



**Pastor Pam's Pennings**

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*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18*

While on vacation last month, I took a break from the news and wrapped myself in the family and friends we were with. It was glorious! But, the week came to an end and once again I was swamped with the events of our community, our country, and the world. Death and destruction was everywhere! It is so easy to become so overloaded with anxiety, anger, and grief...that we forget...**who** we are (children of a loving God) and **whose** we are (sisters and brothers of Jesus, the one who conquered [and still conquers] death)!

Now, I'm not talking about walking around like Pollyanna playing the "glad game" all the time. What I am talking about is how, even in the midst of terrible tragedy, we look to the "author and perfecter of our faith," and gain strength and courage and hope to face the days ahead grounded in the love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead! We are a Good Friday people – who face death and the grave – who have an Easter promise – that not even death has the last word!

These six weeks in Job have been so enlightening for me, and I hope for you who have attended each week. To experience this story in the context of our Christian hope, is to know the pain of Job's trials with the nail-pierced hands of Jesus supporting us!

We move this month into a six week study of the Lord's Prayer. For some of you it will be a refresher course from Confirmation days. For all of us, it will be an in-depth look at the prayer Jesus gave his disciples when they asked him to teach them to pray. We will be using Luke's version of the prayer as we dig

into this rich prayer that we pray each week in worship (and I wonder how automatically?)!

I have been asked by our Bishop to become part of the Multi-Synodical Candidacy Committee which is something I have wanted to be a part of since I became ordained. I have a two-day meeting at the Synod Office at the beginning of this month. Then, at long last, the staff will be back together in the office as we begin our final summer push and complete preparation for fall programming.

There are books to read and schedules to prepare and, of course, a search for our new Director of Worship and Music. We will keep you posted as we move forward with this search.

We are very grateful for **Carole and Tom Parmeter Dyer** and their talents as they serve as Interim Directors of Worship and Music. It is such a gift to have them as members of our congregation. And, how wonderful it is to have **Roger Halvorson and Nathan Latiolait** as members and contributors to our worship experience!

We are blessed as a congregation with amazing musicians, singers, readers, ushers, assisting ministers, greeters, media tech, and altar guild members who make each Sunday morning experience such a smooth-running event filled with God's love.

Would you like to serve in some new capacity on Sunday? Call the office and we will connect you to the right person! I have hope!

Tommy Walker wrote this song called, *I Have a Hope* that is going through my head these days:

*I have a hope, I have a future I have a destiny that is yet awaiting me  
My life's not over, a new beginning's just begun I have a hope, I have this  
hope.*

*I will yet praise Him, my great Redeemer  
I will yet stand up and give Him glory with my life  
He takes my darkness and He turns it into light  
I will yet praise Him, my Lord my God*

*There's still hope for me today 'Cause the God of heaven loves me!*

I pray that you will anchor yourself in this hope, too!

*Pastor Pam*

## Getting to know our Interim Music Directors

**Carole Parmeter Dyer** grew up in Garden Grove, California where she attended St. Olaf Lutheran Church. She studied music, with an emphasis on choral conducting, at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, California State University, Long Beach and St. John's University in Minnesota, where she became a member of the VoiceCare Network. Carole attended Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California, from 1995 -2000 after being the Minister of Music here at CLC from 1990-1995. After a ten year break, Carole completed her Clinical Pastoral Education as a chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, did a two-year pastoral internship at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Fountain Valley, and was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in 2013. Carole specializes in worship arts and spiritual formation. She is also a conference presenter, worship consultant, choir director, singer and songwriter. She lives in Long Beach with her husband Thomas, soon to be thirteen-year-old son, Aidan, and his dog, Bojangles.

**Thomas Parmeter Dyer** studied music at the Dick Grove School of Music in Studio City, California and at California State University, Long Beach. He studied piano with Edith Hirschtal and played with the L.A. Jazz Workshop. Tom has performed as a freelance musician for many years and worked in church music with Carole for over 25 years - directing choirs, composing, and accompanying. Currently, he is a music teacher in the Long Beach Unified School district, teaching elementary instrumental music. Tom loves to ride bikes and play music with his son, and spend time at the beach with his wife.

**Together, Carole and Tom Parmeter Dyer** have produced five CD recordings: *Songs of Hope and Healing*, *Songs of Hope and Healing, Volumes II and III*, and *Songs of Hope and Healing: For the Earth* with Trinity Lutheran Church in Oakland; *Let Peace Fill the Earth*, with the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County; and *Woven Image*, with Alan Cook, a self-titled recording of their band's music. They are happy to be back home at CLC!

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**The CLC Choir will begin rehearsing again on Thursday, September 8th, at 7:15 pm in the Sanctuary, directed by our Interim Music Director Carole Parmeter Dyer.**

**All are warmly welcome to return to choir, or join choir. If you have ever wanted to sing in a group, try us out! After three or four rehearsals you will know if it is for you! Experience in choir singing not necessary, you will learn as you go. All you need is a love of singing, and a willing heart!**

**The CLC Handbell Choir will be moving to Thursdays for the Fall. due to Interim Music Director Tom Parmeter Dyer's schedule. First rehearsal will be September 8th at 6 pm in the Sanctuary Loft. New members welcome. Please call Tom at 562.208-9671 with your questions.**

**Save the date for our annual Christmas Concert: Sunday, December 8th at 3pm. We are excited to be leading music at CLC! Come join a choir! Bring a friend!**

**Peace and Hope, Carole and Tom**

# Preschool News



We have had a great time getting to know some new friends in preschool during the month of July. There are students who have just started attending Christ Lutheran Preschool and we are so glad to have them with us. We also have some new teacher faces on campus; Maggie Fitzpatrick, Ms. Menendez and Ms. Christenson are filling in for vacationing teachers this summer. Welcome to all of the new CLP family members.



In August, we are excited to have the *Scripture Lady* come back for a visit along with “*Pump n’ Splash, Jurassic Parties, the Blue Submarine*” and other special guests. We also look forward to wheel day, and a few more water days!



The last day of our summer session is Friday, August 26. Everyone is invited to come to the End of Summer Celebration which begins at 12:00pm. School closes at 1:00pm and will be closed the week of August 29 through September 2.

Preschool staff will be hard at work cleaning and preparing the classrooms for fall session. We will re-open on Tuesday, September 6.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!  
*Lisa Clinton*





## *2016 Vacation Bible School*

### *Surf Shack*

*We "caught the wave of God's amazing Love" at the Surf Shack VBS. A big thank you to our many adult and youth volunteers whom along with our church and preschool staff made the week an incredible experience for all the children. The campus was filled with music, stories, science experiments, crafts, and love. One exciting fact is that 25 of the children who attended VBS this year were friends from the community. It was great to see so many new faces.*

*“Loose Threads”* Loose



Threads is a small group of sewers and quilters, who meet once a month, bring their sewing machines and a wide assortment of projects to work on. It's having that dedicated time to work on a sewing project free from distractions that is not only nice, but fun when in the company of friends! We welcome all age levels and all degrees of sewing abilities to join us. Our next meeting date is **August 14 at 12:00pm in the Social Hall.** Call Chris Panos (562)986-4393 for more information.

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**Bible STUDY**  
Join us!

**Men's Bible Study will be taking a break for the summer. Watch the church calendar, newsletter and website for fall startup date.**

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**Christ Lutheran Youth News is now a separate attachment to the church newsletter. If you did not receive it,**

**please contact the church office. 562.598.2433**

**The Sons of Norway meet in**



**CLC's Social Hall at noon on the second Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend their meetings to see what this cultural group is all about. Sons of Norway take a break in July and August. Please plan to come to their fall meeting on September 10.**

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**Pray for Peace in the Middle East**

**Join Pastor Pam in the Sanctuary on the 24th of each month at 7pm to pray for peace in this fragile**



**and volatile area of the world. Raising our voices together in hope for respect and resolution is one way that we can support our brothers and sisters in this region.**

**Updates to the church directory are available from the ushers on Sunday mornings this month. If you need this information mailed to you, please call Kim in the church office, 562 598.2433.**

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

### **Members at Home or in Care Centers:**

Anne Bruner, Coleen & Spud Fenton, Velma Fischer, Jean Johnson and Mikki Nemnich.

### **Those struggling with illness or other concerns:**

Justin Bartlow, Laurie Ennen, Judy Haenn, Dorothy Henriksen, Ione Marchael, Chris Nelson, Bary and Janice Schlieder.

**Family & Friends:** Ellen Benner, Melanie Baggao, Anthony Callaghan, Dan Cameron, Edi Callas, Anna Delgado, Nancy Dionne, Rich Ducar, Kathy Goodwin, Alberta Gray, Saul David Haase, Anne Harrington, Bobbie Hoenig, Leslie Hoskins, Ted Howard, Kylie & Crystal Huber, Doris Jung, Katrina Lahr, Nana Leomiti, Doris List, Frances, Luyben, Barbara McKinney, Mabel Manzur, Arlan Mitchell, Steve Nelson, Kristina & Scott Randolph, Nohemy Ruiz, Debra Sarvela, Don Seymour, Jake Tackett, Perry Taggart, Dave & Linda Terry, Rev. Paul Theiss, William Thomas, Janette Velarde, Dick, Jenny & Steve West.

### **Those serving in our nation's military:**

Samuel Brown, Rachel & Victor Colon, Ethan Cordle, Michael Cote, Aaron Crayton, Nicholas Flournoy, Richard Gallegos, Zachary Krog, John Lamberton, Brittany Graham, Davis McElwain, Morgan Llewellyn, Haley Fessenden, Johnny Luna, Shawn McRae, Emily Merritt, Michael Joseph Navarro, Jim Reeder, Sophie Schade, Douglas Steelhammer, Jonah Westcott, Joshua Wauchope.

### **We pray for the ongoing work of:**

Linda Gawthorne among the Kogi people of Colombia.



## *Happy Anniversary*

- 8/2 *Shannon and Steve Howard*
- 8/6 *Tracy and Gary Burkard*
- 8/9 *Shannon and Matt Timney*
- 8/20 *Sheryl and Chris Hunter*
- 8/25 *Melissa and Robert Kitano*



- 8/2 *Eldre Larsen*
- 8/3 *Elliot Williams*
- 8/9 *Meghan Randig*
- 8/9 *Shannon Timney*
- 8/10 *Heidi Espinoza*
- 8/10 *Ed Trost*
- 8/13 *Charlie Thomas*
- 8/14 *Scott Ostergren*
- 8/15 *Bryce Bonilla-Haenn*
- 8/15 *Cameron Williams*
- 8/16 *Tracy Burkard*
- 8/16 *Ione Marchael*
- 8/18 *Gale Musselman*
- 8/20 *Aidan Parmeter Dyer*
- 8/24 *Brad Croes*
- 8/24 *Carol Goller*
- 8/24 *Ben Koch*
- 8/24 *Dave Nell*
- 8/25 *Don Westerhoff*
- 8/26 *Gary Burkard*
- 8/29 *Sean Cover*
- 8/31 *Sylvia Nelson*
- 8/31 *Brandon Nieves*

CHICAGO – The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has released a statement in response to the shootings in Baton Rouge, La., and Dallas that killed eight police officers.

Eaton's statement follows:

***My soul is bereft of peace: I have forgotten what happiness is.*** (Lamentations 3:17)

Too often in the past months we have been stunned by violence. Last Sunday in Baton Rouge, La., and earlier this month in Dallas, police were the target. Many in our congregations serve in law enforcement. These are our brothers and sisters, children of God who dedicate their lives to keeping our communities safe, who risk their lives for strangers. Acts of violence, at home and abroad, are all too frequent. Each is evidence of a broken world. Lutherans understand this and believe that the state has the authority and obligation to protect its citizens. Good government and peace are among the things we ask for when we pray "Give us today our daily bread."

Not all citizens have the same experience with law enforcement. We are working on that as a nation and a church. But the targeting and assassination of police officers is a threat to all of us. Nothing is solved by this violence.

Working in law enforcement is an honorable way to live one's baptismal vocation. Many of us know police who are members of our congregations. They serve with dedication to the common good even at the risk of their lives. Police and other first responders see the best and the worst of human nature, and they do that on your behalf and mine. Officers killed in the line of duty leave behind families, comrades and friends. We continue to hold those who mourn in our prayers. But a little bit of us has died too. **"If one member suffers, all suffer together"** (I Corinthians 12:26).

Although broken, our world is also a redeemed one. God's answer to hatred and violence is the love and life revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus. In Christ, God reconciles the world to God's self. We are called to that ministry of healing and reconciliation in our hearts, in our homes and in our communities. God is ever faithful. We are held as one people in God's love and that love will never let us go.


***But this I call to mind, and therefore have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning ...***

(Lamentations 3:21-23)

In Christ's peace,  
Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The statement is available at <http://bit.ly/29MGMeU>.



# MEN'S ADVANCE

2016

OCTOBER 14 - 16, 2016

AT EL CAMINO PINES



## THE MASCULINE JOURNEY

This year's **Men's Advance** will be different! A new format will be used including opportunities for **small group discussions** and **individual reflection** on the stories of Jacob, Paul and Jesus, **seeking what it means to be men of faith.** Join us!

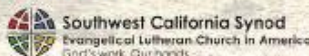


**Our weekend guide: Rev. Greg Ronning**

Greg is the Mission Developer and Pastor at "The Table," an emergent styled faith community in Orange County. Greg served as the Campus Pastor at Texas Lutheran University from 1993 – 2014.

For detailed information and reservations visit our website

[www.mens-advance.org](http://www.mens-advance.org)



A **Powerful Time** of **Personal Growth**

In addition to



Fellowship



Food



Poker



Golf



Hiking



Beer Making

See schedule of events on the reverse.



# THE MASCULINE JOURNEY

## Men's Advance 2016 Schedule

Sessions are interactive and include small group discussions.

### Friday 10/14

- 9 am - 4 pm Camp Work Day
- 11 am - 4 pm Golf - Pine Mountain Club
- 4 pm Registration
- 6 pm Evening Meal
- 7 pm Introduction to the Weekend
- 8 pm Beer Making - Theology Pub

### Saturday 10/15

- 7 am Rise and Shine
- 8 am Breakfast
- 9 am **Session 1 The Masculine Journey: Jacob and Esau**
- 11 am **Session 2 Wilderness Activities**
- Noon Lunch
- 1 pm **Session 3 The Masculine Journey: Jesus**
- 3 pm Free Time or Organized Activities; Pastors Group
- 5:30 pm BBQ
- 7:00 pm **Session 4 The Masculine Journey: St. Paul**
- 9 pm Poker or Theology Pub with Pastor Greg

### Sunday 10/16

- 7 am Rise and Shine
- 8 am **Session 5 Your Story of Becoming a Man of Faith**
- Around Tables with Breakfast, Conversation, and Worship**
- 10 am Pack up and go home



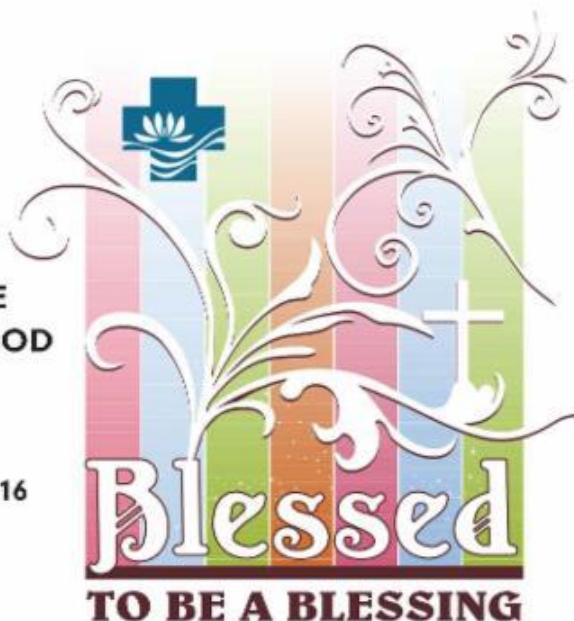
*I will make of you a great nation, and I will  
bless you, and make your name great, so that  
you will be a blessing.*

— Genesis 12:2 NRSV

## THE 19<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION OF THE SOUTHWEST CALIFORNIA SYNOD WOMEN OF THE ELCA

2016 Friday afternoon, October 14  
through noon, Sunday, October 16

**GRAND VISTA HOTEL**  
999 Enchanted Way, Simi Valley



### **BIBLE STUDY LEADER**

Rev. Erin Martinson, CHTP, Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ventura  
Certified Healing Touch Practitioner and Spiritual Development Coach

### **CHAPLAIN & WORSHIP LEADER**

Rev. Nancy Switzler, Pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Oxnard

### **CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE - TBA**

### **ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Women from Southwest California Synod churches are urged to  
send a representing delegate

### **WEEKEND PACKAGES AVAILABLE**

See registration form or contact Julie Jensen, convention registrar:  
921 Gill Avenue, Port Hueneme, CA 93041

Questions: Contact Julie at [juliejnsn1@roadrunner.com](mailto:juliejnsn1@roadrunner.com)  
or phone (805) 486-5762

We pray that this convention may be led by the Holy Spirit to mobilize women to ACT BOLDLY on their  
faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you there.