

The Beacon

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The Worship Experience



As many of you are aware, I went out of town recently for my father-in-law's wedding. It was really nice and I'm so glad I had that last-minute chance to go and be with my family. I've learned since coming back that some folks missed my presence at church and so I wanted to spend this newsletter article talking about the Worship Experience.

First off, I just want to say this is not an article of frustration or rebuttal. If I can be frank, I think I've failed our congregation a bit. I've heard some concerns about my absence from the worship service in addition to the concerns of not having a supply pastor present. I want to address these concerns from a very Lutheran stance. I fear I have not done a good enough job in helping us all understand why we come to worship and what the central elements of that service are.

Let me begin by saying as it stands now, when there isn't another pastor present when I'm gone it's because there wasn't a pastor available. We live in a pretty spread out part of the synod and it's not always easy to find a supply pastor. However, I will also share that council is exploring the idea of not having supply pastors on the few Sundays of the year I'm gone because it would save the church a few thousand dollars, but that's not even close to being decided.

From my perspective as your pastor, it doesn't concern me too much when a pastor is not present at the services I can't be at because it gives us an opportunity to live out our Lutheran identity as a community more prominently. As Martin Luther left any hopes of reforming the Catholic Church behind, he set out to educate the church laity as best he could. He translated the Bible from Greek, Hebrew, and Latin into the German vernacular of his time; he wrote the Small and Large Catechisms so that parents and lay leaders could educate their folks better about central elements of our faith; and he developed the concept of "the Priesthood of All Believers." The Catholic Church at that time had limited lay people so extensively and Luther's Doctrine of Grace was so significant that he was intentional about extending this idea to many facets of church life.

Thus, raising people up from our community to lead worship, and in my absence, to preside over the service is at its heart, Lutheran. In fact, the more lay participation we have in a service, the more and more we live into our full Christian identity. When Christians first started gathering in the first century, they gathered over communion, they read scripture aloud, they offered their thoughts on its meaning, they sang hymns, and none of them were ordained pastors. The very first Christian worship experience was lay lead and immensely communal.

I fear this is the part that not just we, but much of our society has forgotten. We've grown accustomed to gathering around a single pastor and being so connected to their personalities that we've forgotten that worship is first and foremost a communal experience. Every Sunday we gather, not because of a particular pastor, but because we are all siblings in Christ connected through God's love and action in this world. That divine spark exists in every one of us and when we gather that spark turns into a

bright light. It shines in our singing together, in the communal confession and absolution and in the body of Christ received by the gathered body of Christ in us.

My beloveds, I fear that I have not helped us get to a place to see this light as we are gathered. My hope is that this is a first step. I hope to highlight this more in our worship experiences and within our church in general. My hope is that as you can experience this more and more in each other in the worship services that you'll be drawn to that light even when I'm not there or when another pastor can't be present.

I can't tell you how much I appreciate the love and desire for my presence and the sermons I share and the role I play in distributing the elements. I really do. Thank you. I have to say though I'm just one person and the divine light is far more present in all of you gathered together. The irony is that from where I stand every Sunday looking out at all of you, I think I may see it more a little more easily. But it's there. And it's beautiful. And I want you all to see it too.

**Happy Advent,
Pastor Chris**

Bethania's New App



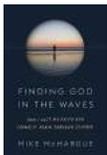
Bethania now has its own smartphone application that you can get from any smartphone. Just go to either the App Store or Google Play on your phone and search for "Bethania Church". You should see this logo. It's free to download and will have regular information about worship, giving, upcoming events, and other resources. If you have any questions about how to download it or operate it, please talk to Pastor Chris.

Theology Pub

Theology Pub meets on Dec. 12 at 7pm at Solvang Brew, around the fire pit. No expertise required – just an open mind and appetite!



Book Group



Book Group meets Dec. 17 at 2 pm in the Parish Hall. We are continuing "Finding God in the Waves" and discussing chapters 8 through 11.

Youth and Family Ministry

Happy Holidays Bethania,

Solvang's Julefest Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 7th @ 11 am. Youth & Families are welcome to walk, ride, and throw candy from the float while we listen to festive holiday music! We plan to decorate the float in the week leading up to the parade.

Youth will meet Sunday Dec. 8th @ 5pm-7pm. Any student in 6th grade through high school is welcome to join. Whether looking to expand their education in faith or make friends, they are welcome!

Youth will be serving at the Danish Sisterhood Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 15th. Come show your support and join in the festivities.

Youth's next fundraiser will be a dessert auction during coffee hour on Sunday, Jan. 5th. More details in the January Beacon!

Sunday School is taught during the 11am-12pm service. We have dedicated classrooms for Ages 2-5 and Grades 1st-5th. Sunday School will be closed:

Dec. 29th (New Year's Eve Weekend)
Feb. 16th (President's Day Weekend)
May 24th (Memorial Day Weekend)

Jan. 19th (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Weekend)
April 19th (Hike Against Hunger)

Warmest blessings to you and your loved ones,

Livier (Liv-EE-air) Ghamari-Brown
Director of Youth & Family Ministry
(909)962-9366 **livierghamari@yahoo.com**

Bethania Preschool and After School

The feeling of Christmas is well underway here at the Preschool. Classrooms are being decorated with the children's projects and look very festive. You can feel the excitement building with each day as Christmas approaches.

We have been practicing our Christmas songs since November to be ready for our Christmas Program on Tuesday, Dec. 17th . As we practice our songs the children are learning what a one horse open sleigh is and what a manger is. Please join us for this fun filled evening at 7 pm in the Parish Hall, and enjoy our "Angels" singing about Christmas.

The Preschool will have its annual Children's Gift Exchange on Friday, Dec. 20th at 10:00 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. It is always a joy to see the excitement on their faces as they receive and more importantly give a gift.

Our Christmas Greetings fundraiser is underway. We hope you will consider supporting the Preschool & After School programs.

The Preschool and After School will be closed Dec. 23, 2019 - Jan. 1, 2020 so the staff can spend time with their families.

*May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope;
The spirit of Christmas which is peace;
The heart of Christmas which is love.*

– Ada V. Hendricks

**Blessings,
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 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.

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.

Your contributions help Bethania Preschool and After School remain one of the top preschools in the Valley, something that all members can be proud of.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Preschool and After School programs

Eileen Knotts
Director

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 the January Beacon is Dec. 20, 2019

Preschool Raffle Fundraiser

The Preschool is in need of some new playground equipment for the younger children. Kristyl Downey is using one of her Thrivent Action Team Cards to have a raffle to raise the money. What are the prizes? First Prize is 4 tickets (2 adults and 2 children 12 and under) for Dec. 14; 2nd Prize is 4 tickets (children under 10 free) to Cambria Christmas Market on Dec. 14; 3rd Prize is 4 pairs of socks from the Sock Loft; 4th Prize - a "Golden Ticket" experience at Ingeborg's Chocolates where you can make your own chocolate; and 5th prize is a \$25 gift certificate to Brekkies here in Solvang.



Tickets are \$5 each and are available in the Church Office with Kristyl, the Preschool with Eileen Knotts, and some Preschool & After School Board members.

Drawing will be held Dec. 10 so the winners can go to Sensorio Lights and Cambria Christmas Market on Dec. 14.

Ministry in the Community and Around the World

Brown Bag Senior Breakfast Mini Packing Day is coming: Friday, Dec. 6 at 5:00 pm - Meet in the Kitchen of the Parish Hall

Come and help us pack some breakfasts bags for low-income and shut-in seniors in the valley. Friday, Friday, Dec. 6 (5:00 pm). Come whenever you can! Do as much as you can!

We will be doing a packing to help fill in the holiday gaps for the seniors during December, as our last packing did not create enough bags to fill the need. We need to make sure these folks are OK until our next big packing date on Jan. 12th.

“Brown Bag Breakfast” DONATIONS NEEDED!

Your Donations Help a
Local Senior Citizen in Need

*Have Something to Eat
With Their Daily Medications*

Shop from the List to Help!



We would love to have your help with this packing. Thanks to Alpha Pi Sorority for a \$200.00 donation, and to Birgitte Pedersen and Carolyn Petersen for providing Thrivent Action Team Funds for this event. Donations of juice drinks, fruit cups, protein or granola bars and other items are also much appreciated.

Our little brown bags are for SYV seniors who need to take medications in the morning with food, and would otherwise have nothing to eat with their pills due to financial constraints or physical limitations.

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

Brown Bag Breakfasts for Seniors Make Change for the Better

The next “Noisy Sunday” is coming on Dec. 22nd. The offering from that day will be used to help cover some of the costs associated with providing the Brown Bag Breakfasts to local seniors. (We will have our next packing day on Jan. 12, 2020).

Why do we need to ask for more donations? Although we have received some grant funds and Thrivent money for this project, we are still unable to provide enough brown bag breakfast for the seniors in need without your donations. You can also help out by packing and by donating any of the items needed (see related article) and by supporting our Noisy Offering this month.

These little brown bags get delivered to low income seniors here in the Santa Ynez Valley. They are delivered to seniors who would otherwise have nothing to eat with their pills (morning but also evening).

We continue to “make change for the better” with the Noisy Sunday offerings. This offering will help make a senior in need have a little brighter and a little healthier day.

So bring your coins and make a noise on Dec. 22nd. Together, we can change so many things!

– **Linda Marzullo**

Christmas Carol/Wrap - Sunday, Dec. 22nd Following 9:30 a.m. worship during coffee hour

Christmas Carols, Coffee & Gift Wrapping for Iglesia

Bring your willing hands, friends and family, and singing skills. 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 have 70 little angels to make happy this year and we need some elves to make it happen. 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 December 23 at 4:00 pm 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 vikingpressprint@verizon.net.

Coming Up at Bethania and Beyond!!!!

Annual Meeting, pt. 1

The Annual Meeting, pt. 1 will be Sunday Dec. 8 after the 9:30 service. Come prepared to do the congregational business of Bethania.



Women of Bethania Brunch

You are invited to a 10:30 brunch on Wednesday, Dec. 11 in the Parish Hall organized by the women of Bethania.

Enjoy brunch, Christmas hymns and an informative talk by Angie Salazar of Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz in Santa Maria. Bethania supports this mission church year round and presently with the Christmas Angel project so become better informed about this congregation.

Danish Sisterhood Dinner

The Annual Christmas Party sponsored by the Danish Sisterhood is Sunday, Dec, 15, 2019. Doors open & boutique at 5:30 pm. Dinner served at 6:00. Dinner, dancing around the tree & Santa. Adults \$10, Children 10 and under \$5. For tickets call Janet Townsend 805-688-5438.

Gather Bible Study

The Gather Bible Study will be Dec. 19 at 10:30 in the Atterdag Lounge.

The topic is "Watch, wait, create: A creative Advent devotional with Isaiah"
Isaiah 2:1-5 & Isaiah 11:1-10

The study is found in the December issue of "Gather" magazine.

Christmas Services at Bethania



Service of Carols - Dec. 22

Do you like singing Christmas Carols and having quiet time during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season? Then come to the Service of Carols Dec. 22 at 6 pm in the sanctuary. The Service of Carols is a lovely evening service with carols and messages of Advent and Christmas. After the service we will have cookies and hot apple cider in the Parish Hall.

Little Christmas Eve Service - Dec. 23

Pastor Anne-Grethe Krogh Nielsen will lead the Danish Service on Dec. 23 at 6 pm in the church. Danish Christmas Hymns, liturgy, sermon. Anyone who has come to this service can tell you it is a beautiful service - even if you don't speak or understand Danish.

Christmas Eve Services - Dec. 24

4:00 pm & 6:00 pm Bethania's Traditional Services
11:00 pm Candlelight Service

Celebrate at Bethania with our three Christmas Eve Services. Communion will be celebrated at all three services.

Poinsettias



Poinsettias will be available this year. For \$13 you will be able to get an "Ice Punch" poinsettia from the Cal Poly horticulture program. You will also get a dedication in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Please fill out this order form, enclose payment and return to Kristyl in the Church Office by mail or in person, or in the Sunday offering envelope.

Name _____ **Phone** _____

of poinsettia plants: _____ **(limit 3 per person)**

Dedication in bulletin

Given by _____

In honor of/In memory of

Payment of \$13/poinsettia enclosed.

Baby Shower for Livier and Pastor Chris

Come welcome the anticipated birth of baby girl #2! We will be showering them with gifts and good wishes on Saturday, Jan. 4th at 2 pm. in the Parish Hall. Please contact Kristyl in the Church Office if you are able to attend. We will have a table out after service on Dec. 22nd and 29th with a card and Money Tree if you wish to make a monetary donation.

All are welcome.

Church Business

Church Council November Meeting

The November monthly Council meeting was held at 7:00 pm on Nov. 21, 2019. Members present were Emily Abello, Wendy Bevier, Pastor Chris, Bridget Cassara, Stewart Fries, Denise Johnson, Carol Lake, Carolyn Schuit, Ann Tucker and Ron Walsh. Also attending was Carolynn Petersen.

Council members received a report from the Endowment Committee Chair, Carolynn Petersen, as part of the on-going program of inviting committee chairs to make presentations about their committees to the church council.

Council members present discussed a variety of topics including:

- The change in format of the 11:00 Sunday service
- A proposed change in the job description of the Nursery Attendant
- "The Over Fifty-Five Club" concept at Bethania
- The increasingly limited availability of supply Pastors
- The rescheduled Annual Congregational Meeting – Part 1 - Dec. 8, 2019.**
- Potential capital expense items for 2020 and beyond
- Proposed meeting invitations for Committee Chairs for 2020

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019.

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

Treasurer's Report October 2019 Financial Statements

Balance Sheet:

The general checking account had only \$480 in it at the end of October. This is a serious problem going in to the last two months of the year. Once again we had to transfer money from the money market fund to pay the month end bills. It should be noted we have less than \$5,000 available in other line items should we need to transfer again.

The money market fund is down due to improvements made to the parsonage, and to the re-landscaping of the church property.

There is no indebtedness and all liabilities are current with the usual exception of the pension liability.

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Profit & Loss Budget Performance:

Income:

Fundraising income was \$4,078 from the Oktoberfest event. Fundraising income is at 74% for the year.

Other income for the month is up due to the youth fund Halloween party income.

Offering income is down by \$798 for the month, but up by \$2,944 for the first 10 months of the year.

Child care reimbursements are on budget for the year.

Overall, income for the month was up by \$2,006.

Expenses:

Salary and benefits were below budget for the month by \$914, but are up by \$6,214 for the year.

Office administration was up by \$532 for the month and up by \$2,100 for the year to date.

Property expenses were up for the month by \$1,210 and for the year by \$7,660. This is largely due to increased regular maintenance and outside maintenance contracts and expenses.

Utilities were on budget for the month, and slightly over for the first 10 months.

Worship and music budget was up by \$255 for the month, due to organ maintenance and repair.

Expenses for the month were under budget by \$1,302, but are still over by \$15,000 for the first 10 months.

- **Ron Walsh, Treasurer**

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, Iglesia 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

Thank You!

Lutheran World Relief sent Bethania a “thank-you” letter for the gift of \$286.50 which we sent recently. Such gifts are used around the world in a variety of ways. With support like ours we might help a village like Nsange-Nyembwe in the Democratic Republic of Congo receive access to safe water. Kapinga Eudoxi who lives in the village says that because of Lutheran World Relief 244,964 people in the 271 villages of the region are receiving clean water.



Thanks to Los Olivos Rotary

Thanks to Los Olivos for donating \$500 to our Brown Bag Breakfasts for Seniors. We appreciate this donation which will be used to buy protein drinks, protein bars, protein oatmeal, fruit cups and more for our brown bag breakfasts. This money will be used in January for the packing day we'll have.

(Kristyl Downey accepting the check from Los Olivos Rotary)

Thank You

We feel so blessed by your continued prayers. Bob knows our Lord is right by his side in this journey with lung cancer. Our faith and all the prayers has kept us at peace. We are very thankful.

**God bless you with love.
Bob & Gail Jennings**

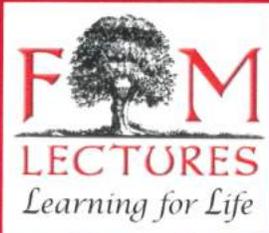
In Our Hearts, In Our Prayers

We uplift in prayer the following people in our congregation and community. May we minister and bless all who need God's help.

The family and loved ones of Edna Robbers

Andy Blanton, Brianna Ceballos, Denise Chaboya, Annette Clausen, Caylin, Katy & Kay Corlee, Kerstin Emerson, Ida FitzGerald, Chris Frederiksen, Debbie Fritts, Jenie Galindo, Chris Gideon, Sheldon & Pat Green, Kathy Hackler, Marion Hallum, John Halloway, “Hank,” Belle Hoger, Jennifer Howell, Glen Jacobsen, Michael Jech, Robert & Gail Jennings, Alma Lancaster, Betsy & Steve Logan, Joe Martin, Stella Miller, Brian Merrick, Denise Morris, Denny Norrenbrock, Barbara & Charles Osborn, Marie Ostertag, Kate Pearrson, Bob Petersen (brother of Tom), Chèle Ludwig Petersen, Doyle Phillips, Joyce Purvis, Tim Reed, Craig Schorr, Jesse Tovar, Lou Vitelli, Robert Workman, David & Yolanda Yanez, and those who serve our country both at home and abroad

Excitement Builds for Solvang Folk School Talks Coming in February!



Farstrup-Mortensen Lectures/Solvang Folk School Talks present...

Michael Gungor and William Matthews

“THE LITURGISTS”

February 21-22-23, 2020

Our new program led by Pastor Chris Brown will feature two hosts of the Liturgists Podcast, one of the top religious podcasts in the country. The Liturgists are a global community working to subvert the barriers our society builds around religion, race, gender, ability, and sexuality. Their work is centered around compelling discussion, non-judgmental community, and thoughtful, evocative art. www.theliturgists.com.



Michael Gungor

Michael Gungor is one half of Gungor, and is a co-host of *The Liturgists Podcast*. Michael is a Grammy nominated musician and composer. He leads the musical collective Gungor with his wife Lisa Gungor and is a co-founder of The Liturgists with Mike McHargue ('Science Mike').

In his latest book, *This: Becoming Free*, Gungor shares the deconstruction of his faith and the transformation of it as another story. Letting go of the stories that defined his identity and value in the world led Gungor and his family on a wild and painful journey through atheism, mysticism, betrayal,

loss, medical issues, and thousands of online trolls. Through personal story, parable, philosophy, physics, and absurdity, Gungor shows us that who we think we are is an illusion, a constriction of reality that creates suffering in our lives.

Michael Gungor and his wife Lisa live in Los Angeles, California with their two daughters.

William Matthews

William Matthews was born in the city of Detroit and raised in Raleigh NC. His father and grandfather before him a preacher and his mother a social worker & church choir director. William is known around the world as a singer songwriter and popular recording artist who for the past decade has extensively toured and performed all across the U.S, Europe, Australia, South Africa, Brazil & Asia. During that time William wrote and performed many popular songs that appeared on several Bethel Music compilations, many of which debuted at number 1 or highly charted on Billboard including his first record Hope's Anthem. His songs are sung in churches all over the world.



William's passion is artistry and advocacy. During the 2016 election William joined the Not Who We Are campaign. He filmed a short music documentary entitled "Your Voice Matters" showcasing Detroit & his family's roots in the black church, which was highlighted by media entities like CNN & Yahoo News. William also serves on the board of environmental advocacy group Micah Challenge.

He currently resides in Los Angeles and recently finished his much anticipated sophomore record.

“Millions worldwide...long for spiritual transformation that enacts positive action and reform in the world...The Liturgists has grown into a global movement of people united by a single idea: **there is room at the table for all who are hungry.”**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Special Gathering \$35

Friday, February 21

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Meet the Speakers & Each Other Reception

(Light snacks and desserts with wine and beer
Book signing and introductions; book sales)

Talks \$100

Saturday, February 22

8:45 AM – Singing and Introductions

9:00 AM – Talk 1

10:30 AM – Break/Singing

10:45 AM – Talk 2

12:15 PM – *Lunch on your own*

2:00 PM – Talk 3

3:30 PM – Break/Singing

3:45 PM – Talk 4

5:15 PM – Casual Reception

(Light snacks, wine and beer available to purchase
by the glass)

Panel Discussion

Sunday, February 23

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship

11:00 AM – Panel Discussion

12:00 Noon – Closing

*Child care is available with advance
reservations only. Please call the church office.*

***Register now to
reserve your space!***

Register Online at bethanialutheran.net/education/



December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat'day
1 9:30 & 11am Worship:CH 10:30 Coffee Hour:PH 11 am Sunday School 1 pm Service for Carole Eckhardt:CH	2 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	3 Piano Tuning 7 pm Mankind Project: FR 7 pm Yoga:PH	4 9:30 am Staff Mtg: OFC 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel:CH 7 pm Choir Practice:PH	5	6 5 pm BBB:KIT	7 11 am Julefest Parade:Solvang
8 9:30 Worship:CH 10:30 Coffee Hour 11 am Annual Meeting, pt. 1:PH 11 am Sunday School 5-7 pm Youth Group:FR	9 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	10 7 pm Yoga:PH	11 9:30 am Staff Mtg:OFC 10:30 am BLCW Brunch:PH 11:30 am & 3:30 pm Chapel:CH 7 pm Choir Practice:PH	12 2 pm BPSAS:PH 7 pm Theo Pub: Solvang Brewing Co.	13	14
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22 9:30 & 11 am Worship & Noisy Offering:CH 10:30 Coffee Hour:PH 11 am Sunday School 6 pm Service of Carols:CH	23 6 pm Danish Little Christmas Eve Service:CH 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	24 Christmas Eve Services 4 pm:CH 6 pm:ch 11 pm:CH	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29 9:30 & 11 am Worship:CH 10:30 Coffee Hour:PH	30 6:30 pm Tai Chi:PH 8 pm AA: FR	31 New Year's Eve	FR = Fireside Rm OFC = Office PH = Parish Hall CH = Church BPSAS = Preschool & AfterSchool	AV = Atterdag Village SME = St. Mark's Episcopal		

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Christmas Services

Service of Carols - Dec. 22
6 pm

Danish Little Christmas Eve
Service - Dec. 23
6 pm

Christmas Eve Services -
Dec. 24
4 pm
6 pm
11 pm