



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.

I struggle with the idea of worship. I'm not talking about our Sunday service, but the concept in general. On one hand I struggle with the idea of an all-loving, all-knowing God desiring our worship. That seems like a human trait, and not the best one. We don't hear Jesus directing worship so much as a part of this way of life we're called to. In fact, I would submit that the central tenant of the Jesus movement was justice and action for the least of these, and many churches avoid that call because of their emphasis on worship.

Jesus doesn't emphasis worship a lot, but he does emphasize praise and thanksgiving, and he almost always tells people to give praise and thanks to God before/after he's performed a miracle. In Luke, after curing 10 lepers of their disease, one returns and Jesus says, "Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Notice how Jesus doesn't direct the praise towards himself, but towards God. His actions are a reflection not of himself, but a reflection of God. In another story, in John, right before Jesus feeds the 5,000 he gives thanks and breaks the bread, and then performs this famous miracle of abundance. Praise and thanksgiving have a purpose in the Gospels. It is not something directed at God because God demands, but in recognition of the good works done through people.

I struggle with the concept of worship because in my experiences people have treated worship like it's something God demands of us, almost for the sake of worship. I've experienced services that have become banal because they are void of the purpose of coming together. However, I fully believe, and feel this myself, that worship can be an integral part of our faith life, when we have a feeling of why we're there and how it can empower us to engage in all other aspects of our Christian call. When worship is a reflection of both our Praise and Thanksgiving AND our hopes and prayers for a better world, that worship space becomes authentic and desired, rather than part of a routine. And we become part of a community because we're realize we are there giving praise and thanks for many of the same reasons and expressing the same concerns and hopes as our siblings around us.

I invite all of us this Thanksgiving to reflect on the purpose in which we come to our own worship services. Do we come because we feel like that's what we're supposed to do? Or do we come because this worship is a space to express our praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do in our lives? For those who haven't been to a Sunday service in a while, perhaps it's because we're not sure what the purpose is for us. I've also had that experience. When worship has purpose, it becomes one of the most central parts of our walk with God so that we can go out into the world and better live out this mission of love, compassion, and justice to which we are called.

**Yours in Christ,
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 Sunday, Nov. 13 in the Fireside Room from 5:30 to 7 pm. We've started 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.

Bethania Preschool & After School Program

Hello Everyone!

It's been a busy month for the Preschool and After School programs. The staff and the children are doing great. The children have been practicing their Halloween songs together in the Fireside room during the morning and in their classrooms throughout the day. I'm happy to announce that this year we are returning to visit our grandmas and grandpas up at Atterdag Village on Oct. 28th. Children and staff came dressed up in their Halloween costumes and we will trick-or-treat with our grandmas and grandpas in an outdoor setting.

I look forward to visiting the residents at Atterdag Village in the near future for Christmas and all the other events throughout the year. I also look forward to receiving our grandma's and grandpa's at Bethania with a warm welcome during the holidays as well. These events really fill my heart knowing that we can bring happiness and joy to others in the community by simply showing up and being present in the moment and just sharing our love with others.

A little news about our staff. Miss Wanda has completed her 29th year of work at Bethania Preschool! WOW! She is devoted to the teaching of young children and fostering their curiosity in a loving manner. I can remember when my daughter Sofia was in her class(she's now 7) and still to this day Sofia often asks me if she can go back to Miss Wanda's class.

In October Miss Angelica completed 20 years of work at Bethania! "I teach with love" is Miss Angelica's teaching philosophy. I see this everyday at work from her and I feel good coming into work knowing that the people who I work with share the same love and passion for what we do on a daily basis. A lot of what we do as educators goes unseen by others and we don't do things for praise or recognition rather we do things out of love and compassion for one another. We truly enjoy what we do.

We had one staff member go on maternity leave at the end of September...she had a girl... hooray! A second staff member will be going on maternity leave in November. Let us pray for a healthy delivery and many moments of family bonding and unconditional love.

The preschool took a school wide field trip to Solvang Farmer Pumpkin Patch on Oct. 18th. The children explored the life cycle of a pumpkin, walked through the corn maze and picked out their own pumpkin. Thank you Solvang Farmer Pumpkin Patch for hosting Bethania Preschool this year. The field trip went really well. It's been a few years since we've been able to do this particular field trip but I am so happy that we were able to pull it all together. I am grateful that we had a lot of Parent volunteers help drive and assist the teachers on this day. We had approximately 20 parent volunteers show up and it felt great to be together.

Thank you to our neighbor Joe who graciously helped repair the broken wood fence panels on the After School yard back in September. I wish I could show you the before and after of the fence. I remember when I was setting up after hours out in the back parking lot for either our Trunk-or-Treat or a Bike Day for the After Schoolers last year, our neighbor Joe came out and asked very politely if I needed a hand as I was trying to rope off the backlot with chairs and rope. He then brought me some caution tape and told me to keep the tape for the next time. It was the neighborly thing to do on his behalf and I want to take a moment so we can all think about how we can be a good neighbor to those around us.

I also want to take a moment to thank everyone who has helped with our fundraiser. Thank you to those that have made a personal donation or made purchases through Charleston Wrap online in order to help the Preschool and After School Programs reach our goal to get new playground equipment. Thus far we have raised \$2,032.40 towards this goal. This is amazing. I want to thank Miss Monica for coordinating this fundraiser. We couldn't have met our goals without the support of the preschool and after school families, our board members, church members, all of our friends, family and community members!

These past few weeks have been challenging regarding the numerous things I encounter on a daily basis. As many of you know the Preschool and After School has made a temporary transition to using store bought water for drinking, cooking and food handling. During the middle of this transition I was in a difficult spot. I couldn't see how I was going to get through all of this. I was trying to push myself to keep working and get my job done. At the end of my day, a parent walked in with 6 giant water jugs for the school's use. I cried in my office for a moment and then I laughed and smiled and said to myself, "This is God's goodness in my life right now." I texted this parent shortly afterward to let them know that they are a blessing...

Looking ahead, we will be closed Friday, Nov. 11th for Veterans Day and we have an early closure on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd at 3 pm and we will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 - 25 for Thanksgiving. We will have the Big Kids here all day during this holiday week as well.

During the month of November children will focus on fall crafts/projects and we will be using a variety of art supplies and nature finds to create fall leaves, corn, cornucopias, scarecrows, trees, leaf rubbings, wreaths and of course, Turkeys. The children will learn about the changes in weather and trees.

We at the Preschool and After School wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Love,
Lola Gonzalez
Director, Bethania Preschool & After School

Faith in Action

Blessing Box

The use of the **Blessing Box** in front of our church has been a huge eye-opener as to how many in our beautiful valley are living on the edge. Lately the box has been empty more than before. Filling it as much as we do takes a lot of items, a lot of time, and a lot of dedication. We have even been there late at night when a homeless man came and called us “angels” for helping him stay fed while he is living down in the river. Families have come by late at night, looking for cereal for their children. Older people come and take what they need for the next day. This ministry is a blessing to many.

THANK YOU to all who have contributed items, donated, and helped to keep this project going. Our goal with the Blessing Box is 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 and Marcel Hinsbeeck, Carolyn Schuit, Kristyl Downey, Denise Morris, Rick Marzullo, Jan and Bill Zigler and many others who are all assisting in keeping our “mighty pantry on a post” filled for people who need it.

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 (work). You may also email me at vikingpressprint@verizon.net if you have questions or want to help.

Thank you to all who support this effort – we couldn't do it without so many helpers.

- Linda Marzullo

Tuesday Food Distribution: Every Tuesday, Rain or Shine!

Bethania continues operating as an Emergency USDA Food Distribution site every Tuesday from 5:15-6:45 pm. Distribution is through drive up or walk up line each Tuesday. There are no restrictions on income or family size at this time; teenagers through people in their 90s receive food from us. We serve people from all walks of life, and in all types of circumstances. We distribute USDA food items, Food Bank items, and donations from supporters such as Veggie Rescue, El Rancho, Bob's Well Bread, and Baker's Table, among others. Bethania's program also purchases additional food items for the bags each week. All of our purchases are made with donations given to the food distribution program and through grants we have received.

The number of households we have been serving has remained high, due to the cost of gas, rent, and food. Here are the numbers from the first week of September through Oct. 18th:

Households	Individuals
144	576
189	744
176	692
194	752
170	707
173	683
186	734

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.

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 to help move items and get ready for packing. Bag packers may come at 9:30 am or 1:30. Produce is also packed in the afternoon. 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.

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

Next Brown Bag Senior Breakfast Packing: Nov. 6, 2022

Our next Brown Bag Breakfast packing day is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 6. 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!

“WHAT? We are packing again?!?” Yes, we are packing again earlier than usual. The brown bags we make have been flying out the door at the Buellton Senior Center, due to more seniors needing food assistance and requiring breakfast bags. These bags provide food items to seniors who need to take medication with food. Many of them cannot afford this additional cost. And, of course, some of the items are used as snacks!

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!

A special thank you to the Kei Lin Foundation, who just generously renewed our grant for this project. Thanks also to the Christian Science Society - Solvang (Doris di Stefano Legacy Fund) for their grant to us as well.

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)

Plan to come and make a difference for a local senior who is struggling with food insecurity. Every contribution to this project helps make life a little better for a local senior. Thank you!

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

Noisy Sunday: Making Change Count

The next “Noisy Sunday” is coming on Nov. 27th. Our donations from the offering will be used to help purchase Christmas Angel Gifts for some of the 90 children we will be “adopting” from Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz (*see related article*).

What will our donations be used towards?

Donations on Noisy Sunday will help us kick start the purchase of Christmas gifts for needy children who attend Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz in Santa Maria. The church provides the “wish lists” and we provide the Angels (our members and friends) who try to fill the requests. Any amount, large or small, is much appreciated so that we can purchase clothing, jackets, blankets, jackets and shoes in addition to toys for these children.

We all really “make change for the better” with the Noisy Sunday! So bring your coins and make some noise on Nov. 27th. Together, we can CHANGE a child’s world!

– **Linda Marzullo**

Produce Table is Coming to an End

Please bring any produce you would like to share to the Produce Table located near the Parish Hall on the final two Sundays of the season before the 9:30 service. Proceeds benefit the ELCA World Hunger Program. The Produce Table will end Nov. 13.

Kristyl Downey will be hosting the Produce Table Nov. 6 & 13.

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

After Nov. 13th, you can always bring produce to the Blessing Box or to Kristyl in the office and she will share it with those in need.

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.

On the Theo Cart 7: An Experimental Mutiny against Excess By Jen Hatmaker

In 2012, Jen Hatmaker realized that she and her family routinely over consumed and wasted many resources even though they weren't "rich". Concerned that she had replaced the American Dream for God's Kingdom here on earth, she embarked on a social experiment. For seven months, she pared down seven areas: clothes, spending, waste food, possessions, media and stress. For one month, she wore only seven items of clothing. For a different month, she ate only seven different food items, and so on. In this easy-to read book, each chapter gives facts on American consumerism, how she and her family went about "fasting" from a type of consumption, the challenges of living counter culturally, and what she learned. Her call toward simplicity is not a guilt trip—it's a humorous and honest account of what Jesus's version of rich, blessed, and generous might look in your life.

Events and Occasions

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 join us as we light candles for those we love.

Empty Bowls Fundraiser – Friday, Nov. 11th at St. Mark's

Veronica Medina of Community Clayworks in Buellton and St. Mark's-in-the-Valley in Los Olivos are hosting the Santa Ynez Valley Empty Bowls fundraiser on Nov. 11th. What a bargain: Delicious soup and bread made by local chefs, a handmade ceramic bowl of your choice, and feeling great that you have helped fight food insecurity in our community. 300 handmade bowls will be available, made by potters at Community Clayworks and students at Midland, Dunn and SYVUHS. Proceeds raised benefit Bethania's food distribution. Fundraiser like this enable us to give out food to families who are need this holiday season.

Tickets are \$30 per person, and two different seating times are available. You can order your tickets and reserve your dinner seating on Bethania's website or through communityclayworks.com website. If you are unable to attend, you can always click on the "donate" button and make a contribution.

Volunteers are needed to help serve at the event. If you would like to help, contact Linda Marzullo (vikingpressprint@verizon.net), Pastor Chris or the church office.

This is an exciting partnership with Community Clayworks, St. Mark's and Bethania as we work together to fight food insecurity.

– Linda Marzullo

Santa Ynez Valley
**EMPTY
BOWLS**



A fundraiser to fight food
insecurity in our community
November 11 | 5-8pm

St. Mark's In-The-Valley, Los Olivos

- Handmade ceramic bowl of your choice
- Soup and bread by local chefs



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All proceeds benefit Bethania Food Distribution

Tickets

\$30

“Grateful Goods” Arts & Crafts Sale – Nov. 19, 2022

It's that time of year when we start looking for unique gifts and thinking about supporting causes we believe in – now you can do both on Nov. 19th. The “Grateful Goods” Arts & Crafts Sale will be held at Bethania from 10 am-3 pm. Featuring unique vendors, henna tattoos, face painting, bake sale and food items, incredible raffle prizes and a silent auction – plan to attend! Handcrafted items, unique gifts, and specialty items will be on display by our vendors.

What is the price of admission? A non-perishable food item to enter – it would make us so grateful, which is why it is the “Grateful Goods” sale. (Plus you can always make a monetary donation if you forget the can...)

The funds raised at this event will support Bethania's Tuesday Food Distribution. As we head into the holidays since we are anticipating greater need this time of year, with inflation raising the cost of food and general living expenses.

How can you help? We need:

- Baked Goods donated! (Jams, pickles, bread, cakes, cookies, pies – whatever you feel like making) Thanks to Jan Zigler who is spearheading the Baked Goods sale.
- Volunteers the day of the sale, to help with the Raffle Prizes and Silent Auction, and other tasks
- Shoppers are needed – come and look for unique gifts, handmade items, and raffle prizes that will get your holiday shopping jump started!
- Crafters and Artists needed – we still have booth spaces available if you are interested. Booth fees support the food distribution.
- Kristyl Downey is hosting two tables where she will have items like craft supplies, kids projects, and completed crafts and art where all money donated will go to Bethania's Food Distribution.

Contact **Linda Marzullo** (vikingpressprint@verizon.net), **805-688-5219**, or the church office for more info.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

An Event Supporting Bethania's Tuesday Food Distribution

"GRATEFUL GOODS"

Arts & Crafts Sale

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

BETHANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

603 ATTERDAG RD, SOLVANG ✨ 805-688-4637

10AM - 3PM



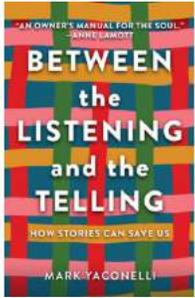
For more info, to request a Vendor packet or to volunteer, please contact the church or Linda Marzullo at 805-688-5219, vikingpressprint@verizon.net.
Let's have lots of fun and support our neighbors in need!

Theo Pub - Nov. 10, 2022

Theology Pub will be gathering at Solvang Brew! We will gather at 7 pm around the fire pit on Nov. 10, and all are welcome to join. Come early to order delicious food and refreshing drinks.



Book Group



Bethania's Book Group is BACK IN PERSON! And we're starting a new book, Between the Listening and the Telling, by Mark Yaconelli. This is a wonderful book about the power of telling stories. If you're looking for a light-hearted and meaningful book to join the Book Group with, this is the one. **We'll be gathering on Nov. 17 at 2pm in the Parish Hall.** For those wanting to still join via Zoom, that will also be available, and a link will be sent out.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Bethania

Bethania is hosting the **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** this year and it will be on a **DIFFERENT DAY**. Join us on **Monday, Nov. 21, at 6 pm** in the sanctuary as we unite in the spirit of gratitude and hear faith leaders from Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Buddhist, and Chumash backgrounds. In a divisive time, coming together in the midst of our diversity can be one of the most powerful and meaningful acts in which we can participate.

Members of the Santa Ynez Valley Wind Ensemble, Gene Madsen and Suzanne Hollrah and Lisa Blanton will be providing musical selections to enhance the service.

Donate a Pie!

As host of Interfaith Thanksgiving, we also host a small reception after. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we thought it would be cool to highlight our favorite pies for the reception. So, I need your help! If you would like to bake or purchase a pie for the reception, will you please call the church office and let us know what pie you'd like to provide. AND if you can help serve at the reception, please also let us know you're willing to help. I would love to show our friends from the valley the welcome and warmth Bethania is known for, so please consider helping out.

**Thanks,
Pastor Chris**

Coffee Hosts in November

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 November Coffee hosts:

Nov. 6 - Mindi Christian
Nov. 20 - Betty Petersen

Nov. 13 - Church Council
Nov. 27 - Anne Twigg

Christmas Angels & Preschool Presents: *Calling all Angels!*

Would you like to be an “angel” to a needy child? Dust off your angel wings if you would be interested in helping to make Christmas special for a child at Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz or our Preschool this year. Any way you can help, large or small, is appreciated...We have committed to adopting 90 little Angels this year so far. With your help, we can make sure these children receive a Christmas gift to make their holiday happier.

The **CHRISTMAS ANGEL** project helps the members of Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz by providing Christmas gifts for needy children who attend the church. Iglesia is a mission start up church currently based at Bethel in Santa Maria, which serves the very poorest of the farm workers who often live in difficult circumstances. Oftentimes families share one bed or live in someone else’s garage without heat or running water. Many of the children may not have shoes, warm clothing or enough to eat. Agricultural conditions, weather and the economy directly affect these hard-working families, especially during the winter months. As we enter into the slow growing season, these families are even further behind in their ability to have enough food to eat, let alone provide Christmas gifts for their children. *(The Noisy Offering on Nov. 27 will help support the Christmas Angels/Preschool Presents gift purchases - see related article.)*

Even closer to home, the **PRESCHOOL PRESENTS** project helps to support local families who attend Bethania Preschool and After School program. These local families are chosen by Preschool Director. Your donations will assist us in purchasing gifts and other necessary items for local children, to help these families who require some assistance to make their child’s Christmas special. If you would like to shop for a Preschool child or make a donation to this project, you can earmark it “Preschool Presents”. *(This is a different donation from the Preschool Scholarship Fund.)*

We would be happy to have your Angelic assistance for any of these children. If you are interested in sponsoring a child through the Christmas Angel or the Preschool Presents Projects, donations of any amount are welcome. If you would prefer to do the shopping on your own, or make a contribution of an item on a child’s wish list, please let Linda Marzullo know. All of the children/families have specific needs and/or requests we are going to try to fulfill, based on their “wish lists”. As soon as we receive the “wish lists” we will be able to coordinate meeting the children’s needs. An email will be sent out once we have the names and our little Angels’ most desired items! Contact Linda Marzullo if you would like to be an Angel and adopt a child through fulfilling their wish list.

Email questions to Linda at vikingpressprint@verizon.net, call her work 688-5219 or contact the church office.

Church Business

Nyheder fra Bethania Rådet News from the Bethania Council Meeting Oct. 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. From the October Council meeting, we would like to report on the following topics:

- There will be a fund-raiser for the food distribution on Nov. 11 - Empty Bowls held at St. Mark's in the Valley from 5 pm to 8 pm. Tickets are \$30 and are available on Bethania's website. There will also be an arts and crafts sale on Nov. 19 benefiting the Food Distribution from 10 am to 3 pm in the Parish Hall.
- The Thanksgiving Interfaith service will be held on Monday, Nov. 21 at 6 pm with Bethania hosting the service.
- The Preschool was mandated to test the water in the Parish Hall and drinking fountains. It was discovered that the lead content in the water was above the legal limit. Council voted to have reverse osmosis systems installed in all three sinks in the kitchen which will render them safe and within the legal limits for lead, and disable the drinking fountains.
- Pastor Chris shared the "Reconciling in Christ" program with the Council. This program affirms our commitment to providing safe space and welcoming to all who come to Bethania. The Council voted to move forward with this program. It will take approximately a year to go through the process. Further information will be forthcoming.
- Our organist, Cavan O'Neill has resigned to take a full-time director of music position at a church in Hanford. He will be missed and we thank him for his wonderful music.
- To date 52 responses to the Time & Talent survey have been received.
- The council approved the draft 2023 Budget to be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting part 1 on Nov. 13th.
- Christian Education reported that Sunday School is going well with between 5 and 15 kids. Youth group is meeting with between 10-15 youth attending. The Unorthodox service is serving 20-30 people every Sunday and they also have a weekly pot luck dinner.

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 September Financial Statement Period Ending September 2022

Balance Sheet

	August 2022	September 2022	Change
Operating Acct	\$56,761	\$53,669	-\$3,092
Money Mkt Acct	\$96,235	\$88,605	-\$7,630
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	\$4,223,668	-\$48,888

Profit & Loss Actual vs Budget

September 2022	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Income	\$20,992	\$22,613	-\$1,621
Total Expenses	\$25,302	\$24,481	\$821
Net Income	-\$4,309	-1868	

Offerings

	Actual	Budget	Variance
General Fund	\$15,912	\$16,000	-\$88
Non-Members	\$195	\$700	-\$505
	\$16,107	\$16,700	-\$593
Produce Table	\$139		
Brown Bag	\$0		

* The cash position is still good with \$53,669 in checking and \$88,605 in the money market account.

Profit & Loss Budget Performance:

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

* **Overall income was 89.61% of the budget.**

* **Overall expenses were at 96.91% of the budget.**

Next Social Ministry Meeting – Nov. 2nd

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend the next Social Ministry meeting on **Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room**. Topics will include: “Grateful Goods” Arts & Crafts Sale, Christmas Angel Gifts, Tuesday Food Distribution, Brown Bag Breakfast packings, Blessing Box 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

Communion at the Rail

Altar Guild is considering resuming communion at the rail on the first and third Sundays each month. We would like to use the small silver cups again. Therefore, we are looking for volunteers to wash the cups after the service and put them away. We also need volunteers to hold the tray during the service and transport the soiled cups into the kitchen. Altar Guild is also looking for more volunteers to set up and assist with communion. If you are interested, please email Diana Boltz at aboltz5@verizon.net or call and leave a voice mail or text 805-588-2512. The white paper cups currently used for Communion are recyclable and have a broad rim which makes for easier pouring. If you would like to donate to help with their purchase, please mark your donation "for Altar Guild communion cups".

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.

Prayers of Comfort During Grief

For the family and friends of Lani Gilbert, Jim Gilbert's wife. Lani passed away Oct. 1.

For family and loved ones of Steve Logan who passed away recently.

For the family and loved ones of Dan Beattie, father of Lori McConnell & Wendy Berry. Dan passed away, Sept. 27.

Health and Other Concerns

Carol Aides, Andy Blanton, Dennis Bornhoft, Sheldon & Pat Green, Belle Hoger, Jake & Anya Knotts, Betsy 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, Steve Thomas and those who serve our country both at home and abroad.

November 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

5:30 pm Yoga in the Parish Hall

Thursdays

7-8 pm Boy Scouts in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 2

6 pm Social Ministry Committee in the Fireside Room

Saturday, Nov. 5

11 am Celebrating the Life of Edith Plam in the Sanctuary

11:45 am Reception in the Parish Hall After Edith's Service

Sunday, Nov. 6 - All Saints' Sunday

9:30 am All Saints' Candle Lighting Ceremony

10:30 am Brown Bag Breakfasts Packing in the Parish Hall

Thursday, Nov. 10

7 pm Theo Pub at Solvang Brewing Company

Friday, Nov. 11

The Church Office and the Preschool/After School Program are closed.

9 am - noon Quilting in the Parish Hall

2 pm Wedding in the Church

5-8 pm Empty Bowls Fundraiser at St. Mark's

6 pm Set-Up for Grateful Goods Arts & Crafts Sale

Sunday, Nov. 13

10:45 am Annual Meeting, pt. 1 in the Parish Hall

Unorthodox will not meet.

5:30 pm Youth Group in the Fireside Room

Wednesday, Nov. 16

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

Thursday, Nov. 17

2 pm Book Group in the Parish Hall and via Zoom

7 pm Council in the Fireside Room and via Zoom

Saturday, Nov. 19

10 am - 3 pm Grateful Goods Arts & Crafts Sale in the Parish Hall, Fireside Room and Courtyard

Monday, Nov. 21

6 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Bethania

Wednesday, Nov. 23

3 pm Closure of Preschool & After School.

Thursday, Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day - Friday, Nov. 25

The church office and Bethania Preschool & After School are closed.

Sunday, Nov. 27

Noisy Offering

Monday, Nov. 28

Noon Deadline for submissions to the December Beacon

Ingathering of Materials for Lutheran World Relief

Thanks to everyone who participated and supported our efforts to provide goods to Lutheran World Relief:

- those who bought or donated materials for personal care kits, school kits, quilt materials
- those who helped make quilts throughout the year
- those who helped pack up the personal care kits, school kits and quilts on the Day of Service
- those who boxed up the quilts
- those who gave their change to the "Noisy Offerings" which supported buying supplies and paying for shipping costs to LWR
- those who loaded up the truck and trailer and drove to Mt. Cross Lutheran Church in Camarillo, taking supplies from Hope Lutheran Church, Atascadero as well

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*Interfaith Thanksgiving
Service
Monday, Nov. 21, 2022
6:00 pm*