

The Beacon

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Pastor Chris's Message

The Church is Always Asking for Money



This isn't a comment I hear a lot, but it's one I hear consistently. Primarily it comes across as a concern or struggle a person is having. "It feels like the Church is always asking for money," or, "It feels like the Church is trying to squeeze out every last penny." That last one is a pretty excruciating comment to hear. It certainly makes us sound petty and desperate. And I'll say in response that those comments bear witness to the fact that I have not been doing a good enough job in both celebrating what you give, and just as importantly, the manner in which I, as a pastor, expect people to give to the Church. So I would like to take the time in doing both.

Let me start by saying with a resounding "YES" Bethania is always asking for money. We are. And we're going to continue to always ask for money. It's because our church needs resources to do what we do. We are unique among all other 501(c) non-profit organizations in that we are a religious institution. Most non-profits, while being exempt from paying taxes, are also able to receive grants, subsidies, and other governmental benefits to offer more of the services they provide or to offset costs. Our church provides a lot of similar services as well (food ministries, supply kits, youth education, etc.), but we are not able to qualify for governmental support because we are a religious organization. Our only means of being able to do what we do is the generosity of our congregation. And the only way we can continue to do what we're already doing, and possibly do some new and creative ministries, or expand any of our outreach, is through the generosity of our congregation. This is why we continue to ask for money and it's why we will continue to do so.

Whew! I'm glad that part's over! That's the tough part to say. Here's the good part: Our congregation does indeed respond generously! And I can't tell you how proud I am to be your pastor. Additionally, I'm so sorry for not celebrating this more. It's totally worth it and there is a lot to celebrate. We've been pretty frugal with our budget this year, but we also asked the congregation to consider increasing regular giving by just a little, and it's happened! We have been above our projected income almost every month even with supporting the new Youth and Family Ministry position and new and increased programming during our year. That's amazing! We are not a church trying to simply survive, but a church that is able to create and give back to community and world and none of that would be possible without your giving! There are people throughout our world who have literally been fed, clothed, educated, given hope, and allowed to dream and create more within their own lives because of the generosity of our congregation... of each and every one of you and how you encounter God's love and respond to that love in kind. That needs to be celebrat-

ed and lifted up because there are thousands of congregations in our church body alone who are unable to do this.

Finally, and just as important, (and I really can't stress this enough) I want to say something about the manner in which we give, because this is an area that I feel I may have created some unnecessary negative feelings. I want to start with Paul's words in Corinthians, "*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.*" (2 Cor. 9: 7-8).

Our church always asks for money and will continue to do so. We also have some fun ways of donating, such as the Noisy Offering. Additionally, when we have other ministries that come up, such as our Day of Service where we pack school kits and personal care kits, we ask for additional supplies or contributions. With the frequency in which we ask for contributions and for such varying reasons, I imagine you want to give to everything, and might even feel guilty when you can't. This is the part that breaks my heart because, as Paul says, "God loves a cheerful giver." Our hope at Bethania is that your giving is done with cheer and only from ability. Giving should NEVER be done out of guilt nor beyond ability. My hope is that you will continue to give to our regular offering first and then choose if/what other needs you can help with. Please know this, and I can't emphasize this more, whatever you are able to do is AMAZING, and I'm so happy with whatever that is!

Remember this: giving is a response. It's not so we can incur God's favor, but because we already have favor with God through love. It's not necessarily an obligation or something you owe to the church. It is merely a response to what God has done for you. Another way to look at the Church is as a summation of all that God has done for us and how we respond to that together. At Bethania, we are responding by doing some incredible things and that's all possible because of the ways you are individually responding to God's grace and love in your own life. Yes, we always ask for money and will continue to do so. But by doing so, we never expect you to give beyond what you're able and we're never disappointed that you didn't give more than that. If you have been feeling any of this consternation towards your own giving and this article leaves you with more questions or concerns, please feel free and comfortable to come speak with me. This is an important part of how our church functions, but just as important is that we all know the manner in which God wants us to give.

**Faithfully Yours,
Pastor Chris Brown**

New Worship Format Coming

Mark your calendars! We are starting our new worship format on Sept. 16. Our current 9:30 service will be at **9 am**, and we'll be adding a second service at **11am**. At **10 am** we'll have coffee hour, Sunday School, and Adult Forum. Make sure you're aware of the changes so you can participate in our new format! This is exciting news that we talked about at our last Congregational Meeting, so please make sure you're aware of the time change. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chris.

11am Family Service

Starting on **Sept. 16** we will be adding a Family Service every Sunday at 11am. It will be a traditional style service with a welcoming space for children to hang out and a Children's Lesson at the beginning of every service. Please share with any friends and family members about our second service and its time!

Sunday Help!!!

Folks, we still need a lot of help with our new Sunday format. Please, we cannot continue to thrive as a church unless its through a concerted effort. Please contact me if you're able to help with:

- Being a Sunday School teacher (it's a simple curriculum and easy to follow; consider doing this even if it's on a limited basis)
- Hosting Coffee and Providing Treats (Remember, Bob Jensen makes the coffee on.)
- Greeting in the new 11am service
- Ushering in either service
- Reading in the new 11am service
- Being a Worship Assistant

We only have about 3 weeks until our new Sunday format starts and we need all the help we can get. Please consider any of these ways to help. None of them require a weekly commitment and all of them are simple to learn, and you'll find, enjoyable and meaningful to do.

Sunday School Teacher Training

If you've already agreed to help teaching Sunday School or would like to help out, we'll have a training on the new curriculum at **7 pm** on **Tuesday, Sept. 11th** in the Fireside Room. It should only take about 30 minutes. If you have any questions or comments please contact Pastor Chris.

Ministry at Bethania

Youth and Family Ministry

Happy Autumn Season Bethania,

We are transitioning Confirmation into more of a Youth Group format. Youth Group is meeting for orientation on **Sunday, Sept. 9th** right after Day of Service from **12 pm - 2 pm** where we will enjoy pizza. Incoming sixth graders parents/guardians are welcome to join on the day.

The acolyte sign up sheet will be available on Sunday, Sept. 9th as well. It is a fun and meaningful way for your pre-teen and/or teen to be involved in a church service. All youth group members are encouraged to sign up for this upcoming quarter.

Danish Days is around the corner. Youth and families are welcome to join in the parade with Bethania on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bridget Cassara is hosting the discussion **Sunday, Sept. 2nd** during coffee hour.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Livier (Liv-EE-air) Ghamari-Brown, Director of Youth & Family Ministry
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Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Here's an incredible way that you can help out! We need Sunday School teachers for our new Sunday School program! We have a new curriculum that will be easy to follow and kids will thrive in this new engaging class. But we really need your help to make it a success and include more of our families around the community. Please consider helping out with Sunday School. The more teachers we have sign up, the better of a rotation we can use! Please help out and be a part of the seeds of faith that are planted. If you can help out with Sunday School, please contact **Livier Brown at (909) 962-9366**, or at [**livierghamari@yahoo.com**](mailto:livierghamari@yahoo.com).

Sunday School is Coming!

Sunday School is starting up again on Sept. 16 at 10 am. We have an awesome new curriculum that incorporates Bible stories, arts & crafts, and games in an engaging environment that kids are sure to love. Sunday School will be for children ages 2 to 5th grade, so register now! To register, call (805) 688-4637. And please tell your friends and family!

Bethania Preschool and After School

Our new school year is underway! We are once again running at full capacity with a lengthy waiting list for the Preschool. We are getting to know one another, new friendships are being formed, and everyone is having fun.

September has us learning about apples, harvest, and orchards as well as our regular colors, shapes, numbers and letters. We will be doing lots of sequencing and patterning.

Our **Back-to-School Night** will be **Sept. 6 from 6:00-7:00**. This is an opportunity for parents to come in and get to know their child's teacher, learn what will be happening in the classroom and get any questions answered.

Look for our **"Pick a Number"** fund-raiser in October.

Reflections:

"There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child. There are seven million."
~**Kay Redfield Jamison**

Looking forward to a great year,
Eileen Knotts, Director

Ministry in the Community and Around the World

What is Meals on Wheels?

The concept of Meals on Wheels grew out of efforts to bring meals to citizens in the United Kingdom who were bombed out in WWII and had no way to cook. The name, "Meals on Wheels," originated in Australia in 1953 as a program to provide food to the elderly in their homes. It came to the United States in 1974 and there are now more than 5,000 programs spread across our country. The Solvang program, established in 1971, was completely volunteer until Barbara Cirone retired from coordinating it in 2016 and Atterdag Village added coordination to provision of the food. It is now part of its Atterdag at Home program.

Who receives Meals on Wheels?

Originally a way of helping seniors remain longer in their homes, it expanded to include persons with disabilities and individuals needing short-term meals as a result of surgery or other health problems. All who are financially able pay \$5/meal. Atterdag at Home fundraises to help those unable to pay the full amount. Meals are delivered from Monday through Friday. Church/neighborhood groups deliver Tuesday through Thursday, working from 11 am - 1 pm. Generally, a team of two people delivers the meals.

Who delivers the meals?

Community volunteers provide meal delivery and a friendly visit to the program's clients.

There are 3 routes:

- 1 - Solvang to Refugio Rd.
- 2 - Ballard, Los Olivos and greater Santa Ynez
- 3 - Southwestern Solvang

Bethania is one of 6 churches and 1 neighborhood group delivering **Meals on Wheels** on Routes 1 and 2 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Other individuals or teams drive Route 3 each week and do Routes 1 and 2 on Monday or Friday when bills are delivered and payments received. One of these people is Bethania's Barbara Marsh Klein. She will be glad to talk with you about her duties.

What does this involve?

*Before Bethania's week comes up, you are called by our church's coordinator, Agnes Larsen, who asks what day and route you can do. Agnes can form teams from individuals who volunteer.

*On your day, you pick up a Route List, a "cold" chest and a "hot" chest from Atterdag Village's kitchen at 11 am.

*You count to be sure you have the right number and types of meals.

*With the trusty lists's detailed driving directions in hand, you deliver meals to the people on Route 1 or Route 2.

*You finish by returning the chests and delivery basket to Atterdag Village. Generally you are done no later than 1 pm.

How can you help? Some Bethania members, who delivered for years, are no longer able to do this work so new people are needed. Now it is your turn to be a driver or helper who takes the meals to the door and brings greetings from Bethania. Please call Kristyl at the church office - 805-688-4637 to volunteer your services once every 7 weeks as part of Bethania's team. If you can help more often as a substitute or weekly, please call Karen Brown, Atterdag at Home coordinator - 805-350-8478.

Really Good News from the Produce Table

As of Aug. 19th you have generously donated \$1,424.39 at the table to take home a wonderful variety of flowers, fruits and vegetables!

We have just been notified that all gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Global Farm Challenge will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$515,000!! We are therefore sending in the first \$1,424 dollars you have donated. We are hoping to bring that amount up to a total of \$2,000 before switching over to funding local needs.

We have recently been blessed with squash, Armenian cucumbers, flowers, tomatoes, berries, plums, rhubarb, plants, lemons, eggs, Japanese eggplant, onions, bell peppers, jalapeños and much more!! Please continue to donate both for the produce you take home as well as bringing produce to the table.

The signup sheet is pretty empty again. Would you like to run the table for a Sunday morning? 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 and enjoyable way to help out each week during the growing season. You can sign up to cover the table for a Sunday by **callingCarolynn Petersen (688-6243).**

Don't forget to check out what's available on the Produce Table before you head home from church or on your way to the coffee hour after the service. Donate whatever you choose towards the produce and other delicious items available.

We also need help harvesting at Carolynn's garden on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays. If you are 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!

Helping Hands + Donated Supplies = Our 2018 "Day of Service" Event!

We need you! Plan to join others in assembling School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Brown Bag Breakfasts for Seniors, and "Blessing Bags" for the homeless on **Sunday, Sept. 9th at 10:30 am** (We also need helpers to set up on Saturday, Sept. 8th at 6:30 pm - see info) Following our worship service, we will meet in the Parish Hall to start the assembly line for each project.

As part of the ELCA "Day of Service" on Sept. 9, we will be assembling both School Kits and Personal Care Kits in the Parish Hall. We will also be putting together Brown Bag breakfast items for seniors already being served by Meals on Wheels, who need a little food ready eat with medications in the morning. "Blessing Bags" will also be assembled. These bags will be distributed to the homeless.

All ages and abilities are welcome to help with these projects – you can be a part of the "assembly line" no matter what your age or skill level. There are plenty of spaces for willing workers! You can count, gather, wrap, tie, box...fun for all ages as we see the piles mount and boxes fill up.

In addition to all of this, we want to hear from **you** - our Idea Wall will be the place where we ask you what things you would like to see Bethania tackle in social needs arena in the year to come. (Foster children needs? Undie Sundays? Support for Animals? Meal prep for Seniors?) Give us your thoughts for exploration by Social Ministry teams - share your ideas and passions and help us make it happen.

Everyone who contributed in some way to the completion of these many projects is making a difference to the person who receives the kit. **Your** hands are in direct contact with someone in need, through the volunteer time and effort you put in, however large or small.

Thank you all for your support of this important event. Our Bethania members will directly touch those in need, by sending supplies and our compassion through Lutheran World Relief, and reaching out in new ways to others.

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

Day of Service Set-Up Helpers Needed!

Set up night: Saturday, Sept. 8th, 6:30 pm - light snacks

A short "set up" time will be held **Saturday, Sept 8th at 6:30 pm**. We will need helpers to set up tables, layout out supplies, band pencils and pens, and take off packaging. Snacks will be served.

On **Sunday, Sept. 9th**, we will need all helping hands available to assemble the kits.

We will continue to collect items for the final assembly day through Sept. 9th. Donation boxes are in the Parish Hall by the Sunday School office, or you may drop items off at the Church Office during the week.

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

Noisy Sunday is coming: Sept. 23 Making Change for the Better

The next "Noisy Sunday" is coming on Sept. 23. The offering from that day will be used to help cover the shipping costs of both the Personal Care Kits and the School Kits that we will be sending to the Lutheran World Relief Warehouse. This offering helps Lutheran World Relief ship the kits to the people who need them. We send our kits to an "ingathering" day set up by LWR, so that there is no cost to us to ship them to the warehouse. (Assembly day is scheduled for Sept. 9th - see related articles)

Why do we need to ask for shipping cost donations instead of using those funds for creating more kits? Here's why: We plan to make 225+ School Kits and over 100 Personal Care Kits. According to LWR, the approximate processing and shipping cost for each kit is as follows:

LWR Mission Quilt: (per quilt \$2.25)

LWR School Kit: (\$1.40 per kit)

LWR Personal Care Kit: (\$2.65 per kit)*

*Your gifts to the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund, for Personal Care Kits, also helps LWR cover the cost of providing a tube of toothpaste for each kit.

Your quarters, dimes and nickels (and hopefully some dollars!) will help us ship both types of kits, which are desperately needed, according to LWR.

The August Noisy Offering total (\$167.50) was used for purchasing items for our Day of Service projects, which included the kits and the Blessing Bags and Brown Bag Breakfasts. Thank you for also helping to meet the needs of seniors and the homeless, right here in the valley.

We continue to "make change for the better" with the Noisy Sunday offerings. So bring your coins and make a noise on Sept. 23rd. Together, we can CHANGE the world!

– Linda Marzullo

Day of Service Items Needed!

Our "Day of Service," an ELCA-wide event focusing on the needs of our communities and our world, is coming in September. We will be collecting items this summer for assembly of Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits, School Supplies, Blessing Bags and Brown Bag Breakfasts for Seniors.

Personal Care Kits 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 to natural or man-made disasters.

School Kits are given to children to help them have the supplies to be able to attend school. Imagine having to choose between eating a meal or purchasing a notebook. 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.

Blessing Bags are items that will help the homeless or those in transition through a rough patch without a permanent shelter.

Brown Bag Breakfasts will be assembled to make sure that Seniors who are in financial need or who require assistance with meals have something to eat for breakfast. Many medications must be taken with food in the morning.

Here are the items we are collecting. Watch for sales and help us stock up!

Updated List of Items needed are:

For Personal Care Kits:

Bath size towels (light to medium weight, between 20"x40" & 27"x52"), dark colors preferred
Bars of soap (4-5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping – 2 per kit)

For School Supply Kits:

Pencil sharpeners
Ballpoint Pens (not gel) – Blue or Black ink

For Blessing Bags (items must fit in large ziplock bag)

Socks (wool or thermal preferred)	Gloves that can be layered
Band-aids (big ones to cover blisters are nice)	Deodorant
EmergenC, Airborne, chewable multivitamins	Lip balm/chapstick
Tuna/chicken salad cracker kits	Sunscreen
Tissues, Wet wipes (individually packaged)	Water, juice boxes
Toothbrush and toothpaste	Beef Jerky
Breakfast bars or cereal bars (soft is better)	Mints or Gum
Peanut Butter crackers	Raisins/dried fruit
Snack cups/applesauce/pudding cups	Lotion

For Brown Bag Breakfasts:

Small boxes of Cereal or Oatmeal	Muffins (closer to the event)
Small juices, such as Sunny Delight or V8	

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: 805-688-5219 or via email: vikingpressprint@verizon.net

“We Support the Troops” Donation Collection Day Report

Thank you to those who contributed to our first hosted Donation Collection Day on Saturday, Aug. 18th, for SYV We Support the Troops. We received donations valued at \$6525.00.

Bethania hosts the space needed for the volunteers to pack the boxes sent to deployed military on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Santa Ynez Valley We Support the Troops Inc. prepares approximately 100 “care packages” for American service members stationed in countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria and South Korea. The recipients are usually but not always connected to someone from the Santa Ynez Valley, whether it’s a relative or a friend or co-worker. Troop members send letters requesting things such as jerky, wet wipes, shampoo and body wash, batteries, and sanitary items for women.

Since 2004, “We Support the Troops” has been providing the care packages at no cost to our men and women in military service. This all-volunteer effort is charged with soliciting the generous donations of supporters, purchasing the necessary goods desired, packaging and mailing to our Troops. Each box sent includes a personal letter. 100% of donated funds are used to support this effort.

Volunteers gather on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Bethania to prepare and pack the boxes to be shipped. Volunteers are always welcome; contact **Caro Stinson** at **805-245-4951**. A list of items needed may be found on their website, www.we-support-the-troops.org

Donated items for the troops may also be dropped off at the Parish Hall on packing day each month.

Out and About...

New Stove and Oven Units

The new stove and oven units came in handy for Vacation Bible School. Thanks to everyone for gifts made to the Memorial Fund, many in memory of Richard Lindekens. We look forward to a long and useful time of service: to make tea for meetings and funerals, cupcakes, French Fries and more for the Preschool & After School Program and food for various events!

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!**

“19 in 90 Campaign”

As many of you know, Bethania's sanctuary celebrated its 90th birthday on July 8th. To honor our church's historic building, we are kicking off the "19 in 90 Campaign" in which we will raise \$19,000 in 90 days to refurbish our church pews. We're asking the congregation to sponsor a pew, which costs \$600 to refurbish. This can be done per member, family, or co-sponsoring a pew and it can be done in honor of a loved one, in memoriam of a loved one, or just because. We will also be putting in plaques for anyone who sponsors or co-sponsors a pew, which can be written in honor of a loved one or family. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chris. As of Aug. 20, we have 18+ of 31 pews covered by donations. Let's keep up the good work!

Theo Pub

Theology Pub meets Thursday, Sept. 13th at 7 pm. Enjoy sharing a beer, appetizers and your thoughts at Solvang Brewing Company.

Book Group

Join us in the Parish Hall at 2 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 11. We are reading How (Not) to Speak of God by Peter Rollins. He is the founder of the Ikon community in Northern Ireland.

Gather Bible Study

The Gather Bible Study will be held Thursday, Sept. 20 at 10:30 am in the Atterdag Lounge on the campus of Atterdag Village. The topic is: "A Time for Repentance." Prepare for the discussion by reading Matthew 3:1-17, Mark 1:1-14, Joel 2:12-17 and Psalm 51. If you have the "Gather" magazine, the Bible study is on pp.20-25.

James Welch Pulls Out All the Stops! Saturday, Sept. 15th at 1 pm

The Danish Days Organ Concert will be on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 1pm. James Welch and his son, Nicholas, will be providing the music. The Welches are direct descendants of Danes from Fjenneslev, Denmark. James Welch is the university organist of

Santa Clara University. He has taught at University of California, Santa Barbara. He also serves as organist of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palo Alto. He received

his doctorate in organ performance from Stanford University and has played in concerts around the world. The Danish Days Organ Concert is one of his favorite places to play and indeed Welch has provided music here for many years. Once again, the organ concert is free but donations of \$5 to \$10 are very welcome.





Summer Produce

Thanks to FoodBank of Sant Barbara we were able to offer fresh produce to the Preschool families a couple of times during the summer. Donna Hinsbeeck and Caro Stinson went to Santa Maria to pick up the food and returned to Bethania to bag it for the children and their families.

We look forward to a great relationship with FoodBank of Santa Barbara County.

St. Paul's 4th Missionary Journey

Pastor Russ and Jeanie Gordon are hosting a cruise of the Mediterranean aboard the Norwegian Jade, along with Bishop Guy Erwin, departing **Sept. 11, 2019**. Stops include Rome, Malta, Mykonos, Santorini, Athens, Corinth, and more. Bishop Erwin will be offering evening lectures on St. Paul's 4th Missionary Journey. Brochures are in the narthex or church office. Or contact Pastor Russ at 805-704-2199 for more info.

Church Business

Treasurer's Report July 2018

Balance Sheet:

The cash position in general checking was \$2,300. While that is less than we would like to see, it still leaves us with a positive balance.

The money market fund balance went up slightly due to special giving for the pew refinishing.

There was an increase in the net assets due to the work that was done on the bathrooms near the parish hall.

All liabilities are current with the normal exception of the pension liability.

There is no indebtedness and all accounts are current.

The balance sheet remains strong.

Profit and Loss Budget Performance:

Income:

Offering giving was up by \$2,057 for the month. Much of this increase was due to giving for Vacation Bible School, with part of it from increased general fund offerings. For the year to date, offerings were at 101% of budget.

Total income for the month of July was on budget, and total giving for the year to date was at 111%.

Expenses:

Salaries and benefits for the month were on budget, and for the year are at 98% of budget. Office administration expenses were up slightly for the month due to a purchase of office supplies. Through the first eight months, these expenses are at 97% of budget.

Property expenses were up slightly this month due to an increase in outside maintenance services. Through July we are at 106% of budget.

Utilities are under budget for the month, but over for the first eight months. Most of that overage occurred during the first three months of the year.

Christian education was up for the month due to Vacation Bible School expenses. However, that was offset by the increase of offerings for VBS.

Overall for the month of July we had a net revenue over expenses by \$1,741. For the first 8 months of the year we are running a slight deficit of \$2,700.

Overall:

Bethania's members continue to support the ministries of the church and be a blessing to the community. We know that sometimes it may seem that we are always asking for our members to give more, but be assured that we realize that every one of our members have differing abilities to give. We can only pray that God will give each of us the ability to give as we are able, and that is a blessing. Thanks be to God for all of you.

- Ron Walsh, Treasurer

About the Church Organ...

The organ in the church is currently under repair. Recently, the motor stopped working and our organ service company, Newton Pipe Organ Services removed the motor and took it to their workshop in San Jose. Roger Inkpen will be working on it and hopes to return it on Sept. 11 when the organ will be tuned. Everything should be up and running for Bethania's annual Danish Days Organ concert.

In Our Hearts, In Our Prayers

Immediate Prayer Concerns: Brianna Ceballos, Denise Chaboya, Marlo & Summer Cochrane, Caylin, Katy & Kay Corlee, Marion Hallum, Bobby McGee, Sarah Monedero, Jean Stelling, Lou Vitelli

On-Going Prayer Concerns: Andy Blanton, Pat Bode, Barbara Boyd, Angela Cerda, Annette Clausen, Joe Downey, David Eck, George Eckman, Terri Elwess, Ida FitzGerald, Armando Franco, Chris Frederiksen, Debbie Fritts, Patrice Fuller, Chris Gideon, Pat Green, Kathy Hackler, Jennifer Howell, Glen Jacobsen, Michael Jech, Robert & Gail Jennings, Barbara Kargard, Kate Knotts, Duane Lamberton, Ethel Litwiler, Betsy & Steve Logan, Brian Merrick, Daniel Morozov & Jesse Gonzalez, Marilyn Larsen, Denise Morris, Denny Norrenbrock, Marie Ostertag, Bill Petersen, Doyle Phillips, Audrey Robinson, Else Statom, Stephanie Statom, Jesse Tovar, Nancy Waite, Chris Walsh, Alisha & Anna Marie Wilson and Robert Workman

Save these Dates!

Oct. 8 at 6 pm - Social Ministry meeting, Church Office

Oct. 25 & 26 – Set up for Halloween Party

Oct. 27 – Halloween Party

November (no set date) - Iglesia Christmas Wish Lists become available

Nov. 20 - Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Nov. 25 - Noisy Sunday Offering, benefitting Iglesia Christmas Angels Project

Dec. 16 - Iglesia Christmas Party Wrap Day for Angels Project





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedn'day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CH = Church PH = Parish Hall FR = Fireside Rm OFC = Office	BPSAS = Preschool & AfterSchool	SME = St. Mark's Episcopal	AV = Atterdag Village of Solvang			1
2 9:30 am Worship:CH 10:45 am Coffee Hour, Danish Days Parade Mtg:PH, Produce Table:Breezeway 5 pm Koinonia: FR	3 Labor Day The OFC & BPSAS are closed. 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	4 7 pm Yoga:PH	5 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC	6	7	8 6:30 pm Set-Up For Day of Service
9 Day of Service 9:30 am Worship: CH 10:45 am Coffee Hour:PH 10:45 am Assembling Kits and Bags 10:45 am Produce Table:Breezeway 12-noon Youth Group:FR 5 pm Koinonia: FR	10 6 pm Social Ministry Mtg:OFC 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmt. Mtg.OFC 8 pm AA: FR	11 2 pm Book Group: PH 7 pm Sun. Sch Training:FR 7 pm Yoga:PH	12 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel:CH 12:45 pm Quilting: PH	13 2 pm BPSAS Brd. Mtg:PH 7 pm Theo Pub: Solvang Brewing Co.	14 Danish Days Begins	15 1 pm Danish Days Organ Concert: CH
16 9:00 am Worship:CH 10:00 am Education Time & Produce Table 11 am Worship:CH 5 pm Koinonia: FR	17 5:15 pm Grief Group: SME 6:30 pm Tai Chi: PH 8 pm AA: FR	18 7 pm Yoga:PH	19 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel:CH	20 10:30 am Communion, Gather Bible Study:AV 2 pm Memorials Mtg: OFC 7 pm Council Meeting: OFC	21 Beacon Deadline: OFC	22
23 Noisy Offering 9:00 am Worship:CH 10:00 am Education Time & Produce Table 11 am Worship:CH 5 pm Koinonia: FR	24 6:30 pm Tai Chi: PH 8 pm AA: FR	25 7 pm Yoga:PH	26 9 am "Support the Troops":PH 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel:CH	27	28	29
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