

The Beacon

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Pastor Chris's Message



Recently I participated in a local rally in Solvang Park to protest the separation and detention of children taken from their families upon crossing the border. It was very peaceful and most of the signs people brought were messages of love and welcome. I went to simply stand with a candle and show my support, but upon finding out there was a pastor in the crowd, someone approached and asked me if I would share some words. I was honored to stand and talk about the work we do in loving others, especially those who are vulnerable, I asked that we keep love at the forefront of what we do, and I asked for a moment of silence to think about the kids who are currently apart from their families and living in a space of uncertainty and probable fear.

A reporter from our local paper was there and he knows me well enough, so he asked for some quotes on the rally and took some pictures for the Thursday edition. After everything settled down, I was walking home knowing that this was going to be in the paper and aware that my name and words would be quoted, and I began to wonder what my congregation is going to think about this. I worried that I might be lumped into an ideological category and might upset the waters at our church. I worried that this would be a polarizing action that would potentially shut down conversation and just look similar to the anger and vitriol on social media. I worried that this would affect my ability to be a spiritual presence for people who might disagree with my choice to be at this rally.

The truth is I didn't go because I'm a Republican or Democrat, a conservative or a liberal, a person who is pro-immigration or a person who is in favor of stricter border control. I went because I'm a Christian and a pastor. I went because my encounter with our faith is one that calls us to rest in God's unconditional love for humanity and to reach out to the "least of these", the most vulnerable in society. I went because regardless of what one feels about immigration or the best route forward in reform, the immediate need in our society is a bunch of little children who are living in fear, and as a Christian and a pastor that's not something about which my faith allows me to be silent.

Something I love about Bethania is its diversity within the political spectrum. We have a pretty even split of people who identify as Republican or Democrat, and I think that's awesome! That's not common among a lot of churches. Many churches have a theology that runs one way or another and so their political identifications tend to parallel their theology. We're unique in this and I hope you know how special that is. The way we, as a church, understand our faith, bridges us in how we might identify politically and that's such an amazing sign of God's transcending love.

However, one of my great fears is that the political divide our country is facing might enter into our own church space. As I've read conversations around the news of children being separated, I've lamented how people have fallen into ideological camps, looking to blame the other side, arguing over immigration in general, all while these kids are still living in these encaged detention areas. I've lamented that while we are so divided as a nation, we can't even unite over the treatment of children. And I've wondered to myself, "Could this same divisiveness happen at Bethania?"

Here's where I find my grounding in this, and I hope you can take this as my pastoral advice or interpretation in this matter. We can advocate for these children without condemning ourselves, the party we affiliate with, others, or the party they affiliate with. We can rise above the politics and say that children should not be treated this way, that we need to work together to reunite those who've been separated, and we need to ensure this doesn't happen again. We have this unique ability to say this because our faith compels us to; because the God we follow and love is found in Jesus who directly reached out to children, some of the most vulnerable people of his time, and said, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name, welcomes me... for it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest." – Luke 9:46-47

Our faith should transcend our politics one hundred percent of the time, and scripture, from beginning to end, is the story of God reaching out to the most vulnerable among us in love and compassion. I love the diversity within our congregation so much; it's one of things I'm most proud of. I love that we come from many perspectives, many backgrounds, and many passions. I love that each Sunday that diversity gathers into one space to worship and praise God, and advocate for those in need among us. Right now, those children are the ones in need. As long as they remain separated and in this space of vulnerability, I will keep using my voice, not as a Republican or a Democrat, but as a Christian and a pastor.

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

Ministry at Bethania

Youth and Family Ministry

Happy Summer Solstice, Bethania!

Confirmation will formally reconvene Sunday Sept. 9th in the Fireside Room. Incoming sixth graders are welcome to join our class this fall. Please contact me to be added to the roster. Over the summer we plan to visit the beach, go to the movies, and spend some quality time with each other.

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

If you have any of the following items around your home that you don't plan on using, we are collecting:

- empty milk gallon containers (10 count)
- pool noodles
- 3 brooms (to borrow)
- 2 plastic laundry baskets (to borrow)
- "Mighty Lights"
- gray & black spray paint
- plastic bread toy (to borrow)
- 1 straw beach mat (to borrow)
- gel food coloring

Decorating Times:

Sunday, July 8th @ 11 am - 4 pm
Sunday, July 15th @ 12 pm - completed

Wednesday, July 11th @ 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

With God's Love,

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

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Vacation Bible School
"Shipwrecked"
July 16 - 20, 2018
5:30 - 6:00 pm Supper
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Program

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

Bethania Preschool & After School

Our Summer Programs are in full swing here at the Preschool and After School. Both programs are full with an average number of 65 children attending each day. The staff is doing an excellent job of keeping the children busy with art projects, games, cooking, science and so much more.

We have been to Birkholm's Bakery, Hans Christian Andersen Park, Solvang School Playground, Parks Plaza Theater, the Library, Sunny Fields Park, the Fudge Kitchen, and we have many more places to go!

We are excited to have **Zoo to You** coming on Monday, July 30th at 10:00. They will be bringing animals with Fur, Feathers and Scales. This is made possible by our Touch-A-Truck Fundraiser.

Hope your summer is going as well as ours and Happy Fourth!!

- Eileen Knotts, Director

BASIC Care (Brothers and Sisters in Christ who Care) Thought for July:

How wonderful it is that no one has to wait, but can start right now to gradually change the world! – Anne Frank

Something to inspire us all, whether we choose to do something large or small. Opportunities this month abound so you can make an easy choice to start right now with small or large acts. Even in the middle of summer heat you can find an action to do that won't make you sweat and will make a difference to someone else.

Donate some clothing, pick up some hotel notions for the shelter while on your trip, give to the Preschool, write a letter or note, visit or call someone who you haven't seen in a while, start collecting school supplies on sale for our upcoming project, or make up your own idea!

I recently heard from Kristyl that she had an idea to give memorial gifts honoring the fathers and mothers of friends for Mother's Day and Father's Day. What a sweet way to share love of those we have lost and honor their memory, while at the same time reaching out to those left behind.

What kind of idea do you have? Share it with us for the next Beacon!

- **Linda Marzullo**

Next Social Ministry Meeting Monday, July 9th, 6 pm, Church Office

At our June meeting we discussed the progress of our different activities: Noisy Offering, Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz support, Ongoing Collection, Produce Table among others. Here are some of the things that have been happening:

We are working hard on getting the "Blessing Box" ministry up and running? If you aren't sure what it is, ask Pastor Chris or someone on Social Ministry.

A distribution of fresh produce from FoodBank was made to our Preschool/After School families, - thanks to Donna Hinsbeeck and Caro Stinson.

We are setting a date to help SYV Support the Troops with a collection of needed items for military personnel stationed overseas.

September's Day of Service we will be making kits and a bag lunches for homeless and transitioning families.

If you are interested in making a difference in the world, think about attending the next Social Ministry meeting on **July 9 at 6:00 in the evening**, in the church office. We would love to have input from anyone interested and we welcome all who are interested. We also love having your support, so read the Beacon for ways to help.

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
688-5219, 688-3059 or vikingpressprint@verizon.net

Ministry in the Community and Around the World

Noisy Sunday is Coming - July 22 **Backpacks & Care Kits that will Travel the World...**

By the time you read this, June's Noisy Offering of \$370.50 will be at the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Pastor Chris, Livier and the Youth will be taking your donated coins which will be part of making a difference in the lives of farming families around the world.

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

Our next Noisy Sunday will be July 22nd. 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 part of Day of Service, Sept. 9th).

On July 22nd, our jangling coins will be used to help purchase some of the pieces of the kits that we will make in September. With the ability to order in bulk through your donations, we can save some money and make more impact – and more kits!

Lutheran World Relief has been working with partners like us to reach out to families with School Kits and Personal Care Kits to places around the world. Since October 2011, LWR with our help has sent almost \$7.5 million worth of Quilts and Kits to Armenia, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Serbia, to be distributed to Syrian refugees and locally affected communities - Doaa, Sindos, and Ghazal each received an LWR School Kit in 2017.

These distributions were made possible by the generosity of men, women, and children across the U.S. who spend countless hours collecting, assembling, packing and shipping LWR Quilts and Kits — and the people who support Lutheran World Relief's delivery of these gifts of love into the hands of people who need them.

Send your quarters and your support around the world the easy way! 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 as the summer rolls along and the special sales happen, especially Back-To-School special deals. See related article which includes lists of needed items. Collection area will be in the Parish Hall or you can drop items at the church office.

Gifts of school supplies will help children to attend school. Soap, combs and toothbrushes will help people be healthy in places where there is no access to these items. We can help peo-

ple 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 -- by making these "Kits of Care" that will travel the globe.

Together, we can "change" our world, one coin at a time.

– Linda Marzullo

Personal Care & School Supply Kit Items Needed!

We will be collecting items this summer for assembly day of Personal Care Kits and School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief during the annual Day of Service on Sept. 9th.

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 and help us stock up!

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)	Pencil sharpeners
Rulers with centimeters and inches	Blunt tip scissors
Ballpoint (not gel) Pens, Black or Blue ink	#2 Pencils
Box of Crayons (16 or 24 count)	2-1/2" Erasers

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: 688-5219 or via email: vikingpressprint@verizon.net

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

Bags of Dried Pinto Beans

Canned Chicken (no tuna, please!)

Diapers (any size, age)

Laundry Detergent

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)

5 lb. bags of White Rice

Canola Oil

Feminine Hygiene Products

Cleaning Supplies

Peanut Butter

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

Growing A Good Harvest

As of June 17th we have received \$540.96 in donations. All donations go directly to fight world hunger through the ELCA World Hunger Good Gifts campaign. We are able to provide baby chicks, pigs, sheep, goats, clean water wells and fruit trees together with the knowledge and training on how to utilize them.

Check out what's available on the Produce Table before you head home or on your way to the coffee hour after the service. Donate whatever you choose towards the produce and other delicious items!

We have very much appreciated everyone's willingness to sign up to cover the table for a Sunday! Currently, we have need of a volunteer on Sunday, July 22. You can sign up to cover the table for a Sunday by calling Carolynn Petersen 1-805-688-6243). This easy job entails setting up the table, helping bag people's choices, and counting and turning in the funds collected at the end of the coffee hour. It is a fun, easy and enjoyable way to help out each week during the growing season. Soon we will be needing help harvesting on Saturdays. If you able to help with the harvest, let Carolynn know.

Check your garden and ask your neighbors for items to share...and help us fight World Hunger!

Out and About...

Happy 90th Anniversary, Bethania Lutheran Church!



Did you know that the church building was completed in 1928 and dedicated on July 8? The cost was \$15,311.77. The first baby baptized in the new church was Robert Adelhard Christensen who was "døbt" the day the church was dedicated.

Picture from Bethania's
75th Anniversary Book -
Coming from Atterdag Folk School

Celebrate Else Jensen Statom's 90th Birthday at Coffee Hour, Sunday, July 8

Please join the Statom family for coffee and kringle after the church service on July 8th, 2018 to celebrate Else Jensen Statom's 90th birthday. A native of Solvang, Else is the daughter of Hulfred and Emil Jensen, was born July 5, 1928 and was the 2nd baby baptized at Bethania Lutheran Church. We hope you'll come say hello and help celebrate Else's fabulous awesome milestone of a birthday!



Bethania's Book Group

Bethania's book group is reading and discussing Rob Bell's What is the Bible? July 10 at 2 pm in the Parish Hall.

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 July 12 at 7 pm at Solvang Brewing Company. Everyone is welcome to attend. Join the group for beer (or other beverage), food and good conversation.

Gather Bible Study

The Gather Bible Study will be held on Thursday, July 19 at 10:30 a.m. in the Atterdag Lounge at Atterdag Village. The topic is "The Practices of Prayer". The Bible passage is Psalm 19. This study is included in the July issue of "Gather" magazine pp. 26-31. The Bible assures us that no matter the reason for a prayer, God will listen and attend.

“Mama Mia” at Solvang PCPA

Bethania will be going to Theaterfest's "Mamma Mia" performance on Wednesday, Aug. 8th at 8 pm. The cost will be \$25.00, which is a special rate. Emily Abello will be taking reservations and checks made out to PCPA after services on July 15th and 23rd. Thirty spaces are being held for us but numbers can be revised, if more want to go. Carpooling can be arranged, if desired.

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.

Church Business

Treasurer's Report May 2018

Balance Sheet:

The cash balance in the general checking account is \$2,161 and the cash in the money market fund is \$93,114.

One change to the balance sheet is the addition of an account 3100 "BLC Combined Equities". This amount more accurately reflects the actual amount of the church's financial picture. The number listed (\$2,168,522) is the total of the Endowment Fund, the Cemetery Fund, the Heritage Fund and the new pre-school building, the grading and excavation for the new that new building, and the cemetery property. These changes do not materially affect the funds or their usage, but aligns the funds in proper accounting to reflect the net worth of the church and its assets.

Again, there are no outstanding liabilities other than the pension fund, and all liabilities are current with no indebtedness.

The church balance sheet remains strong.

Profit & Loss Budget Performance:

Income:

Offerings for the month of May were \$1,537 higher than budget, and for the first five months were at 102% of budget. Thanks be to God!

Other income for the month was up by \$4,636 largely due to the youth fund monies for the Houston trip. For the first five months, the income was up by nearly \$7,000, again due to the youth trip.

Other receipts were up by \$1,588 (a contribution from the preschool to offset the replacement of toilets in the girls bathroom) contributed to this increase.

Overall income for the month was \$4,927 over budget, and for the first five months was at 116% of budget.

Expenses:

Salary and benefits for the month were up slightly, but for the first five months were at 98% of budget.

Staff expenses were below budget for the month and are at 88% of budget for the first five months.

Office expenses were up for the month largely due to increased copier usage, but are well controlled at 96% of budget for the first five months.

Property expenses were up due to the replacement of three toilets in the girls bathroom (offset by the contribution from the preschool) and the payment of property taxes during the month.

Utilities for the month were below budget and are slightly over budget for the first five months.

All other budget items were at or below the budget for the first five months.

Overall our income for the first five months was \$132,226 and our expenses were \$129,527.

Overall: Bethania continues to meet its expenses through generous giving by our members. God has richly blessed us and we are committed to carrying out His will through our ministries in our church, our community, and our world. To God be the glory.

- Ron Walsh, Treasurer

Memorials/Tribute Committee Report

The June Memorial/Tribute Committee meeting was very rewarding. The most exciting thing was approving the purchase of two new American Range 36" ranges for the kitchen at a cost of \$7200, which includes the estimated installation. This was possible through the generosity of many people. Our new balance available for funding new projects is \$11,631.56. I attended the Church Council meeting to help clarify some ambiguities with our guidelines and ask for help with a vision for the future both with long and short-term goals. Both the council and the Memorial Committee expressed a desire to have a council liaison attend our meetings and Denise Johnson volunteered. We look forward to working with her.

- Lois DeMeyer

“Thank You’s”

To the Endowment Fund Committee and Bethania...

Thank you endlessly for making college possible for me & so many other students. I am so grateful and hope to one day have the chance to give back the same way Bethania Lutheran Church does. Super excited for my upcoming adventure at Cal Lutheran University. I won't forget the people who helped me get there!

- Ariana Avila Torres

Thank you so much for choosing me as a recipient of the Bethania Lutheran Church Scholarship, I am thankful for your support and generosity. I have always felt supported by Bethania, but now before college I feel even more thankful.

Thank you.

**Sincerely,
Owen Andersen**

Thank you all for your generous scholarship. It is incredibly important going into my second year of college as I have the ability to continue my education. This past year it has been difficult to balance my school work along with my hunt for scholarships, making this gift all the more important. I am looking forward to continuing my education into becoming a chemical engineer.

**Sincerest thanks,
Valerie Laufer**

Thank you so much for the scholarship money. I really enjoyed my years at church. Next year I be attending California Lutheran University and I will be majoring under Exercise Science. I always know I can come back to this loving church. Again I wanted to thank Pastor Chris for the book. All of this really means a lot to me.

- Kurt Beehler

To Bethania Lutheran,

Thank you so much for the support towards my future at Cal Poly. I appreciate the recognition of my hard work throughout high school and plan to continue that hard-working mindset into college. Everyone at the church has always been very kind to me, and their positivity and support truly means a lot to me, especially moving forward. I hold the bonds with everyone very close to my heart, and cannot express how thankful I am for the continued support.

Eddie (Lundberg)

Dear Bethania Lutheran Church,

I am so honored to have been the lucky recipient of your generous scholarship. Because of your support, I am going to be the first in my family to attend college, something I have always hoped I would do.

Growing up in a one-income household has not always been the easiest. I have learned not to take anything for granted, especially living in the Santa Ynez Valley and getting a great education. It was never a question of if I would go to college, but how we would pay for it. I feel so blessed that I was chosen to receive the Endowment Fund scholarship because it helps me fulfill my lifelong dream of going to Cal Poly and becoming a teacher.

In September, I will be starting at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, which has been my dream school for as long as I can remember. I will be studying Liberal Studies in anticipation of earning a multiple subject teaching credential. Since I was a child, I have wanted to become an elementary school teacher. During my senior year of high school, I got the opportunity to intern in a 5th grade and transitional kindergarten classroom. After it all, I can confidently say that teaching is still what I want to do when I grow up. I hope to inspire my future students like so many of my teachers did for me.

Thank you again for supporting my college career and helping me become a teacher. I truly appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely,
Sarah Puder



In Our Hearts, In Our Prayers

For Comfort for the Family and Loved ones of Ken Twigg. Ken died June 8. The service remembering and celebrating his life will be July 20 at 11 am in the sanctuary followed by lunch in the Parish Hall.

Immediate Prayer Concerns: Terry Ames, Brianna Ceballos, Denise Chaboya, Marlo & Summer Cochrane, Caylin, Katy & Kay Corlee, Bobby McGee, Sue Mauk Olsen, Robin Schatan, Nancy Waite and Lou Zitelli

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, Curtis Lee, Ethel Litwiler, Betsy & Steve Logan, Rick Marzullo, Brian Merrick, Denise Morris, Roger Myers, Denny Norrenbrock, Marie Ostertag, Doyle Phillips, Audrey Robinson, Else & Stephanie Statom, Jean Stelling, Jesse Tovar, Chris Walsh, Alisha & Anna Marie Wilson and Robert Workman



Worship Helpers Needed!

As most of you know, we'll be starting a new worship format after the summer session is over. Our current morning service will be moving to 9:00 am and we'll be adding a second morning service at 11:00 am. Between both services will be coffee hour, adult forum, and Sunday School. Our church is growing and we're ready to accommodate a more vibrant worship schedule, but we really need your help. We can't do this successfully with only a few people, so we're looking for different gifts our members can share!

Below is a list of roles we need help filling for our upcoming service format. If you can help with any of these please let pastor know as soon as possible.

Ushers
Worship Assistants

Readers
Bread Bakers

Welcome Team
Sunday School Teachers

Cantors

My request as you think about helping is to remember, I, as pastor, am not Bethania - you are! We are people of many gifts and talents and Christ calls us to use those talents to bring God's love and grace to our community and this world. None of the above roles are weekly and whatever help you can give would be amazing! I'm so happy we're moving back into such a vibrant format, but to stay vibrant, we'll need your help, so please prayerfully consider how you would like to help out and let me know.

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

Note about August 2018 Beacon



The August 2018 Beacon will be released after Aug. 7.

Please mark your calendars for the following:

Bethania Preschool and After School will be closed from **Aug. 3 - Aug. 14.**

The annual church BBQ be **Aug. 19** at approximately 11:30 am.



July 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedn'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Worship:CH 10:45 am Coffee Hour:PH 10:45 am Produce Table:Breezeway 5 pm Koinonia: FR	2 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	3	4 OFC & BPSAS are closed. Independence Day	5 12 noon-2 pm Jodi House:PH	6	7
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Vacation Bible School
"Shipwrecked"

July 16 - 20, 2018

5:30 - 6:00 pm Supper

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Program

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