



# Christ Lutheran Church

*O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## September 3

Labor Day  
Office Closed

## September 11

10:00 am  
9/11 Memorial  
Ceremony  
at Poche Beach

## September 13

1:00 WELCA  
Bible Study

## September 16

9:30 One Worship  
Service & Brunch

Worship With Us  
Every Sunday in

# September

8:00am on the Beach  
at North Beach  
&  
10:30 in the Sanctuary



Dear family and friends of Christ Lutheran Church!

Greetings in the Name of Christ, who makes all things new by bringing us into this wonderful relationship with God.

It brings me great pleasure to write this first newsletter article as your interim pastor. And speaking of being your "interim," I thought I'd share a bit about what my role is over the course of my time with you. To put it simply, an "interim pastor" is a pastor assigned by the Synod to provide pastoral care and leadership during a period of transition. Although some might view periods of "transition" with caution and an interim pastor as a "temp," I see my role quite different. For this transitional period, for this time that I'm here, I am your pastor. Many of you've encountered this on Sunday mornings as we gather for worship either outdoors on the beach or indoors in the sanctuary; for many, this is the most public, the most visual, role pastors exhibit. But, of course, that is only one of my roles. I am also your pastor during this time for pastoral matters - counseling; pastoral visits in hospitals, nursing homes, and homes; and to provide instruction for faith matters. I also welcome conversations as you continue to seek God's guidance and direction in your life. I'd like to explore that last sentence a bit...

For those who've been able to worship during August, you would have noticed that each week the reading from the Gospel were taken from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In this chapter, we heard Jesus telling the crowd over and over again that He is the Bread of Life come down from heaven, the True Bread, in fact, who gives us eternal life. Living from that reality, that God's Son Jesus has come down to us in the Holy Meal of Communion to join us in our daily living, we now have the joy to truly live this New Life as God's beloved daughters and sons, and to find ways God is calling each of us to serve.

So, how is God asking you to serve? Well, for starters, you're probably already serving in many ways. Perhaps you've been helping a neighbor with doing small things around her house. Maybe you've volunteered to help keep our community clean. Perhaps you help get things ready for our worship time here at Christ Lutheran Church. Maybe you help with serving Communion at our beach church or read the Bible readings at our 10:30 service. The fact is that we can all find ways to be "morsels" of the One True Bread (Jesus) scattered here and there - serving, helping, and spreading God's grace and love to all sorts of people. Look - no - listen for other ways God is calling you as we gather for worship on Sundays, listening to God speak to you in those readings from the Bible. And perhaps you'll hear God calling to you and find a new way to serve.

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Darryl

**BOOK CLUB**

The next CLC Book Club potluck and book discussion will be Sunday, September 23, from 6-7:30 p.m. in either the church kitchen or the preschool play/snack area. We'll be reading The Book Thief by Markus Zusak, an unforgettable story set in Germany in World War II about the ability of books to feed the soul. Bring a friend!

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Our Tuesday morning Bible study will be returning from summer vacation on September 18, at its usual time of 10:00 - 11:00am. Shake the sand off your feet and get ready to dig in to the texts of the week! See you there!

**WELCA WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY**

Meet with the women of Christ Lutheran Church for our monthly women's Bible study, held the second Thursday of every month at 1:00 in the Fireside Room. Bring your Bible and a friend and enjoy good food, coffee and fellowship while we study specially selected texts! All women are welcome!

**9/11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT POCHE BEACH**

There will be a small 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Poche Beach at 10:00am. Park across PCH and walk through the access tunnel to the beach; the ceremony will be held at the flag on the south end of Poche beach. Our own Pastor Darryl W. Kozak will say the prayer, followed by special music selections and then coffee and donuts in the clubhouse. Questions? Call the office at (949) 496-2621

**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

On Sunday, September 16, there will be one combined worship service at 9:30am at the campus of Christ Lutheran Church located at 35522 Camino Capistrano. Pastor Darryl will be dedicating the Preschool staff during the worship service. Following the service will be a Brunch Reception to welcome our Interim Pastor Darryl W. Kozak. Bring the family as there will be fun activities for the kids! For more information, please call the church office at 949.496.2621 or be on the lookout for additional information in the bulletin as we get closer to the date. We hope you will join us for this special event!



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AT CHRIST LUTHERAN!**

Louise Gilliam	September 1
Joyce Embery	September 7
Adelyn Condet	September 20
Matthew Wild	September 21
Judy Tatman	September 30

*Happy Birthday to You!*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

... Rosemary Sater;

... Susan Wild;

... Kelly Barreira; Valen Ricciotti, friends of the preschool;

...continuing prayers for Matthew Wild, Dorothy Alvord and Lennie Kopperud;

... Pastor Darryl and our Christ Lutheran Church Council;

...those serving in the military and their families;

...Bishop Mark Hanson and the ELCA, Bishop Murray Finck and the Pacifica Synod, our congregation at Christ Lutheran Church;

...the staff and families of La Cristianita Preschool.

*“Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.”*

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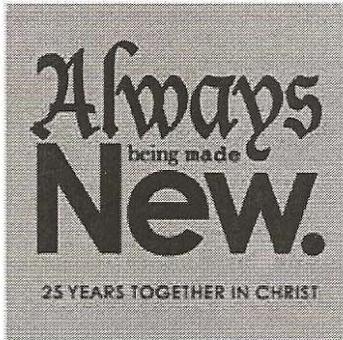
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## ELCA celebrates its 25th anniversary

from PRESIDING BISHOP MARK HANSON



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, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.  
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are a church that is deeply rooted and always being made new. As we gather for worship this morning, may the Holy Spirit fill and guide us, so that we may be a church that is both resilient and always reforming.

In less than a year, we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ELCA. As we celebrate, we look back at the people and events that have shaped us as a church.

Join us in celebrating the stories that have made us vibrant and distinctive yet brought us together as nearly 10,000 congregations, 65 synods and numerous churchwide ministries freed in Christ to love and serve neighbors in our own communities and around the world.

What God has done through us is indeed worth celebrating. In 25 years, we have:

- Started 435 new congregations
- Ordained nearly 8,000 pastors
- Sent more than 2,000 missionaries to serve around the world
- Contributed more than \$350 million toward the alleviation of hunger and poverty

The year of our 25th anniversary begins Jan. 1, 2013, with the theme "Always being made new." I invite you to join me in celebrating these 25 years together in Christ. Visit [www.ELCA.org/25years](http://www.ELCA.org/25years) for more information, and begin planning ways to bring this celebration to your congregation.

I am grateful for your leadership, support and prayers in making the work of this church possible.

In God's grace,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

P.S. In the coming months, please continue to visit [www.ELCA.org/25years](http://www.ELCA.org/25years) for resources to help you celebrate this important milestone in your own congregation and community.