



## **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.

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### **Pastor Chris's Message...**

I've been thinking a lot lately about what's going on in the world, headlines I keep reading, and where I genuinely believe Jesus' place is in all this, and I keep coming back to one central, simple, yet probably difficult concept in all this. To put it simply, I believe Jesus is for humanity, and Jesus points us to humanity. I don't think Jesus is just for Christians or hopeful, would-be, Christians, I don't think Jesus was just for the Jewish followers he amassed in his time, I don't think Jesus is just for Social Justice Warriors, I think Jesus, historically, is for humanity.

We have to understand what Jesus did and said in the context of his time and in that context he was a poor, rural, Jewish rabbi, speaking almost exclusively to poor, rural, Jewish people, but he never confined himself to just Judaism. Even though non-Jewish, Christ followers take up the mantle after Jesus' death, we can see from Paul's authentic letters that this following was also not meant to be just for Jewish people or just for Christian people (Gal 3:28), but for something that has the power to connect us to one another.

I think Jesus meant for us to see the divinity in all of humanity, and the best place he could do that was by starting on the margins, where people's humanity had been denied (children, lepers, people with disabilities, "scandalous" women, Samaritans, etc.). In Matthew 25, Jesus says whatever we do unto the "least of these" we do unto him. I believe Jesus was simply trying to point us to the humanity in all people.

When I think of headlines that grab our attention, I can't help but notice the humanity that goes unmentioned. When a terrorist attack happens in Israel, we don't often know the names of the civilians who were harmed. As Israel responds to this attack in Gaza, trying to fight against the terrorists who did this, we don't hear the names of the Palestinian civilians who weren't part of the decision making when Hamas attacked, but will suffer from this ongoing war. When people throughout the world respond to what's going on in inhumane ways, by calling Palestinians terrorists, or chanting "Gas the Jews" or hanging swastikas from buildings, they don't see the everyday Palestinian and Jewish people who experience a level of fear and trauma that most of us can't even comprehend. When another mass shooting happens, the victims and their loved ones fall to the annals of just another headline.

In every war ever fought, every disaster ever experienced, every traumatic event that has ever happened, there are nameless people who suffer and are quickly forgotten while life goes on for the rest of us. Jesus specifically points us to them, whatever side of the line they are on. The people just

trying to live their lives, make it through the day, maybe earn enough to care for their families and have a little left over to consider the future. We look at the world through the lens of the decision-makers, but Jesus points us to those who suffer the consequences (good and bad), but rarely have a say in the decision. And this includes all of us. I believe 99.9% of the world are just average, good people, who want to have enough to eat, and a community to experience joy with. We won't be remembered in history, we won't carve out a place in the future of the world, but we are where Jesus centers his presence. I think that's on purpose.

I've been thinking about this a lot lately with what's going on and the decisions that decision-makers make. Someone in Unorthodox recently said that before any person in power makes a decision, they should consult a mother holding a baby about it. In other words, they should consider the effects it'll have on humanity. When we consider all the gods that people have believed in throughout time, I feel Jesus is the one uniquely pointing us to humanity, and if we could see that too, our world might be a more peaceful place.

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

## **Bethania Preschool & After School**

November is here and we at the Preschool and After School are so thankful for you and your donations to our program's fundraiser with Charleston Wrap.

We had our field trip to Solvang Farmer Pumpkin patch in Solvang. A huge thank you to all our parent drivers! Children were able to walk through the small corn maze and pick out a small pumpkin. Miss Monica's class took a field trip to Summerset Farms in October.

The preschool will be working on healthy foods and what we are thankful for. The children will study fall leaves, the change of the season, create corn, cornucopias, and lots of turkey projects. Miss Monica's class will be taking a field trip to look at the seasonal changes around Solvang. Each class will have a small celebration in their classrooms.

Our After School Program will be running full days during the Thanksgiving Week as elementary schools will be closed. The staff is busy creating crafts and games for them during this time.

We will be closed Friday, Nov. 10 in honor of Veteran's Day. We will close at 3pm on Nov. 23, and closed Nov. 24 & Nov.25 for Thanksgiving.

Looking ahead the Preschool's Christmas Program will be on Friday, Dec. 8 in the evening & the Children's Christmas Party will be on Dec. 12.

Please save the date for our Annual Touch-a-Truck event on May 4<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm.

Bethania Preschool won best Child Care in the Valley! 2 years in a row now! We at Bethania strive to create an enriching environment for foster children's love for learning. It's with great pride and joy that we are able to serve the 80 plus families that we have at attending the Preschool & After School so that families can go to work with a peace of mind that their children are loved and well taken care of daily. Thank you to everyone who voted for us!

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

Sincerely,

**Lola Gonzalez, Director**

## Faith in Action

### **Food Distribution at Bethania – Every Tuesday, Rain or Shine!**

Bethania continues operating as a Food Distribution site every Tuesday from 5:15-6:45 pm. Distribution is through drive up or walk up line each Tuesday. Our clients range in age from teenagers through people in their 90s. We serve people from all walks of life, and in all types of circumstances. We distribute USDA food items once a month, along with Food Bank items, and donations received 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 with donated funds. 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 month of September through Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>.

	Households	Individuals		Households	Individuals
Sept. 5	196	816	Oct. 3	198	759
Sept. 12	202	813	Oct. 10	186	727
Sept. 19	196	774	Oct. 17	188	739
Sept. 26	193	800			

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. Donations of diapers and wipes, along with incontinence and feminine hygiene items, protein drinks and baby food, are needed.

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 and bag packers coming in at 9:00 to help move items and get ready for packing. Unloading the Food Bank truck is around 1:30. After the truck is unloaded, produce we receive 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, after 6:45 pm.

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 [vikingpressprint@verizon.net](mailto:vikingpressprint@verizon.net)**

### **Bethania Chancel Choir**

Singers needed. If you can sing a part in tune, consider joining the Chancel Choir. The choir rehearses Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Expect a great experience. Share your gifts. Join the choir.

**-Jim Skoog - 408-307-7209**

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## **Brown Bag Breakfast Packing is Nov. 19, 2023**

Mark your calendar to help us pack brown bag breakfast items for local seniors on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023 after the 9:30 service or before 11 am Unorthodox.

Our little brown bags are for SYV seniors who need to take medications in the morning with food, and would otherwise have nothing to eat with their pills due to financial constraints or physical limitations. This ministry continues to be a vital need for our area.

You can also help by donating any of the following items. The church is open daily from 9-5 and you can drop off items inside. Or, you can drop them on the packing day.

Protein Drinks (such as Ensure or Atkins)

Protein Bars

Instant Cup of Soup/Lunch or Noodles

Pudding (non-refrigerated)

Small Juice Boxes or Plastic Bottles of Fruit Juices (such as Apple, Cranberry, Orange)

Soft Granola/Cereal Bars

Oatmeal Packets (Protein type)

Fruit Cups or Applesauce

## **Noisy Sunday: Making Change Count**

**The next “Noisy Sunday” is coming on Nov. 26th.** 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 low-income 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. 26<sup>th</sup>. Together, we can CHANGE a child’s world!

– Linda Marzullo

## **Events and Occasions**

### **All Saints’ Sunday is Nov. 5**

All Saints’ Sunday is Nov. 5 - the day we remember our loved ones who passed away between Nov. 1, 2022 and Oct. 31, 2023. At Bethania, we light candles on the altar in memory of these people. If you would like to light a candle on All Saints’ Sunday, please let the church office know - [bethanialutheranch@gmail.com](mailto:bethanialutheranch@gmail.com) or 805-688-4637.

## Memorials

When someone passes away and we have the Celebration of Life Service here at Bethania, the family can designate Bethania or other entity to receive Memorial Donations in memory of their loved one. The Memorials are used to purchase items that are not included in the operating budget of the church. People can also designate to the Endowment Fund, Heritage Fund, Food Distribution or the Preschool and After School Program.

People can also make donations to these accounts in honor of someone or an occasion.

Since Nov. 1, 2022, we have received memorials and honoraria for the following people:

### Memorials - Gratefully Received

Lorna Hansen  
Edith Plam  
Helmet Holzheu (Food Distribution)  
Svend & Pat Olsen  
Knud & Alma Andersen  
Glen Jacobsen  
Bernice Hersch (Food Distribution)  
Arnie & Amanda Meisgeier  
Margaret Rasmussen  
David Eck  
Fred Emerson  
Agnes Larsen (one donation to Food Distribution)  
George Johnson

### Honorarium Received with Gratitude

Barbara Pedersen's 90th Birthday

## Dia de Los Muertos Remembrance

We will also have a Dia de los Muertos altar in the front of the church during the last part of October and the first part of November. We invite you to bring copies of photos and any mementos of any loved ones and pets who passed away.

## Theo Pub

Theo Pub gathers Thursday, Nov. 9th at 7 pm at Solvang Brew, around the fire pit and all are welcome to join. We gather the 2nd Thursday of every month to discuss a new topic with questions of faith, theology, the Bible, etc. for us to consider and talk about. No one needs an extensive knowledge of the Bible or faith, just your thoughts. Arrive early to order delicious food and a drink and meet us at the fire pit!



**The Outdoor Activities Group** has planned two events in November: On Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10 am we will hike the “**Green Gate Loop**” (2.8-mile loop trail, taking an average of 1 h 17 min to complete) at Midland School. We will meet there. Feel free to carpool. This information is from All Trails: “The Midland School trails are a private trail system opened to the public through the generosity of the school. Permits must be obtained prior to heading out on the trails. Hikers must fill out a permit and parking pass at the trail heads, where permit boxes are located.

Please wear appropriate shoes, clothing, sunscreen and bring water and snacks.

Our second event is **stargazing at Rob Burchfield’s ranch**, Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 9 pm. Please contact the church office for Rob’s address.

No cost to attend. No RSVP necessary. All are welcome.

**- Your Outdoor Activities Planning Team**

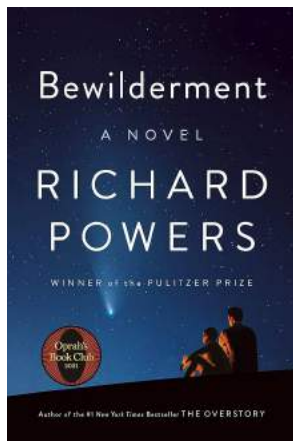




## Santa Ynez Valley Wind Ensemble Concert

The Santa Ynez Valley Wind Ensemble Concert is Sunday, Nov. 12 here at Bethania in the sanctuary. We invite everyone to attend. Refreshments will be served in the courtyard during intermission.

## Book Group is Making a Change



Bethania's Book Group is doing something a little new to try and re-enliven the group. As our new book we've chosen a novel to read (instead of something informational), that has nothing to do with Christianity, but evokes something within our faith filled values. We're reading a book by Richard Powers called *Bewilderment*. It's the story of love between a father and his eccentric, 9-year-old son, after the death of their mother/wife. It's a story about life and trying to find hope in humanity. I've read it already and can't recommend it enough and I'm excited the Book Group is going to read it. If you'd like to join, you can get a copy from the Book Loft or other vendors and join us on **Thursday, Nov. 16, at 2pm in the Parish Hall**. We'll be going over the first 100 or so pages.

## Announcing the Bethania Potluck Supper Series ... Let's Eat!

In the beloved, time-old tradition of church potlucks, we are excited to announce a new Bethania Potluck Supper Series! All are welcome. These free special supper nights will be offered four-to-six times per year for no other reason than simply to share a meal as a community. Additionally, each supper will offer fun kids activities to keep things fun for children, too! Please bring an appetizer, side, or dessert. No RSVP necessary. Food signup sheets will be available during Sunday morning coffee hour a few weeks prior to the potluck. Or email Kristyl with your food contribution of choice.



Our first potluck supper will, fittingly, be a Thanksgiving feast! Mark your calendars today.

### Thanksgiving Potluck Supper

*Supper | Trivia | Kids Activity: Pinecone Turkeys*

**Friday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Location: Bethania Parish Hall

Doors Open 5:30 pm / Dinner 6pm

No cost to attend. No RSVP necessary. All are welcome.

See you there!

**The Bethania Events Committee**

BLCW Invites you to  
*Let's Sip and Paint Together*

Saturday, November 18, 11 am at Board and Brush Creative Studios, 117 E. Clark Ave, Orcutt

Are you ready to roll up your sleeves, distress some wood and create a DIY masterpiece that you can be proud of for years to come? Join your BLCW friends as we travel to Orcutt where we'll each create our individually chosen project and celebrate our creative spirits. Beer and wine are available for purchase in the studio.

*Instead of Do it Yourself, Let's Do it Together!*

How to register:

1. Go online to [boardandbrush.com/orcutt/](http://boardandbrush.com/orcutt/)
2. Click on "Find a Workshop" (you'll see a calendar)
3. Click on "Nov 18 (Time Crunch Mini Workshop)"
4. Click on "View Project Options" and select your desired project
5. Provide your name, email, and type "Bethania" in "I would like to sit by..."
6. Click on "Add Reservation" and pay. That's it!

Questions—contact Lois DeMeyer at 805-698-0091

## **"Grateful Goods" Arts & Crafts Sale – Nov. 25th**

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. 25<sup>th</sup>. Skip "Black Friday" crowds and come to an event that does good for our community! The "Grateful Goods" Arts & Crafts Sale will be held at Bethania from 10 am-3 pm. Featuring unique vendors with unique items, food, 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? We are asking for a non-perishable food item to enter – it would make us so grateful, which is why it is the "Grateful Goods" sale...(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. We are serving close to 200 households each week, and unfortunately we see the need increasing at this time of year each holiday season.

How can you help? We need...

- **Baked Goods** donated! (Jams, pickles, bread, cakes, cookies, pies – whatever you feel like making) – contact Linda or the Church Office and let us know what you are able to donate.
- **Volunteers** the day of the sale, to help with the Kitchen, Bake Sale, Raffle Prizes and other tasks
- **Shoppers** – 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.

Contact Linda Marzullo ([vikingpressprint@verizon.net](mailto: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

Get your Holiday Shopping Done while supporting Local Artists!

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH**

**BETHANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**603 ATTERDAG RD, SOLVANG 805-688-4637**

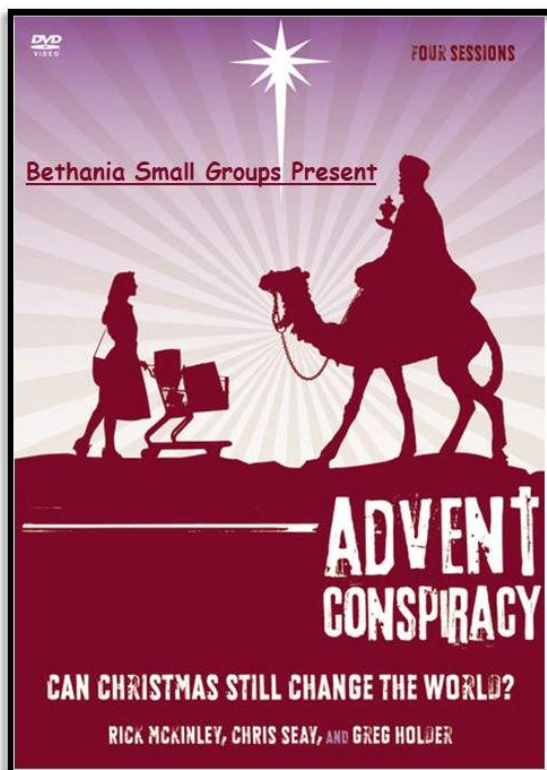
**10AM - 3PM**



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](mailto:vikingpressprint@verizon.net).  
Let's have lots of fun and support our neighbors in need!

## Grateful Goods Holiday Raffle

Kristyl Downey is using one of her Thrivent Action Team Cards for a "Grateful Goods Holiday Raffle" to raise money for Bethania's Weekly Food Distribution. 1st Prize is 4 adult tickets to the SYV Botanical Garden Holiday Festival of Lights (value \$110 - date of Dec. 9), 2nd prize is 4 tickets (2 adult & 2 children) to the Cowboy Christmas at (value of \$75 on Dec. 16), 3rd prize is a Holiday Gift basket (value of \$60). Tickets are \$10/each and available in the church office, some Sundays after worship, and at the Grateful Goods Arts & Crafts Sale. The drawing will be held Dec. 1.



## WORSHIP FULLY, SPEND LESS, GIVE MORE, LOVE ALL

Find out how to have a Christmas worth remembering, not dreading. Christmas can still change the world when you, like Jesus, give what matters most—your presence.

Sound interesting? Please join us for a four-session book and video study as we explore, *Advent Conspiracy* by Chris McKinley, Chris Seay, and Greg Holder.

We'll meet at the Ziglers' (280 1st Street, Solvang) on four Thursdays in Advent from 6:30-8pm (11/30, 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21).

Would you like to learn more or sign up? Please contact Bill or Jan Zigler at (B) 559-333-4080 (J) 559-740-3676 or email [wzigler@hotmail.com](mailto:wzigler@hotmail.com).

## 2023 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 plus some children from our own Preschool/After School program. 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 impoverished 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. 26 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 the Preschool Director. The children remain anonymous. Your donations will assist us in purchasing gifts and other necessary items for our 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” (funds donated go towards this project, not to the Preschool itself).

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](mailto:vikingpressprint@verizon.net), call her work 688-5219 or contact the church office.

## Save the Date!

**April 5-7, 2024** will be our first Bethania Camping Trip!

Join us at Lake Cachuma for hiking, biking, boating, all-church potluck and fun around the campfire.

More info to come, and we hope to have a great crowd for a fantastic time. You can come for a day or the weekend.

- **Bethania Camping Group**



## Church Business

The **Annual Meeting, pt. 1** is **Nov. 5 after the 9:30 service**. Among the items on the agenda are the approval of the 2024 budget, election of council members and other positions. We also be deciding our support of Iglesia Luterana. (see information below in the news from Bethania Council).

# **Nyheder fra Bethania Rådet**

## **News from the Bethania Council**

### **Oct. 19, 2023**

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:

- With the impending move of Iglesia from the ELCA to the NALC (North American Lutheran Church), we will be adding an item to the Congregational meeting for the members to decide what our support will be moving forward.
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) delivered a truck full of food staples to Bethania and a crew to unload the food. It was distributed to 5 different organizations in the Valley, including us to give out at food distribution. The food distribution was extremely grateful for the donation.
- Thanks to Don Popma for re-doing the drainage next to the office so that rainwater drains away from the building to a drain.
- Pastor Chris reported that there was a very poor showing for the Blessing of the Animals, and that it is likely that we will cancel it in the future. Pastor also reported that he presented 12 Bibles between the two services to young people.
- There was a great turn-out for the congregational meeting with lots of energy and a good number of members signing up for the various activity committees. The Season Of Joy is upon us!
- The Thanksgiving Interfaith service will be held at Bethania on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm followed by a pie social after the service.
- Council voted to confirm David Pedersen as a member of the Cemetery committee to fill out the remainder of Rodney Nielsen's term.

The next council meeting will be held on Nov. 16, 2023 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room.

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

Jan Simonsen (805)-319-8652	Leigh Berenger (310) 877-8418	Lori McConnell (805) 331-7971
Karin Baty (612)-229-8172	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



# Financial Statement Period Ending 9/30/23

## Balance Sheet

	August 2023	September 2023	Change
Operating Acct	\$75,758	\$83,810	\$8,052
Money Mkt Acct	\$112,178	\$117,213	\$5,035
Petty Cash Acct	\$100	\$100	\$0
Fund Accounts	\$1,832,408	\$1,832,408	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$1,878,466	\$1,878,466	\$0
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$3,898,910</b>	<b>\$3,911,997</b>	

## Profit & Loss Actual vs Budget

September 2023	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Income	\$21,591	\$23,772	-\$2,181
Total Expenses	\$24,445	\$27,339	-\$2,895
Net Income	<b>-\$2,854</b>		

## Offerings

	Actual	Budget	Variance
General Fund	\$17,569	\$16,700	\$869
Non-Members	\$521	\$720	<b>-\$199</b>
	\$18,090	\$17,420	\$670

Bethania Heritage Fund	\$25
ELCA World Hunger	\$10
Food Distribution	\$11,815 (includes a \$10,000 private donation)
Iglesia Food	\$50
Memorials	\$250
Noisy Offering	\$200
Produce Table	\$109
Lutheran World Relief	\$130
Thrivent Choice \$ Fund	\$49

\* The cash position is still good with \$83,810 in checking and \$117,213 in the money market account.

## **Next Social Ministry Meeting – Nov. 8th @ 6 pm**

Social Ministry meets on **Wednesday, Nov. 8th at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room**. The main topics for discussion will be:

- “Grateful Goods” Arts & Crafts Fair planning
- Setting the date for the next Community Networking Fair
- Brown Bag Breakfast packing
- Christmas Angels

We need committee members to help us shape the direction of our ministries! Please consider joining us on this committee. 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)**

## **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 and ours.

### **Health and Other Concerns**

Carol Aides, Frank Amby, Andy Blanton, Dyann Driggers, Sheldon & Pat Green, Luis Haro, Belle Hoyer, Ariana Macias, Loretta McConnell, Stewart & Sheila Mee, Denise Morris, Mike Murray, Erwin Ostertag, Kate Pearsson, Tom & Carolynn Petersen, Doyle Phillips, Renate Sanders, Jane Shade, Rick Shade, Judy Stamat, Theresa Tannasacoli, Steffany Thomas, Hayes Robert White 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 in the Sanctuary

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

## **Monday - Friday**

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

## **Mondays**

**7:00 pm** AA in the Fireside Room

## **Tuesdays**

**9:30 am, 1:45 pm, and 5:15-6:45 pm** Food Distribution Shifts

## **Wednesdays**

**11:30 am and 3:30 pm** Chapel in the Sanctuary

**5:30 pm** Yoga in the Parish Hall

**7 pm** Choir Practice in the Parish Hall

## **Thursdays**

**Noon** - Lisa Blanton practices in the Sanctuary

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

**Fridays - 8:30 am** Jim Skoog practices in the Sanctuary

## **Friday, Nov. 3**

**5 pm - 8 pm** Decorate for Baby Shower in the Parish Hall

## **Saturday, Nov. 4**

Baby Shower in the Parish Hall

## **Sunday, Nov. 5 - All Saints' Sunday**

Candle-lighting Ceremony during the 9:30 service

Annual Meeting, pt. 1 in the Parish Hall, following the 9:30 service

## **Wednesday, Nov. 8**

**6 pm** Social Ministry Mtg. in the Fireside Room

## **Thursday, Nov. 9**

**7 pm** Theo Pub at Solvang Brewing Company

## **Friday, Nov. 10**

The church office and BPSAS are closed for the observance of Veteran's Day.

**9:30 am** Quilting Group in the Parish Hall

## **Saturday, Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day**

**8:30 am - 4 pm** Fund For Santa Barbara meets in the Parish Hall

**10 am** Hike "Green Gate Loop" at Midland School

**Sunday, Nov. 12**

**2 pm** SYV Wind Ensemble Concert in the Sanctuary, reception in the courtyard

**5-7 pm** Youth Group in the Fireside Room

**Monday, Nov. 13**

**6 pm** Interfaith Thanksgiving Service in the Sanctuary, followed by a pie reception in the Parish Hall. Youth will participate.

**Tuesday, Nov. 14**

**9 pm** Stargazing at Rob Burchfield's

**Wednesday, Nov. 15**

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

**Thursday, Nov. 16**

**2 pm** Book Group in the Parish Hall and via Zoom

**7 pm** Council in the Fireside Room and via Zoom

**Friday, Nov. 17**

**5:30 pm** Thanksgiving Potluck in the Parish Hall

**Saturday, Nov. 18**

**11 am** BLCW Board and Brush Paint Event at the Orcutt Studio (see info in the bulletin)

Wedding in the Sanctuary

**1-6 pm** Celebration of Life Gathering in the Parish Hall

**Sunday, Nov. 19th**

**5-7 pm** Youth Group

**Thursday, Nov.23 - Friday, Nov. 24**

The church office and BPSAS are closed for Thanksgiving.

**Friday, Nov. 24**

**All Day** Set-up for Grateful Goods Craft Sale in the courtyard, Parish Hall and Fireside Room

**Saturday, Nov. 25**

**10 am - 3 pm** Grateful Goods Craft Sale benefitting Bethania's Tuesday Food Distribution

**Sunday, Nov. 26**

Noisy Offering

**Monday, Nov. 27**

Noon Beacon Deadline

**Photos on the next page:** Josh Bratt and David Wong with our Boxes of quilts, school kits and personal care kits for LWR; Donna Hinsbeeck riding her giraffe at Food Distribution; Bethania Women Halloween Party; Bridget Cassara delivering LWR boxes to Mt. Cross Lutheran Church, Camarillo, and unloading a truck of food from Deseret Industries for us and other agencies.



# Photos - Bethania Joy





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## Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“In ordinary life, we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich.”



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