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LETTER FROM BISHOP EATON

“When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.” (Leviticus 19:33-34)

Dear Church,

Last week, on the third anniversary of the original executive order, the administration extended the travel ban to the United States from seven majority Muslim countries to thirteen. The ban suspends the issuing of immigrant visas that can lead to permanent residency for those from Eritrea, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar and Nigeria, as well as visas available through a diversity lottery for applicants from Sudan and Tanzania. This announcement comes on the heels of several other rule changes restricting travel to the U.S.

As Lutherans, these actions should concern us. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God has set us free from ourselves to serve our neighbor. This expanded policy separates families from loved ones already here. Further, it prevents people—especially those escaping perilous or life-threatening situations in several of these nations—from coming to safety in the U.S. It does not enhance our safety or reflect our vocation as Christians.

Our church has a strong history of hospitality for refugees and immigrants. After World War II, when one out of every six Lutherans in the world was a refugee or displaced person, Lutherans resettled some 57,000 refugees in the United States (ELCA social message on “Immigration”). Today, with more than 60 million displaced people in the world, we continue God’s work of welcoming refugees through advocacy and our vital partnership with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

The ELCA also has companion Lutheran churches in many of these countries that are, with us, member churches of The Lutheran World Federation (LWF). (In several instances our church has developed strong partnerships with these churches over many decades.) The current president of the LWF, with whom I serve as a vice-president, is archbishop of the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania is one of the world’s fastest-growing Lutheran churches. Accompaniment of these ELCA partners requires our solidarity and advocacy with them.

The expanded policy also reflects racial and religious discrimination. Over the past three years, the targeting of Muslims has had a direct and negative impact on our interfaith partners, who are harmed not only by the policy, but by the rhetoric surrounding it. Together with other Christians and Jews, we are standing with Muslims through the Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign. We are inviting advocacy as a means for helping those affected now, while preventing discrimination in the future. This is one way of embodying our commitment to opposing “all forms of religious bigotry, violence, discrimination, and persecution and stand in solidarity with those who experience them, whether they are Christian or of another religion or worldview” (“A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment: A Policy Statement of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America”).

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



READINGS

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

FEBRUARY 16 “My Life Story, My Faith Story”
Hannah Rector

As part of our ongoing commitment to sharing our narratives of faith, today we hear from Hannah Rector. Come and hear one of our siblings tell their life story, their faith story!

FEBRUARY 23 Pancake Breakfast

Holy Trinity youth invite everyone to breakfast in the gym before or after worship. Proceeds from the breakfast help to support summer youth trips. There is no Adult Forum today, as we’ll all be eating pancakes! Tickets are on sale Sundays in the Community Room (sliding scale).

The travel ban and its extension do not promote our values of mutual respect of all God’s children, each created in God’s image. Furthermore, these bans contradict our church’s and our nation’s commitments to be a place of welcome and safety for others. Federal courts have recognized this already by blocking significant portions of the ban, finding them discriminatory, anti-Muslim, or unconstitutional.

The ELCA social statement “For Peace in God’s World” reminds us that “the church is a disturbing presence when it refuses to be silent and instead speaks the truth.” On this policy, we as Lutherans cannot be silent. The history of our church, the life-giving relationships we share with other Lutherans worldwide, and our commitments to and with inter-religious partners are the basis not only for our concern—but for our continued accompaniment, advocacy, and action.

In peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

PARISH INFORMATION

PANCAKE BREAKFAST/YOUTH FUNDRAISER FEBRUARY 23

If you have a connection with a child or young person in our congregation, consider buddying up with them to pitch in at the 11th Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, February 23. This fundraiser benefits Children, Youth, and Family faith formation and community building at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Check out signup.com/go/imBYsSa to see how you can help.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS BEGIN FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday (February 26) is the beginning of Lent. We will have a soup supper from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. This year we are asking people to sign up to make soup for Wednesdays in Lent. If you would like to make soup, please sign up in the Community Room. For more information, call the office.

FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS, FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Join the 20s, 30s, 40s group at Memory Lanes for food and bowling beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members of all ages are invited to join the fun! Sign up in the Community Room or on Facebook by Wednesday, March 4.

READINGS DISCUSSION BEGINS WED., MARCH 4, 5:45 P.M.

NOTE DATE CHANGE. Are you ready to delve a little deeper into the effects of the Doctrine of Discovery and colonization of Indigenous People and those of African descent? To guide our discussions we'll use a series of articles related to this topic that will be available in the Community Room or can be emailed to you. This is a change from the previously publicized book. Discussions will be Wednesdays in Lent from March 4 through April 1 from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Pick up your meal in the Community Room and join us in the Library. Please sign up in the Community Room. Jointly sponsored by the Doctrine of Discovery and Racial Justice Groups.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

As the days slowly lengthen, we begin the holy season of Lent. The ashes we receive on our foreheads remind us that we, along with all of creation, are dependent on God's grace. Services with the imposition of ashes will be held in the sanctuary at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. A service for young children and their families will be held at 5:30 p.m.

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PARISH EVENTS February 16-22, 2020

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Church Council
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	5:30-7:30 pm	Library Open
	5:30 pm	Choir Families Supper
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:45 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	7:30 pm	Gloria Ringers

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FEBRUARY 16, 2020

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Cathy Alpizar	Assisting Minister	Paul Ramsour	
Lisa Martens	Crucifer	Paul Chindvall	
Wilson Murray, Emma Murray	Acolytes	Isaac Parada, Elsa Parada	
Steve Murray, Kevin Proescholdt	Communion	Michael Douglas, Sean Gosiewski	
Lisa and Bruce Martens	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala, Needed	
Bob Peschiutta, Sally and David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Mike Mann, Alan Libra, Kathy Ohler, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	
Jean Swanson, Kevin Proescholdt	Coffee Servers	Pat and Alan Libra	
Joyce Peterson, Needed	Counters	Vicki Mann, Gary Johnson	
	Closer	Roberta Shaw	