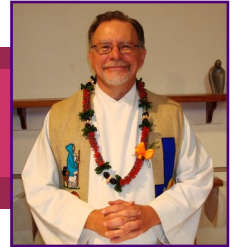


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Together We Are The Church



## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

### ELCA Presiding Bishop Issues Letter in Response to Orlando Shooting

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CHICAGO (ELCA) – The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has issued a letter in response to the June 12 shooting that claimed the lives of 49 people at a nightclub in Orlando, Fla. This is the deadliest mass shooting in U. S. history. In the letter Eaton states, "We must speak peace and reconciliation into the cacophony of hatred and division. We must live the truth that all people are created in God's image."

Eaton's letter follows:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*"So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them." Genesis 1:27*

We are killing ourselves. We believe that all people are created in God's image. All of humanity bears a family resemblance. Those murdered in Orlando were not abstract "others," they are us. But somehow, in the mind of a deeply disturbed gunman, the LGBTQ community was severed from our common humanity. This separation led to the death of 49 and the wounding of 54 of **us**.

We live in an increasingly divided and polarized society. Too often we sort ourselves into like-minded groups and sort others out. It is a short distance from division to demonization. Yesterday, we witnessed the tragic consequences of this.

There is another way. In Christ God has reconciled the world to God's self. Jesus lived among us sharing our humanity. Jesus died for us to restore our humanity. God invites us into this reconciling work. This must be our witness as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The perpetrator of this hate crime did not come out of nowhere.

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# Yaeko Mano Myers



December 12, 1934 -  
April 14, 2016

In June we celebrated the life of long time member and sister in Christ Yaeko Mano Myers who passed on into eternal life.

Those we love must someday pass  
beyond our present sight...

Must leave us and the world we  
know without their radiant light.

But we know that like a candle  
their lovely light will surely shine

To brighten up another place  
more perfect... more divine.

And in the realm of Heaven

where they shine so warm  
and bright. Our loved ones live  
forevermore in God's eternal light.

## Letter from the Myers Family

To Christ Lutheran Church,

*On behalf of the Myers family I want to thank the Pastor and the congregation for such a memorable service in my mother's honor. The music, the service, the food and most of all the gathering of her friends honoring and celebrating her life brought a sense of peace and comfort to our family.*

*The many letters, flowers, emails and telephone calls, that we have received offering your kind thoughts and prayers all helped our family during this rather difficult time. Twenty-five years ago the congregation rallied when my father passed away providing much needed support to my mother. Today our family once again is the recipient of that same love and support. Many times it is difficult for the family to make these decisions or provide the proper attention to the planning that these services requires. The congregation made life so much easier. You just seem to know what to do. You can't imagine what a relief that is.*

*On behalf of our family, Mary, Anthony, Anne and Rick we offer our gratitude for the respect and love you have all provided to our mom in her memorial service and to thank you for just being there.*

*Aloha,  
The Myers Family.*

## Prayers for Our Military Chaplains

Gracious God, You are Creator of all that is. We come before You with thankful hearts; lifting those who serve as Federal Chaplains in our armed forces, hospitals, and prisons. A brief silence. Renew and reinvigorate their faith as they seek to support those who serve in the military, walk with those who are in need of healing in mind, body and spirit, and uplift those who find themselves hopeless and alone. Strengthen our spirit of mission and enliven our ministries to support all whom You have called to this work, at home and abroad, as together we answer Your command to love one another as You have loved us. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.



*Please keep in your prayers, Kim & Nick Howe*

### Would you like to assist with communion?

Two of the three **Communion Assistants** deliver the wine chalice and bread to the altar immediately after the offering has been received. Two communion assistants hold trays of wine/grape juice and one holds the wine chalice, saying “The Blood of Christ shed for you” as worshipers commune.

### Or assist the Pastor?

An **Assisting Minister** is responsible for reading various prayers of the day and assisting Pastor with communion, occasional baptisms, and sometimes reading of the lessons. An Assisting Minister may also serve at the prayer stations. A **Prayer Station Minister** offers laying on of hands with special prayers to meet individual needs.

If you'd like to volunteer in our worship hui, please let us know.

Join the Hui





## Newsletter Survey Outcome

6/24/16

We'd like to thank all who participated in the recent newsletter survey and also Becky Gustafson for compiling the results.

After reviewing the 47 completed surveys, the following has been concluded:

We will continue ongoing communications in a variety of ways including the Newsletter. The Newsletter will contain the subjects rated highest on the survey:

- Personal Announcements/Joys and Blessings
- Pastor's Message
- Calendar
- CLC Announcements
- Council highlights (do to the timing of council approval of minutes, the highlights will always be a month behind)

While other topics did not make the top 5, it was decided to include them periodically based on interest and space availability.

- Selected messages from National Presiding Bishop Eaton, Pacifica Synod Bishop-Elect Andrew Taylor, and other leaders of significance to this congregation.
- Committee highlights
- Puppet Ministry events
- I.H.S. report

The Newsletter will be distributed on the same schedule:

- Hard copies will be available in a limited number.
- A link to the newsletter will added to Facebook.
- A link to the newsletter will continue to be available on our website.
- We will continue to use our weekly Constant Contact emails with clearer link instructions
- It was concluded to be too time consuming to set up mass emails with attachments of the newsletter therefore we will also send out a separate monthly "Newsletter" email with link via Constant Contact.

While it must be clear that it is the Office Administrator's job to put together and send out the newsletter, it is the Congregation's job to provide the "ready to print" information. The Office Administrator is the editor; people of the church are the reporters. We all need to encourage each other to make submissions.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 10:45am Com- munion Worship	<b>4</b>  <b>Independence Day</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Par- ish Council Meeting @ CLC	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10:45am Heal- ing Service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 10:45am Com- munion Worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7pm Council Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:45am Com- munion Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 10:45am Com- munion Worship						

## TRAVELERS



Would you find it helpful to have your offering debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? Christ Lutheran offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. **If you have plans to travel this summer**, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Simply complete and return an electronic giving authorization form (found on the information table) or call the office to get started.

### Sunday School Teachers Needed

*Teach a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Prov. 22:6*



What better way to do this than join our Sunday School team as a teacher? Share your love of Christ with our keiki. No experience is necessary, curriculum can be provided. It takes a small amount of planning time during the week, and one hour on Sunday morning. PreK through 4<sup>th</sup> grades are needed. If you'd rather sub or teach part time, that can be workable too. Please contact Pastor Keith or the church office if you are interested.

### **Newsletter Survey Outcome**

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When submitting articles for the newsletter please:

- Comply with deadlines. The deadline will be 9:00 a.m. on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month. Anything turned in past the deadline will go into the following month if still requested.
- All articles must be "camera ready", (word, pdf, etc. email or flash drive).
- The office administrator is the final editor/publisher. While every effort will be made to the communication of the article, editing may be necessary due to space availability or other issues.

In Christ,  
Linda Santos,  
Vice President

## *Happy Birthday*

05 Landon Acosta  
06 Patrick Riehle  
07 Eileen Ward  
09 Anna Sikkink  
15 Anne-Marie Alcorn  
19 Eric Melin  
21 Anna Hamaguchi  
22 Sally Little  
25 Sam Hamaguchi  
28 Paul Herr  
29 Connie Omo  
29 Janet Riehle  
30 Kaleb Kino  
31 Ele Clere

# Anniversaries



## *Baptismal Anniversaries*

03 Anne Myers  
06 Ariana Lee  
12 Bill Little  
26 Alana Yanagida  
26 Lisa Yanagida  
27 Gini Gustafson  
27 Eileen Ward

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

11 Sarah & Richard Salboro  
26 Mike & Verna Morgan  
27 Kyle & Kristen Kino  
27 Kevin & Kelly Knitter

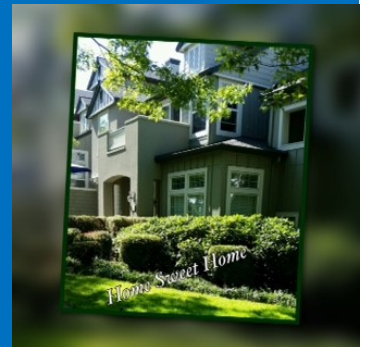
In June we gave Godspeed to  
Tullia & Keegan Salboro who  
moved to Oregon.  
We wish them well!

# A hui hou

## **Aloha from the McClains,**

Getting very excited and oh so ready to settled into our new home. It is the bottom sections, no stairs, lovely big windows, and walking distance to everything we need and of course the best part ...a crossed the street from sister Liz and Dave. Tomorrow the painters will come and paint the inside which will take two days. Next Tuesday my new living room furniture will be delivered and Wednesday our container from Hawai'i. Then the unpacking begins, yicks!  
Judi

Our address is:  
1507 NE 65th Ave  
Hillsboro, OR 97124



## **Bishop's Letter** *(continued from pg. 1)*

He was shaped by our culture of division, which itself has been misshapen by the manipulation of our fears. That is not who we are. St. Paul wrote, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ" (II Corinthians 5:17-20).

Our work begins now. We need to examine ourselves, individually and as a church, to acknowledge the ways we have divided and have been divided. We must stand with people who have been "othered". We must speak peace and reconciliation into the cacophony of hatred and division. We must live the truth that all people are created in God's image.

This morning your church wide staff came together to mourn and to pray. We prayed for those killed in Orlando and remembered the Charleston Nine killed only a year ago. We prayed for the family of the shooter, for our LGBTQ brothers and sisters and for our Muslim brothers and sisters who now face the threat of retaliation. And we prayed that the Prince of Peace will bring us to the day when we stop killing ourselves.

Your sister in Christ,

Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

### **About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:**

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with more than 3.7 million members in more than 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther.

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### **Summer Worship**

10:45 a.m.

Service of Holy Communion  
With Children's Message and  
Healing Prayers with Anointing

Professional Keiki care  
Provided

Healing Service - 2nd Sundays

Ladies bible studies - 3rd Sundays  
@ 9:30 a.m.

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