

# The Beacon

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## Pastor Chris's Message



One of my roles as a pastor and theologian is to understand the historical matrix in which the Bible was written, edited, and put together and to convey that to others. Most people don't know this today, but the Bible as a whole, including which New Testament books would be included and which would be left out, came together sometime about the 4th century, somewhat on its own. However, it was shortly after this that Rome would play a pivotal role in which books would assuredly never see the light of day. I want this moment to be in the back of your mind for a moment while I share some riveting historical context.

One of the most fundamental understandings any modern person should have of Christianity, ironically, an understanding most American Christians miss, is that Christianity was a faith exclusively born by oppressed people. Now it can't be overstated that it was born from a 1st century Jewish theology, meaning it was led by Jewish people and it was done entirely under the premise that it would remain part of the Jewish tradition, but even as it became its own faith, taken up by non-Jewish people, it was done in the context of, and in response to the oppression felt by the Roman Empire from non-Roman inhabitants.

I want you to think about this for a moment. Imagine living in this context, as a person living under oppression, and you were visited by God with the task to create a new faith. What would that faith respond to? Who would that faith reach out to? What would the message be?

For three centuries, this was the Christian faith. For three centuries, the Christian faith was led by and directed towards all the people suffering, not only at the hands of physical violence that gave no heed to their humanity, but also at the hands of a theology and economic system that said they were profane by divine ordinance of the gods (they deserved what was happening to them). And this faith of the oppressed not only said that they were, in fact, not profane, but loved. And the response this faith directed them to have was not retaliation towards the Romans and their gods, but forgiveness, compassion, and love (love your enemy and bless those who persecute you), as well as care for all the other persecuted people out there.

As I think about this faith, to which we are beholden, I'm in awe of such an incredible moment in history. I'm almost as in awe of the massive shift to this perspective, to which we are also, unfortunately, beholden. In 313 CE, Roman Emperor Constantine decriminalized the practice of the Christian faith, thus ending almost three centuries of Christian persecution. After Constantine's death, in the year 380 CE, Emperor Theodosius I's Edict of Thessalonica made Christianity the state religion of the Roman Empire, and thus, the religion of the known Western world at the time.

Now think about this: almost overnight, a faith born of oppressed people and in response to their experiences of oppression, becomes a faith of the most powerful and wealthy empire in the known world. What do you think happens to this faith? Is it still a faith of the oppressed, for the oppressed? Considering that it was now the faith of those who were the oppressors, do you think it would be in

that empire's best interest to suddenly shift its tactics and give reparations and status to all the people who have been their workers and slaves?

Or, is it possible that the focus of this faith shifted with the people who were leading it? Within 50 years after Christianity was made the state religion of the Roman Empire, the first legislation was created that exclusively targeted Jewish people in the Roman Empire from practicing their faith. Let me share this again, Christians, who adopted this faith from Jewish people, who have Jewish people at the center of their faith, and who shared stories of oppression by Rome with Jewish people around them, once they gained power started writing legislation against Jewish people. This becomes evidence of a faith of the powerful, not the oppressed, as also seen in the Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, and violent conversion of indigenous people's throughout the world.

Finally, let me ask this: what do you think the experience of our faith is today? What is its focus? What is the perception of Christianity by others? Does it seem like we've been more influenced by the Christianity that was shaped by Rome and Constantine, or the Christianity that was shaped by all those nameless patriarchs and matriarchs prior to Constantine? And, which of these two should we be more beholden to as Christians today? Regardless of any conscious answer, let me conclude with this Biblical statement: wherever your attention and time goes is where your God is.

**In Love,  
Pastor Chris Brown**

## **Ministry at Bethania**

### **Youth and Family Ministry**

Happy Spring Bethanians,

I'd like to give another huge thank you to everyone who donated, organized and cleaned up at the Rummage Sale in January. It was a great success that brought more blessings than we can count. The youth and I are so appreciative of you!

We have transitioned Confirmation into more of a Youth Group format. Youth Group is meeting March 24<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm in the Fireside Room. 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!

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, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School is every Sunday from 10 -11 am. If you'd like to be a teacher please contact me.

Also, we are welcome to help with the River bed clean up with St. Marks' in-the-Valley will be Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-7 pm. Followed by food from Tower Pizza. More details coming soon.

Youth and Families plan to visit Sedgwick on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> with docent Meighan Diethofer. It will be very beautiful around that time due to all the rain we've received. We will enjoy a picnic on the grounds once we complete the hike. If you'd like to join us please contact me.

VBS will be June 24<sup>th</sup> - June 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30 pm. The theme is "To Mars and Beyond". St. Marks-in-the-Valley will be coordinating with us again this summer. Our first planning meeting went very well. We have found our station leaders as well!! Sarah Puder in Recreational Activities; Carolyn Schuit in Crafts; Linda Cline in Bible Storytelling; Alice Laufer in Science Experimentation and Viktor McConnell operating A/V again this summer! We still need Crew Leaders known as "Star Guides." Please contact me if you're interested in decorating, donating supplies, helping with advertising, etc. We will be conducting separate meetings in each station and role in the coming weeks.

Lenten Dinner Church is back!!! Every Wednesday from March 13<sup>th</sup> - April 10<sup>th</sup> Bethania hosts a dinner for our 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.

### Coming up in April:

Easter Chalk Drawing with Youth & Families!! I will pitch E-Z Up Tents, have ice water dispensers out, popsicles in a freezer chest and some snacks out. Every year Bethania gets more and more creative with the drawings. Meet us in front of church doors at 10 am on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. We invite all members and friends to join in this fun activity.



Blessings to you and your loved ones,

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## Bethania Preschool and After School

We are gearing up for our "Touch-a-Truck" Event on March 2 from 10 am - 2 pm. Come join the fun rain or shine!!

March brings those mischievous leprechauns to our classroom! The children will see their tiny footprints as they hunt for pots of gold! Those leprechauns always leave a mess behind but also a treat for the children.

The classrooms are coming to the end of their alphabet learning with the letter of the week, we will continue to review the letters through the rest of the school year. Simple "homework" packets will be sent home to enhance the learning done in the Pre-K classrooms. Children are excited for this next step in their education, especially those that have watched older siblings do their homework all year. Our goal is to have the children Kindergarten ready when they leave here and be excited about school. Many Kindergarten teachers have told us they appreciate the readiness of our children.

### *An Irish Blessing:*



*May the road rise to meet you,  
may the wind be ever at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and the rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

**Blessings,  
Eileen**

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

### **PACE Surpasses Scholarship Goal**

We have surpassed our goal and will be sending \$2010 to pay for scholarships at the Piyali Learning Center near Kolkata, India. Thanks to your generosity, Rekha and Papiya (5th graders) and Rama Naskar, Kalidasi Parbat and Tumpa Model (young women) will have all their school and literacy/vocational training expenses paid in 2019. What a privilege to sponsor these eager students as they push forward with their education.



### **BLCW Project**

On Sunday, March 31 during the coffee hour the Bethania Lutheran Church Women will sponsor an activity in the Parish Hall. Everyone can make Easter tray favors for recipients of Meals-On-Wheels. All materials needed will be furnished. This is a fun project which will brighten the meals and let those who receive them know Bethania cares for them.

### **The Rams Win! 2019 Souperbowl-Toiletbowl**

Feb. 3rd's Souperbowl-Toiletbowl gave the LA Rams the win...at least in Solvang. The Rams received the most donations (items + cash) and won our Souperbowl-Toiletbowl, with "I just watch the commercials" coming in second place.

Each canned food item or roll of toilet paper or dollar donated counted as a point. Your donations of soup, toilet paper or any canned or dried goods were delivered to members of Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz. We collected 238 pounds of food, 45 pounds of clothing and \$67.14 in cash donations.

Thank you for "playing" in the Souperbowl-Toiletball so that those who are struggling "won" on Superbowl Sunday!

**Linda Marzullo**

### **Noisy Sunday: March 24<sup>th</sup>: Helping Women**

The next "Noisy Sunday" is coming on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Our donations from the offering will be used to support Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County.

What will our donations be used towards? \$50 allows 10 teens to attend a Workshop on Healthy Relationships in a Junior High or High School. \$100 buys one day of food, shelter and support for a mother and her two children. \$250 provides one woman with domestic violence counseling for 3 months. \$500 allows a Shelter Advocate to respond with police to all 9-1-1 domestic violence calls for a week. \$750 provides 3 months of outings and activities for 10 children living at the shelter. \$1,000 keeps their Hotline Service running 24-hours a day for one month.

## **Last year, thanks to donors like you, Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County:**

- Provided nights of emergency shelter for women and children.
- Answered crisis calls.
- Helped victims get legal assistance.
- Responded to calls from local police.
- And much more.

Your donation is not only helping save lives now, it's helping to prevent domestic violence in the future.

March 8th is International Women's Day: a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. At Bethania, we have recently supported educational scholarships for PACE in India, and continue to contribute notions to the women's shelter and to victims of domestic violence.

Concentrating on women's issues here in our Santa Barbara County, domestic violence touches the lives of women and children daily. The cycle of violence depicts a pattern often experienced in abusive relationships. The three phases repeat over and over. Domestic violence is a pattern of abuse in an intimate relationship that escalates over time. The cycle of violence is inter-generational. It not only repeats itself in an abusive relationship, it repeats itself by emerging in the relationships of people who experienced and witnessed violence in their homes growing up.



### **Domestic Violence Solutions of Santa Barbara County is dedicated to:**

- Providing safe and confidential shelter for battered women and their children throughout Santa Barbara County.
- Providing emotional support and personal advocacy to battered women and other women in crisis, enabling them to recognize strengths and resources within themselves. We encourage women to be empowered to be free to make choices.
- Playing a leadership role in effecting social change by educating the community, by associations with other social change groups and by supporting the work of women's rights organizations.

### **Here are some facts to keep in mind:**

- Domestic violence is not solely a woman's issue, nor is it solely a man's issue. However, the vast majority of victims of domestic violence are women.
- Domestic violence is about power and control.
- Domestic violence is not a relationship problem. A person using power and control over another is entirely responsible for his/her behavior and the outcome.
- Domestic violence affects all people in our society, not only the victim and the perpetrator.
- Domestic violence is child abuse; it is a learned behavior; it affects the whole family and is cyclical and intergenerational.
- Domestic violence feeds on silence.

## What You Can Do

- Report domestic violence when you see or hear it happening.
- Domestic violence is not a private family matter--it's a crime. Call 911.
- If you or someone you know needs help, call the 24-hour crisis line nearest you:

Santa Ynez Valley 24-Hour Crisis Line - (805) 686-4390

Santa Barbara Shelter 24-Hour Crisis Line - (805) 964-5245

Lompoc Shelter 24-Hour Crisis Line - (805) 736-0965

Santa Maria Shelter 24-Hour Crisis Line - (805) 925-2160

You can help by learning more about domestic violence through visiting the Domestic Violence Solutions website.

We all really “make change for the better” with the Noisy Sunday! So bring your coins and make some noise on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Together, we can **change** a woman’s world - and **change** our world as well.

– Linda Marzullo

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

### **Ash Wednesday and Dinner Church**

Our Lenten season will begin on March 6 with a soup supper and Ash Wednesday Service. The week after will begin our 5-week Lenten Dinner Church services every Wednesday. Once again, we’ll need people to sign up to bring soup, salad, or bread. Water will be provided. Please look out for the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall and see if you can help out!

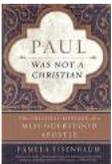
Ash Wednesday, March 6

6 pm Soup Supper in the Parish Hall

7 pm Service in the Church

6pm Dinner Church, March 13 – April 10 in the Parish Hall

### **Book Club**



The Bethania Book Club is reading and discussing *Paul Was Not A Christian* by Pamela Eisenbaum. All are welcome to join us March 12 at 2 pm, in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chris.

### **Fastelavn, March 9**

Fastelavn is Saturday, March 9. Please see the enclosed flier for more information. Tickets are \$8/ adult and \$5/child 10 and under. Available in the church office and after worship on Sunday, March 3.

### **Theo Pub**

Please join us for Theology Pub on March 14 at 7 pm at Solvang Brewing Company.



## **“We Support Our Troops” Collection Day March 23rd, 9 am-noon at Bethania**

We are hosting a Donation Collection Day on Saturday, March 23rd, from 9 am-noon for SYV We Support The Troops. Please pass the word and let's get some donations in to this group and help them

send care packages to our overseas military. If you would like to assist, please come and help us sort and receive donations that day.

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 group needs donations to help them meet the requests of soldiers serving overseas.

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. Information about the group can be found on their website [www.we-support-the-troops.org](http://www.we-support-the-troops.org).

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. They use our space to do their packing on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Volunteers are always welcome; contact Caro Stinson at 805-245-4951.

### Wish List for Care Package Donations:

Coffee (ground or instant packs)  
Boot socks (black or brown)  
Protein bars and/or healthy snack bars  
Mixed nuts, Pistachios,  
Almonds, Cashews  
Drink mix to flavor water  
(individual serving packets)  
Soap bars/bath gel (under 6 oz.)  
Shampoo and conditioner (under 6 oz.)  
Feminine hygiene products  
Anti-fungal foot powder or cream  
Instant hand and foot warmers

Beef Jerky  
Gum and hard candy  
Sunscreen/Sun Block  
5-hr. Energy Shots  
Chap stick or lip balm  
Deodorant  
Personal or Baby wipes  
Small compasses  
Flip-flops  
Magazines  
Toothbrushes  
Batteries (AA, AAA, C or D)

Hand Sanitizer  
Body lotion  
Books  
Q-tips  
Slippers  
Flashlights  
DVD Movies  
Board games  
T-Shirts  
Toothpaste  
Floss

All items must be unopened in original containers.

***Please, NO aerosol products.***

Keep in mind the boxes used to send the items to soldiers are: 12” x 12” x 5 ½” inches – items must fit inside (Large Priority Mail box)

Questions or want to help? **Contact Linda Marzullo ([vikingpressprint@verizon.net](mailto:vikingpressprint@verizon.net) or 805-688-5219, or the church office.**

## Gather Bible Study

The bible study at the Atterdag Lounge will be on Thursday, March 21 at 10:30 am. The topic is "Friends for Life in Christ." The bible study is found in Gather magazine, March 2019 issue, pp. 24-29. All are welcome.

### 40 Days/40 Items Challenge

Lent is coming. Lent is one of the most important times of the year for many Christians around the world, particularly those within the Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox traditions, held at a similar level of importance to Advent – the build up to Christmas. Different people observe Lent in different ways, though by and large most people do this by giving something up for Lent.

Whether you're intending to give up chocolate, fast food, alcohol, or the Internet, we want to encourage you to do something generous during Lent, too. Instead of just giving up meat on Fridays for 40 days and indulging in fish fries, or--heaven forbid--foregoing chocolate, consider this Lenten discipline: Take the "40 days, 40 items challenge."

Institutions and injustices, poverty and powerlessness – these problems seem too big for simple, everyday generosity to fix, and yet God calls us to live like Jesus did. Jesus didn't change culture by means of assimilation, he lived a radically different life; characterized by love and expressed in generosity. He gave his resources, his time and ultimately his life. He always noticed people's needs, stopping to help the physically and spiritually poor, and in doing so he changed the world.

**Following Jesus means being the church. And the church doesn't just meet...it acts.**

What if Lent could be a time of radical generosity as well as spiritual discipline? What if each one of us donated 40 items to help others? Each day of the 40 days of Lent designate one item for giving and place it in a bag.

Here are some suggestions:

- 40 items of clothing
- 40 canned/dried food donations
- 40 brown bag breakfast items (juice, granola bars, applesauce, fruit cups)
- 40 pieces of "silver" (you choose the denomination)
- 40 toiletries for those in need (shampoo, soap, lotion, razors)
- 40 items for our troops overseas (see related article for ideas)
- 40 of \_\_\_\_\_

...you get the idea. As you place each item daily, say a prayer or a Bible verse. Here are some suggestions but of course you can come up with your own:

Heavenly Father,

Thank you that you are a generous God and that you give us so many good things. We are sorry that we are not always generous with others. Please help us to be kind, to do our very best, and to be generous when we are helping others. Amen.

Dear God,

Thank You that You provide for all our needs. Thank You that we can trust You to turn the small things we give You into something big that can make a huge difference. Help us to be generous with everything we have, just as You are so generous in giving us these things. Amen.

Most Loving God,

Thank you that you remain constant with us through all the changing scenes of life. Help us to trust you in times of joy and in sorrow. Be our shepherd in the darkness and in the light, so that we might be living beacons of hope for others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Almighty God,

You showed us through the life of your Son Jesus Christ, that You are willing to do something different for the sake of generosity. Please give us hearts of compassion like yours and help us to be alert to those in need of Your transforming love. Help us to be ready to be changed ourselves as we reach out to others. Show us ways to restore our relationships, our community and our world. We ask this, in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

On Easter weekend, drop the bag off in the sanctuary by the pulpit to join your items with everyone else's giving. Let's see what happens.

Each Lent a community of people around the world come together to live and give generously; let us join them.

When we see the opportunity instead of the obstacle, that is where we can make a difference.

Take the "40 days, 40 items challenge." Maybe also challenge those you know to do it too. It's like giving up some of your abundance to others for Lent. And Lent is just a good excuse for doing this. By Easter Sunday, you will have shared your abundance with those in our community who are struggling just to get by. Win-Win!

–Linda Marzullo

Chairman, Social Ministry

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## **Church Business**

### **Message from Church Council**

The monthly Council meeting was held at 7:00 pm on Feb. 21, 2019.

The first order of business was to elect Carol Lake as a council member to replace Susan Cochrane who was unable to serve.

Council members received reports from BLCW committee chair, Brenda Knudsen and from Finance committee chair, Ron Walsh as part of a new program of inviting committee chairs to make presentations about their committees to the church council.

Council members present discussed a variety of topics including:

- Status of the new church directory
- Follow up to the Congregational Meeting part 2 held on 2/17/19
- New SWCA Synod Constitution
- The need for Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers (contact Emily Abello)

The council also discussed the shortage of coffee time volunteer hosts in an effort to find an effective solution to this issue. It was determined that individual council members will take the initiative to contact people to enlist coffee volunteers.

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

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Balance Sheet:**

The most significant change in the balance sheet is the addition of the \$50,000 gift for work to be done on the parsonage.

The money market fund is up to \$139,155.

The cash position in the general checking account is \$5,808 after all bills have been paid for the month of January.

The fund accounts (cemetery, heritage, and endowment funds) have not yet been adjusted to the correct ending balances for 2018. That will be done this month.

The balance remains strong with total liabilities and assets of \$3,761,920.

All liabilities are current, with the exception of the usual pension liability of \$2,435.

### **Profit and Loss Budget Performance:**

#### **Income:**

Other income was down \$697 from budget (79% of budget).

Offerings for the month were down nearly \$2,000 from the budget (88% of budget).

Overall income was down by \$3,887 for the month.

#### **Expenses:**

Benevolence was slightly over budget (due to several directed gifts for benevolence)

Salaries were over budget by \$1,965 (112% of budget.) However, most of that was for worship musicians – some of the salaries were from 2018, and several others were for month of February musicians (remember we are on a cash basis, so every invoice hits in the month it is presented).

Staff expenses were on budget.

Office administration was under budget at 89%.

Property expenses were over budget by \$449. This was due to outside custodial expenses that were not presented until mid-January and covered part of December.

Utilities were under budget at 83% of monthly budget.

Christian education was under budget.

Outreach committee expenses were under budget.

All other expenses were under budget.

For the month of January our expenses exceeded our income by \$4,765.

**Overall:**

While we experienced a deficit in the first month of the year, this is not uncommon, as we had similar deficits the last two years. Fortunately, the cash we carried over from December 2018 was sufficient to keep us in a positive position at the end of the month. While offerings were down, approximately \$3,000 in expenses were either from last year, or for future payments.

It is too early to determine a pattern. We rely on God's blessings and the gifts of our members as we move forward in 2019.

## **Memorials Fund Committee**

The Memorials/Tributes Committee will be meeting in March when we will consider applications from various committees/groups for funding of a special project.

Our goal is to provide funds for "tangible" items around the church. Recently, new tables were bought for the Parish Hall, two new gas ranges for the kitchen, and a new gas range for the parsonage.

If your committee would like to apply for funds please fill out an application form and submit it to Kristyl in the Church office, or any committee member and we will consider it at our next meeting.

**Committee members are – Lois De Meyer, Liz Beeler, Margaret Rasmussen, Sheila Mee, Denise Johnson (Council liaison) and Pastor Chris and Kristyl Downey.**

## **Fix-It Day**

Save the date. March 30 - Bethania Property Committee is having a work day to spruce up a few things. We are hoping to tackle some exterior painting as well as a lot of odd jobs, such as fixing window cranks, cleaning the filters on the faucets, checking lightbulbs, etc. Volunteers are welcome, and needed. If you have a few hours and would like to help, please contact Don Thompson (805) 335-7571, [Rufescens@aol.com](mailto:Rufescens@aol.com). Thanks.

## Social Ministry

Thank you to everyone who helped by donating to the Noisy Offering, contributing items for the breakfast bags, and helping to pack for the Senior Brown Bag Breakfasts on Feb. 17. We made up 374 bags for seniors in our Valley who need food to take their medications with in the morning. The Brown Bag Breakfasts were taken to the Buellton Senior Center to distribute. Daily, there are at minimum 33 seniors who would have nothing to eat for breakfast if we had not provided these bags. Pam Gnekow and Linda Linton of the BSC reported to our committee how heartbreaking it had been to have to cut this program due to loss of funding. Your contributions helped provide the bags for the next two weeks. We are hoping to make this a regular event to help our neighbors in need.

We also donated 37 pounds of toiletries to the Buellton Senior Center for local seniors and their outreach to the homeless.

Our next meeting of the Social Ministry Committee will be held Monday, March 11 at 6 pm in the Church Office. Topics will include planning of the 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.

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**

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## In Our Hearts, In Our Prayers

**Immediate Prayer Concerns:** Tony Bell, Brianna Ceballos, Denise Chaboya, Steve Cochran & Michelle Massey, Kerstin Emerson, Pam Fisher, John Groh, Belle Hoger, Lennon Jones, Betsy & Steve Logan, Bobby McGee, Sarah Monedero, Myra Petersen, 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, 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, Joe Martin, Brian Merrick, Denise Morris, Denny Norrenbrock, Marie Ostertag, Doyle Phillips, Audrey Robinson, Jesse Tovar, Alisha & Anna Marie Wilson and Robert Workman

# 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:  
✉ [SYVTouchATruck@gmail.com](mailto:SYVTouchATruck@gmail.com)

**To Benefit Bethania Preschool & Afterschool**

# Fastelavn Celebration

**Bethania Lutheran Church**  
**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

Parish Hall doors open at 5:30pm  
Dinner served at 6:00pm

Join us for a Danish Hot Dog Dinner with all the fixings,  
Beer & Wine at an additional charge,  
Costume Contest and Raffle Prizes!

*\*\*Please keep costumes family friendly\*\**

**All are welcome!**

However, tickets are limited, so get yours early!!

**Tickets: Adults - \$8**

**Children 3-10 - \$5**

**Children under 3 - FREE**

Tickets can be purchased at the church office,  
by calling 805-688-4637 or  
email [bethanialutheranch@gmail.com](mailto:bethanialutheranch@gmail.com)

M-F 9am to 3pm





# March 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedn'day	Thursday	Friday	Sat'day
FR = Fireside Rm OFC = Office PH = Parish Hall CH = Church	BPSAS = Preschool & AfterSchool	AV = Atterdag Village	SME = St. Mark's Episcopal		1	2 10 am - 2 pm Touch- A-Truck
3  9 am & 11 am Worship:CH 10 am Education Time & Coffee Time	4  8 pm AA: FR	5  7 pm Christian Ed. Mtg: OFC  7 pm Yoga:PH	6 Ash Wednesday 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel:CH 6 pm Soup Supper: PH 7 pm Service:CH	7	8	9  5:30 pm Fastelavn: PH
10 2 am Daylight Saving Time Begins 9 & 11am Worship:CH 10 am Education Time & Coffee Hour 10 am Endowment Fund Mtg:PH	11  6 pm Social Min. Mtg:OFC 8 pm AA: FR	12  2 pm Book Group: PH  7 pm Yoga:PH	13 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel:CH 12:45 pm Quilting: PH 6 pm Dinner Church:PH 7 pm Choir:PH	14  7 pm Theo Pub: Solvang Brewing Co.	15	16
17  9 & 11 am Worship:CH 10 am Sunday School & Coffee Hour.	18 5:15 pm Grief Group: SME  8 pm AA: FR	19  7 pm Yoga:PH	20 Beacon Deadline: OFC 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 1-8 pm Lifetouch Photo Sessions:FR 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel:CH 6 pm Dinner Church:PH 7 pm Choir:PH	21 10:30 am Communion, & Gather Bible Study:AV 1-8 pm Lifetouch Photo Sessions:FR 7 pm Council Meeting: OFC	22 1-8 pm Lifetouch Photo Sessions: FR 4-7 pm SME Riverbed Clean-Up	23 10 am - 4 pm Lifetouch Photo Sessions:FR 9 am -noon Support the Troops Collection: PH
24 9 & 11 am Worship & Noisy Offering:CH 10:00 Coffee Hour & Sunday School 1:30 pm SYV WInd Ensemble:CH 3 pm Youth Group:FR	25  8 pm AA	26  7 pm Yoga:PH	27 9 am Support the Troops:PH 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel:CH 6 pm Dinner Church:PH 7 pm Choir:PH	28  2 pm BPSAS Brd. Mtg:PH	29	30  Property Cmt: Work Day
31 9 & 11 am Worship:CH 10 am Coffee Hour BLCW Easter Favors:PH						

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**Saturday**  
**March 2**  
**10am-2pm**  
@ Bethania Preschool  
611 Atterdag Road  
Solvang



**Panda Express Fundraiser** - March 5<sup>th</sup> for Bethania Preschool and After School - Help us wrap up our successful SYV Touch-A-Truck fundraiser benefitting our Bethania Preschool & After School with dinner out on March 5<sup>th</sup>! Join us at Panda Express in Buellton on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 3-9 pm and when you show this flyer with your order, **we receive 20% of sales!** Please make sure you have this flyer with you and present at payment. Feel free to make copies and share. While we would love for you to share this flyer with friends, family and co-workers, please remember that it cannot be distributed anywhere near the restaurant. Thank you so much for your support!



# FUNDRAISER EVENT

Raise Money For: SYV Touch-A-Truck



When	Where	How
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Panda Express at Crossroads Village Center 211 E. Highway 246 Buellton, CA 93427	<b>In-store:</b> Show paper or digital version of this flyer <b>Online:</b> Enter 261871 in the promo code box during online checkout.

**20% of event sales will be donated to: SYV Touch-A-Truck**

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (hard copy or smart phone) with each order to receive credit for the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within vicinity of restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during your fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events for any reason and/or withhold payment of associated donation funds if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed.

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