



The Beacon

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Bethania's Mission Statement

We are a community of Christ-centered, welcoming, inclusive and multi-generational people rooted in God's faith, hope and love, called to advocate for justice, give to those in need, and share God's affirming love with the world.

Message from Pastor Chris

I'm noticing something: I'm tired. But not this tiredness that I experienced during the Pandemic—you know—the one where you're being inundated from traumatic news and your psyche is exhausted. No, I'm tired from all the stuff we've been doing as a church. In September, we've had both services gathering each week, with more people showing up, our Day of Service packed the most Personal Care Kits and School Kits we've ever packed, my kids are both at school full-time, Theo Pub started topic-centered discussions, and the End of the Summer BBQ was a great time. In October we'll be getting ready for our Halloween festivities, blessing our animals again, gifting Bibles to our 3-year-olds and third graders, and blessing quilts that have been worked on all year for those in need. I'm tired and it's for many good reasons.

Being the pastor here for more than 7 years now, I've learned that routines were important to a lot of you and prior to the pandemic, coming to Bethania on Sunday, hanging out at coffee hour, and spending time with church family was a big part of your routines. In the absence of all this for the last 2 ½ years, it's been difficult to plan on church being part of the routine.

I share my own tiredness to show that it's evidence of being able to plan our regular events again and not have to worry about needing to cancel them. But I also share this to highlight that I think church can become part of your routine again. One defining factor of a routine is that it's consistently ongoing—and we haven't had that for a while here. But not only do I feel we're in new waters with this pandemic, I feel like we can plan our regular activities again with a bit more certainty that they can be consistently ongoing.

But I also want to share something vital about church and routines. In antiquity, and honestly all throughout history, church was MEANT to be a central part of our daily routines. It was the space where we were grounded as we ventured out into the week. It was where we were reminded of the love God has for us in the relationships with people we've grown up with and people that are joining our church for the first time. Church was the fueling station so we could have energy to keep up with our other routines throughout the week. I don't believe this function has been replaced by other routines. With our return to many of our regular activities again, I want to invite you to put church back into your regular routine. I think you'll find, like I have, that the benefits, the joyous feeling of being present here in the ways we used to are more meaningful than you remember, and you have to experience it to believe.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Chris Brown

Youth Programs are Back!

Sunday School begins 11 am in the Fireside Room. Ages TK to 5th grade are invited engage in an interactive curriculum filled with stories, crafts, games, and lessons of God's enduring love. Youth older than 5th grade are invited to help as assistants. Contact Pastor Chris for more information.



Youth Group will meet Oct. 12 & 26 in the Fireside Room from 5:30 to 7 pm. We're starting a new program called Think. Believe. Do. (t.b.d.) This program will help youth look at our faith in a more critical way and help equip them to ask questions rather than seek easy answers. There will also be plenty of time for games and food. Youth Group is for youth between grades 6 and 12. Contact Pastor Chris for more information.

Halloween Movie Night



Bethania will be hosting another Halloween Movie Night on Oct. 22 at 6 pm. We'll be featuring the animated film, Hotel Transylvania 2, starring Adam Sandler and Selena Gomez. We will provide Popcorn, Hot Cocoa, and some Halloween treats and games. Bring blankets, chairs, coats and ways to keep warm as we'll gather on the Preschool grassy area. AND PLEASE invite any friends for family to join us. All are welcome!

Bethania Preschool & After School Program

The new school year has begun and both of programs are off to a great start.

We are still receiving all children in the Fireside room for morning drops.

In September teachers focused on the theme of apples for children to explore. Children tasted different kinds of apples, made apple sauce and lots of apple arts/crafts and projects.

On Oct. 18th the Preschool will be taking a field trip to the Solvang Farmer Pumpkin Patch. Each class will have their own Halloween party. It's always fun to see what the children dress up as for Halloween. Feel free to stop by the preschool to show off your costumes and say hi to the kids! The children will be making lots of Halloween projects...from making bats to carving jack-o-lanterns, baking treats and more.

Both preschool and after school began Chapel lessons with Pastor and Miss Kristyl after Labor Day weekend. It's great to be back.

We are officially kicking off our fundraiser with Charleston Wrap and we need YOUR help! To reach our goals and make this fundraiser a success we need everyone to do their part. Luckily it's super easy below this message you'll find a link where you can shop online and support our goals. We appreciate all your support and encourage you to spread the word to your family and friends near and far. The more people who shop the more money we can raise for our school. Together we can ensure our school reaches its goals and even surpasses it!

The monies from this fundraiser will go towards new purchasing new playground equipment for the Preschool and the After School program.

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The fundraiser ends Oct. 24.

Here are some of the playground equipment that the teachers would love to fundraise for:

Sand for the sandboxes	Bark for both playgrounds
An outdoor kitchen for the children	Outdoor dollhouse
A tunnel structure	Step stones and balance beams
Outdoor instruments	Seesaw bouncer
Sandbox toys such as:	
Shovels, buckets, larger construction trucks,	

Thank you for your help!

Lola Gonzalez
Director

Faith in Action

Tuesday Food Distribution: We are on the "Top Ten" List in the County

Food Bank recently shared the amount of food in pounds that Bethania volunteers have distributed in just the past fiscal year ending June 2022 (see graphic from their publication). We are Number 3! That is in the entire Santa Barbara County. This does not include all the other food we have purchased on our own and provided, so we have done an incredible job. Our Tuesday food distribution and Bethania are making a huge difference in so many lives with this program. I hope you are proud.

Bethania is an Emergency USDA Food Distribution site every Tuesday from 5:15-6:45 pm. Distribution is through drive up or walk up line. We serve people from all walks of life, and in all types of circumstances. The majority of our clients are working but we do also serve seniors, people on disability incomes, single parent families and some homeless individuals. We have people coming for food in age from teenagers up to 92 years old.

Anything you use in your own home is something that can be donated and appreciated by someone else who can't afford it! We can use items in the Blessing Box or for Tuesday's Distribution. 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. We also give out donated clothing and other items on Tuesdays.

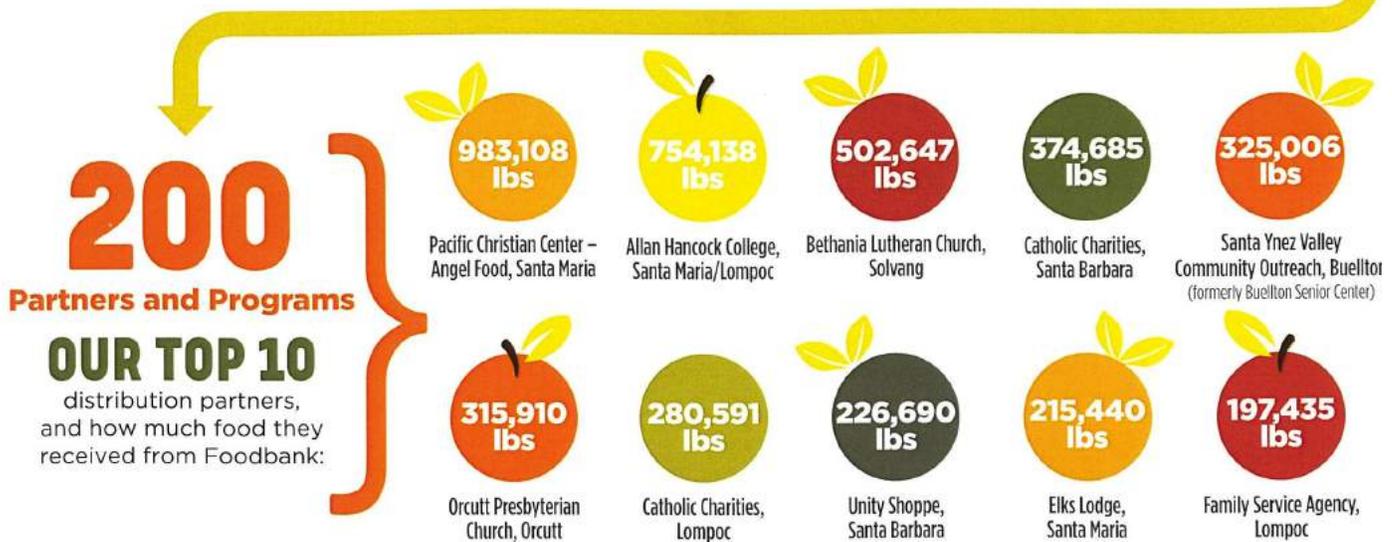
If you would like to help on a Tuesday, please contact me. We appreciate and value every volunteer who assists us with this monumental task and cannot thank them enough. Our Tuesdays are split into shifts, with the unloading crew coming in at 9:30 am to help move items and get ready for packing. Bag packers may come at 9:30 am or 1:30 pm. Produce is also packed in the afternoon after 1:30. Distribution helpers come around 4:45 for the evening distribution. Clean up helpers are always welcome at the end of the night.

We continue to need your prayers and support for this mission, which is making a difference in so many lives here in our area. Donations of food and funds are always welcome as well.

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

HOWDY PARTNERS!

Partnership is at the heart of everything the Foodbank achieves countywide – from food distribution to nutrition education programs.



Next Brown Bag Senior Breakfast Packing: Oct. 16th

Our next Brown Bag Breakfast packing day is scheduled on Oct. 16th. We will be packing in the Parish Hall starting around 10:30. Everyone is invited to help out – all ages and abilities are needed to help pack! The bags we make provide food items for local seniors to eat while taking medications. The bags are delivered by Buellton Senior Center volunteers three times a week.

The grant funds we received are not going as far recently, due to the increase in food items (which we all have seen). If you are able to donate any items below, it would help tremendously. You can also make a donation and earmark it "Brown Bag Breakfasts" so we can go do the shopping. Any amount of help is much appreciated!

Items we need:

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

Every contribution to this project helps make life a little better for a local senior. Thank you!

– **Linda Marzullo, Chairman, Social Ministry Committee**
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Noisy Sunday: Oct. 23 - Make Change for the Better

Our next "Noisy Offering" – when we toss those coins into the bucket – will be used to purchase protein items for the Blessing Box. Many people suffer from lack of protein when they are struggling with food insecurity. Typical purchases include canned chicken, tuna, sardines, Vienna sausages, quinoa, canned ravioli, and other items to fill the protein gap. Your quarters, dimes and nickels (and hopefully some dollars!) will help someone have a healthier meal. The use of the Blessing Box out in front of the church is constant and many who seek help know that they can come and get items to eat without embarrassment or questions. We continue to "make change for the better" with the Noisy Sunday offerings. So bring your coins and make a noise on Oct. 23rd. Together, we can CHANGE the world!

– **Linda Marzullo**

Produce Table Continuing into the Fall

The Produce Table is doing well and will continue through the autumn months. Please bring any produce you would like to share to the Produce Table located near the Parish Hall on Sundays before the 9:30 service. Proceeds benefit the ELCA World Hunger Program.

We have had Brenda Knudsen's zinnias, Carolynn Petersen's Christmas cacti, Babe Farm root vegetables, Caro Stinson's tomatoes, Emily Abello's grapes, Carol Lake & Marilyn Larsen's grapes, peaches, rhubarb, pink ladies, geranium plants, sunflower seeds, and zucchini. What's coming up? Fuji and Red Delicious apples (Kristyl's trees are loaded), tomatoes and more! Plants and cut flowers will also be appearing.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered at the Produce Table, donated produce or contributed money.

Oct. 2 - Jan Zigler

Oct. 9, 16, 23 & 30 - Available

If you would like to volunteer at the Produce Table, please contact Kristyl (bethanialutheranch@gmail.com or 805-688-4637) or sign-up at the Produce Table.

Wanted

Substitutes for Meals on Wheels drivers. Bethania provides drivers on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings every five weeks. Call Emmy Abello (805-688-1243) if you can volunteer for occasional driving duties.



2022 “Day of Service” Wrap Up

Thanks to everyone who helped at the annual “Day of Service”. We put together 150 School Kits and 183 Personal Care Kits. Great job, everyone! We really increased what we made from last year, so great job everyone. The School Kits and Personal Care Kits will be sent to LWR in October; Lutheran World Relief will send them out around the world where they are most needed. Just think – our hands + donated supplies + wrapping day = Love/Care/Health/Schooling sent around the world to someone in need.

Thank you all for your support of this important annual event. Bethania volunteers’ work will directly touch those in need, by sending supplies and our compassion through Lutheran World Relief.

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



Thanks to Nancy Emerson for the photos from Day of Service, Sept. 8, 2022.

Events and Occasions

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY FOUNDATION

Progress Grow Care Strengthen
Together
Educate Learn
Develop
Serve
Guide
Build
Comfort

Together we can make a greater tomorrow
FOR THE SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

Man and Woman of the Year Celebration
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022 | 4-6 PM
2100 HIGHWAY 101, BUELLTON, CA 93427

Recognizing the 2022 Man, Woman & Volunteers of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and Youth in Service recipients along with our dedicated community nonprofits.

We are happy to announce that Linda Marzullo is the SYV Woman of the Year! Congratulations to Linda who will be honored Oct. 2, 2022.

Thank You – *Mange Tak!*

To my Bethania family:

The Santa Ynez Valley Foundation named me Woman of the Year which is a great honor, but to me you are definitely all "People of the Year" for helping with so many projects – Brown Bag Breakfasts, Blessing Box, Food Distribution, Christmas Angels, LWR Health and School Kits, Iglesia Food needs and so much more. I have been privileged to work with wonderful people from the community at Bethania who have been so willing to give of their time and talents to make the SYV and the world a better place. Being encouraged to do so much at Bethania has meant the world to me. It is a true blessing to know that our congregation believes in passing blessings on to others. Isn't it great to know that our church is known as the church with a heart, and as an "action" church that tries to make a difference!

Please know that I am accepting this honor on behalf of all of you who have been supporting our Social Ministry projects over the years. So, thank you, and know that you are all heroes, no matter how much, often or for how long you have helped with any or all of our programs. Every single person giving of their time makes a difference...believe it.

**With love,
Linda Marzullo**

Blessing of the Animals

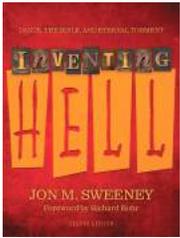
Bethania's Annual Blessing of the Animals will be Oct. 9 at 5 pm in the courtyard outside of the sanctuary. Bring your fur-babies, or pictures of beloved pets no longer with us, or stuffed animals loved by our kids for a simple blessing of all the joy they bring. Light food and refreshments will follow

Theo Pub - Oct. 13, 2022

Theology Pub will be gathering at Solvang Brew! Join us for our discussion this month: **Theism**. We will gather at 7 pm around the fire pit on Oct. 13, and all are welcome to join. Come early to order delicious food and refreshing drinks.



Book Group



Bethania's Book Group will continue its discussion of Inventing Hell by Jon Sweeney. We will gather by Zoom on Oct. 20 at 2 pm and will be discussing chapters 8-10. Everyone is welcome to join.

Coffee Hosts in October

If you would like to host coffee, please call Kristyl or sign-up on the sheet in the Parish Hall. The next available dates are in October.

Thanks to our October Coffee hosts:

Oct. 2 - Carol Lake & Marilyn Larsen
Oct. 16, 23 & 30 - Available

Oct. 9: Kristyl Downey & Co.

All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022

All Saints' Day is coming, Nov. 6. We will be remembering the people connected to Bethania who have passed away between Nov. 1, 2021 and Oct. 31, 2022. Please let us know if there is someone we should remember. We will be contacting loved ones about lighting a candle during the 9:30 worship service on Nov. 6.

Church Business

Nyheder fra Bethania Rådet News from the Bethania Council Meeting - Sept. 15, 2022

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

- Bill Zigler reported that the preschool fence has been repaired with new boards where needed at no cost to the church or preschool.
- Most of the broken window panes in and around the sanctuary have been replaced.
- We discussed the Reconciling in Christ program requirements and would like to proceed with this and bring to the Congregation at its February meeting.
- We discussed the need to update the Constitution to conform with the new National ELCA model constitution. It is our intent to bring this to the Congregation at its November meeting.
- Set the date for the November Congregational Meeting for Nov. 13 immediately following the 9:30 am service.
- Oct. 9 is the date for the Blessing of the Animals at 5 pm.
- Approved the hiring of Xotchitcl Diaz as an Aide for the Preschool.
- Pastor Chris reported that we had 12 children at Sunday School for the first week.
- Approved the appointment of Jan Zigler and Glenda Madrid to the Cemetery Committee, and Luis Martinez to the Christian Ed. Committee. All three will be presented for congregational approval in November.

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

Emily Abello (805) 688-1243	Leigh Berenger (310) 877-8418	Lori McConnell (805) 331-7971
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 for August Financial Statement Period Ending Aug. 31, 2022

Balance Sheet

	July 2022	August 2022	Change
Operating Acct	\$60,372	\$56,761	-\$3,611
Money Mkt Acct	\$130,792	\$96,235	-\$34,557
			Note: \$21,000 (8/5) + \$9400 (8/31) paid to Costal Valley Roofing
Petty Cash Acct	\$100	\$100	\$0
Fund Accounts	\$2,202,827	\$2,202,827	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$1,878,466	\$1,878,466	\$0
Total Assets	\$4,272,556	\$4,272,556	\$0

Profit & Loss Actual vs Budget

August 2022	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Income	\$18,952	\$22,603	-\$3,651
Total Expenses	\$22,117	\$25,295	-\$3,178
Net Income	-\$3,610	\$-2692	

Offerings

	Actual	Budget	Variance
General Fund	\$13,171	\$16,000	-\$2,829
Non-Members	\$485	\$700	-\$215
	\$13,656	\$16,700	-\$3,044
Produce Table	\$145		
Brown Bag	\$0		

* The cash position is still good with \$56,761 in checking and \$96,235 in the money market account.

Profit & Loss Budget Performance:

* The bid for the roof work was \$36,400. The roofing company donated \$6,000 of the cost. Bethania raised \$27,050 towards our goal. The Memorials Committee will pay the balance of \$2,350 to finish Bethania's payment.

* All other expenses were at or below budget for the month.

* **Overall income was 89.31% of the budget.**

* Overall expenses were at 96.14% of the budget.

Next Social Ministry Meeting – Oct. 5th

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend the next Social Ministry meeting on **Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00 pm**. Topics will include: Brown Bag Breakfast packings, Tuesday Food Distribution, Noisy Offerings, Day of Service results, 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
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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.

Health and Other Concerns

Carol Aides, Andy Blanton, Dennis Bornhoft, Sheldon & Pat Green, Belle Hoger, Jake & Anya Knotts, Betsy & Steve Logan, Ariana Macias, John Marzullo, Stewart & Sheila Mee, Denise Morris, Mike Murray, Marie Ostertag, Kate Pearsson, Tom & Carolynn Petersen, Chèle Ludwig Petersen, Doyle Phillips, Jane Sahde, Robin Schatan, Judy Stamat, and those who serve our country both at home and abroad.

Barbara Osborn, Fred Machetanz's sister, thanks us for the prayers for her husband Charles. Charles has passed away.

Luis Haro's family also thanks us for the prayers. Luis is doing better now.

Prayers of Comfort for family and loved ones of ...

Dan Beattie (Lori McConnell and Wendy Berry's dad). Dan passed away Sept. 27.

Kirstie Petersen (former sister in-law of Linda Marzullo). Kirstie passed away mid-September.

Grocery Bags

The **Food Distribution Program** is looking for heavy plastic grocery bags (the reusable kind). These bags are used for the fresh produce we receive from Food Bank.

October Calendar Items

Sundays

9:30 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

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

Chapel 11:30 am & 3:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Thursdays

5:30 pm Yoga in the Parish Hall

7-8 pm Boy Scouts in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, Oct. 5

6 pm Social Ministry Cmt. Mtg in the Fireside Room

Thursday, Oct. 6

6 pm Christian Ed Mtg in the Fireside Room

Friday, Oct. 7

9:30 am Quilting Group in the Parish Hall



Sunday, Oct. 9

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Wednesday, Oct. 12

5:30 pm Youth Group in the Fireside Room

Thursday, Oct. 13

7 pm Theo Pub at Solvang Brewing Company

Sunday, Oct. 16

10:30 am Brown Bag Breakfasts

5 pm Blessing of the Animals in the Courtyard behind the church



Wednesday, Oct. 19

5:30 pm Preschool Board Mtg. in the Fireside Room

Thursday, Oct. 20

2 pm Book Group via Zoom

7 pm Council in the Fireside Room and via Zoom

Saturday, Oct. 22

6 pm Halloween Movie on the Playground

Sunday, Oct. 23

Noisy Offering

Monday, Oct. 24

Deadline for ordering for Bethania Preschool & After School Fundraiser

Wednesday, Oct. 26

5:30 pm Youth Group in the Fireside Room

Sunday, Oct. 30

Reformation Sunday - Remember to wear red.

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