called Hell.
- * People need to make changes to their lifestyle before God will love them.
- * People must act before they receive.

There are many more, but these are some of the primary struggles people have with Christianity. It's tough to help people know a loving God when the God they keep hearing about is so conditional. It's also difficult to help people understand grace, when they hear that they must first meet certain criteria to achieve such a gift. When I come into contact

with these perceptions, I'm frankly astounded at how surprised people are when I tell them not only is that not what we believe, but that's not what most Christians believe.

Now here's the thing: I'm a pastor and I'm quite public about my profession, which is not hard in such a small town. I come into contact with these kinds of perceptions all the time and feel well equipped to respond to them. I would guess that's not the same for most people. Yet, I still find myself surprised that these are common perceptions of the Church. I wonder if maybe it's because we are too quiet about who we are; not vocally telling people who we are, but showing people who we are.

The Church that Jesus sends to all of creation is a church that speaks in action and love more than doctrine and belief, and I fear that for too long now our churches have been sharing this salvific love with each other, but not with others. When God's Church is God's hands and feet in the world, we no longer have to worry about defending Christianity when it comes into contact with these honest perceptions people have, but instead can find the space to be authentic about our brokenness, ask for forgiveness for where we have stayed from our mission, and genuinely show people God's true love and grace for all creation. When we can do that, I think we can show people who we are meant to be.

**Yours in Christ,
Pastor Chris**

Ministry at Bethania

Youth and Family Ministry

Happy Summer Season Bethania!

Confirmation will formally reconvene Sunday, Sept. 9th in the Fireside Room. Over the summer we plan to have a lot of fun planned like beach trips, going to the movies, and getting to know each other more.

"Shipwrecked" Vacation Bible School will be July 16th-20th. Dinner is served from 5:30 pm - 6 pm (\$5/meal or \$20/week) and camp will be 6 pm - 8 pm. Please register today as a participant or volunteer by visiting us at www.bethanialutheran.net

Here are some decorating supplies we will be collecting in **July**. Due to storage space, we can only collect in **July**.

- green plants (fake preferred; if alive, must be in a pot)
- fabric flowers
- brown craft paper
- large pieces of styrofoam
- wicker brown netting
- brown paper grocery bags
- gray & black spray paint
- pool noodles
- Volunteers**

Another decorating meeting and VBS volunteer orientation meeting will be planned and emails will go out.

VBS decorating meeting will be Sunday, June 10th during coffee hour.

VBS volunteer orientation meeting will be Sunday June 24th during coffee hour.

Our flights are booked!! Our hotel is booked!! Our registration fees are paid!! We are set for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston June 27th - July 1st.

In Houston, we will participate in service learning projects and make a transformative experience for our youth participants. It will be a great faith building and learning opportunity to be a part of.

With God's Love,

Livier (Liv-EE-air) Ghamari-Brown, Director of Youth & Family Ministry

[\(909\) 962-9366](tel:9099629366)

livierghamari@yahoo.com

Bethania Preschool & After School

We end another School year with June upon us. Our last day of the 2017-18 School Year will be on June 7. This is also the day of our Year End Program. It will be held at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. The children will be introducing themselves and telling us what they want to be when they grow up. Along with doctors, teachers and veterinarians we have princesses, Captain America and "my mom". They will then sing songs that they have been practicing since the first of May. Please join us for a fun evening.

Our Summer Session for the Preschool begins on Monday, June 11. During the summer months, we do not introduce any new learning, but keep current on what we learned during the school year. We have lots of outdoor and indoor activities to keep us busy.

The Summer Camp for our school-age children also begins on June 11. We have a full day program (7:30 am - 5:45 pm), a three-quarter day program (7:30 am - 3 pm), and a half day program (7:30 am - 1 pm). Daily activities include indoor play, outdoor play, organized games, cooking projects, arts and crafts. We provide a wide variety of activities so the children are active all day. Games, books, puzzles, manipulative etc., and art materials are available at all times. We are also hoping to have "incoming field trips" to enhance the program. We also have several field trips in to Solvang to various stores, shops and bakeries.

Happy Father's Day!!

"The greatest gift I ever had came from God; I call him Dad." ~ Anonymous

Blessings,

Eileen

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School "Shipwrecked"

Monday July 16th - Friday July 20th, 2018 @

5:30pm-8:00pm



Bethania Lutheran Church

603 Atterdag Rd. Solvang, CA 93463

Grades Kindergarten through Fifth will have a fun filled week at "Shipwrecked"

FREE Admission for all! Dinner is provided at \$5.00 each meal or \$20.00 for the week. Dinner is served from 5:30-6:00pm for kids.

If you have any questions please contact us at (805) 688-4637

**For more information visit:
www.bethanialutheran.net**

You can register through a link on our home page: www.bethanialutheran.net

Ministry in the Community and Around the World

Noisy Sunday is Coming: June 24th

Backpacks & Care Kits that will travel the world...

What is our donated change going to change this summer? We are going to help Lutheran World Relief make the world better for others, one backpack and one personal care kit at a time!

We will be using our Noisy Offering funds towards the purchase of needed items to make up Personal Care Kits and School Supply kits. (Assembly day will be Sept. 9th).

On June 24th, our jangling coins will be used to help purchase the most expensive parts of the kits (Backpacks and Towels). This is so that we can purchase these items in bulk to get the most items for our kits.

Send your quarters around the world in the form of a kit! All it takes is a toss into our Noisy Offering buckets during the special offering. We also ask you to consider contributing other needed items (See related article) as the summer rolls along and the special sales happen. Collection area will be in the Parish Hall or you can drop items at the church office.

LWR kits are a meaningful way to make a difference. By joining our coins and our donations together, we can turn ordinary items in extraordinary gifts. We will be helping children to attend school through our gifts of school supplies. We will be keeping people healthy in places where there is no access to soap and toothbrushes.

These items also help people dealing with some of life's most difficult situations –the aftermath of earthquakes, fires and floods. Kits are also sent to those fleeing to escape violence, and people living in extreme poverty. Our donations made into kits show we care.

Together, we can “change” our world, one coin at a time, one “Kit of Care” at a time.

– **Linda Marzullo**

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Iglesia's Food and Personal Care Needs

Support for Families in Need

Thank you all for continuing to support the field workers who attend our sister church in Santa Maria. Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz serves many families in their congregation and helps assist them 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.

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.

Food Drivers/Shoppers Welcome! If you would like to make a trip to Santa Maria to deliver some food, please contact me and let me know. Pastor Esteban and his wife Angie are very friendly and so appreciative of what we do to help the families in their congregation.

Recently a volunteer brought items up to Iglesia, and said it was so easy – in and out in 10 minutes so she had plenty of time to run to Costco and do her own errands. She expressed how wonderful Angie and Pastor Esteban were, and how grateful. Please let me know if you would like to be a part of this outreach.

We all need to become more educated about families who are the “working poor” and who struggle every day to feed their families in our back yard.

If you would like to donate, these items are the most needed by priority:

5 lb. bags of Masa (corn) or White Flour	5 lb. bags of White Rice
Bags of Dried Pinto Beans	Canola Oil
Canned Chicken (no tuna, please!)	Feminine Hygiene Products
Diapers (any size, age)	Cleaning Supplies
Laundry Detergent	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)	

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 1-805-688-3059 (home) or 1-805-688-5219 (work) or by email: vikingpressprint@verizon.net

- Linda Marzullo

Personal Care & School Supply Kit Items Needed!

We will be collecting items this summer for an assembly day of Personal Care Kits and School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief. (The assembly date will be Sept. 9th – mark your calendars!)

You can help people dealing with some of life's most difficult situations –the aftermath of earthquakes and floods, fleeing home to escape violence, and living in extreme poverty. When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, it's often to people who have lost everything. Natural disasters such as earthquakes and refugee camps are typical distribution areas for these kits. Around the world people suffer each day because of lack of basic hygiene. In refugee camps and in the world's poorest communities, a few simple items can mean the difference between sickness and health, and life and death.

Why school supplies? Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not. Public school is usually free, but in the places where LWR works, even a

few required supplies, like pens and paper, may be more than many families can afford. And when parents can only afford to send one of their children to school, girls rarely get priority... yet the education level of mothers has the biggest impact on development.

Here are the items we are collecting. Watch for sales this summer!

Items needed are:

For Personal Care Kits:

1. Bath size towels (light to medium weight, between 20"x40" & 27"x52"), dark colors preferred
2. Bars of soap (4-5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping – 2 per kit)
3. Toothbrush (adult size, in original packaging – bulk buys can be repackaged by us)
4. Comb, sturdy wide toothed
5. Nail clippers (with or without nail files)

For School Supply Kits:

70 sheet College ruled Notebooks (spiral bound)
Rulers with centimeters and inches
Pencil sharpeners
Blunt tip scissors
#2 Pencils
2-1/2" Erasers
Box of Crayons (16 or 24 count)

Bring your items to the donation box by the Sunday School office or to the church office.

If you have any questions, contact the church office or Linda Marzullo at work: 1-805-688-5219 or via email: vikingpressprint@verizon.net

Update on the Produce Table

The Produce Table is up and running and open Sunday mornings following worship service. Check out your yard and your neighbor's yards and see if there is anything that can be added to the Produce Table. Instead of surplus flowers, fruit and vegetables going to waste, offer to take them off your neighbor's hands and bring the items to the table.

So far in just four Sundays we have received \$240.10 in donations from our "shoppers". These funds will go to fight world hunger through the ELCA Good Gifts Program (baby chicks, fruit trees, goats, water wells, etc. plus the training to make it all happen).

Rosa (the Strawberry Lady on Alamo Pintado) has been very helpful with discounting strawberries for our Sunday morning Produce Table. If you need fruits, vegetables, cherries, artichokes, or mangoes, please also support her by purchasing these items at her fruit stand during the week.

Still needed: Clean Plastic bags for the table and Volunteers!

We still need additional Sunday morning table managers, and please think ahead to the months of July, August and September as I will need help harvesting during that time.

Let's keep the Produce Table as a source of blessings to many: those who have excess produce, those who wish to have a little garden time, and those who love access to flowers, fruit and veggies that are farm fresh. Most especially we appreciate all of our generous donors (shoppers)!

- **Carolynn Petersen**
1-805-688-6243

Out and About...

Bethania's Book Group

Bethania's book group is reading and discussing Rob Bell's What is the Bible? June 12 at 2 pm in the Parish Hall.

Congratulations To Another Bethania Graduate

Chase Hemming, University of California, Berkeley, Master's Degree

Congratulations to Pastor Chris

The Solvang Rotary Club acknowledged Pastor Chris for "Outstanding Community Involvement" at its May 1st meeting. The award recognizes a strong ethic and character in the workplace and in the community as well as making a difference every day.

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!**

Theo Pub

Theology Pub meets June 19 at 7 pm at Solvang Brewing Company. Join the group for beer (or other beverage), food and good conversation about "mysticism."

Gather Bible Study

The Gather Bible study will be held on Thursday, June 21 at 10:30 am in the Atterdag Lounge at Atterdag Village. The topic is "The Paradoxes of Prayer". The Bible text is 1 Samuel 12:12-23. This study is included in the June issue of the "GATHER" magazine pp. 20 - 23. All are welcome!

Memorials Requests

The Memorial/Tribute committee needs the help of members and committees to create a "Wish List" of items to benefit the projects, improvements or ministries at Bethania. No item is too big or too small, so put on your thinking caps.

We meet again Tuesday, June 19 at 2 pm in the church office to consider applications for funding. Please fill out the applications completely including all costs associated with the item, price, taxes, shipping, installation, etc.

Church Business

Council Highlights - May 17, 2018

Church Council recently went on retreat to consider updating the Church's mission statement and plan what we would like our church to be doing over the next five years. The groundwork for a mission statement was laid and should be finalized at the next council meeting.

There are a few minor changes in the works. The grass areas in front of the church office and behind the parish hall have greened up nicely in the winter, but will not stay that way as we continue to experience drought. Council has directed the Property Committee to look into making changes that would be water wise, low maintenance, and more attractive than brown grass.

The three toilets in the girl's restroom have been replaced due to their age and maintenance issues. One of the toilets in the boy's restroom also needs replacing and Council is looking into replacing both of them and one of the urinals that has regular problems as well.

Council is researching getting a new stove for the kitchen, which has been a concern for many. Aside from the occasional gas smell from one of the pilot lights blowing out, it appears the oven is not heating properly as well. We are currently getting bids on a commercial grade stove with a large oven and considering the addition of a convection oven as well.

There was a discussion on insurance concerns over vehicles that occasionally use the property but are not directly tied to the church. Such use includes elementary school parents that park in the lot while visiting the school and neighbors that park extra cars in the back lot. While we want to be good neighbors to the community and generally welcoming to all, there is the concern for liability in the event of an accident, theft, etc. We are in discussions

with our insurance company on the best way to mitigate these concerns which might be as simple as posting a sign.

Pastor expressed concern over the very limited supply of on-call pastors in the area. This has meant that he has not taken his allotted Sundays off as laid out in his contract in any of the three years that he has been here. One of the problems is the unique nature of our service, which means that visiting pastors cannot just use the service in the hymnal that they would be most used to. Since changing our service is not a viable option, council decided to let Pastor come up with a "service of Word and music" that would leave out communion and possibly the sermon, eliminating the need for an ordained pastor and allow the worship assistants to comfortably lead the service themselves. Such a service would not be very different from our regular service with the absence of communion and possibly the sermon.

The Executive Committee met for Pastor's annual review. After reviewing the level of accomplishment of the stated goals of the last year, the committee agreed to recommend a 3% raise for the upcoming year. This raise is only slightly ahead of the inflation rate and is within the Synod guidelines for pastoral compensation. Council considered the recommendation and passed it.

One last thing that the Council covered was the lack of cohesion between Council and the various church committees. It was decided that committee liaisons forward a copy of any committee meeting minutes to the Council President so that the Council is better informed. Council will continue to look at other possible changes to create more cohesion between Council and church committees. Some of these changes would require a change to the by-laws and would possibly be voted on at the November Congregational Meeting.

It has been a busy month, but we believe that our work will continue to glorify God and help the church run smoothly.

**Yours In Service,
Robert Laufer, Church Council President**

Treasurer's Report April 2018

Balance Sheet:

The cash position in the general checking account has improved to \$3,582 with all payables for the month current. This is an improvement of over \$5,000 from the previous month.

The money market fund has remained stable with \$92,402 in it.

Fund balances for cemetery, endowment, and heritage funds remain unchanged.

All liabilities are current with the exception of the pension liability, and all payables are current.

Profit & Loss Budget Performance:

Income:

Other income is slightly below budget for the month, but is up by over \$4,000 for the first four months. The increase is largely due to contributions to the youth fund for the Houston trip. Facility rentals are down by \$1,500, but are expected to rise through the summer months.

Offerings for the month were \$1,389 over budget, and we are at 100% of offering budget for the first four months. To God be the glory, with thanksgiving for our faithful members and their stewardship.

Other receipts are on budget for the month, and up for the first four months. This is due to the benevolence for the Thomas Fire that was donated to us and passed on for relief efforts.

Reimbursements from Bethania Preschool and After School for utilities, etc. is on budget for the month and at 99% for the year to date.

Overall income is \$1,106 ahead of the budget for the month, and is at 115% for the first four months. Most of that overage is from the youth fund donations and the Thomas Fire donations.

Expenses:

Salary and benefits are below budget by \$1,223 for the month and are at 95% for the first four months.

Staff expenses were on budget for the month, but up slightly for the first four months largely due to increased payroll tax expenses.

Office administration is under budget for the months, and is at 86% of budget for the first four months.

Property expenses are under budget for the month by \$610 and are at 91% of budget for the first four months.

Utilities for the month were slightly under for the month, but over for the first four months. Worship & music was over budget for the first four months, largely due to a higher than expected organ maintenance expense.

All other expenses were at or below budget for the month and for the first four months. Total expenses for the month were under budget by \$2,747.

Overall:

Bethania's financial health continues to be strong, with our income exceeding our expenses for the first four months of the year. Our members support the ministry and mission of the Church, and our staff are caring shepherds who are devoted to Bethania. God has richly blessed us, and we continue to carry out His work in our community.

-Ron Walsh, Treasurer

A Note about the Summer

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

As we approach the summer, our thoughts turn to vacations, trips to visit out of town relatives, weekend getaways, and other great recreational opportunities that come with living in our beautiful community. All of that means that many of us will not be in church on a regular basis. However, we must remember that the church doesn't take a vacation! We count on our generous members' financial support as much during the summer as we do throughout the rest of the year. As you pack for that trip, prayerfully remember your regular offering giving to Bethania so that we can continue the mission and ministry that God has chosen for us. God asks us to give of the first fruits, even during the summer.

- Ron Walsh, Treasurer

Endowment Fund / Scholarship Recipients 2018

Your Endowment Fund at Work...

On Sunday, May 20th we joined in celebrating our graduates as well as congratulating the six recipients of the 2018 Endowment Fund Scholarships. We had a diverse group of scholarship recipients: Owen Andersen, Ariana Avila, Kurt Beehler, Valerie Laufer, Eddie Lundberg, and Sarah Puder.

We are fortunate to be able to award six scholarships of \$1000 each. These scholarships are made possible by earnings accrued from your investment (translate=gifts!) to the Endowment Fund.

I would urge you to utilize gifting to the Endowment Fund as a memorial gift or to honor someone special, knowing that your gift is safely invested and will continue giving in the years ahead. These scholarships are an investment in the future of our young people.

Thank you for your support of the Endowment Fund.

-Carolynn D. Petersen, Chairman, Endowment Fund

Next Social Ministry Meeting

Monday, June 11th, 6 pm, Church Office

If you are interested in making a difference in the world, think about attending the next Social Ministry meeting on June 11 at 6 pm, in the church office. This is when our brand-new committee will be meeting and working on our ideas for the coming months. We would love to have input from anyone interested and we welcome all who are interested.

Pastor Chris believes strongly that social ministry is the future of the church and the area most interesting to younger people. Help us build a foundation that will help others and bring our church into the next few decades with new involvement in our community.

-Linda Marzullo: 1-805-688-5219, 1-805-688-3059 or vikingpressprint@verizon.net

Blessings are Contagious...If we just reach out

A **big** "Thank You" to:

-**Fred and Nancy Emerson**. Following their move to Atterdag Village, they donated their remaining household items to the congregation at Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz in Santa Maria.

-**John Jones** for providing his truck, driving skill, and incredible "transportation philosophy" in transporting all of the donated items to Santa Maria.

-**Owen Andersen, Kurt Beehler, as well as Rick Ineman** for providing extremely appreciated muscle power to load the truck under John's supervision.

Well done, good and faithful servants! Members of Iglesia came to the drop off after working in the fields that day, and all the items donated were put to good use. Many families expressed their gratitude for the items and our helpers who assisted.

In Our Hearts, In Our Prayers

The family and loved ones of Ruth Jackson. Ruth died April 27th. The service remembering and celebrating her life was held May 6th here in the church.

The family and loved ones of George Massingill, retired ELCA pastor. George died April 26. George had been an administrator about 30 years ago at what was then Solvang Lutheran Home.

The family and loved ones of Arlin Anderson. Arlin died May 19. The service remembering and celebrating his life was held May 25 here at the church.

The family and loved ones of Gary Baklajian. Gary died May 18. His burial service was held May 26 at Solvang Cemetery.

Immediate Prayer Concerns: Brianna Ceballos, Denise Chaboya, Caylin, Katy & Kay Corlee, Bobby McGee, Else Statom, Chris Walsh

On-Going Prayer Concerns: Andy Blanton, Joe & Pat Bode, Barbara Boyd, Angela Cerda, Annette Clausen, Mary Conners, David Eck, George Eckman, Terri Elwess, Ida FitzGerald, Armando Franco, Chris Frederiksen, Debbie Fritts, Patrice Fuller, Chris Gideon, Pat Green, Kathy Hackler, Glen Jacobsen, Michael Jech, Robert & Gail Jennings, Chris Kaping, Kate Knotts, Duane Lamberton, Stephanie Larrabee, Ethel Litwiler, Betsy & Steve Logan, Rick Marzullo, Brian Merrick, Denise Morris, Roger Myers, Denny Norrenbrock, Marie Ostertag, Doyle Phillips, Audrey Robinson, Jean Stelling, Jesse Tovar, Alisha & Anna Marie Wilson and Robert Workman

Live-Streaming

At 9:30 am Sundays we worship together at Bethania. We also live stream the service so people at Atterdag Village can see it. We make bulletins so they can follow along. The streaming is available at the different levels of care at Atterdag. You can also live-stream

the service on a computer or device whether you're at home or traveling. Please let your friends and family know this service is available. Simply go to YouTube and search for Bethania Church, Solvang. You can also see past recordings.

Phone Calling in Our Area

Starting June 2, please remember to dial the complete number of the Church Office and Preschool & After School if you have an 805 area code.

Church Office: 1-805-688-4637

Preschool & After School: 1-805-688-7077

All Customers with an 805 Area Code must dial 1 + Area Code + Telephone Number for ALL calls beginning June 2, 2018.

Beginning **June 30, 2018**, new telephone lines or services in the 805 area may be given numbers from the new 820 area code.

- Provided from the Solvang Chamber of Commerce

You may also find out more information on the internet by searching for the upcoming 805 overlay.

Thank-You's

Domestic Violence Solutions

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County and the families we serve, we thank you for your support! Your gift of \$359, which we received on April 2, 2018, represents the promise of a home life free from violence for individuals and families as well as a commitment on behalf of DVS to put all of you efforts toward ending the intergenerational cycle of violence.

In Santa Barbara County, Domestic Violence Solutions is invested in sheltering, healing and educating victims and potential victims of domestic violence; making ourselves and our services fully available whenever needed. Your donation to DVS allows us to continue providing assistance to people who are in need as a result of domestic abuse

Thanks once again.

Sincerely,

Charles Anderson
Executive Director

Laurie Barene
Development Director

Middle Circle

Thank You, Bethania Lutheran Church!

Dear beloved friends of Solvang,

Spring greetings from Middle Circle in the San Francisco Bay Area. We have had an incredible year of ministry serving those in the church, outside the church, and those in-between. With your gift, we have helped to host dozens of house church style gatherings centered around philosophical questions, personal & social transformation, fun & games, community meals, music and worship, outdoor activities, and more.

In addition, Middle Circle has helped to support the future of the church by providing workshops for current and future ELCA leaders around the country. And perhaps our most exciting news, Middle Circle recently celebrated the first baptism in our community!

Thank You for your ongoing support!

- Pr. Anders Peterson, Spring 2018



Photos



Confirmation 2018 (photo credit: Ron Walsh)

Back Row, left to right: Caden Bratt, Grace Muñoz, Jorgé Puder

Front Row, left to right: Livier Ghamari-Brown, Director of Youth and Family Ministries; Jeanelle Needham, Nolen Andersen, Aria Riley, Pastor Chris Brown



Baccalaureate 2018 (photo credit: Andy Andersen)



June 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedn'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CH = Church PH = Parish Hall FR = Fireside Rm BPSAS = Preschool & AfterSchool OFC = Office Church	SME = St. Mark's Episcopal AV = Atterdag Village of Solvang				1 Synod Assembly	2 Synod Assembly
3 9:30 am Worship:CH 10:45 am Coffee Hour:PH 10:45 am Produce Table:Breezeway 5 pm Sunday School: Rm 6/Koinonia: FR	4 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	5	6 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC	7 12 noon-2 pm Jodi House:PH 7 pm Preschool Program:PH	8	9
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