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The Good News



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Newsletter of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and Schools Honolulu, Hawaii

Thoughts and Ponderings from Pastor...

My **Thoughts and Ponderings** for November may be a bit long...but I feel it will be a blessing to you...so please...keep reading...just grab a cup of coffee and a bag of M&M's...and you should be fine!

We have been hearing much about finances...during worship (in my sermon) as well as Voter's meetings...and I am confident that we have...and will continue to have...a financial plan here at Our Redeemer that will be God pleasing.

A couple of years ago...Donna and I attended **Financial Peace University**...and what a blessing it has been. Ever since we attended...our financial 'vocab' has really changed. Now phrases like...**we need a financial plan for that? How much is in our budget for this? We must pay cash...we need to save!**

Why? One word...**Debt!**

God has made it very clear that every challenge...every problem...is an opportunity. But you say...**I don't have enough money to pay all my bills? Where's the opportunity?**

God says...You have an opportunity to show that every storm comes to an end.

And what do we know about a storm? Where do you want to be if you are in the middle of the sea...and a hurricane comes out of nowhere? You want to be at the eye of the storm. The eye of the storm is where the peace is...the eye of the storm is where you are sheltered from all that turbulence raging around you.

God says...When you are in a storm, My eye is on you. I never take My eye off you. I have you in My sights at all times. I never slumber...I never sleep...I never blink. My eyes are on you and I am the eye of the storm.

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Bible Class & Fellowship at Our Redeemer

Worship with communion: Sunday, 9 am

Adult Bible Class: Sunday, 10:30 am, in the auditorium

Sunday School: 10:30 am, in the Aloha Room

Wednesday Bible Class: 10 am, in the Aloha Room

LWML Bible Study: 3rd Thursday of the Month, 6:30 pm

Japanese Language Fellowship and Bible Study: 1st Sunday of the Month

The Men's Fellowship: Saturday, 8 am, at the Waioli Tea Room

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor *Bill Carney*

Music Director *The Rev. Karl Bachman*

Secretary *Tawny Starritt*

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Michael Standefer • Secretary *Ruth Crockett* •

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Fellowship *Peggy Pridgeon* • Parish Education

Nellie Miller • Stewardship *Clarence DeLude* •

Property Management *Paul Oliver* • Education

Peter Tirbak

Our Redeemer Lutheran School

Principal *BonnieJo Alle*

Secretary *Holly Maertens*

Administrative Assistant *Carolyn Villamor*

Admissions Director *Lea Dominici*

Office Manager Lower Campus *Karin Ito*

Music *Allen Bauchle* • Art *Heidi Shiozaki* •

Athletics *William Schriefer* • Computer *Michelle*

Stevens • Science *Karyn Herrmann* • Preschool

Nancy Schultz • Kindergarten *Michele Zane* •

1st Grade *Wyndy Quandt* • 2nd Grade/Choir

Christine Eilers • 3rd Grade *Nicole Nolting* • 4th

Grade *Tim Martin* • 5th Grade *Shelly Mecum* •

6th Grade/Language Arts *William Schriefer* •

7th Grade/Social Studies *Lorine Pelletier* • 8th

Grade/Mathematics *Kristy Schroppel* • 2 year

olds *Mei Chun* • 3 year olds *Carol Huth* • 4 year

olds & Lead Teacher *Jessica Guillemette* •

Assistants *Sharilyn Garcia*, *Lauren George*,
Yong Hong Hsu, *Annie Huang*, *Tania Madrona*

After School Teacher *Espineta Cabatay*

Lutheran High School of Hawaii

Acting Principal *Daryl Utsumi*

Admissions / Admin. Ass't *Lea Dominici*

Business Officer *Tinker Eddinger*

Academic Dean *Dr. Frank Lutz* • Dean of

Students *Daryl Utsumi* • Alumni Coordinator

Ruth Crockett • Athletic Director *Deems Utsumi*

• Director of Student Activities *Marcy Reginelli*

• College and Career Counselor *Ruth Crockett*

• Art *Marcy Reginelli* • Biology *Sarah Johnson* •

Chemistry *Dr. Frank Lutz* • Christian Life

Pastor *Bill Carney* • Emily Meier • Nelda

Peterson • Computer *Pete Rappeline* • Earth

Science *Dr. Frank Lutz* • English *Angela*

Vasquez • Lori Bland • Mary Murphy • Health

Lori Bland • Home Economics *Lea Dominici* •

Hula *Tom Yamamoto* • Japanese *Deems*

Utsumi • Journalism *Daryl Utsumi* • Librarian

Ruth Crockett • Marine Biology *Sarah Johnson*

• Mathematics *Pete Rappeline* • Sarah Johnson

• Rich Kodama • Music *Angela Vasquez* •

Oceanography *Sarah Johnson* • Physical

Education *Rich Kodama* • Physics *Dr. Frank*

Lutz • Social Studies *Daryl Utsumi* • Lori Bland

• Pete Rappeline • Spanish *Emily Meier* •

String Ensemble *Duane White* • Yearbook

Deems Utsumi

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What a promise...what an assurance!
Nevertheless...people are in debt.

As you look at the amount of debt that you face...you think...**Lord, what am I going to do? How are we going to tackle this? Where do I begin?**

A thought...**read your Bible!** Read about King Hezekiah! When was the last time you read about King Hezekiah?

We all know about David...he was a Godly king. Oh yes...he made mistakes...he made many mistakes. Nevertheless...God loved him. The Bible says that he was a man after God's own heart. Why? Because David worshiped God...and worshiped God, alone. That was it. That was the main thing that God loved about David.

Then David's son Solomon took over. He took the throne after David died and Solomon was entrusted with building the temple...building God's house. No expense was spared. It was beautiful...it was glorious...it was rich...it was wonderful.

However...Solomon had a weakness for women...and Solomon started marrying pagan wives. He liked the women of Egypt...and those in other countries whose people did not worship God. They had other 'gods' they worshiped. He married them and allowed them to bring their gods with them...not only into the country...but also into the house of God.

That began this downward slide for years in Israel...hundreds of years. More and more...God was pushed until He was pushed out of the temple altogether by idols. God's house fell into ruin. God's house was no longer God's house.

Then came King Hezekiah. His name means **strength**...strengthened by God. King Hezekiah rent his robes when saw the state of God's house. He said...**No! This is God's house. No! We have to clean this up. We have to repair it. We have to make it new again. We have to rebuild God's house!**

The first thing King Hezekiah did...was to open the doors. He fixed the doors so they would open again.

So...they fixed the doors...they cleaned everything out...and they celebrated Passover again...which they hadn't done for hundreds and hundreds of years.

The people came...and they worshipped...and they brought offerings...and they restored...and they rebuilt the house of God under the leadership of King Hezekiah.

Well...poor King Hezekiah...all of a sudden he is threatened by an attack from the king of Assyria. The king of Assyria says to King Hezekiah...it's extortion really...he says...**I need money. Give me money. You owe me money!**

It was 300 talents of silver...30 talents of gold. Hezekiah paid him what he could...but it was not enough...and so the king of Assyria said...**I'm coming to attack!**

King Hezekiah...a man of God...a man of faith...stood up before his country and he declared...**Fear not, be strong, be courageous.**

The king of Assyria responds...Ha! Are you kidding me? Are you people going to really listen to this guy?

saying to you...you are living in a rose-colored world....do you really think God is going to save you?

Yes!

Well...of course...the king of As According to **The Message** version of the Bible...this is what the king of Assyria said loud enough for everyone to hear...**Tell Hezekiah you're living in a world of make believe, of pious fantasy. You're going to tell me, 'We rely on God'? Be reasonable. Don't let Hezekiah fool you. He can't save you and don't let Hezekiah give you that line about trusting in God, telling you God will save us. Don't listen to Hezekiah. He does not know what he's talking about.**

I'm trusting God...be strong...be of good courage...God will save you...God will deliver you.

Other people might be syria attacked and...and of course...God delivered. God delivered Hezekiah and his people! Then...King Hezekiah had to rebuild his country again. So...God sent the prophet Isaiah...and he gave him this formula for rebuilding...**Live off what grows by itself and, after a time, sow and reap.**

Wow!

God is saying to you...I will send you enough. I will provide enough. Don't spend a penny more than what I send you...and don't use credit!

One thing I learned in our Financial Peace University classes is...whatever He sends us, we spend.

If it's not enough to buy extra...**we don't buy extra!** If it's not enough to pay for more...**we don't do more!** We have a financial plan...**CASH!**

Week to week...whatever God provides...live off what God provides...and nothing more. **No more increased debt.**

By following this formula...you will already see all kinds of signs that you will be able to pay down your debt...and finally...**live like you want to live!**

Believe me...it is no fun to be in debt. But is it fun...or God-pleasing...to be indebted?

We are indebted to our Heavenly Father who sent His son Jesus because that is to whom we are most indebted.

Colossians 2:13-14...You were dead because of your sins...then God made you alive with Jesus, for He forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us...our debt...and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

That record of debt in the Bible is a legal note...a written note of indebtedness...nailed to the cross. Wow...what a wonderful promise.

Yes...we are indebted.

When Jesus died on that cross...the legal record of debt that was nailed to His cross read...Jesus, the King of the Jews. According to Paul in Colossians...there was also an invisible legal record of debt...your debt...my debt...that was nailed to that very cross.

I'm indebted to Jesus...and I'm proud of it. I am indebted to Jesus for my life...and I am grateful for it.

Just my Thoughts and Ponderings!

Pastor
Luke 1:37



News Items
Offering Financial report
Total offering for September 2011. \$13,989.00;
Special offering -

Building Fund - \$ 15.00; Board of Fellowship - \$100.00; Special music - \$200.00

Notes from the October Board of Directors meeting

Board of Deacons is surveying the congregation's interest in a second worship service. Repairs on the parsonage should be complete by the time the November issue is published. Board of Stewardship will survey the members regarding personal gifts that can benefit the church. The appointment of Emily Meier to the Board of Parish Education was ratified as was the appointment of Dana Owskey to the Board of Education.

Plans are underway to post Pastor's sermons on the church web site.

Faith Aflame Stewardship Program

Over the past couple of weeks you have been hearing much about a new and exciting Stewardship Program that will begin at Our Redeemer. What exactly is Faith Aflame? Good question...allow me to share more about this new and exciting Program...

What is Faith Aflame? It is an intentional, whole life, year round stewardship process designed to change the stewardship culture of Our Redeemer.

Why is change in the stewardship culture necessary? In many congregations stewardship is equated solely or primarily with financial issues. This is a tragic mistake. It is a mistake because it narrows the focus of stewardship, leaving out the important fact that all of life is given as a trust by God to manage for His purposes. Christian stewardship is vital to the life of the congregation and every individual member. As such it needs to be enlarged and elevated. This change is ultimately necessary so the child of God can live in the freedom God intends...free to live forgiven in Jesus...free to live as His disciple...free to manage everything with joy and generosity...all so His purposes are accomplished and His mission enhanced.

How does Faith Aflame work? The Faith Aflame process begins with a 3 hour workshop involving me (Pastor) and key lay leaders (10 or more). The workshop is normally held on a Saturday morning from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon. The workshop uses media presentations, information sharing, discussion, and small group work to engage the learner.

Who leads the workshop? Leaders trained in the Faith Aflame process are available to do workshops in congregations.

What do we do after the initial workshop? After the workshop Our Redeemer commits either to begin the year long Faith Aflame process...or decides not to participate. If we participate, we would sign and submit the "Congregational Commitment Form" and then Stewardship Learning Communities are established.

What are Stewardship Learning Communities? A Stewardship Learning Community is a group of leaders (Pastor and 10 or more key lay leaders) who commit to meet together once a month for 9 months for 90 minutes each session. Its purpose is to further stewardship education among the leaders of the congregation. The Stewardship Learning Community functions as the place where stewardship leaders can reflect on God's Word...build relationships...plan for stewardship in their own lives and the life of Our Redeemer...hold each other accountable...and pray together. It serves as a place for the growth of individual participants and as a springboard for helping all members of Our Redeemer grow in this vital area of Christian discipleship.

What benefits can be expected as a result of participation in Faith Aflame? When we commit to this exciting program...and carry it through...We can expect...A leadership team that is committed to intentional, whole life, year round stewardship education in the congregation...Help for Church members to understand that they are stewards and not owners...Help and support for members to be generous with all that God has entrusted to their care....To become even more mission focused....A renewed understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

For more details, visit the Faith Aflame website: <http://faithaflame.lcms.org/>

Remembering George Michael Kunz

Beloved son of William and Barbara, treasured brother of Bill, cherished husband of Diana, loving father to Geordie and Michele Elizabeth, grandfather of MacKenzie Lauren Burns... was born in Teaneck, New Jersey on July 21, 1946, grew up in South Bend, Indiana, riding his bike all over the city to root out the next sand lot or impromptu game of baseball, soccer or football and lettering in wrestling.

His adventures continued when his family moved to Hawaii where his father (a Wright Brothers Medal winner, 1952) directed the

installation of the Pacific missile tracking stations. At Punahou School he lettered in soccer and discovered a passion for surfing. Diana met him at Purdue University where he was helping in the 'luggage lift', transporting freshman women's collections of shoes, sweaters and other belongings to their rooms, taking notes on possible future dates. Capitalizing on his love of buttered popcorn, Diana beguiled him in the student kitchenette of Warren Hall. They were married in 1968 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii where he was serving as a MACV advisor to the Montagnards in the highlands and was awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

A degree in Industrial Management with a Computer Science minor in hand, he began his nearly 35 year career with IBM, starting in marketing, then switching to systems engineering, moving to management and serving in the executive ranks as the General Manager of Service Delivery-Asia Pacific, living in Tokyo for five years and finishing his career in Chicago as an executive for the Sears account.

Retiring in 2006 in the islands he loved, he and Diana made a home in Hawaii Kai near his favorite body surfing site, Sandy Beach. He spent many happy hours riding the waves like a cork while Diana watched to see that he was not carried off to Australia by rip currents. Along the way his hobbies included rock and mineral hunting, gemstone faceting, family camping excursions, fishing, boating, woodworking and traveling all over the world.

His family will remember him for his quick wit, boyish charm, twinkling eyes, and boundless optimism. We entrust him to our Father's tender care, knowing that he is no longer suffering and is in the loving arms of our Savior, Jesus Christ. -- and a closing verse -- *The God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish and strengthen you. To Him be the dominion for ever and ever. 1 Peter 5: 10-11*



George on Kuliouou Ridge 1

Kunz Family Thank You

Diana and the family of George Kunz would like to thank the congregation for the many prayers, cards and notes, encouraging words, warm thoughts and the many kindnesses throughout his illness. The comfort and assurance of our redemption through faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, sustained us along the way. The loving support of so many people reinforced the message of salvation.

We would especially like to thank Pastor Betker and Pastor Karl Bachman for their assistance with the memorial service, Marcy Reginelli for assistance with the flowers and the following for providing goodies and help setting up a reception for after the service: Sharon Shinno, Betty Beringer, Sandy Stoutenberg, Peggy Pridegeon, Nelda Peterson, Lorine Pelletier and Marcy Reginelli.

Thanks also to the following members who have made contributions to the memorial fund for George which will be used to purchase a new communion wine flagon (pitcher): Nancy Beadle, Duane and Betty Beringer, Ruth Crockett, David and Gertraud Lau, Les and Lorine Pelletier, Nelda Peterson, Christobel Sanders and Sharon Shinno.

Rummage Sale Saturday November 26, 9 am to noon

Don't throw out that extra end table just yet! Our Redeemer will have its own rummage sale

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on Saturday, November 26, 9-noon. We need your household goods, clothing, books, etc.

Members may bring items to church no earlier than 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon, the 23rd. Workers are needed for Friday, the 25th to set up 10 a.m. on and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will also need vehicle(s) on Saturday to take any remaining items to Goodwill. We appreciate your donations and help.

Thank you in advance for donating and helping! Call the church office with your offer to help. Mahalo nui loa!

"On  the
Wilder
Side"

Brothers & Sisters
in Christ,
St
udents & Teachers
returned to begin
the Second Quarter
of the school year

on Monday, October 17, 2011.

On Wednesday, October 26, 2011 our day was filled with "Fall Festivities"---Oh what fun! It was our "Bi-Annual" Fall Festival.

The day began with Chapel, led by Principal Alle. Since it was the final Chapel of the Month, Student of the Month recipients were honored. In addition, students in Grades 3 through 8 who attained a 3.5 GPA or better for the first quarter received honor roll certificates. Students in Grades 3 through 8 who attained a 4.0 GPA received Principal Award Certificates. Wow; there were many!

Immediately following Chapel, the festivities began. Many teachers, including Pastor Carney, took a turn in the "Dunking Booth." There were lots of "hits" & some "misses." (I understand the water was very cold.) It was all done in the Spirit of fun!

Teachers, students, & parents joined us from the "Lower Campus." They reported that they had a wonderful time! It gave them an opportunity to interact, as well as to see and experience "the Wilder Side" Campus. (And indeed, it was a day of "Wild Excitement!")

The day's events concluded with "Are You Smarter Than an Our Redeemer Student?" Students in Grade 4 through 8 participated. The Students won! (Final score: Students 16, Parents 14.)

On Friday Evening, the "S" Force (6th through 8th Graders) enjoyed a Halloween Social.

November promises to be another busy month.

The Christmas Program Rehearsals are in "full swing." This year's Christmas Program was written by our very talented 3rd Grade Teacher, Nicole Nolting (she also wrote last year's play). This year's play is entitled, "The Holiday Hero."

(Please keep Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 7 P.M. open---Mamiya Theatre.)

Teachers will be involved in 3 In - Services during the month. Classroom Management, Time Management, and a Reading Workshop (presented by the Ware Group--- for Teachers in Grades K through 5).

Fifth through Eighth Grade students from Our Redeemer Lutheran will compete in a Cross Country Meet at Kaka'ako Park on Thursday, November 10, 2011. Our Redeemer Lutheran is the host school.

The Wilder Site, as well as the University Site, will host a Community Open House for Prospective Students on Sunday, November 13 between the hours of 2:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. . If you know of anyone who is looking for an Outstanding Christian School, please refer them to us. Mahalo nui loa for your kokua.

If you're in the mood to hear some good Music, please consider attending the Beginning Band & Beginning String Recital. The Recital will in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Elementary School Campus on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 @ 6:00 P.M.

Have a truly wonderful month!
God's Peace & Aloha,

Principal Alle
John 13:34 & 35

P.S. "Way Back in September" the "S" Force held a "Free Dress Day; it was very successful. We are most appreciative to everyone who participated. As a result, Our Redeemer school families donated 130 items of food and \$164.00 to the River of Life Mission.

Thank you for Fall Festival Kokua!

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
On Behalf of the Faculty, Staff, and Students of Our Redeemer Lutheran School, I would like to Thank those of you who donated your time, talents, and dollars toward the success of our Bi-Annual Fall Festival. We greatly appreciate all that you do to support our ministry.

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Sharing the Joy & Love of Jesus,
BonnieJo Alle
Principal

Prayer Chain – Ruth Crockett is

maintaining the prayer list. She can be reached at 946-4223 (please leave a message) or email crockett@lhshawaii.org . Requests for prayers via the Prayer Chain can continue to be called in to **Nelda Peterson** 923-4064.

Birthdays

Printing birthdays and anniversaries in the newsletter means they are posted on the world wide web.

Beginning this month, the newsletter will no longer print members' birthdays and anniversaries.

However, birthdays will continue to be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin's announcements.

Asia Ablaze -- News from our missionaries

The latest Asia ABLAZE Quarterly Newsletter is available at www.asiaablaze.org/newsletter.html. It is posted on the kiosk also. Exciting news of a new Concordia International School in Hanoi. It is the first 100% American-owned school in Hanoi. Also a Nebraska-based VBS in Asia, the Hong Kong Synod planting a church in Shenzhen, China and the success of a Taiwan-based preaching station in Myanmar. LCMS World Missions and partner synods throughout Asia are ABLAZE.

Tea with Donna Carney

On October 29, 23 persons welcomed Donna Carney to Manoa at an afternoon tea. Mahalo to all who attended and helped make it a success. Kudos to Waioli Tea Room for their gracious hospitality.



News
from
Lutheran
High

School:

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

Lutheran High School of Hawaii gives thanks...

for our families who stood by the high school they love;

for our faculty and staff who work tirelessly to maintain high academic standards and offer a full and varied co-curricular program;

for our students – the best in the state – who envelop each other with a feeling of ohana;

for our alumni who bolster *their* high school through monetary donations, positive web messages, and attendance at Homecoming events and reunions;

for our Athletic Booster Club and PTSO parents who ran the successful athletic rummage sale, Mega Car Wash and Movie Night I;

for our Campus Ministry Team, Praise Band I and Praise Band II, and their thought-provoking messages and joyful music;

for the staff and senior citizens at Hale Pulama Mau (a comprehensive long term care facility for older adults) who have welcomed the Class of 2012 each year since our students were freshmen;*

for the Moiliili, University, and Manoa communities who overwhelmed our storage areas with donations for the Leo Club's clothing drive on behalf of the United Palsy of Hawaii Foundation;

for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church whose support allows LHS to continue to share the message of Jesus.

For each new morning with its light,

For rest and shelter of the night,

For health and food,

For love and friends,

For everything Thy goodness sends.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

A blessed Thanksgiving from Lutheran High!

*(An annual service project, Lutheran students play balloon volleyball, sing karaoke, and share crafts with the residents of Hale Pulama Mau – *the House of Cherishing Care*. The Class of 2012 also gave away handmade lei, socks, hand-painted lion frames, lap blankets, facial tissues, handmade cards, and photos. While the staff enjoyed our presentations and the residents were grateful for the time we shared with them, it was the seniors who came away with so much more from the experience.)

November Scripture Readings

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November 6 - All Saints' Day (observed)

[Revelation 7:9-17](#)

[1 John 3:1-3](#)

[Matthew 5:1-12](#)

November 13 - Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

[Isaiah 52:1-6](#)

[1 Thess 4:13-18](#)

[Matthew 25:1-13](#)

November 20 - Last Sunday in the Church Year

[Ezekiel 34:11-16](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:20-28](#)

[Matthew 27:27-31](#)

November 27 - First Sunday in Advent

[Isaiah 64:1-9](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:3-9](#)

[Mark 13:24-37](#)

Links

Sunday Scripture Readings:

<http://www.lcms.org/Document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=293>

Lectionary at lunch - lectures from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

<http://www.csl.edu/resources/lectionary/>

Lectionary Summaries:

<http://www.lcms.org/page.aspx?pid=449>

New outreach from Our Redeemer

Pastor reports that confirmation classes have begun for military dependents at JBPHH – that's the new acronym for Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.

Also, the campus ministry for students at the University of Hawaii, Manoa is being reenergized.

Church Directory

If you haven't already, please pick up your new church directory from your mailbox in the Aloha Room. If you didn't get one or don't have a mailbox please contact Sandie Stoutenburg at 282-8962; email at ssoutenburg@hawaii.rr.com; snail mail at 2115 Ala Wai Blvd # 1403, Honolulu, HI 96815. Also, in an attempt to keep up with additions and changes, Sandie will publish an addendum with all the new information on a regular basis so please get any information to her as soon as possible. Also, any information you would like the church to have a record of but do not want published, let her know by putting DNS on this

information and it will not be published. If you have any questions please contact Sandie. Thank You.

Celebration of Thanksgiving

The 24th of November is the date this year. When we take the time to count the material blessings the Lord has heaped upon us, we are overwhelmed with thanksgiving. When we add to that the spiritual gifts our Lord and Savior has given us it is just too much to comprehend. Thanksgiving is a daily thing. Yet once a year we are reminded of that, as we come together to thank the Lord. People all over the world say "Thank you" to God.

In Japan its arigato ahree-gah-toh

Mandarin Chinese - xie xie syeh syeh

Korean - kamsa hamnida kahm-sah-ham-nee-da

Spanish - gracias gra-see-us

Tagalog - salamadpo sah-lah-maht-poh

Hawaiian - we all know Mahalo

--God understands all these and many more ways to say 'thank you'.

Mahalo from the River of Life Mission

Mahalo to all those who walked or ran or donated money to support the mission. As of this writing, we don't know how many participants there were or how much money was raised. We appreciate your continued support of the mission.

Our November Focus for River of Life

Each year in November we display food items in our sanctuary. Our focus in November is any type of food in cans, boxes, bottles etc. You can bring it anytime during the month. We will display it on Thanksgiving Day and the service on Sunday the 27th. Your generosity is much appreciated. It is another way to thank the Lord for His blessings to each of us.

Thanksgiving Trivia.

Which state produced the most turkeys in 2010 and how many? Can you guess? It was Minnesota with 47 million. North Carolina came in second with 31 million.

Defending Liberty and Freedom - Honoring all who Served

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the armistice announced when the

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World War I hostilities ended between the Allied Nations and Germany. Since that date, veterans of the military services are honored for their service to their country. In 1938, the practice of honoring those who served became a national holiday - Armistice Day - 11 November. In 1954 after WWII and the Korean War the name was changed to Veterans Day. On this national holiday we honor those who have died and those men and women who are alive who have served and those who are even now defending liberty and freedom..

Save the Date!

Sunday November 13 -- Community Open House for the pre school, the elementary school and Lutheran High School, Sunday, November 13 from 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 16, at 6:00 P.M. – a recital by the Our Redeemer School's Beginning Band & Beginning String players. The Recital will be in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Elementary School Campus.

Wednesday December 7, – the Our Redeemer Lutheran School Christmas program "The Holiday Hero." At 7 PM at Mamiya Theater in Kaimuki. This year's Christmas Program was written by our very talented 3rd Grade Teacher, Nicole Nolting.

New Year Cleaning of the Sanctuary

As the new year looms, many families urgently clean their houses and catch up on housekeeping. Traditionally, the church year begins with Advent - four Sundays before Christmas. Join us on Saturday November 5th as we prepare the sanctuary to celebrate His Birth.

Worship Care Meeting Saturday November 5th at 9 am

The Worship Care committee will hold its semi-annual meeting on Saturday November 5 at 9:00 am. If you are not a member of the worship care committee but would like to know of the committee's responsibilities, please come to the meeting. Following a short meeting, the worship care committee will be sprucing up the church.

We are asking for help for this clean up. See Nelda Peterson or Sharon Shinno if you are able to lend a hand. A meal and fellowship will be shared after the clean up.

November 2011

30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		All Saints' Day 6:30pm Board of Education	8:30am ORLS School Chapel 4pm LHS Hula 4- 5 p.m.	8:27am LHS Chapel	5:30pm Refresh Ministry 5:30-10 pm	9am Worship Care Meeting
6 All Saints Sunday 9am Worship with ORLS Choir 10:30am Sunday School and Bible Class 11:30am Japane se Language Fellowship and Bible Study	7 Veterans' Day Week	8 Veterans' Day Week 6:15pm Board of Directors	9 Veterans' Day Week 8:30am ORLS Chapel 4pm LHS Hula 4-5 p.m.	10 Veterans' Day Week Martin Luther, Born 1483 8:27am LHS Chapel	11 Veterans' Day Week Veterans' Day - No School	12 9am LHS Athletics Car Wash 1pm LHS Hula 1-2:30 p.m.
13 9am Worship with Communion and Worship Care Dedication 10:30am Sunday School and Bible Class 2pm Community Open House at ORLS and LHS	14	15	16 8:30am ORLS Chapel 4pm LHS Hula 4-5 p.m. 6pm Recital ORLS Beginning Band and Beginning Strings	17 8:40am LHS and Middle School Chapel	18 5:30pm Refresh Ministry 5:30-10 pm	19 1pm LHS Hula 1-2:30 p.m.
20 LHS Sunday at Our Savior, Aiea 9am Worship with Communion 10:30am Sunday School and Bible Class	21	22	23 8:30am ORLS School Chapel 4pm LHS Hula 4-5 p.m.	24 Thanksgiving Holiday ORLS and LHS 10am Worship	25 Thanksgiving Holiday ORLS and LHS	26 9 am Rummage Sale at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
27 First Sunday in Advent 9am Worship with Communion 10:30am Sunday School and Bible Class	28	29	30 8:30am ORLS Chapel 6pm Advent Soup Supper 7:15pm Advent worship	1	2	3 9am Erect Nativity Scene, Lights, and Christmas Decorations at Church 9-12 noon

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Reading 1	Revelation 7:9-17	Isaiah 52:1-6	Ezekiel 34:11-16	Isaiah 64:1-9
Lector 2	Richard Lachmann	Charles Fox	Willie Williams	Emily Meier
Reading 2	1 John 3:1-3	1 Thess 4:13-18	1 Corinthians 15:20-28	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
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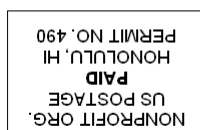
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