

# The Beacon

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## Pastor Chris's Message



**Advent blessings!** This is always such a mysterious time of the Church calendar. I always tend to drift back to my time in Chicago, in which December was a time where the shift into winter was adamantly noticeable. The trees would be barren, nightfall came earlier and earlier and the chill that would soon bring snow made its presence known. As the world grew darker and quieter, creation seemed to yearn for the coming of some semblance of light, some semblance of hope that this was not the beginning of eternal darkness. And so it goes with the human soul, doesn't it? When we find ourselves, or our loved ones, or our communities, or our world in the presence of darkness, we fear that it might be forever, that there is no end in sight – and we wait for some sign of hope that it is not so.

Our church calendar, and in particular, Advent, align themselves with our seasonal calendar as well. As creation enters into this period of waiting for light, the Church enters into the space of waiting for the coming of Christ, the hope that God walks among us as a human being, connected to both the joys we experience and the inevitable pain we all go through at some point in time.

Advent, a Latin word that means coming, is a 4-week period of time at the beginning of the Church calendar, in which we prepare for the coming of Christ. Our readings this season always place us in a space of wonderment, considering the literal darkness that surrounds us as our little blue rock drifts further from the Sun, as well as the proverbial darkness that may surround our lives through loss, grief, pain, struggle, or whatever it may be. These spaces beg the question, how does Christ's coming respond to these needs?

What I love about Advent is how the answers to that question change year to year. In whatever ways they've been answered, it always seems that Christ is here with us. Love and support from family, friends and strangers seem to always show up, random acts of kindness continue to go on, average people continue to stand up for what's right and advocate for those without voice, and love continues to exist in this world. I've witnessed Christ come in the shape of people and moments I expect and in the most wonderfully unexpected ways imaginable, but no matter what, Christ shows up.

I'd like to leave you with two things this holiday season as we venture into the wilderness of Advent. First, I'd like to invite you to reflect on your own wilderness and explore both why you might seek the coming of Christ and how Christ has and continues to show up for you. My inkling is that the ways and manner in which Christ shows up for each of us is as unique as a fingerprint or the shape of a snowflake. And second, as you wonder how Christ might come

to you, there's someone out there wondering how Christ might come to them, too – and perhaps what they're waiting for is Christ coming to them through you. You never know when you might be the answer to someone else's prayer. So as you prepare to witness Christ this Advent season, also prepare for how you might be a witness of Christ for those around you.

**Advent Blessings,  
Pastor Chris**

## **Ministry at Bethania**

### **Youth and Family Ministry**

**Warmest Greetings Bethania,**

We have transitioned Confirmation into more of a Youth Group format. Youth Group is meeting Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> in our Fireside Room from 3-5 pm. If you have a middle school to high school aged child looking to expand their education in faith and make some friends, they are welcome! Have them bring a friend too!

Solvang Julefest Parade is Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at noon, line up will be 11 am. We hope to decorate on the days leading up. We encourage all youth and families to join the Bethania float that day.

Youth and I are going ice skating Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> to Ice in Paradise in Goleta.

Reminder: The Christmas Angel Wrap Party for Iglesia will be Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour. We hope all youth and families can attend and help wrap some presents before the 11 am service.

In January: Youth's Annual Rummage Sale will be Saturday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 am-12 pm. We will be allowing items to be dropped off that Wednesday through Friday before the sale starting at 6 pm-8 pm, so as to not disturb preschool hours.

In February: Youth Retreat to El Camino Pines is Feb. 8-10, 2019. The youth and I will take part in a mission project, nature walks, recreational sports, and stay in cabins. Cost to attend for the weekend: \$145 for early bird registration and \$155 regular registration.

Parents and guardians please let me know which event your child/ren will be attending.

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

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### **Bethania Preschool and After School**

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..." The Preschool classrooms are filling up with all kinds of Christmas projects. We have angels, candy canes, wreaths, stockings and so much more.

The children are getting more and more excited with each passing day. It is such a fun time to be working with children. The joy they are feeling is contagious.

We have been practicing our Christmas songs since November to be ready for our Christmas Program on Thursday, Dec. 13. Please join us for this fun filled evening at 7 pm in the Parish Hall, while the children sing with "Visions of Sugarplums" dancing in their heads.

The Preschool will have its annual Children's Gift Exchange on Friday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am in the Parish Hall. Each child brings in a gift to exchange with a classmate. We sing songs while we "dance" around the Christmas Tree and have milk and cookies for snack.

The Preschool and After School will be closed Dec. 24, 2018 -Jan. 1, 2019 so the staff can spend time with their families.

## *An Irish Blessing*

The light of the Christmas star to you,  
The warmth of home and hearth to you,  
The cheer and good will of friends to you,  
The hope of a childlike heart to you,  
The joy of a thousand angels to you,  
The love of the Son, and God's peace to you.

**Merry Christmas,  
-Eileen**

## **It's Christmas Greetings Time Again....**

Once again Bethania Preschool and After School will be offering you the opportunity to wish all your Bethania Family and Friends a "Merry Christmas" by donating to the preschool and after school programs. When you make a donation, an ornament will be placed on the tree in the Narthex. Your name will be written on the ornament as your "Christmas Greeting" to all. Your donations will go towards enhancing the Preschool and After School Programs. To make a donation simply complete the attached form and return it to the Preschool either by mail, in person, or place it in the offering plate. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Preschool and After School programs.

**-Eileen Knotts, Director**

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### **Christmas Greetings**

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

Name on ornament - same as above

other \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Please make checks payable to: Bethania Preschool

**Deadline for name to appear in January Beacon is Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018.**

## Halloween Party was a Hit

The annual Halloween Party was held on Saturday, Oct. 27th – and it was definitely a hit again. We hosted over 230 kids, parents, friends and families in a magical night of fun, food and fantastic costumes. We had so many people, we expanded our area to include both the Fireside Room, Parish Hall and Courtyard areas. It was great to see such large attendance.

Our volunteers really stepped up and made the Parish Hall a magical place and made playing our carnival games so much fun that the kids just kept on coming. We had two bounce houses, popcorn, cotton candy, food, contests, games, crafts, photo area and so much fun. We ended the evening with a drawing celebrating “The Last Treat Bag Standing” – everyone had a number on their treat bag, and two of the children who were there for the ending received cute stuffed animals.

Volunteers of all types, talents and abilities helped to make our party for revelers large and small a fun and safe event. Donations of prizes, candy, cash and decor were much appreciated. We could not do this without our wonderful volunteers, a list of more than 50 people! An extra big thank you to all of the volunteers who went above and beyond, especially: Livier Ghamari Brown, Donna Hinsbeeck, Caro Stinson, Brenda Knudsen, Alice and Robert Laufer, Betty and John Petersen, Glenda Madrid, Don Thompson, Dominique Ghamari, Bridget Cassara, Fred & Nancy Emerson, Denise Morris, Rick Marzullo, Tom Petersen, Lisa Hess...and so many more!

This is our biggest outreach to families with children during the year – thank you everyone for your help in making this a huge success!

**-Linda Marzullo**

## Ministry in the Community and Around the World

### What Does the Produce Table Contribution to World Hunger Accomplish?



The November Living Lutheran had a wonderful article sharing how ELCA World Hunger funds are being used in Malawi\* help individual farmers and their communities. Our Produce Table just contributed \$2,000 to this ELCA fund.

Mr. Tsatautenda is a fifth generation farmer on family lands. Thanks to the Village Savings & Loan group established by the African Lutheran Church and bolstered by ELCA grants, he obtained a loan to plant a nursery of Cassia trees\*\*. In addition he received training at the group's farming school. He now has 1,200 trees, which make badly needed reforestation and soil protection possible for neighbors as well as himself.

Learning about just one of the many ways this fund is used makes me eager for our church to do even more during the coming year.

### **- Nancy Emerson**

\*Malawi: Malawi is a landlocked country in southeast Africa that was formerly known as Nyasaland. Settled in the 10th Century, it was colonized by Great Britain in 1891 and regained independence in 1964. It is bordered by Zambia to the northwest, Tanzania to the northeast, and Mozambique on the east, south and west. With an estimated population of 18,091,575 (as of July 2016), Malawi is over 45,560 sq. mi. (CA is 163,696 sq. mi.). Lake Malawi takes up about a third of Malawi's area. The name Malawi comes from the Maravi, an old name of the Nyanja people that inhabit the area. The country is also nicknamed "The Warm Heart of Africa"

\*\*Cassia tree: A tropical tree. A couple of species are used in Malawi. It has medicinal value, traditionally used in a number of ways. It is promising for additional uses but further research is needed. The leaves of one of the species are used as a vegetable. One has beautiful yellow flowers. A different species can be found among Santa Barbara's street trees.

## **Noisy Sunday is coming: Making Change Count**

The next "Noisy Sunday" is coming on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our donations from the offering will be used to help provide food items for members at Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz, and fund any additional Angel Gifts needed for the children attending there (see related article).

What will our donations be used towards?

Donations on Noisy Sunday will help us purchase food items for families. The majority of the families at Iglesia work in the fields, and this time of year is difficult financially for them. Many children have nothing to eat at home, and depend on outside sources for their meals, such as school lunches. Families often share small apartments and even live in garages, with the entire family sleeping on the floor. We hope to help these families with gifts of food, diapers, laundry soap and gift cards for fresh produce and dairy items. If we have any Angel Gift children that have not been adopted, some of these funds will help provide them with warm clothing and a toy. Pastor Esteban and his wife Angie provide the "wish lists" for the children's gift requests. Any amount donated, large or small, is much appreciated towards meeting these goals.

We all really "make change for the better" with the Noisy Sunday! So bring your coins and make some noise on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Together, we can change a child's world!

**- Linda Marzullo**

## **Bell Ringers Needed!**

Bethania has committed to helping the SYV extension of the Salvation Army with one weekend of bell ringing at Nielsen's Market in Solvang. The SYV Salvation Army assists those in need, right here in our area. All funds raised by the bell ringers stay here for local use.

This can be a fun way to greet people for the holidays and help those around us at the same time. You can dress up to keep the mood festive, or not – "ugly Christmas

sweaters" are welcome! Some ringers dress up their pets to be their "helper". Grandparents may bring their grandkids and some friends challenge each other and ring the bell as a team.

Dates are **Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 & 2**. Times we need ringers are: 9-11 am, 11am-1pm, 1-3 pm and 3-5 pm. You can also contact Charlie Uhrig (805-452-8073) if you would like to help at other locations or on other dates. Bell ringing begins Thanksgiving weekend on Saturdays and Sundays at El Rancho, Albertson's and Nielsen's Markets, and continues through the weekend before Christmas.

Sign up in the Parish Hall on our sheet, and help ring in the holidays!

## **Santa Ynez Valley Wine Club Association Food Drive**

The Santa Ynez Valley Wine Club Association is having a food drive for Iglesia Luterana in Santa Maria. You can help local field workers this winter with your donations of



Bags of Masa (Corn) or White Flour  
5 lb. bags of White Rice  
Bags of Dried Pinto Peas Canola Oil  
Canned Chicken  
Breakfast Cereal/Granola Bars  
Canned Soups & Vegetables Toilet Paper  
Cleaning Supplies  
Diapers  
Feminine Hygiene Items

Please bring items to SYV Wine Club Association member wine tasting room between Dec. 1 and Dec. 22. We will deliver food to Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz in Santa Maria before Dec. 23.

For more information, contact Bridget Cassara at [bridget@ccwinery.com](mailto:bridget@ccwinery.com)

## **Christmas Angels & Preschool Presents: Calling all Angels!**

Would you like to be an "angel" to a child in need? Dust off your angel wings if you would be interested in helping to make Christmas special for a child this year.

Close to home, the **Christmas Angel** project helps the members of Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz by providing Christmas gifts for needy children. Iglesia is a mission start up church based at Bethel in Santa Maria, which serves the very poorest of the farm workers who often live in difficult circumstances. Oftentimes families share one bed or live in someone else's garage without heat or running water. Many of the children may not have shoes, warm clothing or enough to eat. Agricultural conditions, weather and the economy directly affect these hard-working families, especially during the winter months. Even closer to home, the **Preschool Presents** project helps to support local families who attend Bethania Preschool and After School program. These local families are chosen by Preschool Director Eileen Knotts. Your donations will assist us in purchasing gifts and other necessary items for local children, to help these families who require some assistance to make their child's Christmas

special. If you would like to shop for a Preschool child or make a donation to this project, you can earmark it "Preschool Presents". (*This is a different donation from the Preschool Scholarship Fund.*)

We would be happy to have your Angelic assistance for any of these children. If you are interested in sponsoring a child through the Christmas Angel or the Preschool Presents Projects, donations of any amount are welcome. If you would prefer to do the shopping on your own, or make a contribution of an item on a child's wish list, please let Linda Marzullo know. All of the children/families have specific needs and/or requests we are going to try to fulfill, based on their "wish lists". Contact Linda Marzullo if you would like to be an Angel and adopt a child through fulfilling their wish list.

We need willing hands and generous hearts to make these gifts happen and keep our funding through Thrivent. Would you consider enriching your holiday by helping others in need?

Our "Christmas Wrap" Party, when we package and wrap the gifts for the children while Carols are sung, will be held Dec. 16, and the gifts delivered to Iglesia in time for their Christmas Party.

**Please contact Linda Marzullo with any questions at [vikingspressprint@verizon.net](mailto:vikingspressprint@verizon.net), work 1-805-688-5219 or the church office.**



**Christmas Carol/Wrap**  
**Sunday, Dec. 16th**  
**Following 9 am Worship During Coffee Hour**  
**Christmas Carols, Coffee & Gift Wrapping for Iglesia**



Bring yourself and your willing hands and singing voice. Everyone is welcome, whether you want to wrap, sing, have coffee and talk...we have lots of children to wrap presents for, and we need your help! We provide the paper, boxes and tape - you help do the wrapping of the gifts our Angels have purchased, and have some fun at the same time.

We will be enjoying Christmas music, coffee, fellowship and singing while we wrap gifts for needy children from Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz in Santa Maria (see related article). The gifts

will be going to the children who have been sponsored through the Christmas Angel Project. All wrapped gifts will be delivered to Iglesia, in time for their Christmas party. All members of Bethania are invited to attend: the party will be held Dec. 23 at Bethel in Santa Maria. Call the church office for more details.

We invite people of all ages to come and help WRAP up some gifts while we "RAP" to Christmas tunes and share some fun, while sharing the spirit of the Christmas!

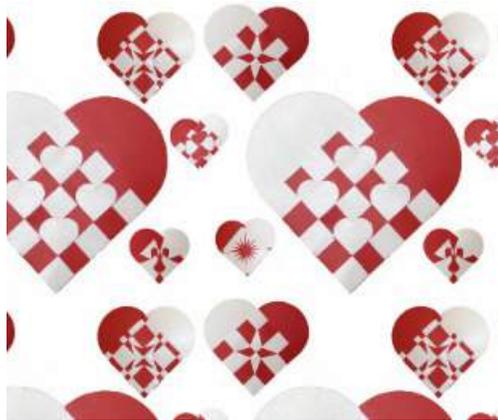
For more information about this project or to help with delivery or gift purchases, contact the church office or Linda Marzullo at work 688-5219, cell 451-5548 or [vikingspressprint@verizon.net](mailto:vikingspressprint@verizon.net)

## **This Month at Bethania and More!!!!**

### **Bethania Lutheran Church Women Holiday Luncheon**

All women of Bethania are invited to attend a holiday luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 6 at noon. There will be lunch, fellowship song and an informative talk by Livier Brown about the Youth and Family Ministry Program at Bethania. Please let Brenda Knudsen know if you plan to attend ([brenda.knudsen@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.knudsen@gmail.com) or leave message at 1-805-688-5280).

### **Danish Sisterhood Family Christmas Gathering Dec. 9 at 5 pm in the Parish Hall**



#### **You are invited...**

Traditional Danish Dinner -  
\$10/adult, \$5/child - at the door

Dancing Around the Christmas Tree

Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale -  
featuring handmade items and Danish, home-  
made, baked goods

### **Theo Pub**

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

### **Book Club**

The Bethania Book Club will be starting a new book this month in conjunction with our 2019 Farstrup-Mortensen topic, "Was Jesus a Christian?" The book we will be reading is by one of our speakers, Pamela Eisenbaum, called *Paul Was Not A Christian*. All are welcome to join us as we meet the second Tuesday of the month (Dec. 11) at 2 pm, in the Parish Hall. For those joining, please read the introduction and the first three chapters. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chris.

## Gather Bible Study

The "Gather" Bible study will be held on Thursday, Dec. 20 at 10:30 am in the Atterdag Lounge at Atterdag Village. The topic is "Fear Not, God is at work beyond our ability to imagine." Read the article in the "Gather" magazine, pp. 22-27. Join in the discussion.

## Poinsettias

This year we are getting 25 poinsettias from Cal Poly's horticultural program. Each poinsettia is \$8. If you would like one please fill out this form and submit it with payment to Kristyl in the church office. Your dedication will appear in the Little Christmas Eve and Christmas Eve bulletins. You may take them home after the 11 pm service, Dec. 24 or on Sunday, Dec. 30.

Our thanks to Cal Poly freshman Eddie Lundberg for picking up the poinsettias.



We/I would like # \_\_\_\_\_ of poinsettia (s).

My/Our dedication is: in memory of/in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

My/Our name: \_\_\_\_\_

\$8 payment enclosed.

## “Service of Carols”

On Dec. 16 at 5 pm in the sanctuary, we will hold a “Service of Carols,” based on the “Service of Carols” that Kings' College in Cambridge, England has held yearly since 1918. The service tells the Christmas story in readings and songs.

Everyone is invited to this simple service.

After the service, cookies and cider will be served in the Parish Hall.

Call the Church Office for details.

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## Christmas Eve Worship Services

Little Christmas Eve - Dec. 23, 2018

6:00 pm Worship Service



Christmas Eve - Christmas Eve -

Dec. 24, 2018

4:00 pm Worship Service

6:00 pm Worship Service

11:00 pm Worship Service

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### Church Business

#### **On Year-End Giving**

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, for God loves a cheerful Giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Most of us have been told this since our days in Sunday School. We want to give and need to give gladly. A spirit of generosity isn't enough to guide us in our decisions. What else does Scripture have to say on the subject?

#### **Offerings and Tithing**

"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come." 1 Corinthians 16:2

The faith practice of making a regular financial offering to our Church is grounded in a "first fruits" philosophy. We might think of this giving as "business as usual." You may pay rent or a mortgage, buy groceries, and you contribute regularly to help carry out God's mission in the world. Your generosity isn't an afterthought; it's part of your day-in-and day-out joyful response as a child of God.

These offerings first help to support Bethania's local ministries, outreach and more. Our congregation then shares a portion of your offering – mission support – with our synod and the ELCA church body as a whole.

Many Christians talk about their regular contribution as a tithe. This helps us to differentiate between our financial commitment to Bethania and the special offerings we may designate to specific causes, such as world hunger, Inglesia support, heritage fund, or endowment funds.

As a congregation, we encourage your designated support of these worthy causes. But we recommend that these offerings are given above and beyond, and never in place of your commitment to your regular offering to Bethania.

## **Alms**

“Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys” Luke 12:33

Alms are our compassionate, heartfelt response to the people Jesus mentioned in Matthew 25: those “least” of our brothers and sisters who are “less” than we are in circumstance only and always our equal in their humanity.

This is our most personal and spontaneous kind of giving in response to people in need. Think about the homeless people in our communities who live on the streets, or in creek beds or people in our own congregation who struggle with financial issues, or are in difficult times emotionally and physically. Your outreach makes God’s love for them feel very real and very immediate; your kindness reveals Christ’s presence within them as well.

## **Time and Talent**

It’s also important to remember that when we focus exclusively on giving in terms of money alone, we lose sight of the bigger picture. God calls us to be generous in all areas of our lives and invites us to explore the many opportunities to share ourselves through our time and talent.

When we ground our giving in a biblical context, our financial generosity becomes an expression of our love for God, for our neighbor, and for ourselves. We are new people in Christ: compassionate and eager to share. We give cheerfully because God has given us so much.

As we approach the year end, we ask that you prayerfully consider your response to God’s blessings that He has bestowed on you. We encourage you to join our Church Council in giving an additional gift to the Lord, “for God loves a cheerful giver”

- **Ron Walsh, Treasurer**

## **And, A Brief Note About End of Year Contributions**

In order to have a charitable donation apply to your 2018 income tax filing, a monetary donation must be given in person (either in worship or to the church office) before or on Dec. 31, 2018 - or mailed and postmarked before or on Dec. 31, 2018 to the church office. Please remember to make a donation in a timely fashion.

- **Kristyl Downey, Office Manager**

## Annual Meeting, pt.1 Summary

- The 2019 Congregational Budget was approved.
- The following people were re-elected to serve as council members: Ann Tucker, Stewart Fries, Bridget Cassara, Wendy Bevier and Denise Johnson. Carolyn Schuit, Susan Cochrane and Emily Abello were elected to church council. Ron Walsh is finishing his two-year term.
- Thank you to Robert Laufer, Barbara Kargard & Robin Gehrs who have finished their service on church council this year.
- Annalisa Nearn was re-elected to the Cemetery Committee.
- John Jones and David Hemming were re-elected to the Endowment Fund Committee.
- Robert Laufer was elected to the 2019 Nominating Committee.
- The Long-range Planning meeting will be seeking input from the congregation about our plans for the future.

## Treasurer's Report October 2018 Financial Statements

### Balance Sheet:

The cash position for the month of October was only \$299 in general checking after all bills were paid.

This is much lower than we would like to see, however, we were able to meet all payables and payroll for the month.

The money market fund was up for the month by nearly \$3,000. This was largely due to the gifts to the pew restoration fund and the youth fund (Halloween party, primarily).

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

Despite the minimal cash position in the general checking, the balance sheet remains strong with total assets of \$3,722,172.

### Profit & Loss Budget Performance:

#### Income:

Offerings for the month were below budget by \$1,547. However, total offerings for the first 10 months were up by over \$5,000 (103% of budget).

Fund-raising income remained at \$4,834 for the year to date and will remain that way for the last two months of the year. We are slightly below budget by \$166.

Other income for the month was up by slightly over \$1,000 and up by over \$11,000 for the first 10 months.

Nearly all of that was due to youth fund contributions for the Houston trip. (This income was offset by the expenses in the youth fund for the trip.)

Other receipts were down for the month, but up for the 10 months.

Total income for the month was below budget by \$624. However, total income for the first 10 months was up by over \$22,000 (110% of budget.)

### **Expenses:**

Benevolence for the month was on budget, and over for the first 10 months – largely due to special benevolences given for the Thomas fire and Montecito flood.

Salary and benefits were up by \$1,792 – due to second service musicians and increased child care for two services. For the first 10 months we are at 100% of budget.

Staff expenses were below budget for the month and are at 78% of budget for the year.

Office administrative expenses were up by \$460 for the month (we paid two months of copier expenses in October – September bill was never received by the church) and are at 100% of budget for the first 10 months.

Property expenses were up slightly for the month and are at 100% of budget for the first 10 months.

Utilities were up slightly for the month, and are at 100% of budget for the first 10 months.

Christian Education is up for the first 10 months largely due to VBS and new Sunday School curriculum.

Outreach, Social Ministry, and Stewardship committees are all under budget.

Worship & Music are over budget largely due to the repairs to the organ.

The Youth Committee budget is over due to the Houston trip, but is offset by the income for the trip.

Overall our income is 110% of budget and our expenses are 107% of budget for the first 10 months.

### **Overall**

Bethania continues to be a healthy and thriving congregation with faithful members and dedicated staff who truly proclaim God's love here in our church, our community, and the world. Thanks be to God!

**- Ron Walsh, Treasurer**

## Social Ministry During December and Beyond

### Upcoming Events:

Bell Ringers for Salvation Army at Nielsen's Market (Dec. 1st & 2nd – funds stay in the SYV!)  
Food Donation Boxes in SYV Wine Tasting Rooms (November-December)  
Angel Gifts/Christmas Angel Wrap Day (Dec. 16)  
Quilt Raffle to support our quilting group (January)

**Coming 2019:** Brown Bag Breakfasts for Seniors, Support the Troops collection

If you are interested in making a difference in the world, think about attending the next Social Ministry meeting will be in January. We would love to have input and we welcome all who are interested. We also love having your support, so read the Beacon for ways to help.

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

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### In Our Hearts, In Our Prayers

**Immediate Prayer Concerns:** Brianna Ceballos, Denise Chaboya, Steve Cochran & Michelle Massey, Marlo & Summer Cochran, Caylin, Katy & Kay Corlee, Ida FitzGerald, John Groh, Belle Hoyer, Marion Hallum, Lennon Jones, Duane Lamberton, Betsy & Steve Logan, Joe Martin, Bobby McGee, Janette & Loren Miller, Elisa Brown, Carley & Natalea Brown, Sarah Monedero, Clayton Nielsen, Jean Stelling, Lou Vitelli, and those who serve our country both at home and abroad

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





# December 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedn'day	Thursday	Friday	Sat'day
FR = Fireside Rm OFC = Office PH = Parish Hall	CH = Church	BPSAS = Preschool & AfterSchool	SME = St. Mark's Episcopal	AV = Atterdag Village		1 Bell Ringing: Nielsen's M kt.
2 9 am & 11 am Worship:CH 10 am Education Time, Coffee Hour & Bell Ringing: Nielsen's Mkt.	3 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	4 5:30 am Yoga:PH 7 pm Yoga:PH	5 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel:CH 5:45 pm Touch-A- Truck Mtg:FR 7 pm Choir:FR	6 12 noon BLCW Lunch:PH 7 pm Theo Pub: Solvang Brewing Co.	7	8 5 pm SYV Jewish Communit y Hanukkah Party:PH
9 9 & 11am Worship:CH 10 am Education Time & Coffee Hour 3-5 pm Youth Group :FR 5 pm Danish Sisterhood Family Party Christmas Party:PH	10 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	11 2 pm Book Group: PH 7 pm Yoga:PH	12 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel:CH 12:45 pm Quilting: PH 7 pm Choir:FR	13 2 pm BPSAS Brd. Mtg:PH 7 pm BPS Program:PH 7 pm Theo Pub: Solvang Brewing Co.	14	15 Set-up for Angel (W)Rap:PH
16 9 & 11 am Worship:CH 10 am Angel (W)Rap & Coffee Hour:PH 5 pm Service of Carols:CH	17 5:15 pm Grief Group: SME 6:30 pm Tai Chi: PH 8 pm AA: FR	18	19 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel:CH 7 pm Choir:FR	20 10:30 am Communion, & Gather Bible Study:AV 2 pm Memorials Cmt. Mtg:OFC 7 pm Council Meeting: OFC	21 Beacon Deadline : OFC	22
23 Noisy Offering 9 & 11am Worship:CH 10 am Education Time & Coffee Hour 6 pm Danish Little Christmas Eve Service: CH	24 Christmas Eve Services 4 pm, 6 pm & 11 pm 8 pm AA	25 Christmas  The church office & BPSAS are closed Dec. 24-28.	26	27	28	29
30 9 & 11am Worship:CH 10 am Education Time & Coffee Hour	31 The Church Office will be open. 8pm AA:FR	Jan. 1, 2019  The Church Office and BPSAS are closed.				

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### Christmas Eve Worship Services

Little Christmas Eve - Dec. 23, 2018  
6:00 pm Danish Worship Service

Christmas Eve - Christmas Eve - Dec. 24, 2018  
4:00 pm Worship Service  
6:00 pm Worship Service  
11:00 pm Candlelight Service