

The Beacon

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Pastor Chris's Message



'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, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.'

I imagine like many of you, my emotional and mental well-being has been really up and down over the last 6 months. Rather than long feelings of stability with the occasional struggle, this pandemic has sent me on an emotional rollercoaster. Navigating uncertainty in such globally significant times is hard enough and simply experiencing the changes that have come with shutting down, reopening, shutting down again, ever-changing guidelines, plus environmental disasters, etc. would be enough to justify this rollercoaster. But it's not those elements that have made me feel the lowest. For me, and this continues on, it is the cruelty with which people have been interacting with each other. We see this on a national scale in news, media, and politics, but we also see it right here in our personal lives. We're all frustrated and riddled with anxiety and it's transforming us into people with perpetual short fuses.

I think often about Jesus' words above. These words come from the gospel of John and they are within a prayer Jesus says before being arrested in Jerusalem. They represent Jesus' wish for humanity before the beginning of the end of his time on earth. I think of these words as the divide we're experiencing in our nation seems to be growing wider. I think of these words as our politicians on both sides of the aisle, the vast majority of whom are Christian, seem to be bent on war with each other instead of coming together in a time of one of our country's greatest need. I think of these words as scores of good people with good hearts, feeling the collective pain of our world and being exhausted from it are growing increasingly short-tempered with one another.

I wish I had an answer to ease this pain and the tense ways in which we interact with each other, but I don't. I'll be the first to admit I'm struggling with this too. I'm so tired of this climate and the strain it's putting on so many facets of life. I think of Jesus' words often when I fail at working towards this petition he offers to God. I also think it's for times like these that Jesus offers this prayer. Perhaps Jesus wasn't simply praying that God would make us all one, but that in times when we are feeling so divided and so frustrated with each other we would remember this prayer – that Jesus calls us, through love, to be one, just as he and God are one.

Perhaps the best thing I can offer to any of us, myself included, is intentionality. As followers of Christ, we are called to be one. In many ways, we already are one. We are one in the pain, frustration, and exhaustion we're experiencing. Feeling those emotions and expressing them are not only to be expected, but they okay to feel and express. But it's in these times that we need to be intentional about being one in the love God has for all of us and the love we're called to have for each other.

Let's face it: we're going to be in this a bit longer, and it's painful to acknowledge that. But this is still temporary – it will not last forever. Whenever we do come out of this, we're going to start the work of processing the collective pain we've been experiencing and the more united in God's love we are when that happens, the better we'll be at helping each other rebuild and get back to life. But that work can start now if we can commit to being intentional about working at being one in God's love and at being compassionate, understanding, patient and graceful with each other and with ourselves, even in our frustrations.

Please know my heart, my prayers, and my help are with you in all this. I miss you all, think about you often, and can't wait to be back together again. In this intermission of life, I am here for you. None of this is easy and if I can do anything to help, please let me know. And may God's peace, which surpasses all understanding, be with you now and always.

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

Youth and Family Ministry



Youth Group Storage Container - located in the back parking lot, Photo submitted by Livier Ghamari-Brown

Greetings,

Our scheduled large social events have pended due to our current pandemic; including Oktoberfest, Halloween Party, etc. We will keep you informed if anything changes. I am hopeful that we may organize the Rummage Sale, Youth Bake Sale, and other fundraisers by early 2021.

ELCA Youth Gathering to Minneapolis was rescheduled for **July 2022**. High schoolers and parents are welcome, please contact me.

Vacation Bible School will be **June 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

Thank you for the support!
With kindness and love,

Livier Ghamari-Brown, Director of Youth & Family Ministry
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Bethania Preschool & After School is Back in Session for the New School Year 2020-2021.

We re-opened on June 8 with a limited number of children in attendance with many new rules and regulations to keep both the children and the staff safe and healthy. Our parents here were so thankful and have done an amazing job of following the new protocol. We are blessed to have families that appreciate us and the service we provide.

Our new 2020-2021 School Year began on Thursday, June 13, the original start date for us. The Preschool still has its 4 classrooms with children attending daily from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. (new COVID hours). Staff is doing A LOT of cleaning and sterilizing of toys, tables, chairs etc. Each child has their own baggie of crayons, markers, scissors, glue, etc. Children have adapted very well, and are working at keeping “that germ” away.

Our School Age Program has seen many changes. We are offering on-line learning to our school age children. Currently we serve 15-16 per day in the Parish Hall. These children are on-line learning from 8:30 am - 2:30 or 3:00 pm each day. They go on Zoom, as well as other programs for their learning, along with their bookwork, spelling, math, music, P.E. and so much more. It is a literal ballet in the Parish Hall organizing it all so that no one misses a class. We were very fortunate to have one of our grandfathers pay for the upgraded internet we are using for the learning.

We are so thankful that we were able to open up for the many parents we have that are essential workers. The children have needed to socialize with their peers, and we have been able to provide a safe and clean space for them to do so.

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Blessings,
Eileen**

Faith in Action

Brown Bag Senior Breakfast: October Packing

“Sometimes I want to ask God why He allows poverty, famine and injustice in the world when He could do something about it, but then I am afraid He might just ask me the same question.” *(Viewed on a food insecurity website)*

Local seniors rely on our little brown bags for their breakfasts. The bags are intended to provide items which can be eaten while taking medications and to guarantee a morning meal before their Meals on Wheels noon meal. Some SYV seniors are living in such difficult circumstances that they do not have enough food for their meals and medication-taking needs. We have made it a priority to help these seniors be more secure by providing our little brown bags, which the Buellton Senior Center currently distributes.



On average we are helping seniors with 55 breakfast bags, three times a week. This ministry continues to be a vital need for our local seniors.

When will be our next packing? Plans are being made for an Oct. 11th packing – watch your emails for confirmation of date, place and time. At Day of Service in September we packed 858 bags – enough for a little over 5 weeks’ worth of breakfasts for our friends. Thank you to all of those who attended and stayed “socially distant” while packing.

We continue to collect items for the bags. 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 during the week 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

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(Thanks to Ron Walsh for the Brown Bag Breakfast packing pictures.)

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. We serve people from all walks of life, and in all types of circumstances.

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

		<u>Households</u>	<u>Individuals</u>
Week 23	Aug. 25, 2020	345	1294
Week 24	Sept. 1, 2020	309	1182
Week 25	Sept. 8, 2020	268	980
Week 26	Sept. 15, 2020	244	925
Week 27	Sept. 22, 2020	295	1127

I have been asked when we will end this distribution and the answer is – We don’t know! Being part of the USDA Emergency Food Program helps us immensely. This means that the items from the FoodBank arrive at no cost to us. We also count on donations. Special thanks to **Jeff Paaske of Solvang Restaurant** who has been regularly donating 210 individual boxes of cereal; **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; **Veggie Rescue** has provided us tomatoes, onions and other produce. Numerous individuals and groups have also contributed to help us keep doing this work. Thank you to all who donated in some way or another – it all helps!

Sometimes the items we receive from FoodBank are not that helpful for families. Weekly we purchase food items to supplement our FoodBank items. Some of the things we purchase: Tuna, Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Chili, Corn, Cereal, Granola Bars, Peanut Butter and other canned protein 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 and items such as macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, rice, 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. 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. 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 for information. 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 28th week on Sept. 29.

–Linda Marzullo, Chairman, Social Ministry Committee
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Blessing Box



The use of the **Blessing Box** in front of our church continues to grow. 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 households, all kinds of needs are being met. This has been a huge eye-opener as to how many in our valley are living on the edge. This appears to be an issue beyond the current COVID-19 crisis.

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 pm 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, personal care items, meal kits, tuna, chicken, mac & cheese...you get the idea. We have even been blessed with produce from local gardeners, home canned jam and cakes from Albertson's.

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 and Josh Bratt 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

Our friends at Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz currently have 32 families who are currently in quarantine due to COVID-19. Pastor Esteban and his wife Angie are taking care of these families by bringing them meals and helping with their other needs, in addition to supplying weekly lunch which they take to field workers and distributing food to those in their congregation who are in need. The congregation members at Iglesia are among those who are truly struggling, along with many people here in the Santa Ynez Valley. The people who do the work to put food on the tables for all of us do not have enough to eat – something to think about.

Pastor Esteban and his wife Angie continue to ask for help for members of Iglesia as their pantry is out of basic food needs for their members. Iglesia could also use additional financial support at this time to help put gas in their van so they can travel, buy needed items (such as diapers, sanitary napkins and formula) and help with emergencies. 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. If you would like to make a financial donation, please be sure to earmark it for “Iglesia”.

Currently we are delivering bi-weekly to Iglesia, but we must focus on food and personal supply needs due to space restrictions. If you are able to make a run with a load of items, please let me know. Many thanks to Bridget Cassara who has been doing all of these outreach for us for months!

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

Day of Service Part 2/Helping Hands Needed! Oct. 11, 2020 10:30 a.m.

Our “Day of Service”, an ELCA-wide event focusing on the needs of our communities and our world, is continuing with a Part 2 on Oct. 11. We will be finishing up the assembly of Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. 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.

Here are the items we are collecting. Watch for sales and help us help others around the world.

For Personal Care Kits:

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

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: 805-688-5219 or via email: vikingpressprint@verizon.net

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: Oct. 25, 2020 Make Change for the Better– Help our Preschool!

The next “Noisy Sunday” is coming on Oct. 25. The offering from that day will be used to help our wonderful Preschool/After School Program Director Eileen Knotts.

Why do we need to ask for donations for the Preschool/After School Program? Here's why: the Preschool/After School Program has been facing many increased challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Stringent cleaning requirements, spacing requirements, health protocols, new classroom sizes, new areas for children to congregate, additional laundering requirements, new program to help children with school work when schools are not open...the list goes on.

Funds donated will be given to Director Eileen Knotts to use for her discretion – whether for scholarship funds, cleaning supplies, or anything required for their use. Please help them out at this challenging time and show them how much we appreciate all the hard work and extra time they have been putting in to keep children in our care safe and happy!

So bring your coins, checks or cash into the church office on Monday, Oct. 26th. You may also mail the donation or drop it in the Noisy Offering bucket during outdoor worship Oct. 22. Thank you for helping to change our world for the better, one coin or dollar (or more) at a time.

– **Linda Marzullo**

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 Social Ministry Committee has been diligently working on converting the garage next to the Church Office into a permanent Food Pantry. This will be used when the numbers of the Tuesday Food Distribution decline, or when the USDA food program we are connected to ends. Currently we are serving around 300 households on Tuesdays (sometimes more), which are way too many families to serve out of our 16' x 16' garage!

To date we have replaced the damaged concrete floor and demolished an old incinerator, upgraded the electrical wiring and added outlets, insulated the walls and installed drywall, gotten ready for a utility sink, ordered a new garage door, replaced the old door and will soon be painting. Our final tasks are to finish off the painting, floor, garage door, sink and get our shelving, refrigerator and freezer.

A special thanks goes out to those who have helped with this project. We are especially grateful to our Synod, we granted us \$10,100 in funds for this pantry. The Santa Ynez Valley Foundation also just sent us a check for \$10,000 to complete the work.

Because of the circumstances of the pandemic, we have been able to more clearly see the food insecurity needs in our area. Unfortunately, this appears to go beyond the pandemic, which is why we are planning for the future.

Linda Marzullo, Chair, Social Ministry Committee

Events and Occasions

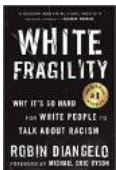
Reformation is Oct. 25, 2020

Reformation Sunday is Oct. 25 but the service for that Sunday will be recorded Thursday, Oct. 22 at 5:30 pm. Remember to wear red if you are planning to attend the in-person worship service. And you may wear red when you are watching the recording at another time.

Virtual Theo Pub

Theology Pub will be gathering on Zoom on Oct. 8th at 7 pm. 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 October 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 Oct. 22 at 2 pm to discuss chapters 10-12.

Cemetery Work-Day

Dear Bethania Members,

We would like to let everyone know that the Cemetery Committee will be having a cemetery workday on **Oct. 24th from 8 am – 12 noon, or for as long as you are able**. Please bring rakes, pruners, shovels, brooms, or just willing hands. With some extra bodies we can get ahead and not tax our gardeners with too much work beyond what they already do for us. We look forward to spending time outside in the Fall air with you!! Coffee, juice, water, and goodies will be supplied. **Please bring a mask in case you need to be in close contact with someone.**

Be well.

Sincerely,

Betty Petersen, Sec/ Chair

illuminating the Night for All Saints

This has been a difficult time for all of us. It has been especially hard as we lose friends and loved ones and are unable to gather together to celebrate and mourn the loss of those we care about.

On All Saints Sunday this year, we have a chance to gather safely and remember those who have passed in the last 12 months. We will be holding a “drive through” luminaria event on the church grounds to celebrate and honor the Saints who have gone to their heavenly home.

Luminarias and lights will be lighting the night as we drive through and remember those who have passed since last year. We are asking for a photo of those we will honor from the families or friends of those who are gone. If you would like to come and be by your loved one’s name, please feel free to do so. You may decorate the area with personal items also if you wish but this is not required. Photos should be sent to the Church Office by Wednesday, Oct. 28 for inclusion.

Guides will direct you through the event which will be held on Sunday evening, Nov. 1st. The drive through will open at starting at 4:30 for those who wish to be through the line and home before sunset. The event will continue through 6:30 p.m.

Please contact the Kristyl in the Church office or Linda Marzullo if you have any questions. Anyone may submit a name for the luminaria event.

Church Business

Council Meeting Report September 2020

The September 2020 monthly Council meeting was held at 7 pm on Sept. 17, 2020. Members present were Emily Abello, Wendy Bevier, Josh Bratt, Pastor Chris, Stewart Fries, Lynne Hemming, Carol Lake, Lori McConnell, Carolyn Schuit, and Anne Twigg. Jeanelle Needham was not present.

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

The Pastor led a long discussion on the proposal of having outdoor worship services on Thursday evenings which would be recorded and re-broadcast on Sunday morning. Members were able to discuss any concerns they had, ask questions, and receive answers addressing those issues. At the end of that discussion the council approved the concept and authorized Pastor Chris to move forward with implementation.

The council also discussed:

- An update on food distribution procedures and garage remodeling
- Reviewed the Endowment Committee response to council request for emergency funding
- The increased monthly cost for trash collection due to food distribution. It was agreed that the church would continue to absorb that \$154/month cost
- Reviewed the funding parameter and protocols connected with special funds held by various committees
- Approved a Preschool/After School Program request for Memorial Committee funding of ADA compliant door handles on the classroom building.

The council discussed and tabled a motion concerning future council email vote procedures for discussion at the next council meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020.

**The Peace of Christ be with you all,
Stewart Fries, Bethania Council President**

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Treasurer's Report - August 2020

Cash position remains strong with \$52,708 in general checking. Money Market fund dropped due to movement of cash into properties. Fund accounts remained unchanged. All liabilities are current (with exception of pension liability). There is no indebtedness.

Profit & Loss Budget Performance:

Income:

Other income is up by \$4,046 due to the contribution from the Endowment Fund (\$5,000) to help with church expenses during the pandemic. Offerings were below budget for the month by \$440, and below budget by nearly \$8,000 for the first 8 months (94.5% of budget). Total income for the month was up by \$2,501. Total income for the first 8 months was down by \$4,200 or 98% of budget.

Expenses:

Salaries and wages for the month were on budget. For the first 8 months they were under budget by \$8,000 (taking out the PPP salaries of \$12,397 for the preschool). Staff expenses were under budget for the month, and for the first 8 months. Office administration expenses were under budget for the month and on budget for the first 8 months. Property expenses were under budget by \$1,600 for the month and under budget for the first 8 months by \$7,000. Utilities were under budget by \$584 for the month and under budget for the first 8 months by \$3,500. All other expenses were under budget for the month and for the first 8 months. Overall expenses were under budget by \$3,000 for the month and at 96% of budget for the first 8 months.

Overall: Bethania continues to operate in a fiscally responsible manner in spite of the challenges that we all have had to face. Thanks be to God! We also want to thank God for the foresight of the members of Bethania who established and nurtured the endowment fund. The contributions from the fund have allowed us to continue the many ministries that are vital to our church, our community, and the world.

Lori McConnell, Treasurer

Endowment Fund Request from Council

At the request of Church Council, the Endowment Fund has forwarded a second check in the amount of \$5,000 to support our church during these tumultuous times.

We are grateful for the opportunity and ability to gift this support and ask you to remember the Endowment Fund when making a Memorial gift or to honor an individual. It is through your gifts to the Endowment Fund and good stewardship over the years that the Fund is now able to support Bethania at this critical time. We are using only the earnings from your gifts; the principal remains intact and secure.

The Endowment and Heritage Funds are the perfect places to donate memorial or honorary gifts. Once given to either fund, these donations will grow and continue to give for years to come. Fortunately for Bethania, these Funds are available to help out during this difficult time.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Endowment or Heritage Funds, please call me at **805-688-6243**.

**-Carolynn Petersen, Chairman
Endowment Fund**

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 David Yanez. David died Aug. 25.

For Comfort for the Family and Loved ones of Erling Grumstrup. Erling died Sept. 8.

For Comfort for the Family and Loved Ones of Cam Rasmussen. Cam died Sept. 11, 2020.

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 Pearron, Chèle Ludwig Petersen, Doyle Phillips, Vince Pillow, Joyce Purvis, Tim Reed, Judy Stamat, Clay Tremblay-McGaw and those who serve our country both at home and abroad.

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The world needs more people like you!