

The Beacon

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Pastor Chris's Message



I'm tired. I'm sure this sentiment is shared by all of us. It's not so much the fact that we're in the middle of a pandemic, that our church cannot do what we have centered ourselves in doing with community gatherings, or the economic stress. For me it's the divisiveness. It's the politicization of everything. Here's the big one: it's the constant experience of seeing people on both sides of the aisle disparage and write-off others simply because they have a different viewpoint. Hatred is a strong word, but it feels like hatred of others simply because they're on the other side of the political spectrum.

I know this world is crazy right now and we're living in unrepresented times, of which has also been politicized, but the heart wrenching part is the deep polarization and this doesn't seem to be letting up anytime soon. I know I've referenced this in sermons before. I know many of you have shared your own frustrations about this as well. A big part of therapy for me has been focusing on the areas in which I have influence, i.e. our community and our church. It has been in the focus of those spaces that make me feel like I'm managing everything. I have no way of affecting the polarization our country is feeling, but I do have a tiny platform as your pastor that perhaps I can have some effect.

I want to start by sharing these words from the gospel of John 17:20-22, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also. Be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one."

This is what Jesus prays in the gospel of John just before he is arrested. His last prayer to God is that we be one. I have to think Jesus is sad at the polarization our country is experiencing right now. There is way more to say about the intricacies of this polarization to write about now and I don't want to spend this newsletter focusing on the reasons for being so polarized, but I do feel comfortable enough to at least say God doesn't want this for us. Please don't mistake this as me saying God doesn't want us to be passionate about our politics or philosophy of the world, nor does God not want us to fight for what we believe in. I just don't think God wants us to sacrifice unity simply because a person has a different viewpoint. Don't get me wrong, I believe we as Christians are to strongly stand up for the marginalized and oppressed, whichever form they take, and I believe God calls us to stand against violence and exclusivity with radical love and inclusion. There are things we are called to take a stand for and take a stand against, but it's hard for me to see people as that which we are to castigate in this because I believe God's love expands to all people.

As we find ourselves in this time of such deep polarization, I want to offer some points for us who are entrenched in this polarization or exhausted from it and I ask that you reflect on each of these points as you read them: We can disagree and still be the Church. We can disagree and still be Bethania. Liberal isn't bad. Conservative isn't bad. They are just different approaches to the same hopes: security, the ability to carve out a path for oneself, trying to create equity for people in our society, spaces that honor the diversity this country was built on (I'm sure there are more you can

think of). While these things are true, there are powers and principalities that benefit from us being polarized and try to create feelings of divide. The powers and principalities that do this are contrary to the Divine. Having different viewpoints from someone else should not be something that causes us to dig our heels in the sand, but should create spaces of dialogue that help each of us see in the other the thing behind the thing behind the thing that causes them to feel this way. Unity is born when we discover this space in another. We are not united when we are homogenous, we are united when we can have different viewpoints, but work towards a common mission. We have this at Bethania.

This is by no means an exhaustive list, but perhaps just a start. I'm sure you can add to it, but I would like you to reflect on the list and leave you with this. I pray that moving forward, in our little corner of the world called Bethania Lutheran Church, we can start to be more aware of when our differences feel like they are dividing us. I pray that we can be intentional about noticing those moments, acknowledging that our differences should not be spaces of divide, and remember that Christ's prayer for us isn't to be homogenous, but to be united. I pray that we can hold our differences in balance and realize these do not prevent us from having a common mission at Bethania to know God's unconditional love for ourselves, and try and share that love with others through service. And finally, I pray that our differences could even lead us to deeper understanding of and relationship with one another. Let me know what you think.

**In Christ's Unifying Love,
Pastor Chris**

Youth and Family Ministry

Greetings,

We received a generous donation from church members, **Dan & Bridget Cassara**. A large storage container will store decorations, VBS staging, supplies, and operate as a youth space. Bridget & Dan scheduled and directed a Marborg driver to deliver it to the church. **Ken Andersen** and **Kevin Serritslev**, of Nielsen's Building Materials, assisted in the coordinating and repositioning of the container last week. The youth and I are utterly grateful, we are already at a loss for words, but

Thank You!

Our scheduled events have ended due to our current pandemic; including Danish Days, Oktoberfest, Halloween Party, etc. We will keep you informed if anything changes. I am hopeful for January events, such as Rummage Sale, Youth Bake Sale, and other fundraisers.

ELCA Youth Gathering to Minneapolis is still planned for **June 2021**. High schoolers and parents are welcome, please contact me.

Vacation Bible School will be **July 2021**. Each year VBS grows in attendance as children excitedly return and bring more friends along. Our volunteers are an integral part of this event! There are so many ways to get involved; like supplies. If you have any items to lend or would like to donate, please see below:

Masking tape	Silver duct tape
Stacks of white & blue & black paper	X-Large cardboard boxes to build a bridge
White & Blue fairy lights	White & Blue iridescent paper
Polyester fiberfill/ batting	Artificial Christmas trees
2 pairs of rain boots (adult size)	Plastic toy knight helmet

"Dear God...Keep our world healthy and safe.." - Vesper's Evening Prayer

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Faith in Action

Brown Bag Senior Breakfast: September Packing

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one. ~ Mother Teresa

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. Currently we are helping seniors with breakfast bags three times a week. This ministry continues to be a vital need for our local seniors.

When will be our next packing? Due to "social distancing" we cannot pack on Day of Service (Sept. 13th) as usual. So, we are consider the day before (Sat., Sept. 12th) or another date. Watch emails and announcements for more info, or contact me if interested.

We continue to collect items for the bags for our next packing date. The church is open daily (usually from 9-5) and you can drop off items inside. Or, you can leave them at the church office or drop them off on the packing day.

- Protein Drinks (such as Ensure or Atkins)
- Soft Granola/Cereal Bars
- Protein Bars
- Oatmeal Packets (Protein type)
- Instant Cup of Soup/Lunch or Noodles
- Fruit Cups or Applesauce
- Pudding (non-refrigerated)
- Small Juice Boxes or Plastic Bottles of Fruit Juices (such as Apple, Cranberry, Orange)



A big THANK YOU for your donations and support. YOUR PARTICIPATION, in whatever way you are able, makes a difference in the health and happiness of someone living right here in our valley. Thank you!

–Linda Marzullo
Chairman, Social Ministry Committee
688-5219, 688-3059 or vikingpressprint@verizon.net

Day of Service Items / Helping Hands Needed! **Sept. 13 – 10:30 a.m.**

Our "Day of Service", an ELCA-wide event focusing on the needs of our communities and our world, is coming September 13. We will be collecting items this summer for assembly of Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits and School Supplies. We will practice social distancing and everyone must wear masks to pack, along with hand sanitizing procedures.

Personal Care Kits help people dealing with some of life's most difficult situations –the aftermath of earthquakes and floods, fleeing home to escape violence, and living in extreme poverty. When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, it's often to people who have lost everything to natural or man-made disasters.

School Kits are given to children to help them have the supplies to be able to attend school. Imagine having to choose between eating a meal or purchasing a notebook. In the places where LWR works, even a few required supplies, like pens and paper, may be more than many families can afford. And when parents can only afford to send one of their children to school, girls rarely get priority...yet the education level of mothers has the biggest impact on development.

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

For Personal Care Kits:

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

For School Supply Kits:

1. 70 sheet College ruled Notebooks (spiral bound) (150+ needed)
2. Rulers with centimeters and inches (49 needed)
3. #2 Pencils – NOT SHARPENED (150 needed)
4. Ballpoint Pens (not gel) – Blue or Black ink (320 needed)
5. Box of Crayons (16 or 24 count) (62 needed)



Bring your items to the donation box in the church or to the church office.

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

Emergency Food Distribution Site at Bethania Drive up and Walk up - Tuesdays, 5:15-6:45 pm

Bethania continues operating as an Emergency USDA Food Distribution site. Distribution is through drive up or walk up line each Tuesday. There are no restrictions on income or family size at this time.

Here are the numbers of households and individuals we served in the past four weeks:

Week 19	413 Households	1632 Individuals
Week 20	393 Households	1511 Individuals
Week 21	345 Households	1342 Individuals
Week 22	348 Households	1321 Individuals

(This week it was over 105 degrees and humid – and still people came!)

We receive food deliveries from SB Co. FoodBank in the morning each Tuesday around 10:00 am, which we then sort and bag at 11:00 am to give out later in the day to families. We have been fortunate in receiving produce boxes from Berry Man again also, through a grant they received. Last week we passed out 250 boxes.

This past month **Jeff Paaske of Solvang Restaurant** has been regularly donating 210 individual boxes of cereal – a great help. **Bent Olsen / Olsen's Danish Village Bakery** has donated packages of cookies and dessert items for our bags, which were much appreciated. **Carolynn Petersen** has

donated fresh veggies; **Wendy Bevier** donated some apples. Thank you to all who donated in some way or another – it all helps!



In addition, we purchase food items to supplement our FoodBank items. Sometimes the items from FoodBank are very spare (1-3 items). You can make a financial donation by sending funds to the church office marked “Tuesday Food Dist.” or you can donate through Push Pay on our website. Your donations and those of many others have continued to make this possible – thank you! So many people coming through our Tuesday lines have expressed their appreciation and gratitude for this distribution.

We can always use donations of protein items (such as canned chicken, tuna, chili) and things such as macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, rice, peanut butter, and cereal. Donations can be left in the church or you can contact me to drop off items.

We also distribute diapers and wipes, which are very needed. We continue to pass more than 4500 diapers and 250 packages of wipes weekly. Donations are appreciated in this area also.

We could not do this without our “army” of volunteers, who are all amazing. I am truly grateful for each and every one of them. This is an incredibly rewarding and emotional experience for many. We all feel blessed to be able to help these people who come to us in great need.

If you would like to help, please contact me. Too many people makes it difficult for us all to be safe, unfortunately; but too little make the tasks to be done extra hard and extra exhausting. This is why we really need people to sign up in advance. Anyone interested in attending should contact me. We practice COVID-19 safety procedures and have strict guidelines we must follow or risk being shut down.

We continue to need your prayers and support for this mission. I continue to be proud and in awe of our church and our volunteers as we complete our 23rd week of service on August 25th.

–Linda Marzullo
Chairman, Social Ministry Committee
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Blessing Box

The use of the Blessing Box in front of our church has continued to grow. We have seen all kinds of people coming to access it, from 5 am up to 11 pm (when we went home to bed!) Many times we are filling it over 10 times a day to keep it stocked. All ages have been using this box, all types of families/households, all kinds of needs. This has been a huge eye-opener as to how many in our valley are living on the brink of disaster and despair. This is beyond the current COVID-19 crisis, I am sad to say.

If you or someone you know is in need, please be aware that food is available at Bethania in the Blessing Box as well as at our USDA Tuesday Food Distribution, which is held from 5:15-6:45 each Tuesday.

Whatever you use in your home – that is what we need for the Blessing Box! Items needed for the Blessing Box include canned and dried foods, snacks, cereal, coffee, condiments, cleaning supplies (such as dish soap, laundry soap, toilet bowl cleaners), cooking oil, coffee, personal care items, meal kits, tuna, chicken, mac & cheese...you get the idea. Feel free to put your items straight into the box on the Atterdag Road side of the church. Or contact me if you like: (805) 688-5219 or (805) 688-3059. You may also email me at vikingpressprint@verizon.net if you need to arrange to meet.

THANK YOU to all who have contributed items, donated, and helped to keep this project going. Our goal with the Blessing Box was to have anyone in the community be able to access assistance at any time, without any stigma, from the items within it. Special thanks to Elizabeth Breen, Donna Hinsbeeck, Kristyl Downey and Rick Marzullo who are all assisting in keeping our “mighty pantry on a post” filled for people who need it.

If you are interested in helping to keep the box stocked, just drop off your items in the box itself or at the church office. You can also contact us for a day/time to sign up to help check the box – or just make a point of stopping by at a time good for you to see that it is filled. Thank you to all who already do this!

- Linda Marzullo



Food Needs at Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz

“Working at the Food Bank with my kids is an eye-opener. The face of hunger isn’t the bum on the street drinking Sterno; it’s the working poor. They don’t look any different, they don’t behave any differently, they’re not really any less educated. They are incredibly less privileged, and that’s it.” ~ Mario Batali

There are so many living right in our own county who are struggling to put food on the table. Our friends at Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz are among those struggling, along with many people here in the Santa Ynez Valley. In addition to their usual struggles with low wages and the vigors of field work, these agricultural workers are also living with surges of COVID-19 in their populations. Their work puts food on the tables of all of us, yet they do not have enough to eat.

Pastor Esteban and his wife Angie at Iglesia continue to ask for help as their pantry is out of basic food needs for their members. If you can help by donating some of the items below, please leave them in the box in the sanctuary or contact me for drop off. Your donations are making a difference in a life and in families of hard-working people.

Currently we are delivering weekly to Iglesia. If you are able to make a run with a load of items, please let me know.

Urgently needed are:

Dry Beans – Rice – Maseca (corn flour) – All Purpose Flour – Small Pasta – Sugar – Salt – Coffee – Snacks (such as Cookies) – Bottled Juice – Feminine Products – Shampoo – Laundry Detergent – Dish Soap – Bleach and Cleaning Products – Baby Diapers (All sizes especially 5&6).

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for all our ministries at Bethania.

– Linda Marzullo



Grocery Bags Are Needed

We currently need brown paper grocery bags and plastic bags for our emergency food distribution. You can drop them off in the narthex or at the Church Office. You may also contact us at 805-688-4637 or bethanialutheranch@gmail.com and we will find a way to get the bags.

Noisy Sunday is coming: Sept. 27th

Make Change for the Better

The next “Noisy Sunday” is coming on Sept. 27th, so get ready! We will use your donated change to help finish off our Lutheran World Relief Kits that we started on Day of Service. Whether we need to finish off by buying more materials or paying for shipping the kits to the LWR Warehouse for distribution, your donation helps us do more – even if you can only donate a dollar and a quarter!

School supplies are a great deal right now with lots of sales, and we are gearing up for our big packing day in September on both of the LWR kits. See the item list elsewhere in the Beacon for items you can pick up (some for as little as \$0.25, including rulers and crayons).

We all really “make change for the better” with the Noisy Sunday! So bring your coins and make a noise on Sept. 27th. We will be accepting change (and of course, cash and checks) in the church office.

Together, we can CHANGE the world by helping children go to school and people of all ages be more healthy.

– Linda Marzullo

Notes from Tom & Carolynn's Garden...

We have fresh produce! Call Carolynn and Tom if you would like:

- Tomatoes
- Squash
- Thompson Seedless Grapes
- Bell Peppers



If you are interested in any of the above, please call 805-688-6243 for an update on what is currently available. You may harvest your own, pick it up or even have it delivered! If you feel like making a donation to "Produce Table", you may drop it off at the office or give on PushPay on the church's website.

We have been putting squash and tomatoes in the Blessing Box as well as donating vegetables to the Tuesday Food Distribution. We encourage any gardeners who have an abundance to do the same.

Thank you for continuing to support this program.

- Tom and Carolynn Petersen

How You Can Help...

Give (time, funds, food, Day of Service items, Brown Bag items, support, pack)

Donate paper or sturdy plastic bags

Can be dropped off in a box that's just inside and to right of door into sanctuary

Make "goody bags" for the kids who come when families pick up food. These bags could contain art supplies, Play-Doh, writing materials, a cookie or candy, etc.

Volunteer for any of three "shifts" each Tuesday for Food Distribution. Approximate times are:

9:30-11 a.m. to unload when FoodBank and The Berry Man deliver to church

10:30 a.m.-finish - to pack food into bags

4:45-7 p.m. for distribution to families

7:00 p.m. – clean up

"Adopt" the church "blessing box" one day a week, or a month, or even one day. Or at a given hour. This means a commitment to monitor and stock it. Contents of the box can include canned or boxed goods, fresh vegetables or fruit, and even pies, cakes and cookies. Also home basics such as laundry and dish soap, shampoo, coffee, etc. We prefer "no candy" to discourage ants. Please, no aspirin or Tylenol, etc.

Share Produce - via the Blessing Box, or individuals.

Uplift - Pray, call and check-in with one another and our volunteers. We all need a boost.

Wanted: Thrivent Members

If you are a Thrivent Member, we need you! Every Thrivent member has the possibility of receiving seed money (\$250.00) for two projects a year. Please contact the church office to let us know if you are a Thrivent member and would be willing to help with a project. Some of our needs are listed below:

- Safety Vests for Food Dist. Workers (starting to get dark earlier)
- New Food Pantry: Paint / Shelves / Garage Door / etc.
- Food items for the coming Food Pantry
- Diapers/Wipes Drive for Tuesday distribution
- Heavy duty small folding tables for Tuff Shed and Dist.

Doing a project is simple and fun. We can help with filling out the forms if you need help. Ask Kristyl for more info.

– Social Ministry Committee

Work on Our New Food Pantry

The work has begun on the food pantry. We have cleaned out the garage and the floor has been poured. We are working on getting a working sink in there.

We'll keep you posted with the progress.



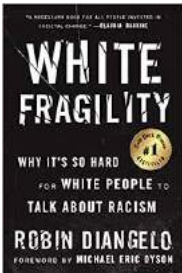
Events and Occasions

Virtual Theo Pub

Theology Pub will be gathering on Zoom on Sept. 10 at 7 pm for our first topic centered discussion of the program year. An email will be sent out with the link to join on Zoom and we'll post the link on social media. See you then!



Book Club



Book Club will be continuing on Zoom in September and we're continuing with White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo. If you would like to join, an email will be sent out with the Zoom link. We'll be gathering virtually on Sept. 24 at 2 pm to discuss chapters 7-9.

Church Business

Council Meeting Report

The August 2020 monthly Council meeting was held at 7 pm on Aug. 20, 2020. Members present were Emily Abello, Josh Bratt, Pastor Chris, Stewart Fries, Carol Lake, Lori McConnell, Carolyn Schuit, and Anne Twigg. Wendy Bevier, Lynne Hemming and Jeanelle Needham were not present.

The August 2020 Council meeting was again conducted via Zoom Conference technology.

Pastor Chris discussed the new pre-recorded streamed service, how it works, and the benefits in ease of use that we will hopefully achieve.

Pastor Chris also provided a further update on the actions taken by the church in response to the Covid-19 outbreak, including:

Moving food distribution to the sanctuary to accommodate the Preschool and After School schedule
The potential impact on the sanctuary and ways to minimize those issues

The council also discussed:

- Financial projections for the rest of the year, and recommended courses of action.
- Council approved requesting monthly emergency funding from the Endowment Committee
- The need to postpone the Fall Congregational Meeting, budget preparation, and council and officer elections until Covid-19 restrictions are relaxed The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020.

The Peace of Christ be with you all,

Stewart Fries

Bethania Council President 805-245-0041

Treasurer's Report

July 2020 Financial Statements

Balance Sheet:

- Cash position is strong with \$52,818 in general checking
- Money market fund has dropped by \$6,000 from previous month – cash used for food distribution, and property projects
- All liabilities are current with the exception of the pension liability and the payroll net clearing (payroll expensed but not cashed as of statement date)
- No indebtedness and balance sheet remains strong

Profit & Loss – Budget Performance

Income:

- Offerings for the month were above budget by \$1,525; but were below budget for the first six months by nearly \$5,000 (excluding the amount for VBS)
- Child care reimbursements were up \$3,154 due to preschool paying liability insurance and utilities
- Total income for the month was up by \$3,154, but below budget by \$6,735 for the first six months

Expenses:

- Benevolence is up due to brown bag breakfast packing (offset by designated income)
- Salaries & benefits for the month are on budget; for the first six months they are down by nearly \$5,000 (Livier on maternity leave, worship musicians down due to reduced services, no nursery attendant)
- Staff expenses under budget for month and at 79% for year to date
- Office administration under budget for the month, and at 98% for the year to date
- Property expenses down for the month and at 74% for the year to date
- Utilities on budget with the exception of trash disposal (up by \$1,200 due to increased recycle pick up and trash pick-up for food distribution; utilities under budget for first 6 months by \$900)
- All other items at or under budget for the month and first six months
- Overall expenses exceeded income by \$735 for the month, and by \$6,000 for the first six months.

- **Lori McConnell, Treasurer**

Expressions of Gratitude

Bethania Church -

Thank you for your unwavering service to our community during this very difficult time!

Blessings to all of you & your families!

Best -

Dave Boyea & Kelly Hunziker

(Dave & Kelly also made a donation to our food distribution program)

A verbal thank you along with a check...

From Diane & Ronald Griffin, owners of Manzanita Nursery

Diane came by one day when I (Kristyl) was near the blessing box. She asked me how we stock it and I told her. She later came by and dropped off a check. She thanked us for doing the Blessing Box and the Food Distribution. She said, "It is a great thing you are doing." Manzanita Nursery is located on Chalk Hill Rd. Diana & Ronald often pass by the church and see what is going on at Bethania.

Several Expressions of Gratitude

I want to tell everyone at Bethania about the numerous thank-you's I receive when I am near the Blessing Box and the church. Some times it is a simple "thank-you," sometimes a nod or a smile. I try to give people their privacy when they are near the Blessing Box. Sometimes people are ashamed they need the food. Sometimes people from the community drive up and stock the box and we chat. One woman who lives in Oregon and Santa Ynez comes regularly to stock the box. Our own members stock the box as well. One woman who lives nearby thanked us for what we are doing and has volunteered to come and check and fill the box. People who walk by the Blessing Box thank us for what we do.



The next thank-you I am writing about in detail:

One day, as I was checking and filling the Blessing Box, I saw a woman and her son. I let her go to the box and I went into the church. She came in and talked to me. She expressly thanked me for what the church is doing. Repeatedly she wanted me to thank everyone at the church. She said what we are doing is "humungous". She said one day she came to the box for soup for her family. There were exactly six packages of Top Ramen. She was happy. She said "God's words are your (Bethania's) hands." (I take it to mean that God answers prayers through people) I told her the motto of the ELCA, "God's work, our hands." She said even though her English is not so good, we understand each other. I agreed.

This woman also said, about Bethania, "You are a light in the dark." She thanked us for keeping the church open. She said she goes to the Mission and it is locked. She comes here and sits in the corner, sometimes for an hour. She said it is so peaceful. She also said it's a good place to come when you don't want "to cry in the street."

This woman also blessed me and Bethania several times. The Blessing Box really is a blessing to others and to us. I really do feel blessed by what we are doing, especially when someone so directly and firmly blesses me. Again she told me, to tell everyone, "God Bless you."

The Blessing Box blesses in ways we don't always expect.

Kristyl

To my dear friends at Bethania

I want to say a big thank you for the many prayers, cards, telephone calls and well wishes during my hospitalization and surgery. Thank you to Pastor Chris for his visits and many helpful telephone calls. I had a couple of rough weeks but I saw, first hand, human kindness at its finest and I am so grateful.

**Sincerely,
Sheila Mee**

In Our Hearts, In Our Prayers

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

For Comfort for the Family and Loved ones of Nancy Waite. Nancy died Aug. 19, 2020. Her daughter Karen serves on the Solvang City Council.

For Comfort for the Family and Loved ones of Trudy Hansen Weisman. Trudy died Aug. 11, 2020. Trudy grew up in Solvang. Over the years she attended the Farstrup-Mortensen Lectures and supported Bethania's Preschool and After School Program.

Andy Blanton, Dennis Bornhoft, Annette Clausen, Sharon Espinoza, Chris Frederiksen, Sheldon & Pat Green, Shannon Hazard, Belle Hoger, Suzanne Hollrah, Jennifer Howell, Glen Jacobsen, Michael Jech, Robert & Gail Jennings, Gladys Jorgensen, Jeanne Labarge, Betsy & Steve Logan, Ariana Macias, John Marzullo, Brian Merrick, Denise Morris, Eric and Mallory Oftebro, Barbara & Charles Osborn, Marie Ostertag, Kate Pearrson, Chèle Ludwig Petersen, Doyle Phillips, Vince Pillow, Joyce Purvis, Tim Reed, Judy Stamat, Clay Trembaly-McGaw, David & Yolanda Yanez, and those who serve our country both at home and abroad.

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“The world needs more people like you!”
- quote from a girl to our volunteers on
Tuesday, packing food for distribution