



## The Beacon

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## Pastor Chris's Message

I'd like to take this month's newsletter to do something I've never explicitly done, and that's talk about race and racism. As we all know, February is dedicated to Black History, which is typically centered in learning about the accomplishments black folks have made and contributed to our country. Many of us grew up learning about George Washington Carver and his scientific agricultural achievements, or Hattie McDaniel's achievement in acting in *Gone with the Wind*, Or Jackie Robinson's incredible feats with the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers.

However, learning of the achievements of our black citizens has often led to history skipping over the ongoing struggles black folks went through during those times and continue to go through today. For example, many Americans learned of the Tulsa Massacre of 1921, in which Black Wall Street (a prosperous and affluent black neighborhood that was created after the end of slavery) was razed to the ground by deputized white citizens of Tulsa, from watching the historical moment portrayed in the 2019 HBO TV show, *The Watchmen*; I was one of the people who learned of it this way.

It often feels like we, as a society, would rather not remember or talk about these awful moments in history because we want to move beyond racism. We tell ourselves that we're good people, we don't do racist things towards individuals of color, and so we don't want to focus on things in which we are not a part of. And you know what? All of that's true. Every person in our congregation is a good person. I don't think we have a single church member who would do anything explicitly racist or harmful to a person of a different ethnic background. In fact, I think our members would go out of their way to help a person in need, regardless of the color of the skin, the language they speak, or the faith they're a part of. I truly believe that.

But racism has become so engrained in the fabric of our society and in the systems of our country that it can thrive even with so many good people who don't participate in it. For example, the infant mortality rate for black infants is 2.3 times higher than it is for white infants. Pregnancy related deaths among black women are 2 to 3 times higher than white women. Black students are 4 times more likely to be suspended or expelled from school than white students. Black students graduate at an 18% lower threshold than white students. Black people earn 20% less than white people do. And black people have a life expectancy that is 4 years less than white people.

I want to be honest with you. As I write this, I'm nervous. I'm nervous you're going to be angry with me for talking about racism. I'm nervous you're going to think I'm trying to make you feel guilty. I'm nervous that I'm either going to receive backlash for writing about this or have this go simply ignored. I want you to know that you should not feel guilty. You aren't the reason these statistics exist. You shouldn't feel guilty for who you are. I write this for two reasons: First, we can have a society of good people and still have systems that are racist. These statistics are meant to show that racism is still a reality in our country. And second, as Christians called to follow Jesus in caring for people, especially those in need, racism should bother us, and we should want to do something about it. Trying to rid our society of racism is a Christian response.

The biggest obstacle I've encountered in people who don't want to talk about racism is that they somehow feel like the finger is going to be pointed at them, that they are the bad guy. And that's the first obstacle we need to get around. We can work to end racism, we can even understand our own part in racism, without feeling like we are the bad guy. We can work to create a more equitable community and country without feeling like we're going to lose something or have something taken from us along the way. The first step is moving out of our own way, and then trying to understand the issue better.

For the month of February, Black History Month, I'd like to invite you, if you're willing, to explore the issue of systemic racism in our society, not to make you feel guilty, but to push us all further into our Christian call to care for others. I would like to recommend three books that have helped me along the way. Again, these books are not designed to make anyone feel guilty, or like they are the bad guy, but to help people see the systemic nature of racism, and how racism can exist in a society of good people. If you choose to read any or all of the books, please feel free to share your thoughts or questions with me along the way. And if you choose not to read any of these books, but have questions or comments, please let me know. I'm not an expert in the experiences of our black siblings, but I have been trying to understand the issue of racism in our society and my place in it, and I'm happy to talk with anyone. The books are:

*How to be an Anti-Racist* by Ibram X Kendi

*So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo

*White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo

**Yours in Christ,**

**Pastor Chris Brown**

# BETHANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH



1912 - CELEBRATING BETHANIA'S CENTENNIAL YEAR - 2012

Jan. 24, 2022

Dear Siblings in Christ:

At our last Congregational meeting we discussed the possible changes to the Endowment Fund by-laws, and after much discussion, your Council made the recommendation that we meet jointly with the Endowment Fund committee to discuss possible changes as to the usage of the fund.

The Council and Endowment Fund committee met on January 9 and for over 2 hours discussed the changes that both committees would support. There was a unanimous vote to propose changes to the By-Laws to be presented to interested congregation members at a special meeting on Sunday, February 13 at 12:30 PM to hear your comments and concerns. (We know that is Super Bowl Sunday, but the game does not start until 3:30 PM, and we promise to have you on your way well before then!)

I have enclosed the proposed changes with this letter. You will note that the changes are reflected with cross out and replacement language in red. The Council and Endowment Fund committees voted (unanimously) to present these proposed changes to the special meeting on February 13 in hopes of presenting finalized changes to the Endowment Fund bylaws at the upcoming Congregational Meeting Part 2 on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 9:30 service.

We look forward to sharing these changes with you, and ask that you prayerfully consider these changes, and its impact on the future of Bethania Lutheran Church.

In God's Peace,

**Ron Walsh**  
Congregation Council President

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## BYLAWS

### C5.05 MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

#### C5.05.01 ENDOWMENT FUND, HERITAGE FUND AND ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

This congregation at its 1993 annual meeting approved and established on the records of the church a new, separate fund to be known as The Endowment Fund of Bethania Evangelical Lutheran Church, Solvang, CA.

The purpose of this Endowment Fund is to **support and** enhance the mission of Bethania Evangelical Lutheran Church. ~~apart from the general operation of the congregation. No portion of the income generated by the Endowment Fund shall be used for the annual operating budget of the congregation.~~

At the November 2012 annual meeting the congregation approved and established a new and separate fund, the Bethania Heritage Fund, for the purpose of preserving the historic facilities of Bethania Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Endowment Fund Committee (hereinafter called the "Committee" shall be the custodian (custodian = guardians, keepers of the Fund) of the Endowment Fund and the Bethania Heritage Fund. Sources of income shall be specific bequests or gifts designated by the donor or family for the Endowment and/or Heritage Fund or directed to the Funds by the Congregation Council or the congregation.

The following plan of operation sets forth the administration and management of the Endowment Fund and the Bethania Heritage Fund.

#### 1. General Rules

**a. Committee Membership and Terms of Office.** The Committee shall consist of five members, elected by this congregation. All shall be voting members of Bethania Evangelical Lutheran Church. The term of each member shall be three (3) years. Members shall serve staggered terms of three (3) years. No member shall serve more than two consecutive three (3) year terms. After a lapse of one (1) year, former Committee members may be re-elected. The pastor and the president/vice-president of the Congregation Council shall be advisory members of the Committee. The Nominating Committee shall propose candidates for the Committee annually. In the event of a vacancy on the Committee, the Congregation Council shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next regular Congregation Meeting, at which time a replacement shall be elected to complete the term of the vacancy.

The Committee may request permission from Council to hire professional advice about investments or legal matters, as it deems to be in the best interest of the Funds, at the expense of the Funds.

**b. Meetings.** The Committee shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently as deemed in the best interest of the Funds. A quorum shall consist of three (3) members. When only three (3) members are present a unanimous vote shall be required to carry any motion or resolution.

**c. Officers.** The Committee shall annually elect from its membership a chairperson, recording secretary, and financial secretary.

(1) The chairperson, or member designated by the chairperson, shall preside at all committee meetings.

(2) The recording secretary of the Committee shall maintain complete and accurate minutes of all meetings and supply a copy thereof to each member of the Committee and to Congregation Council upon request.

(3) The financial secretary of the Committee shall work with this congregation's treasurer and chairperson of the Committee in maintaining and coordinating complete and accurate accounts for the Funds and shall sign checks and all other necessary documents on behalf of the congregation in furtherance of the purposes of the Funds. Two signatures shall be required. The books shall be audited by the congregation's appointed Audit Committee at least once every three years.

**d. Reports.** The Committee shall report on a quarterly basis to the Congregation Council and, at the regular February Congregation Meeting, shall provide an annual report of the administration of the Funds during the preceding year.

**e. Liability.** Members of the Committee shall not be liable for any losses which may be incurred upon the investments of the assets of the Funds except to the extent such losses shall have been caused by bad faith or gross negligence. No member shall be personally liable as long as he/she acts in good faith and with ordinary prudence. Each member shall be liable only for his/her own willful misconduct or omissions, and shall not be liable for the acts or omissions of any other member. No member shall engage in any self-dealing or transaction with the Funds or interest of the Funds in which the member has direct or indirect financial interest.

**f. Title of Assets.** All assets in the Endowment Fund are to be held in the name of the Bethania Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment Fund. All assets in the Bethania Heritage Fund are to be held in the name of Bethania Evangelical Lutheran Church Heritage Fund.

**g. Management of Funds.** Recommendations to hold, sell, exchange, rent, lease, transfer, convert, invest, reinvest, and in all other respects to manage and control the assets of the Funds, including stocks, bonds, debentures, mortgages, notes, or other securities, as in their judgment and discretion they deem wise and prudent, are to be made by the Committee for approval by the Congregation Council, with subsequent execution by the delegated member of the Committee, with two signatures required. **The Committee may make fund transfers between established accounts without the approval of the Congregational Council.**

## **2. Distribution of Income**

**a. Principal and Income.** The Committee shall determine what is principal and income according to accepted accounting procedures. Income from the Endowment Fund shall be distributed annually to accomplish the goals of the Fund.

**b. Allowable Uses of Income.** A minimum of 10% shall be used for outreach beyond Bethania Evangelical Lutheran Church. **No more than 75% may be used for operating expenses as needed on the recommendation of the Congregation Council to the Committee.** The remainder of income from the Endowment Fund may be used for such goals as: ~~capital improvement, debt reduction, or a building program of Bethania Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Committee, at its discretion, may recommend expenditures for any one or all of the above designated~~

areas in any proportion as it determines is appropriate or for other causes and programs which are consistent with the Endowment Fund purpose or **to support and** enhance the ministry of Bethania Evangelical Lutheran Church. \*

**c. Approval.** Programs shall be recommended by the Committee and approved by the Church Congregation Council for funding according to the guidelines in paragraph 2b.

*(Move this section to the end of 2b where the asterisk is.)* ~~Disbursement of income from the Endowment Fund need not occur annually in the event causes and programs have not been approved by the Committee sufficient to utilize total income available or, if in the judgment of the Committee, total annual disbursement of income is not recommended.~~ **The total annual income does not need to be disbursed based on the judgement of the Committee and the best interest of the Endowment Fund.** Carry over amounts may be used for income distribution in subsequent years.

**d. Heritage Fund Procedures.** Income and principal from the Bethania Heritage Fund shall be used for projects that preserve the historic facilities of Bethania Evangelical Lutheran Church. All projects shall be recommended by the Committee and approved by the Congregation Council. No more than 20% of the **principal balance** can be used in one calendar year.

### **3. Emergency Distribution of Endowment Fund or Heritage Fund Assets (Principal and Income)**

When in the opinion of the Committee and Congregation Council, circumstances are so dire and of such an emergency nature that the future of this congregation is at stake, and that the only recourse seems to be the use of the Fund's assets, the Congregation Council may, upon a two-thirds majority vote, recommend such authorizing action to the congregation. The congregation may upon the recommendation of the Congregation Council decide when and if any Funds assets shall be used by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present at a legally called meeting of this congregation. This holds true if the assets are ever needed in the event of a catastrophe or dire emergency.

### **4. Disposition or Transfer of the Endowment Fund**

In the event that Bethania Evangelical Lutheran Church ceases to exist either through merger or dissolution, disposition or transfer of the Funds shall be at the discretion of the Congregation Council in conformity with the approved congregation constitution and in consultation with the bishop of the synod to which the congregation belongs at such time. Consultation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America may be desirable for continuation of Endowment obligations through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Foundation.

**5. Disposition or Transfer of the Heritage Fund.** Notwithstanding Chapter 7 of the Constitution, in the event that Bethania Evangelical Lutheran Church ceases to exist either through merger or dissolution, disposition or transfer of the Heritage Fund to another Santa Ynez Valley non-profit entity shall be at the discretion of this congregation after consultation with Synod Council. If, for any reason, the congregation should be unable to execute the transfer of the Heritage Fund, it may direct the synod to act on its behalf.

### **6. Amending This Bylaw**

Any amendment to this bylaw, which will change, alter or amend the purpose for which the Funds are established shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at an annual meeting of this congregation or at a special meeting called specifically for the purpose of amending this resolution.

## Faith in Action

### **Noisy Sunday: Let's Show Some Love in February!**

The next "Noisy Sunday" is coming on Feb. 27. Noisy Offering donations received that day will help support the Bethania Preschool and After School program.

*What will our donations be used towards?*

**Our February Noisy Sunday offerings will be used to support our Preschool and After School Program.** Bethania Preschool/After School has been through the trenches these past months, keeping kids happy and learning while fighting the invisible enemy of Covid. Each day our teachers must take care of their students, keep them wearing masks and distancing, do extra cleaning, and try to help these precious young children learn new things and grow...all while working hard in an exhausting situation. They could use some loving support this Valentine's month!

You can also help by donating items for the teachers to use, so they don't have to purchase supplies out of their own pockets, such as:

Disinfectant Wipes  
Stickers for rewards  
Colored Sharpies and Dry Erase Markers  
Gift Cards for WalMart, Amazon, Michael's, office supply stores or CVS

You may deliver these items to the church office for the Preschool, since the Preschool campus is closed to visitors due to Covid restrictions.

We all really "make change for the better" with each Noisy Sunday. So send in your coins, cash and checks into the office and make some noise on Feb. 27. Together, we can support our Preschool and our Teachers here at Bethania and show them some love!

– Linda Marzullo, Social Ministry

### **You are invited to join Bethania Secret Prayer Pals**

We're beginning our second year in March! Why pray regularly for another person?

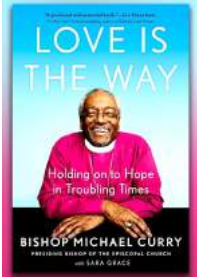
- ❖ It strengthens your prayer habit
- ❖ It strengthens your faith to see prayers answered
- ❖ It strengthens bonds between believers
- ❖ It increases your communication with God
- ❖ It allows you to participate in God's work
- ❖ It can succeed where other means have failed

To join us, ask Jan Zigler to mail or email ([Janzigler@hotmail.com](mailto:Janzigler@hotmail.com)) (559)740-3676) you an info sheet to fill out. Prayer Pals like to know your "favorites" and your milestones. The deadline is March 31. Fourteen Bethanians participated in 2021. Prayer Pals will be revealed at a tea party this month. Please join us in 2022!

## Events and Occasions

### Theo Pub at Solvang Brew!

Theology Pub will be gathering once again at Solvang Brew! We'll be getting together at 7 pm on Thursday, Feb. 10. And now that we're back at the brewery, bring your appetites! See you there!



### Book Group

Bethania's Book Group will be finishing Love is the Way, by Bishop Michael Curry. We'll be discussing chapters 10, 11, & 12. We'll be meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month via Zoom on February 17 at 2PM. A link will be emailed out and posted on social media for people to join. We'll also be choosing the next book.

### VBS - July 11 - July 15

VBS will be Monday July 11th - Friday July 15th at 6:00 pm - 8:15 pm

Crafts Coordinator: Carolyn Schuit  
Recreation Coordinator: Shane Silva  
Science Coordinators: Alice & Robert Laufer  
Assembly Coordinator: Pastor Chris Brown  
Registration Coordinator: Donna Hinsbeeck

In need of a Bible Story Teller and Crew Leaders. Please email or call Livier Brown (909-962-9366 or [livierghamari@yahoo.com](mailto:livierghamari@yahoo.com)) for more information.

Luckily we've chosen a theme that we have similar decor of from a past camp. However if you see or have adventure or island themed decor like hula skirts, burlap, greenery, blue cellophane, green steamers, brown paper bags, tropical fish or birds paper cut outs, tropical floral paper cut-outs we'd appreciate them. We're keeping our eyes open at the Dollar Stores.







# "Stuff" Sale

March 5, 2022


8:00 am to 1 pm

Bethania Parish Hall

**Stuff A BAG**  
12:30-1:00

Purchase a bag for  
\$5.00 and take home  
whatever can fit  
inside!

## Proceeds Support Bethania's Tuesday Food Distribution

-  **Donate:** Drop off items Thursday, March 3, 5:30-7:30 pm or Friday, March 4, 5:30-8:00 pm. **PLEASE, NO CLOTHING!**
-  **Volunteer:** Help price & sort, March 3&4 or at Sale
-  **Shop:** Find some great bargains and help us "Stuff" those Tuesday bags with food for our neighbors!

### Questions or to help:

Contact Linda Marzullo  
805-688-5219 or [vikingpressprint@verizon.net](mailto:vikingpressprint@verizon.net)



## Church Business

### **Nyheder fra Bethania Rådet News from the Bethania Council Jan. 20, 2022 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 January Council meeting, we would like to report on the following topics:

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

- Received an updated report on the repair of the stained glass windows. Bill Zigler reported that Victorian Stained Glass in Lompoc will do the repair work at a cost of \$850 and that Specialty Glass of Santa Maria will remove and reinstall the windows, and provide covering for the windows while they are out and provide Plexiglas covering on the reinstalled windows at a cost of \$3,150. Council approved the expenses and voted to ask Heritage Fund to cover the cost.
- Reviewed the final draft of the proposed changes to the Endowment Fund by-laws and approved changes to be presented to the congregation,
- Bill Zigler gave another report on the condition of rooms 1 and 8 in the education (preschool) building. In order to prevent further water damage, the walls will need to be reinforced with metal flashing and new stucco. Bill is reaching out to several contractors to get a bid.
- Pastor Chris reported that he has been in conversation with Father Day at St. Mark's about the possibility of sharing a youth and family ministry director with our two churches. The advantage would be to offer a full-time position with the churches splitting the cost. As previously reported, we were unable to find someone for this position at Bethania, as it was only a part time position. St. Mark's would be paying \$35,000 of the salary while Bethania would be paying \$25,000 of the salary (the same amount we were paying for our previous Youth and Family Ministry director. The council voted to approve the position and allowed Pastor Chris to move forward with interviewing for the position along with representatives of Bethania, Father Day of St. Mark's and their volunteers.
- Confirmed the appointment of Livier Brown, Janet Townsend, and Jan Simonsen to the Preschool board, and Abigail Sample to Christian Education committee.

Questions, if any, about these discussions, decisions, or messages should be addressed to a council member preferably in writing.

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Wendy Bevier (805) 680-1521	Jan Zigler (559) 740-3676	Anne Twigg (805) 350-1922
Josh Bratt (805) 245-0465	Carol Lake (805) 688-6797	Ron Walsh (805) 705-3736

## Notes to Financial Statement December 2021

### BALANCE SHEET

	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Change
Operating Acct	\$77,681	\$55,747	+\$21,934
Money Mkt Acct	\$141,007	\$118,598	+\$22,049
Petty Cash Acct	100	100	0
Fund Accounts	2,007,563	2,007,563	0
Fixed Assets	1,852,376	1,852,376	0
Total Assets	\$4,078,728	\$4,034,411	\$44,316
Current Liabilities	\$334,314	\$315,182	+\$18,132
Equity	\$3,751,195	3,726,600	+\$24,585
Total Liab/Equity	\$4,078,728	\$4,048,014	+\$30,714

### PROFIT & LOSS ACTUAL VS BUDGET

December 2021	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Income	42,228	44,523	-2,295
Total Expenses	23,802	32,940	-9,136
Net Income	+18,427		

#### Balance Sheet:

•The cash position is still good with \$77,681 in checking and \$141,007 in the money market account

#### Profit & Loss Budget Performance:

Offerings for the month were up by \$1,961 and were at 98% of budget for the year. Overall we were \$27,325 below income for the year. However, we were \$31,203 below budget in expenses for the year leaving us with a net revenue over expenses of \$4,981. Praise God for whom all blessings flow! We are thankful for the contributions from the Endowment Fund for the year (\$25,000) which allowed us to end the year in this positive position. We had budgeted \$40,000 from the Endowment Fund. Without the endowment fund contributions we would have experienced a deficit of over \$20,000.

## **Next Social Ministry Meeting: Feb. 2 @ 6:00 pm**

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend our next meeting of the Social Ministry Committee on **Wednesday, Feb. 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room.**

Meeting Agenda items include: Food Distribution and fundraising/rummage sale, Brown Bag Breakfasts, Lent ideas, and more.

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**  
**688-5219, 688-3059 or [vikingpressprint@verizon.net](mailto:vikingpressprint@verizon.net)**

## **Understanding the Financial Reports**

**To all members of Bethania Lutheran Church,**

Several member of the congregation has expressed a desire to learn more about the finances and financial statement of the church. To address that need, I will be holding a forum on how to read and understand the financial statements on Sunday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> during the coffee hour (around 11:00 AM) in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. This meeting should only last about 30-45 minutes, and copies of the statements will be available.

**Ron Walsh, Council President**

## **Food Distribution Review**

The Food Distribution review meeting will be held Feb. 9th at 5:30 pm in the Fireside Room. This meeting is to review the challenges and successes from previous months and talk about direction in the upcoming months. Ideas, input and questions are welcome.

**–Linda Marzullo, Chairman, Social Ministry**  
**688-5219, 688-3059 or [vikingpressprint@verizon.net](mailto:vikingpressprint@verizon.net)**

## **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 during grief** for the family and loved ones of ...

Philip Adriansen, Nicole Nielsen's dad, passed away Dec. 28, 2021.

Arla Hoj who passed away Jan. 2, 2022.

Glen Jacobsen who passed away Jan. 12, 2022.

Frank Kristofferson, Sandra Tomasini's dad, who passed away Jan. 24, 2022.

## Health and Other Concerns

Carol Aides, Andy Blanton, Dennis Bornhoff, Carl and Christine Ekman, Sheldon & Pat Green, Luis Haro, Belle Hoyer, Jennifer Howell, Tomi Izuno, Betsy & Steve Logan, Ariana Macias, John Marzullo, Denise Morris, Eric and Mallory Oftebro, Barbara & Charles Osborn, Marie Ostertag, Kate Pearsson, Chèle Ludwig Petersen, Doyle Phillips, Robin Schatan, Judy Stamat, and those who serve our country both at home and abroad.

## Acknowledgements and Thank You's

### Thank You – *Mange Tak!*

BIG “Thank You’s” to:

- **Pastor Chris**, for the many ways, large and small, he changes the world just by being him.
- **Anne Twigg**, for helping us manage excess produce after Tuesday by taking it to the Solvang Senior Center and using it for cooking or giving out to those who could use it.
- **Bill Zigler**, for taking care of so many little projects around the campus and getting us caught up on maintenance...and definitely for fixing that light at the front of the church and the office!
- **Donna and Marcel Hinsbeeck**, for being there every weekend and Monday, bagging bread, putting up cones, moving stuff, fixing stuff, taking care of it all.
- **Kristyl Downey**, for being so helpful to people who show up and need a kind word.
- **Livier Brown**, for getting us excited about VBS this summer!
- **Elizabeth, Carolyn, Jan, Bill, Donna, and everyone else** who checks the Blessing Box and keeps it filled. A lot of people are very grateful!
- **Volunteers** – who are the glue that keeps everything together. We LOVE Volunteers!

**Dear Bethania Church Family,**

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards and phone calls I received this past year during my long recovery. I am on the mend now and hoping 2022 will bring me much needed strength and keep me in good health.

I am truly blessed by all of you. Again, thank you.

**Sincerely,  
Melissa Eck**

## Found in the Blessing Box

Thank  
you so much  
for so much of  
your generosity!



BRYAN Files

Jan 2022.

Dear Volunteers e Bethania  
for the Tuesday Food program -  
Thank-you for your tireless  
dedication. Kindness, goodness,  
generosity of time and joy  
in serving our community.

I appreciate each one of  
you and you are setting  
an example to the younger  
generation of true service.  
With much love and gratitude,  
Minal.

# February Calendar Items

## Sundays

**9:30 am** Worship Service in the Sanctuary

**10:30 am** Produce Table in the Breezeway & Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

**11:00 am** Unorthodox Gathering in the Sanctuary

**11:00 am** Sunday School in the Fireside Room

## Monday - Friday

**9:00 am - 3:00 pm** - The Church Office is open.

## Mondays

**8:00 pm AA** in the Fireside Room

## Tuesdays

**9:30 am** Prepare and Organize for Food Distribution

**1:30 pm** Arrival of Food from FoodBank in the Front Parking Lot

**1:45 ish pm** Food Distribution Packing in the Church, Produce Sorting & Bagging in Front of the Church

**5:15 - 6:45 pm** Food Distribution on the Laurel Side and Courtyard side of the Church

## Wednesdays

**6:00 pm** Yoga in the Parish Hall

## Thursdays

Starting Feb. 3, Kristyl will be working from 11 am - 6 pm to attend SYV Wind Ensemble practice.

**7-8:00 pm** Boy Scouts in the Parish Hall

## Wednesday, Feb. 2

**6:00 pm** Social Ministry Committee in the Fireside Room

## Sunday, Feb. 6

**11:00 am** "Understanding Bethania's Financial Statements" in the Parish Hall

## Thursday, Feb. 10

**7:00 pm** Theo Pub at Solvang Brewing Company Fire Pit

## Friday, Feb. 11

**9 am - noon** Quilting Group in the Parish Hall

## Sunday, Feb. 13

**12:30 pm** Meeting about the Proposed Changes to the Endowment Fund By-Law in the Fireside Room

## Wednesday, Feb. 16

**5:30 pm** Bethania Preschool & After School Board Meeting in the Fireside Room

## Thursday, Feb. 17

**2:00 pm** Book Group via Zoom

**7:00 pm** Council Meeting in the Fireside Room and via Zoom

## Sunday, Feb. 27

Noisy Offering during the 9:30 service

**10:45 am** Annual Meeting, pt. 2 in the Parish Hall

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