

# The Beacon

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## Pastor Chris's Message



I've recently embarked on a new book that has me engrossed unlike any book I've read for a while, called *Lost Connections* by Johann Hari. The purpose of the book is a comprehensive exploration of the causes and treatments of anxiety and depression in our culture. He details the history of anti-depressants as treatment and then goes on to explore nine categories he's identified that cause depression and anxiety, which he calls "disconnections". Some of these categories are disconnection from nature, disconnection from purpose, disconnection from a community, etc.

With each chapter he shares the scientific research behind each disconnection by psychologists, MDs, anthropologists, sociologists, etc., as a way to highlight that behind depression and anxiety are the stories of each person's background. His point is rather than treat depression and anxiety as a problem of brain chemistry, we should look at what's happening in a person's life and understand the overall evolutions of human society that might be contributing to this, such as people spending more time in their house, hooked into media, working at jobs without secure futures, etc.

My point in all this, and the place I come from when reading this book, is to understand how spirituality and philosophy play a role in both contributing to the problem of increased depression and anxiety in our culture, as well as their potential responses to it. For example, the holy writings of our faith come from the Bible, and all of those writings come from a time when culture was entirely communal. The people who were hearing those words for the first time understood them from a communal perspective because that's all they knew. Yet, today our faith is understood far more from an individualistic perspective. Salvation is individual, our relationship with God is personal, and we are more and more distanced from the people we seek to help because our lives don't necessarily cross paths.

As Hari highlights these various disconnections, his response is to create these connections again (in a much more detailed way). What triggers me in reading his book is how many of these connections parallel our faith. When Jesus said the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, he was pointing people away from the Temple orientation to experiencing God in the world around. When Jesus healed lepers, people with disabilities, women who were bleeding, the blind, people with mental illnesses, etc., he was reconnecting them to their communities. When Jesus spoke love to the gentile woman, the woman to be stoned, the Syrophenician woman, Zacchaeus the tax collector, and all the other outcasts, he was reconnecting them to their identity as beloved children of God. When he was speaking blessings to the poor, the meek, the hungry, the merciful, the peacemakers, and the persecuted, he was reconnecting them to their inherent worth.

What I'm getting at is that new information in psychology, sociology, anthropology and medical science is pointing to what faith and philosophy have been saying for a long time: as humans we are wired to be in community with one another, to care for one another, to seek love with each other and with the world around us, and when we live in these states of being, we are healthy people and we are healthy communities, and we were severed from these streams we fall into anxiety and de-

pression. Not only is our society, with its focus on wealth, consumerism, and individuality not addressing these issues, but no longer is our faith because it has become a product of the society it seeks to serve.

However, as Hari seeks to make these connections again, our faith is just as present making the same call. The call to love, the call to create peace, the call to lift up, the call to include, the call to identify people as worthy, the call to care for this planet, simply put, the call to be Christ in the world. Will you listen?

**Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Chris**

## ***Mark Your Calendars!!!***

***We will be having ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE on Feb. 23rd at 9:30 am. That is the weekend of the annual Farstrup-Mortensen Lecture Series and Bishop Erwin will be preaching and presiding, following a panel discussion by our speakers in the Parish Hall. Please mark your calendars and join us for all events!***

## **Ministry at Bethania**

### **Youth and Family Ministry**

**Greetings,**

We have transitioned Confirmation into more of a Youth Group format. Youth Group is not meeting this month. But please 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!

Some youth, parents, and I are trekking to the mountains for a winter retreat at El Camino Pines from 2/8/19 - 2/10/19. We will take part in a mission project, nature walks, recreational sports, and stay in cabins. The theme is "Messy Faith."

Sunday School has a new curriculum and we are excited to share. We have dedicated classrooms set for ages 2, 3, 4, then Grades K, 1st, 2nd and Grades 3rd, 4th, 5th. Sunday School is every Sunday from 10-11 am. If you'd like to be a teacher please contact me.

VBS will be June 24<sup>th</sup>-June 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30 pm. Our first Planning Meeting will be Wednesday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm in the Fireside Room. Hope to see new and returning faces! The theme is "To Mars and Beyond".

In March: Confirmation/Youth Group will meet on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm in the Fireside Room, instead of March 10<sup>th</sup> due to scheduling conflict.

Lenten Soup Suppers are back!!! Every Wednesday from 3/13 - 4/10 Pastor Chris hosts a dinner for our church community. Volunteers sign up to bring soup, salad, or bread as we enjoy a short service. Youth are expected to set up, serve and clean up, in return they may receive donations for their work.

**Blessings to you and your loved ones,**

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## **Bethania Preschool and After School**

Even though February is the shortest month of the year we have a lot happening at the Preschool.

We focus on **love, friendships and caring for one another**. We help the children understand the importance of these traits so they can establish better friendships and relationships among those around them.

Our **Valentine curriculum** will feature many art explorations using theme colors and heart shapes to decorate our classroom. Each classroom will be celebrating Valentine's Day by giving and receiving Valentines. The children will also enjoy a Valentine Party in their rooms.

Our **Touch-a-Truck** event is coming up on March 2. Planning is underway. If you are interested in helping with the event, or have a vehicle you would like to have at the event please let me know, we would love to have you.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." – Helen Keller, Author

**Blessings,  
Eileen**

### **Ministry in the Community and Around the World**

#### **Who Will Win Bethania's 2019 Souperbowl-Toiletbowl?**

**Feb. 3rd during coffee hour**

Get ready for Feb. 3rd's SUPERBOWL LIII by warming up your throwing arm at Bethania's Souperbowl-Toiletbowl! Enjoy coffee and a snack while you "vote" for your team. Whether you are a Patriots, Rams, or "Just Watching for the Commercials" fan, your donations will count toward a "win".

Each canned food item or roll of toilet paper or dollar donated will count as a point. Each "point" donated towards the Rams or the Patriots, who are playing in this year's Superbowl, will inch that team closer to the Bethania Souperbowl-Toiletbowl win...a distinct honor for any team. You can even "vote" your preference for only watching the commercials!

Bring your donations of soup, toilet paper or any canned or dried goods (including items for the Brown Bag Breakfasts) to the Parish Hall and "throw" them for your team's win. (Monetary donations will also be accepted, if you prefer for us to do your shopping.) All items will be delivered to those in need.

Help us have fun "playing" in the Souperbowl-Toiletball so those who are struggling can "win" on Superbowl Sunday! Play in the Souperbowl-Toiletbowl and make a difference in a life with your efforts.

If you have any questions, contact Linda Marzullo at 805-688-5219 (work) or [vikingpressprint@verizon.net](mailto:vikingpressprint@verizon.net)

## **Brown Bag Senior Breakfast Packing Day Sunday, Feb. 17th – 10 am**

Mark your calendar to help us pack brown bag breakfast items for needy seniors in our backyard on Sunday, Feb. 17th during the 10 am coffee hour. Come and help us pack up some help for local seniors!

These little brown bags get delivered to low income seniors in the Santa Ynez Valley. For most of these folks, they rely on their delivered Meals on Wheels for their one guaranteed meal of the day. Our little brown bags are for those seniors who need to take medications in the morning with food, and would otherwise have nothing to eat with their pills. The immediate need for this program involves 33 bags a day, so whatever we can put together will be a huge help.

You can also help out by donating any of the following items:

Soft Granola/Cereal Bars                      Protein Bars                      Oatmeal Packets or Cups  
Cup of Soups                                      Fruit Cups or Applesauce  
Muffins or Baked Goods (plastic sealed, such as Hostess)  
Small boxes or Plastic Bottles of fruit juices (such as Apple, Cranberry, Orange)

We plan on doing our Brown Bags several times a year to help out, since the need is so great. Helping hands and donations are always welcome. You can make a difference in the health and happiness of someone living right here by packing a bag or donating a few items. Thank you!

**–Linda Marzullo**  
**Chairman, Social Ministry Committee**  
**688-5219, 688-3059 or [vikingpressprint@verizon.net](mailto:vikingpressprint@verizon.net)**

### **More About our Piyali Learning Center Scholarships**

As of Jan. 21, you have donated \$175 toward our goal of \$1,275 to provide scholarships for girls and young women at Piyali Learning Center.

We just learned that Rekha Mistry, who is now 13, continues in the School but Reshma has been replaced by Papiya Singh as our second scholarship recipient. We are following-up on Reshma. A couple of our young women Literacy-Vocational Training students have completed their program but Rama Naskar continues in the program. She is newly joined by Tumpa Mondal and Kalidasi Parbat. Photos and letters will be on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall through February.

Since 2012 when we began providing scholarships for this school, we have talked about PACE Universal and Piyali Learning Center. PACE Universal is the non-profit U.S. organization formed by Solvang resident, Deepa Willingham, to develop comprehensive educational programs for girls and young women and Piyali Learning Center is its initial program. It is located in the 30,000 person “village” of Piyali in a rural area near Mumbai, Indian. It is not only improving female educational opportunities but strengthening the entire village.

We have made it very easy to invest in these students' future this year. You may write a check to Bethania Lutheran Church. On memo line: “Piyali Scholarships.” The church will then write a check to BLCW transferring these funds so BLCW can send them to PACE Universal.

## **Noisy Sunday: Helping Support Our Troops Offering taken during morning worship on Feb. 24th**

“We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude.” - Cynthia Ozick

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. They pack these boxes right here in our Parish Hall and ship them overseas.

The recipients are usually but not always connected to someone from the Santa Ynez Valley, whether it's a relative, 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. (The current list of requested items is available at their website <http://www.we-support-the-troops.org>) Anyone can ask for a care package to be sent to a service member stationed overseas by contacting the group.

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. These simple items lift the spirit of our Troops, make life easier and instill hope of a safe and early return to a normal life here at home. Each box sent includes a personal letter. SYV We Support the Troops have been supporting the families of our deployed men and women here at home at no cost to the recipients - with 100% of the donated funds being used to support this effort.

Donations from our Feb. 24th Noisy Offering will help purchase items as donations for SYV We Support the Troops. In addition, Bethania will be hosting another Valley-wide Collection Day for SYV We Support the Troops on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am - Noon in the Parish Hall.

We all really “make change for the better” with the Noisy Sunday! So bring your coins and make some noise on Feb. 24. Together, we can CHANGE a soldier's world with a box of donated items, gratefully sent from all of us here at home.

– Linda Marzullo / Social Ministry

## **Next Generation of Drivers for Meals on Wheels**

Bethania Lutheran Church has been one of seven Valley churches providing drivers for Meals on Wheels, which delivers meals prepared by Atterdag Village to seniors “living in place” in their own homes and to persons where surgery or other health problems make it difficult to do their own cooking. This Meals on Wheels has three routes. We do either Route 1 – Solvang & east to Refugio Road or Route 2 – Ballard, Los Olivos & Santa Ynez.

For more than fifteen years, Agnes Larsen has coordinated the Bethania members who drive to deliver meals on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday once every seven or eight weeks. We celebrate her faithful, cheerful service as BLCW reluctantly accepts her request to be relieved of this responsibility.

Emily Abello has agreed to coordinate our Meals on Wheel team and is looking for a Co-coordinator when her husband and she are traveling. So, who will help Emily?

Also, we need a younger generation of drivers. Over the years, there has been a group of twelve or more volunteer drivers. Some have now reached an age where it is not possible to continue. As Emily assumes these duties, please contact Emily at 805-688-1243 or [abelloemily@gmail.com](mailto:abelloemily@gmail.com) if you can “step up to the plate” for Bethania and our grateful recipients.

## Spotlight: Buellton Senior Center/SYV Meals on Wheels

At the January Social Ministry meeting, special guests Pam Gnekow and Linda Linton came to discuss challenges for the upcoming year for the many programs at the **Buellton Senior Center**. Recently the BSC discovered they there would be a \$75,000 shortfall in grant funds this year, due to re-direction of grant monies because of recent fires and flooding. In addition, with the government shut-down, many of the people who are served will be affected by shortfalls in the Cal Fresh/Food Stamp program.

The average income of people served by the **Meals on Wheels program is \$868.00 per month**, Linda Linton explained. When the seniors pay their monthly rent (usually \$550 at the mobile home park), that doesn't leave much to live on. Currently the Meals on Wheels lunch program provides 136 meals to seniors 5 days a week. Additionally the other programs, such as third Wednesday "mandate dinner" (which also serves migrant families and the homeless), "no waste" programs, and other senior help are facing funding cuts. They also provide rides to medical appointments around the county. In addition, they pass out bags of food from FoodBank on Mondays to those in need.

The **Brown Bag Breakfast program** has been reduced to serving only those with immediate need (see related article on our own packing day to help, Feb. 17th). Staff members have all had their days reduced at least one paid day per week. Volunteers help carry the load, as do some homeless who help with small jobs at the center. The program is running very tight, trying to think of how to conserve and still provide services.

### How can you help?

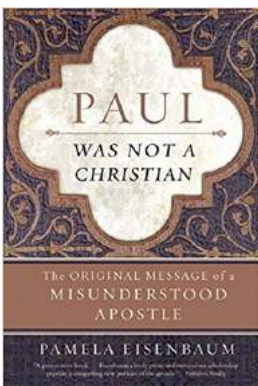
**Donate items for the Brown Bag Senior Breakfasts** – Bethania's upcoming packing day will be on Feb. 17th

**Volunteer to help.** They need drivers, people to bag food items, and meal servers. The days that they need help the most are Monday/Tuesday/Friday from 11:30-12:30.

**Support their Fundraiser:** Music, Auction, Local Wineries and Local Chefs will be featured on Feb. 28th. Help support the Center's programs by attending! Bluegrass Music featuring Rhonda Vincent and The Rage at Mattei's Tavern. For more info email [syvmealsonwheelsfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:syvmealsonwheelsfundraiser@gmail.com) or call 805-325-9280.

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

### Book Club



The Bethania Book Club is reading and discussing a new book this month in conjunction with our 2019 Farstrup-Mortensen topic, "Was Jesus a Christian?" The book we are 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 (Feb. 12) at 2 pm, in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chris.

### Theo Pub February Day Change

Theology Pub is normally the 2nd Thursday of every month, but this year that happens to be Valentine's Day. So, we will be having Theology Pub on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> this month at 7 pm at Solvang Brewing. It will go back to its normal day starting in March. Please mark your calendars!

# Farstrup-Mortensen Lectures “Was Jesus a Christian?”

Professors Pamela Eisenbaum and Art Dewey will place the question in the context in which the word “Christian” was originally used. Who were the first Christians— Jesus, Paul, the disciples, or perhaps the popes? Are there any Christians alive today in the original sense? Would the world be better or worse off without Christianity? And what does it mean to be a Christian today? Join us as we explore this year’s theme Feb. 22-24, 2019 with distinguished speakers Professor Pamela Eisenbaum and Professor Art Dewey.

Friday, Feb. 22, 2019

**6:00-6:45 pm** Registration and Wine Reception hosted by Casa Cassara Winery

**7:00-8:30 pm** Intro Lectures I & II: Professors Eisenbaum and Dewey

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019

**9:00-10:30 am** Lecture III: Professor Eisenbaum

**11:00 am-12:30 pm** Lecture IV: Professor Dewey

**1:30-3:30 pm** Lecture V: Professors Eisenbaum and Dewey

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019

**9:30 am** Worship Service

**11:00 am-12:00 noon** Panel Discussion: Prof. Pamela Eisenbaum, Prof. Art Dewey, Bishop Dr. Guy Erwin, Pastor Chris Brown, and Dr. Jarmo Tarkki (moderator).

A complete schedule is printed in the brochure and on-line. To register for the FM Lectures, please register via [fmlectures.org](http://fmlectures.org) or come into the office. You may also mail in your registration.

## Gather Bible Study

The bible study at the Atterdag Lounge will be on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 10:30 am. The topic is "Meetings with Jesus by night and day: Coming to faith in Jesus." The bible study is found in Gather magazine, the January/February 2019 edition, pages 29 to 34. All are welcome.

## "Strength in Numbers"

The SWCA Synod Women's Organization invites you to join us for our Winter Gathering on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 8:30 am to 1:00 at Westchester Lutheran Church, 7831 S. Sepulveda Blvd, Westchester, CA 90045 where we will share stories of how our groups have made a difference in the lives of others through volunteer efforts, fundraising, etc. Cost is \$15 per person. The program will include a panel of representatives from organizations (District Attorney's office, Children of the Night, etc.) who will share information on what is being done and what we can do to help address the urgent need to combat Human Trafficking in our communities. The offering will be divided between the Women of the ELCA and the participating organizations.

For more information or questions, contact Julie Jensen at [juliejnsn1@roadrunner.com](mailto:juliejnsn1@roadrunner.com).



Each year we present world-class scholars and educators who present reasoned and scholarly interpretations based on current evidence. Join us for fellowship and fascinating discussion in the best Grundtvigian tradition.

## Church Business

### Message from the Church Council

The Council held its first meeting for the new-year at 7:00 pm on Jan. 17, 2019.

During this meeting, new officers of the Council were elected as follows:

President:	Stewart Fries
Vice President:	Carolyn Schuit
Treasurer:	Ron Walsh
Secretary:	Wendy Bevier

Council members received a report from Property Committee Chairman, Don Thompson, on all the tasks Property Committee has already undertaken and a view of potential future projects. One specific project is the drainage issue from the toilet located off the kitchen in the social hall which tends to be constantly plugged. Don advised that there are several options being pursued, and priced out, but that the immediate solution is to place this rest room “temporarily out of order” until a permanent repair can be achieved.

Each year Council members volunteer for Liaison positions to each Congregational Committee for the coming year. Each of our committees is assigned a Council Liaison person to attend the committee meetings and report back to the Council as to the activities of that committee. The Committees keep the Liaison “in the loop” by inviting them to attend all meetings and by providing them copies of the minutes of each committee meeting. For 2019 the Committee Council Liaison assignments are:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Council Liaison</u>
BLCW	Brenda Knudsen	Carolyn Schuit
Cemetery	Betty Petersen	Emily Abello
Christian Education	Donna Hinsbeeck	Stewart Fries
Endowment	Carolynn Petersen	Ron Walsh
Farstrup-Mortensen	Donna Hinsbeeck	Ann Tucker
Finance	Ron Walsh	Ron Walsh
Music & Worship	Diana Boltz	Wendy Bevier
Preschool	Annalisa Nearn	Denise Johnson
Property	Don Thompson	Bridget Cassera
Social Ministry	Linda Marzullo	Bridget Cassera
Memorials	Sheila Mee	Denise Johnson

Finally, in an effort to better inform the Council on activities happening in all areas of the congregation, the Council elected to invite the above Committee Chairpersons to make presentations regarding the on-going business of their committees to the Council twice each year. Council President Stewart Fries is communicating with these chairpersons directly to extend this invitation and answer questions as appropriate.

The Peace of Christ be with you all,  
**Stewart Fries, Bethania Council President**  
**805-245-0041**



# Treasurer's Report

## December 2018 Financial Statement

### Balance Sheet:

The cash position in the general checking account was \$16,203. This is a significant improvement over previous months, and a very significant increase over Dec. 2017 when the general checking was -\$2000. The increase was due to the increase in December offerings.

The money market fund was down by \$10,000 to \$86,874 for the month. This drop reflects the movement of funds from the fund to general checking over the last two months. It should be noted, however, that the combined cash balance was nearly \$16,000 over the month of November's balance, and nearly \$5,000 over October's cash balance.

All liabilities have been paid for the month, and the church has no indebtedness. The usual pension liability of \$2,387 remains the only liability.

The combined assets of Bethania are \$3,725,942.

### Profit & Loss Budget Performance:

#### Income:

Other income for the month was up by over \$11,000, largely due to moving of funds from the money market fund (previously not recorded as income) to the P & L.

Offerings for the month were up by \$10,875 over budget (\$36,851 compared to \$25,977 budget) For the year, offerings were \$229,225 compared to a budget of \$216,200, or a \$13,025 increase. Praise God for our generous members and visitors!

Overall income for the month was \$23,024 over the projected budget and total income for the year 2018 was \$51,296 over the projected income for the year.

The one soft spot in the income budget was the facility rentals, which were \$3,000 below the projected budget, and were less than last year's actuals.

#### Expenses:

Benevolence support was up by \$9,000, however most all of that was from special offerings and benevolence gifts that were earmarked for local disaster relief. Our core benevolence giving was nearly 5% over budget (due to increased offerings).

Salary and benefits were under budget for the month by \$1,585 and were on budget for the year at 99.5% of budget.

Staff expenses were under budget for the month and were at 86% of budget for the year.

Office administration expenses were under budget for the month and were at 98% for the year.

Property expenses were slightly under budget for the month but were at 102% of budget for the year – largely due to our aging facilities.

Utilities were over budget for the month by \$612, but were right on budget for the year at 100%

Christian education was over budget for the year due to VBS expenses, but those were covered by increased income from VBS.

Outreach committee expenses were over budget due to the printing of new brochures for the church – a supply that will last us into the new year.

Worship and music was over budget due to unexpected expenses in repairing the organ.

Overall our expenses were at 108% of budget. However, our income was 118% of budget. We had a net revenue over expenses for the 2018 year of \$20,862. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! And thanks be to God for Bethania's faithful members who supported the mission and ministry of our congregation

## **What has the Property Committee Been Doing?**

Here is some insight into Bethania's property committee activities. In 2018, the sanctuary received a new sewer line, as well as new Air Conditioning system. Refinishing work on the pews is well under way and will be completed this year. We are also currently working on upgrading to an LED compatible dimmer switch and LED bulbs. Future improvements to the Sanctuary include upgrading the front doors followed by replacing the pew cushions. There has also been some improvements for the Preschool; The bathroom flooring was replaced inside the classroom, a toilet was repaired, a broken cabinet door, broken fence boards, loose bricks on the playground, heater filters replaced, light bulbs, etc.

The sewer line servicing the Parish Hall is having a lot of problems. The line runs from the Parish Hall connecting with the preschool and flows to the street on Atterdag. At least the section between the parking lot fence running to the parish hall is in need of replacement in the near future and we are working on a cost estimate.

We are planning a "Work Day" on March 30<sup>th</sup> and are hoping to do a lot of exterior painting projects, and an array of small maintenance items. Hopefully we can get a couple volunteer painting crews to tackle the exterior of the church office, and the doors and trim on the preschool. There is also some TLC needed with the window cranks in the parish hall, window cleaning, and other tasks. Anyone interested in volunteering to help out can contact Don Thompson at (805)335-7571 or via email [Rufescens@aol.com](mailto:Rufescens@aol.com).

## **LRPC Surveys Coming Soon**

The Council has appointed a select committee to analyze and update the long-range plan for Bethania Lutheran Church. The Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC) has been charged with the task of discerning long-range goals that will enrich our members, help our church grow and strengthen our ministries, within the overall guidance of our mission statement, which reads:

We are a community of Christ-centered, welcoming, inclusive and multi-generational people rooted in God's faith, hope and love, called to advocate for justice, give to those in need, and share God's affirming love with the world.

The LRPC intends this to be an interactive exercise between the committee, the council and the congregation. It will involve multiple interactions with the congregation including surveys, interviews and questionnaires. Please expect the first of these surveys soon.

We anticipate that this will take considerable time to do well. We ask for your participation, your patience, and your cooperation to help us reach conclusions based on the overall desire of our congregation.

**If you have any questions about the LRPC please feel free to call Pastor Chris at 626-422-9967 or Stewart Fries (LRPC Chair) at 805-245-0041.**

## **Social Ministry**

Our next meeting of the Social Ministry Committee will be held Monday, Feb. 11 at 6 pm in the Church Office. Topics will include planning of the upcoming Brown Bag Senior Breakfast packing day on February 17, SYV Support the Troops Collection Day March 23, Lenten 40 days/40 items challenge, discussion about April's Hike for Hunger and more to come.

Watch for the upcoming Quilt Raffle to help support our fantastic quilters in their quest for more supplies. These ladies do beautiful work, and make a difference to people around the world with their quilts.

Help us build a foundation that will help others and bring our church into the next few decades with increased involvement in our community and our world.

**–Linda Marzullo**  
**Chairman, Social Ministry**  
**688-5219, 688-3059 or [vikingpressprint@verizon.net](mailto:vikingpressprint@verizon.net)**

## **In Our Hearts, In Our Prayers**

**Friends and Loved Ones of Teddi Steyer.** Teddi died Jan. 20, 2019.

**Immediate Prayer Concerns:** Tony Bell, Brianna Ceballos, Denise Chaboya, Steve Cochran & Michelle Massey, Kerstin Emerson, Pastor Estaban Salazar (Iglesia Luterana), Pam Fisher, John Groh, Belle Hoger, Marion Hallum, Lennon Jones, Betsy & Steve Logan, Joe Martin, Bobby McGee, Sarah Monedero, Jean Stelling, Tiffany Thomas, Lou Vitelli, David & Yolanda Yanez, 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, Marlo & Summer Cochrane, Caylin, Katy & Kay Corlee, David Eck, Terri Elwess, Ida FitzGerald, 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, Duane Lamberton, Ethel Litwiler, Brian Merrick, Denise Morris, Clayton Nielsen, Denny Norrenbrock, Marie Ostertag, Doyle Phillips, Audrey Robinson, Jesse Tovar, Alisha & Anna Marie Wilson and Robert Workman

# Thank-You's

Thank you

Dear Carolynn (Petersen),

Thank you for the generous gift of \$3,000 from the Endowment Fund at Bethania Lutheran Church to the Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital Foundation, a fundraiser organization celebrating 40 years (1978-2018) of supporting the nonprofit Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital. Your donation will support the 3D Mammography Initiative, created to raise funds for the cutting-edge technology to provide advanced breast cancer prevention and detection in our community.

Thank you for your generous support of our mission to provide "medical excellence close to home."

**June Martin**  
**Foundation Administrator**  
**Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital Foundation**

## Upcoming in March 2019

**Fastelavn is Saturday, March 9.**  
**5:30 pm-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall.**

## Touch-a-Truck

Big wheels and big smiles! The 4th Annual SYV Touch-A-Truck event to benefit Bethania Preschool & After School is set for Saturday, March 2nd, and we would appreciate your support!

We are currently seeking trucks, vehicles, & equipment of all sizes; business sponsorship donations; and volunteers. Beyond attending our popular, family friendly event, there are lots of ways to support our event and fundraising effort! If you are interested in participating with a vehicle or with a sponsorship/donation, please contact us at 805.245.1561 or [SYVTouchaTruck@gmail.com](mailto:SYVTouchaTruck@gmail.com). If you would like to volunteer with baked goods for our Bake Sale, or event setup/cleanup feel free to signup here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054DAAAB2BA3F94-2019>

We look forward to seeing you on March 2nd!

Thank you!  
Lisa

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# A family event for all ages!



**Saturday**

**March 2**

**10am-2pm**

**@ Bethania Preschool  
611 Atterdag Road  
Solvang**

- 3 parking lots FULL of safety, construction, farming, & specialty trucks
- Bounce houses • Face painting
- Tower Pizza & Kona Ice food concessions
- No horn hour from 10-11am for sensitive ears
- Rain or shine event - everything is more fun with rain boots anyways!

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

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

PreSale Tickets – Avoid the lines! Available on  
[f www.facebook.com/syvtouchatruck](https://www.facebook.com/syvtouchatruck)

For More Information:  
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**To Benefit Bethania Preschool & Afterschool**

# “Picture This”



Christmas Parade, left  
Iglesia Presents, below

Endowment Fund Checks to Salvation Army, Circle V and Pastor Chris's Discretionary Fund, below



Youth Rummage Sale, below and to the right





# February 2019



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 SYVJC = Jewish Community			1	2
3  9 am & 11 am Worship:CH 10 am Education Time & Coffee Time	4  6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	5  7 pm Yoga:PH 7 pm Fastelavn Mtg: FR	6  9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel:CH 7 pm Choir:PH	7  7 pm Theo Pub: Solvang Brewing Co.	8  5:30 SYVJC Shebat: PH Youth Retreat- Sunday	9  10 1m- Noon 4H Legos:FR 2 pm Service for Teddi Steyer: CH
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17  9 & 11 am Worship:CH 10 am Sunday School & Coffee Hour. Pack Senior Brown Bag Lunches	18  5:15 pm Grief Group: SME 6:30 pm Tai Chi: PH 8 pm AA: FR	19  7 pm Yoga:PH	20  Beacon Deadline: OFC 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel:CH 7 pm Choir:PH	21  10:30 am Communion, & Gather Bible Study:AV 7 pm Council Meeting: OFC	22  FM Lectures: PH	23  FM Lectures: PH
24  Noisy Offering 9:30 am Worship:CH 10:30 Coffee Hour 11 am FM LecturesPanel Discussion: PH	25  6:30 pm Tai Chi: PH 8 pm AA	26	27  9 am Support the Troops:PH 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel:CH 7 pm Choir:PH	28		

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## February 2019

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**Feb. 22-24, 2019**  
**Check out [fmlectures.org](http://fmlectures.org)**  
**for more information.**