



The Beacon

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Pastor Chris's Message

Contemplative Christian mystic, Cynthia Bourgeault talks a lot about what she calls the “Law of Three” and uses the idea of Jesus as the example of the third way to approaching life, conflict, relationship, etc. At the center of this idea is that we often approach life as a duality, as though choices are black and white, either/or. Think of it this way: when we come into a conflict with another person we typically move to defend ourselves—there’s either our position, which we’ll defend till our last breath or the other person’s position, which they will defend to their last breath. However, Bourgeault explains that “The interplay of two polarities calls forth a mediating or reconciling principle between them. In contrast to a binary system, which finds stability in the balance of opposites, the ternary system stipulates a third force that emerges as the necessary mediation of these opposites and that in turn generates a synthesis at a whole new level.”



Bourgeault sees Jesus as the prime example of this third force throughout his ministry and what should be a prime example for all Christians. One story she highlights is the stoning of the woman in Jerusalem. This woman has committed adultery and a crowd gathers to stone her, while ignoring the man who also committed adultery. Rather than take up exclusively the cause of the crowd or the position of the woman, Jesus says, “Those without sin should cast the first stone.” By connecting the two forces through pointing out the humanity in each, Jesus takes a third approach and acts as a mediation force between the two parties. This is one example of an entire ministry in which Jesus does this. And while Jesus seems to do it seamlessly, Jesus also calls us to be his disciples, and in essence, do our best to mirror this way of life. However, it takes time to learn it.

The problem is we are raised in a dualistic frame of mind. And to top it off, our political system has become so polarized that we are consistently being pitted against one another. I believe as Christians, as followers of Christ, we have the unique ability to be a mediational force in our polarized society, if we could just let go of our own binary way of approaching the world. Bourgeault explains, “The manifestation of love is there in the situation, but you need to find it—Third force is there because the Trinity is real, and if you’re alert to it, you will be able to find it—the problem is most of the world is third force blind.”

Jesus regularly calls us into this third force awareness by calling us to see the divinity in each person, to see each person as a child of God deserving of love. When Jesus spoke out, he rarely spoke out against people, but chose to speak out against systems of exclusion and injustice, and by doing this the divinity and love of people was never lost.

I imagine you’re just as worn out by the polarization of our society as I am and it’s compounded by the fact that every issue in our nation is immediately polarized, immediately sifted through the dualistic mindset that perpetuates this polarization. We, as Christians, both communally and individually, can be a mediational response to this by following the example of Christ, by working to become aware when we are being dualistic, being pitted against other people, and by trying to find this third force of love.

I don't pretend to be an expert here, but as I look at it there are some clear ways I see this. I think we can fight passionately against the systems of racism in our country and be against rioting and destruction of property. I think we can seek reform in industries like law enforcement and still support the thankless and immensely difficult work of the vast majority of law enforcement officers (and we should add industries like education and religion to this list). I think we can be Republicans who can reach across the aisle and support areas of commonality and we can be Democrats who reach across the aisle and support areas of commonality. I think we can work towards curbing gun violence through certain measures of gun control while also protecting the second amendment. I think we can be passionate about our politics while refusing to allow politics to be "us vs. them". I think we can be critical of parts of our nation and work towards making our nation better while also being very patriotic and grateful for our nation. I think we can be passionate about our faith and its call in our lives while also affirming and respecting the life-giving nature of different forms of spirituality and faith (or no faith). I think we can be aware in each of the areas above in which they are branded as an "us vs. them" and be intentional about branding it as an "us AND them". And I think the biggest avenue in working towards all of these is to have the same LOVE God calls us to have for the people we disagree with as well as the people we do agree with.

Finally, while this feels like a big monster to tackle, I firmly believe it starts with each of us and our own personal choices. If we can start to build awareness of when we are feeling pitted against each other, we can start to refuse such a stance and think about how we can work towards what we believe in while still loving others and being able to come together. If each of us reading this can try and make this commitment, while also allowing ourselves some grace when we don't figure it out immediately, I believe this could have a ripple effect that could spread to our friends and family, our communities, and our nation. Faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of them is love.

**Yours in Christ,
Pastor Chris Brown**

A Note About Outdoor Worship

It has come to our attention that a lot of people still think they have to bring their own chair to our outdoor worship service. We're also aware a lot of our elder members have not been coming to worship because this is a difficult task. We deeply apologize for this miscommunication. If people would like to bring their own chair as an added measure of caution for themselves, they may do so, but we are also providing chairs for anyone who needs it. The CDC has said that surface transmission is extremely rare and the church chairs we are using are not being used throughout the week so they are going through the necessary time of potential disinfection. Because of this we feel more than comfortable using church chairs for our outdoor worship services. If you've been skipping attending in person because of this, we are very sorry and hope that you will come join us in person soon.

Congratulations to our Graduates!



Caden Bratt from Family Partnership Charter School
June 2021

Valerie from UC San Diego with a bachelors in chemical engineering.
June 2021

A Letter from the Church Council

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

As we are all aware, it has now been over fourteen months since we have been able to gather in worship in our Sanctuary, and participate in the many gatherings and activities that we cherished and enjoyed. This is truly unprecedented in the history of not only our Church, but in our state and nation as well. While we have conducted regular worship electronically, all of us miss the in-person, in-church worship that is so important to us.

The Church Council has discussed returning to in-person worship for the last three months, and at our last meeting (April 15), we voted to move forward and would like to share with you the statement that we approved:

“It is our desire and intent to return to in-church worship service on June 20, however, circumstances beyond our control, like government regulations, and vaccine distribution may prohibit us from doing so. In the meantime we will continue with our outdoor worship service with communion and our regular liturgy. Please bear with us as we navigate this uncharted territory.”

We can now see the light at the end of the very dark tunnel that we all lived through. As we prepare to gather once again, we would ask for your prayers to guide those that will be leading us in worship.

God has richly blessed Bethania as we ministered to our congregation, our community and our world these last fourteen months. To Him be the Glory and Praise.

We look forward to seeing you all at our outdoor services for the next two months and in the Sanctuary beginning June 20th. Should you have any questions, or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact any of Council members listed below.

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Youth and Family Ministry

Greetings,

Virtual Sunday School continues on our Bethania YouTube channel. Attachments and supplies list are sent out in the weekly service email.

Restructuring social events/fundraisers: Rummage Sale, Youth Bake Sale, etc.

RECRUITING NOW!!! Vacation Bible School will be **July 2021**. Each year grows in success because of Bethania's helpful volunteers. Please let me know if you can help.

Still in search of the following items:

Masking tape & Silver duct tape
White & Blue fairy lights
Polyester fiberfill/ batting

Stacks of white & blue & black paper
White & Blue iridescent paper
Artificial Christmas trees

THANK YOU GINA FLOYD for the X-Large cardboard boxes to build a bridge

Sending abundant blessings,

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

Bethania Preschool & After School

Just Playing

When I'm building in the block room,
Please don't say I'm "just playing".
For, you see, I'm learning as I play;
About balance and shapes.

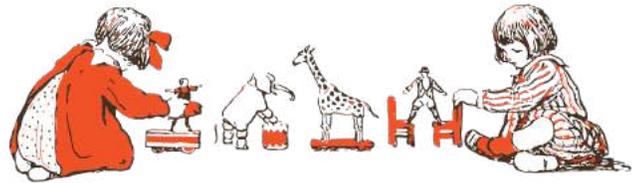
When I'm getting all dressed up,
Setting the table, caring for the babies,
Don't get the idea I'm "just playing",
For, you see, I'm learning as I play;
I may be a mother or father someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint,
Or standing at an easel, or molding and shaping clay,
Please don't let me hear you say, "he is just playing",
For, you see, I', learning as I play.
I'm expressing myself and being creative,
I may be an artist or an inventor someday.

When you see me sitting in a chair,
"Reading" to an imaginary audience,
Please don't laugh and think I'm "just playing".
For, you see, I'm learning as I play,

I may be a teacher someday.
When you see me combing the bushes for bugs,
Or packing my pockets with choice things I find,
Don't pass it off as "just play".
For, you see, I'm learning as I play
I may be a scientist someday.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle,
Or some "plaything" at my school,
Please don't feel the time is wasted in "play".
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to solve problems and concentrate.
I may be in business someday.



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When you see me cooking or tasting foods,
Please don't think that because I enjoy it, it is "just play".
I'm learning to follow directions and see differences,
I may be a chef someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop, run, and move my body,
Please don't say I'm "just playing".
For, you see, I'm learning as I play,
I'm learning how my body works,
I may be a doctor, nurse, or athlete someday.

When you ask me what I've done at school today,
And I say, "I just played",
Please don't misunderstand me.
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my work.
I'm preparing for tomorrow.
Today, I am a child and my work is play.

~Anita Wadley

Happy to have helped children "just play" for almost 40 years...

Eileen

Faith in Action

Readers Wanted

Would you read the lessons during the worship service on Sunday morning at 9:30 am? We are currently meeting outdoors. We need a few more people who would read once in a while. I can add you to my email list or I can call you. When I need readers, I send out a group email, usually at the beginning of the month. You can pick a Sunday and then I will send you the readings before your Sunday.

Please let me know.

Kristyl

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Brown Bag Senior Breakfast: May 16th Next Packing Day

Our fourth 2021 socially distanced Brown Bag Breakfast packing day will be on May 16th.

Packing will start at 10:45 am, after Outdoor Worship Service has concluded. We will pack in the church, maintaining strict distancing and sanitizing procedures. If you feel able to help, please be aware that you will need to follow our guidelines for this project in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

In April we packed 848 bags. Currently the deliveries to seniors are amounting to 80 bags three times a week. **We used funds for the April packing that were donated by HEJLS MINDE NO. 23 DANIA LODGE. They donated \$2,000.00 for the purchase of Brown Bag Breakfast items. THANK YOU!**

This is definitely a team effort – every contribution and every packer counts. Last month our “newbie” packers included Chuck and Shirley Stacy, who were the life of the party as they sat in their station in the narthex. Yes, you can sit and pack these bags – just ask the Stacys. Chuck told me yesterday they had so much fun they are more than ready to do it again.

The bags we make up are intended to provide items for local seniors to eat while taking medications. Usually our bags are used for breakfast meds. and to guarantee a morning meal, afternoon snack or sometimes a late evening or midnight snack as one of the recipients let us know.

The church is open daily (usually from 9-5) and you can drop off any donated items you would like inside or at the church office, in addition to bringing items to us on packing day. You can also make a donation and earmark it “Brown Bag Breakfasts” so we can go do the shopping. Any and all help is much appreciated.

- 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)

We are very grateful to those who donate funds and also purchase items to be packed. We couldn't do this without everyone helping in some way. YOU have all made a difference in the lives of these seniors. Every item you donate, every dollar you contribute, goes directly to helping a local senior.

–Linda Marzullo
Chairman, Social Ministry Committee

Flowers for Residents of Atterdag and Friendship House

Three “flower angels” (Caro Stinson and Nancy and Sarah Puder) make up small bouquets of flowers and take them to residents of Atterdag Village (all levels of care) and Friendship House. If you could like to assist the angels, you can give them small jars (for example, jars for jams or olives, canning jars, shrimp cocktail glasses, “Oui” brand yogurt glasses, spice bottles, etc.), small bottles and small vases. Simply call Caro Stinson at 805-245-4951 or Nancy Puder 805-448-7404 and they will pick them up at your convenience.

We thank everyone who has dropped off vases and jars!

Food Distribution Continues on Tuesdays

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in”.

~Author Unknown

Our volunteers at the Tuesday Food Distribution are truly a community that makes it all work. We have over 118 volunteers currently involved in this program. Although it is dangerous to do this, I would like to give a “shout out” to some of the consistent volunteers who make the wheels move every week. (If I don't mention you, it isn't because you aren't appreciated!)

- **Donna and Marcel Hinsbeeck** help each week by setting up the tables in the church and setting up the No Parking and Food Dist. signs. Donna also helps by signing in all the clients at the Drive Up line each week, shopping, organizing, and more – with lots of incredible unacknowledged support in so many areas!
- **Carolyn Schuit** picks up the bread donations from El Rancho each week, cleans the church, helps with the shifts, keeps control of the line, passes out treats, and generally keeps me on track and things going.
- **Kristyl Downey** takes care of the Preschool food needs, helps with recycling, delivers food, helps pack when needed, shops when needed, and does so much more.
- **Don and Lois DeMeyer** keep our safety vests in great shape and disinfected each week. Don is crew chief of the Drive Up side and keeps it running smoothly, in addition to helping unload and move all the food from FoodBank and our purchases. Lois helps keep the cars going and the numbers counted, in addition to passing out treats and guiding the volunteers.
- **Lou Fox Bender** takes our recyclable heavy plastic down to Santa Barbara to help us be more green. She also helps pack and deliver food to people who are not able to come to the distribution, in addition to guiding our recycling efforts and reminding us about which veggies can be packed with which.
- **Elizabeth Breen** helps with keeping us supplied at the Blessing Box, running around for us, helping with the Diapers and other needs, and generally just “running” when I need her to.
- **Ron Walsh** guides our clients safely into the parking lot and out each week, monitors the line, and lays down the law when required.
- **Kathy Walsh** is our head Diaper director of operations – she packages the diapers and wipes, marks the sizes, keeps the products moving out for distribution, and directs volunteers to help. (Ron and Kathy even celebrated their 53rd Wedding Anniversary on April 20th by coming to Food Distribution instead of their planned dinner out – truly dedicated and so appreciated!)
- **Birgitte Pedersen/Gerda's Iron Art** has been a loyal supporter by contributing each and every month to help buy the food we need to pack the bags. Thank you for your support!
- **Bridget Cassara** takes leftovers and donations to Iglesia Luterana every time we need her.

- Other consistent helpers include **Ilse Popma, Emmy Abello, Gene and Harriett Madsen, Allison Piligian, Jan and Bill Zigler, Jody Schoen, Anne Twigg, David and Lisa Pedersen, Inge-Lise Pedersen, Frank Moore, Anna Cook, Carol Paaske, Josh Bratt...**the list goes on, too long for the Beacon!

Bethania's Emergency USDA Food Distribution site is every Tuesday from 5:15-6:45 pm. Distribution is through drive up or walk up line. 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 we served for the four weeks of April:

April 6	312 Households	1160 Individuals
April 13	333 Households	1240 Individuals (90 first time this month)
April 20	324 Households	1258 Individuals (61 first time this month)
April 27	322 Households	1200 Individuals (60 first time this month)

We can always use donations of protein items (canned chicken, tuna, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter) and staples such as canned vegetables, pasta and sauce, jelly, honey, cereal, soup and chili. Donations can be left in the church or you can contact me to drop off items. **We also distribute diapers and wipes, along with incontinence and feminine hygiene items, which are very needed.** Donations are appreciated in these areas also.

If you would like to help, please contact me. We appreciate and value every volunteer who assists us with this monumental task and cannot thank them enough. Our shifts will be at different times during May, so contact me to let me know if you are interested in volunteering.

We continue to need your prayers and support for this mission, which is making a difference in so many lives here in our area.

–Linda Marzullo
Chairman, Social Ministry Committee
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Social Ministry Meets May 14 @ 5:30 pm

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend our socially distanced outdoor meeting of the Social Ministry Committee on **Friday, May 14, at 5:30 pm in the Courtyard.** If possible, bring your own chair.

Agenda items include:

Food Distribution Transition Plan	Brown Bag Packing Plan
Produce Table Blessing Box	Assistance to Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz

Everyone is invited to these planning meetings – we are all involved in being the hands and feet of Jesus to the world.

–Linda Marzullo
Chairman, Social Ministry
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Making Change Count on May 23 -- Salad Dressing for Bridgehouse



“(We are) like a jar of salad dressing sitting on a shelf... most of the seasoning settles to the bottom of the bottle. But when you shake that bottle up, all the ingredients mix together and then the dressing can add flavor to a salad. In the same way, we can stir ourselves up and regain the reverence, respect and awe we once had for the Lord.”
-Joyce Meyer

For our Noisy Offering this month, we will be collecting funds to purchase bottles of Salad Dressing for Bridgehouse, the homeless shelter in Lompoc. We are also asking that, if you are able, please donate a bottle or two of salad dressing for the residents. You can drop the salad dressing off at the church office, leave it in the narthex (but label for Bridgehouse) or contact me for delivery.

Why do we need to support this?

Bridgehouse provides a nightly meal to its residents and every night they have a salad. Unfortunately, salad dressing is costly and Bridgehouse does not always have the funds to provide the dressing to go along with the salad. We’ve been “shaken and stirred” by the “word” to help them have a delicious salad each night with their meal – by helping to provide some salad dressing!

We all “make change for the better” with the Noisy Sunday offering. So send your coins, cash and checks into the office and make some noise on May 23. Together, we can CHANGE plain old greens into a delicious salad even kids will want to have with dinner. Kristyl Downey, our awesome Administrator, will be delivering our bottles of dressing for us to Bridgehouse, which we much appreciate. Even a small donation or one coin can make a difference to this project, so thank you!

– Linda Marzullo, Social Ministry

Blessing Box

Thanks to new support from LEMOS, who heard about the Blessing Box and now are contributing regularly to our box. They donate the dog and cat food and a volunteer stocks it. Previously they used to throw these sample bags out or return them to the warehouse, so we are also helping them to be “good stewards”!

The use of the **Blessing Box** in front of our church 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 24-7 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 that do not require refrigeration straight into the box on the Atterdag Road side of the church. Or contact the church office, or 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, Carolyn Schuit, Kristyl Downey and Rick Marzullo, Jan Zigler and many others 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**

Events and Occasions

The Church Office and Bethania Preschool and After School will be closed May 31 for Memorial Day.

Virtual Theo Pub

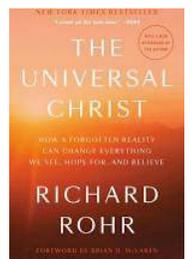


Theology Pub will be gathering on Zoom on May 13 at 7 pm. An email will be sent out with the link to join on Zoom and we'll post the link on social media. See you then!

- In our country, do you understand message of Christianity as one of belief or one of action?
- Why do you think this is?
- What effects does a message centered in belief create?
- Can Christianity be a faith of action without belief?
- What is the purpose of belief?
- What does a church look like that focuses more on action?
- How can we perpetuate a message of action, rather than belief?

Book Club

Bethania's Book Group will be finishing its discussion of Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ*. If you would like to join, we'll be discussing chapters 15-17 on May 27 at 2 pm on Zoom. You can order the book through The Book Loft or online, but please consider shopping local. A Zoom link will be sent out by email and posted on social media the week of our first meeting so folks can join the discussion.



Legacy of Decency: Rembrandt, Jews & Danes

A highlight of the reopening of Elverhøj Museum of History and Art is the return of the gallery exhibition, "Legacy of Decency: Rembrandt, Jews and Danes." A heralded collection of 21 etchings by Dutch Master Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn (1606-1669) is paired with displays about the Danish WWII rescue of their Jewish population.

This exhibition links people, time and place through artwork and action with a legacy created by neighbors who cared for, and about, one another.

The Elverhoj Museum currently (May-June 2021 at least) features a rare display of etchings by Rembrandt, as well as an exhibit of the rescue of 95% of Denmark's Jewish population from genocide at the hands of Nazi Germany.

The juxtaposition of the two exhibits reflects the legacy of caring between Rembrandt, who lived among the Jews of Amsterdam and also the Danish people who hid their Jewish neighbors and then transported them by small boats to safety in Sweden.

Museum open 11-5 pm Friday through Monday. Immunocompromised challenged individuals can make an appointment for those days for 10 to 11 am. 805-686-1211

Church Business

Nyheder fra Bethania Rådet News from the Bethania Council April 15th Meeting

To be more informative and transparent, your Church Council is continuing the new process of communicating news and publishing decisions we have made via the Beacon. Our goal, each month, is to announce major decisions taken by the council to help everyone stay abreast of issues facing the church. Questions, if any, about these discussions, decisions, or messages should be addressed to a council member preferably in writing.

From the April Council meeting, we would like to report on the following topics:

- Discussed and voted to not pursue the lot-line adjustment. Reviewed the zoning of the Parsonage and the church property - it is institutional zoned, not industrial as we thought. Pastor stated that he and Livier are not pursuing purchasing the Parsonage at this time.
- Voted to confirm Council Officers for 2021: Ron Walsh, President, Jasmine Day, Vice-President, Carol Lake, Secretary, and Lori McConnell, Treasurer.
- Appointed Josh Bratt as the Property Committee chair for the church.
- Discussed the opening of the Sanctuary for in-person worship, and voted to approve the following:
- *"It is our desire and intent to return to in-church worship service on June 20, however, circumstances beyond our control, like government regulations, and vaccine distribution may prohibit us from doing so. In the meantime we will continue with our outdoor worship service with communion and our regular liturgy. Please bear with us as we navigate this uncharted territory."* (Please see the text of the entire letter that was sent to all members of the congregation elsewhere in this issue of the Beacon.)

- Discussed the need for a Long Range Plan chair, and begin discussing implementation of our goals for the next year.
- Lynne Hemming reported that this year Eileen Knotts will celebrate 30 years as the Director of the Preschool. Council and Preschool committee will plan an appropriate recognition event.

If you have any questions or comments on any of these topics, please contact one of the Council members below:

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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 Joan Sorenson. Joan died April 19, 2021.

Andy Blanton, Dennis Bornhoft, Melissa Eck, Kerstin Emerson, Chris Frederiksen, Sheldon & Pat Green, Shannon Hazard, Belle Hoger, Suzanne Hollrah, Jennifer Howell, Glen Jacobsen, Jeanne Labarge, Betsy & Steve Logan, Ariana Macias, John Marzullo, Stewart Mee, Brian Merrick, Denise Morris, Robert & Shelly Myers, Roger Myers, Eric and Mallory Oftebro, Barbara & Charles Osborn, Marie Ostertag, Kate Pearrrson, Chèle Ludwig Petersen, Doyle Phillips, Joyce Purvis, Robin Schatan, Judy Stamat, and those who serve our country both at home and abroad.



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Notes to Financial Statements
March 2021 Financials
April 13, 2021

BALANCE SHEET

	Mar 2021	Feb 2021	Change	Notes
Operating Acct	\$58,006	\$60,472	-2466	
Money Mkt Acct	144,541	158,813	-14,272	
Petty Cash Acct	100	100	0	
Fund Accounts	2,007,563	2,007,563	0	
Fixed Assets	1,844,091	1,844,091	0	
Total Assets	4,063,250	4,071,039	-7789	
Current Liabilities	389,974	404,448	-14,474	
Equity	3,673,276	3,666,591	6685	
Total Liab/Equity	4,063,250	4,071,039	-7789	

PROFIT & LOSS ACTUAL VS BUDGET

March 2021	Actual	Budget	Variance	Notes
Total Income	21,324	25,103		
Total Expenses	24,460	26,805		
Net Income	-3,136	-1,702		

Balance Sheet:

- The cash position is still strong with \$58,000+ in the checking account.

Profit & Loss Budget Performance:

Income:

- Offerings for the month were under budget by appx. \$3600, about the same as last month.

Expenses:

- Salaries and other expenses are under budget, with expenses still being well controlled.

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Happy Mother's Day to All of the Women in Our Lives!



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