



## Thoughts and Ponderings from Pastor...

This is going to be an interesting few weeks...the beginning of January, I will be playing in the sand here in Ewa Beach...no, not my golf game...although I do spend a lot of time in the sand!...and then the weekend of January 8th I'll be playing in the snow as I will be with our family in Northwest Indiana for our Grandson's baptism!

Anyway...

...been thinking about the New Year...and how people use this time to make resolutions...and it got me thinking...

...A while back...something wonderful and dramatic happened at a subway station in East Harlem NYC...a grocery clerk risked his life to save another person.

You see...a man suffered a seizure and fell onto the tracks below. With a Number 6 train fast approaching...the grocer leaped onto the tracks...and lifted the unconscious man onto the platform.

What motivated this act of self-sacrificing bravery? A burning love for other people? A deep sense of Spiritual connection with other people? When asked what led him to risk his life for someone else...the grocer said...**I knew that if the guy got hit, I would not make it to work for a couple of hours. And it was Sunday...and on Sunday they pay me time and a half.** Seriously...he said that!

Now...it may disappoint us that the hero was motivated...not by love of people...but by salary. And yes...the guy on the platform still was saved. For him...the motivation of his rescuer really wasn't relevant.

We Spiritual folk often fret over motivation. We never want to do **the right thing for the wrong reason.** Lutherans may worry about motives more than other Christians. After all...our great teacher...Martin Luther...talked about how we are to fulfill God's law **with a free and merry spirit**...not out of a sense of mere duty.

He said that we serve God because we are **intoxicated with His love**...and pointed out that a star shines simply because it is a star...so also...we are motivated to serve God simply because we are believers...not because of duty or fear.

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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

*Japanese Language Fellowship and Bible Study:* 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

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

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And the ideal motivation for doing good IS love...love prompted by the Holy Spirit. **Love is the fulfilling of the law**...Paul said in Romans. To be fair to our subway hero...there was love in his heroism...he wanted to earn money to buy Christmas gifts for his son.

Yet...sometimes the Bible entertains the idea that great 'good' can come even from less than ideal motives. When Jonah preached to the Ninevites it wasn't because he loved them. Indeed...he despised them. But he proclaimed God's Word to them because...God told him to...and...he didn't want to get swallowed by a whale again! So Jonah was operating...not out of love...but a mixture of fear and duty.

Yet the Ninevites still repented and were saved. Paul...in Philippians...talks about those who...**proclaim Jesus out of selfish ambition rather than pure motives (1:17)**...but then he goes on to say...**whether in pretense or in truth, Jesus is proclaimed and in this I rejoice (1:18)**. So God...it seems...can work with less than noble motives.

A cartoon about motivation shows 2 departed saints standing on a cloud...one of them...with a mischievous smile on his face...is leaning over the edge of the cloud with a rock in his hand...the other says to him...**you mean you lived a life of virtue and Spirituality, full of good works and kindness, just so you could come up here and drop things on people?**

That may be taking things a bit too far! After all...we are not saved by good works...but by the blood of Jesus.

But I do think that we sometimes worry too much about motivation. I am sympathetic with Alfred Hitchcock...who once was shooting a film with a 'method actor'...and the actor...who was trying to 'get into his character's psyche'...asked Hitchcock...**what's my motivation in this scene?** To which Hitchcock replied...**Your paycheck!**

Yes...this is the time of year when we make New Year's resolutions...and we also look for motivation to carry out those resolutions. The ideal motivation is Spirit-driven love...as Paul and Luther reminds us.

However...since we are not perfect in this life...we may sometimes have to fall back on Jonah-type motivation...like duty or fear.

Let's say we make a health-based resolution...perhaps involving dieting or smoking or drinking. The best motivation for such a resolution is **LOVE**.

You love God...you rejoice that He has saved you in Jesus...and you want to please Him by giving Him greater control of your life. That's a wonderful motive. But when that motive falters...it's okay to fall back on duty...You don't feel a great rush of love...but you realize

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that God wants more moderation in your life...so you do it in obedience to God. And if duty falters...then you can fall back on fear...if you don't change your habits...you may have some physical problems...so you'd better do it.

A resolution for Spiritual improvement can be similarly motivated.

Let's say you resolve to pray more...or attend worship more. Ideally...you will do this out of love for God...you long to spend more time in His joyful presence. But when that motive falters...you can think about duty...God wants you to pray...God wants you to worship Him...you may not always feel like it...but you are going to do it...because it is the right thing to do. If even duty falters to spur you...you can think about fear...not fear of going to hell or getting 'zapped'...but fear of disappointing the God who saved you in Jesus.

The one thing we should **NEVER** do is think our motives are not pure...so I'm not going to do it. If we postpone action until our motives are pure...we may never accomplish anything!

There is a phrase from Alcoholics Anonymous that I like...**fake it till you make it**. In other words...do the right thing...even if you don't feel it inside. It may sound insincere...but it's a realistic philosophy for us imperfect people.

I rejoice that we belong to a God whose motives are always pure...who loves us with an unselfish, compassionate love...the love we encounter in the cross of Jesus.

May His Spirit continually motivate us to serve and obey Him.

### **Just my Thoughts and Ponderings!**

Pastor  
Luke 1;37

### **Guest Column Komments from Kyrgyzstan by Caroline Steele**

Dear Friends,

A medical trailer has been sponsored by LCMS and the U of Wisconsin medical school as well as the Orphan Grain Train. It spends time in various villages treating mainly women and children and includes 2 dental chairs. Local doctors care for patients but occasionally foreign doctors may help. When I visited it, it was preparing to depart for Bishkek for the winter months. It has been operating for 12 years and is just as beautiful inside as if it were brand new.

Those of you who remember Sputnik launching us into the Space Age may not be aware of it, but that launch

took place in Kyrgyzstan which was part of Russia at that time. I'm in awe!

One day I put my "shopping list" in my shopping bag to go to the store. It consisted of an empty Nescafe coffee tin, a clothes pin, a napkin and a candle holder. Since there are no supermarkets in my area, I took these to the store next to my apartment building and placed the coffee tin on the counter. The clerk brought me a tin of Nescafe coffee. I put the clothes pin on the counter and she brought me some clothes pins. I laid the napkin on the counter and she brought me a package of napkins. I pointed to the place where the candle goes in the candle holder and she brought me a candle. Who says I can't communicate!

I'm enjoying my home schooling assignment especially because I get to read all the literature along with my students. I'm especially enjoying our study of poetry and Kayla and Noah seem to be enjoying it also, especially looking for the rhythm, rhyme and special language. My home schooling includes math and I constantly amaze myself in that department, actually explaining irrational numbers recently.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers and please continue supporting me in this way.

Blessings, Caroline

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### News Items

**Offering** Financial Report for November 2011: Total offering for November 2011 (includes Thanksgiving

and Advent) - \$15,495.00

Proceeds from Rummage Sale (November 26, 2011) - \$304.00

MEMORIAL GIFT - Additional memorial gifts were received in memory of George Kunz for the purchase of a flagon. Gifts totaling \$250.00 were received in November from: Claudia Knowlton, Pamela Hacker, Joe and Viki Dundon, Prudence McCabe, Ann Mendleson, Marilyn and William Kunz.

### News from the Board of Directors

The sale of the parsonage progressed quickly. The buyers wanted to close on Friday, December 23.

The Stewardship Board is collecting the yellow surveys distributed in the Aloha Room mailboxes.

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Information from the surveys will be put into a database for finding help when we need it.

We have not yet heard from District regarding the stewardship program Faith Aflame.

### On the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas ... What goes up - must come down!

This is true for apples, balloons, lights and Nativity scenes. Once again we ask for your help in removing the lights and Christmas decorations and the nativity scene. This is almost as big a job as putting everything up. The items need to be cleaned and/or prepared for storage.

If you can help for a few hours on Saturday, 7 January, please come around 9 am. Mahalo!

### "Ring Christmas bells, merrily ring..." - Hand Bell Choir Starts January 9, 2012

Soon at Our Redeemer we are going to have bells ringing every week!

Handbells, that is.

A handbell choir is a team of people that makes music together just like a person plays the piano. With handbells, each bell represents one note or one key that you would find on a piano. Each person in the choir is responsible for two bells or two keys of the piano. Together, the handbell choir covers all the notes and makes music just like any other instrument.

If this sounds interesting or enjoyable to you, please consider joining! We will be practicing every Monday from 6-7 pm in the sanctuary at Our Redeemer.

No experience is necessary, just be willing to try something new, have fun, and ring praise to our Lord!

Please email the director, Emily Meier, at [Meier@lhshawaii.org](mailto:Meier@lhshawaii.org) or talk to Pastor Carney if you would like to join.

We would love to have you!

Don't forget- the first practice is Monday January 9th.

"On  the Wilder Side"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Happy New Year!

I hope that each of you had a Joyous Christmas.

Students, teachers, and staff return to begin our second semester of the 2011/2012 school year on January 4, 2012. We're half way through the school year---it's rapidly moving along!

On Thursday, January 5, 2012, qualifying students in Grades 4 through 8 will be involved in a Spelling Bee to determine who will represent our school at the District

Level "Bee." The District Level Spelling is usually held in March.

Our school Spelling Bee is coordinated by Mr. William Schriefer 6th Grade Homeroom/Jr. High Language Arts Teacher.

On Wednesday, January 11, 2012, (after chapel) there will be a Geography Bee for qualifying students in 5th through 8th grade. The "winning student" will then be required to take a written Geography Test which will be sent to & scored by the National Geographic Society. The score received will determine whether the student will qualify for the State Geography Bee. The State Geography Bee is held in April.

The Geography Bee is coordinated by Mrs. Lorine Pelletier, 7th Grade Homeroom/Jr. High Social Studies Teacher.

We will have a Community Open House for Prospective Students on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Please spread the word! Mahalo.

On Thursday, January 26, 2012, 4th through 6th graders will enjoy a play production entitled "The Lion Dance" at the Honolulu Theatre for Youth.

The School Choir, directed by Ms. Christine Eilers, will sing praises to our Lord on Sunday, January 29, 2012 (9:00 A.M. Worship Service).

Meanwhile, amongst all of this, Our Redeemer Lutheran Elementary School will be preparing for our "Mid term" Accreditation Visit which will be on March 12 & 13, 2012.

Have a great month!  
God's Peace & Aloha,  
Principal Alle  
John 13:34 & 35

## from the Lion's Den

### News from Lutheran High School

*Blue and White Days – Connect, Celebrate, Remember.* January is Homecoming month at Lutheran High School of Hawaii. Current students listen and learn as recent graduates "come home" to share their college experiences and established alumni return to the "hallowed halls" to talk about their careers.

Acceptance letters begin to appear in seniors' mailboxes, too. **John Good**, senior class president, got into the college of his choice – the prestigious Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Yes, John wants to be a pilot. **Aaron Lee** was accepted to UH-Hilo and **Lauren Haas** to Chaminade. Congratulations, seniors!

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Mrs. **Ruth Crockett**, College Counselor, and Dr. **Frank Lutz**, Academic Dean, have organized a comprehensive college and career and testing program.

### COLLEGE AND CAREER PROGRAM OUTLINE

#### Grade 9

Killing your Grade Point Average (GPA)

Thinking about college: study habits

Thinking about college: responsible behavior

Success—It's not just money

#### Grade 10

Introduction to *Exploring Careers* and the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) (before the test)

Finding your interest (survey)

*Exploring Careers*: exploring your values

*Exploring Careers*: pinpointing two careers

Options after high school; college student's schedule; starting salaries

#### Grade 11

Sequence of post-secondary education (Baccalaureate & Graduate programs)

Sources of college information, selecting a college, the admission process

Filling out a college application

Financial aid sources and types

#### Grade 12

Career goals: types of goals, errors made in setting goals, elements of a career plan

Occupation, job, and career definitions

Inventory of work traits

10 things your first boss wants you to know; Do you have a great attitude?

### January 2012 Scripture Readings

January 1 - Circumcision and Name of Jesus

[Num. 6:22-27](#)

[Gal. 3:23-29](#)

[Luke 2:21](#)

January 8 - The Baptism of Our Lord

[Gen. 1:1-5](#)

[Rom. 6:1-11](#)

[Mark 1:4-11](#)

January 15

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

[1 Sam. 3:1-10](#)

[1 Cor. 6:12-20](#)

[John 1:43-51](#)

January 22

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

[Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#)

[1 Cor. 7:29-31](#)

[Mark 1:14-20](#)

January 29

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

[Deut. 18:15-20](#)

[1 Cor. 8:1-13](#)

[Mark 1:21-28](#)

If you are using Microsoft Word and have an internet connection, you can read the text if you hold down the control key and click on the scripture reference – it is a hyperlink. If the link does not work, please copy the reference and visit <http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/> Paste the reference in the Enter Passage box and select English Standard Version.

## Lectionary summaries

Each week, LCMS Worship publishes Lectionary Summaries. Each essay provides a thematic summary of the readings for each Sunday and festival, as well as a description of how the readings fit into the particular season of the Church Year, where appropriate. They will normally be posted two to four weeks in advance. Please visit: <http://www.lcms.org/page.aspx?pid=449>. In addition, if you sign up on myLCMS, you can receive email updates. Here are summaries for the coming month:

### January 1, 2012 - THE FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS

[Num. 6:22-27](#)

[Gal. 3:23-29](#)

[Luke 2:21](#)

*The Lord Jesus is Circumcised to Fulfill the Law and Shed His Blood for Us-* Circumcision, the covenant God made with Abraham and his Seed, sealed His promises and blessings in the flesh, but it also signified the burden of the Law. When the Lord Jesus came in the flesh to redeem His people, He subjected Himself to that Law in order to fulfill the Law and release all people from its bondage. “*He was called Jesus*” (Luke 2:21), because He came to save His people from their sins. Jesus first shed His blood on our behalf when “*He was circumcised*” (Luke 2:21), thus foreshadowing His shedding of blood as He sacrificed Himself upon the Cross. We are “*justified by faith*” in His blood (Gal. 3:24).

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Therefore, we “*are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise*” (Gal. 3:29), not by the circumcision of our flesh, but in the flesh and blood of Christ Jesus, the true Seed of Abraham. “*Baptized into Christ,*” we belong to Him and are clothed and covered by His righteousness (Gal. 3:27). Holy Baptism is the true circumcision made without hands, by which the Lord Jesus puts His Name on us and blesses us (Num. 6:22, 27).

## Epiphany

### January 6, 2012- THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

[Isaiah 60:1-6](#)

[Ephesians 3:1-12](#)

[Matthew 2:1-12](#)

#### *The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son -*

The Feast of the Epiphany centers on the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect it is the “Thirteenth Day” of Christmas, and yet it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the Incarnation of our Lord—on God becoming flesh—the Epiphany and its season emphasize the manifestation, or self-revelation, of God in the flesh of Jesus Christ. The Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true Light (Is. 60:1-2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be proclaimed within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8-10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ-Child with His Mother in the house (Matt. 2:5-11), so He also calls disciples from all nations, through the preaching of His Word, to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3-6). With gold they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

### January 8, 2012 - THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

[Gen. 1:1-5](#)

[Rom. 6:1-11](#)

[Mark 1:4-11](#)

*In Holy Baptism, the Holy Triune God Reveals Himself and Recreates Us in His Image - “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1). Then, as “the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters” (Gen. 1:2), God spoke His Word: “‘Let there be light,’ and there was light”*

(Gen. 1:3). In the same way “*the beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ*” (Mark 1:1) brings about the New Creation through the waters of Baptism by the same Word and Spirit of God. When John the Baptist came, “*proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,*” Jesus also came “*and was baptized by John in the Jordan*” (Mark 1:4, 9).

Although He had no sins of His own, He took His stand with sinners in His Baptism and took the sins and mortality of the world upon Himself. He was baptized into His own death, by which the heavens are opened and the Spirit is given to us. God the Father is well-pleased with His beloved Son and raises Him from the dead. As we share His Baptism and are “*united with Him in a death like His*” (Rom. 6:5), we also share His resurrection unto “*newness of life*” (Rom. 6:4).

January 15, 2012 - THE SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

[1 Sam. 3:1-10](#)

[1 Cor. 6:12-20](#)

[John 1:43-51](#)

***The Lord God Is with You and Reveals Himself to You by the Preaching of His Word*** - The Lord Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to “*come and see*” that He is “*the Son of God*” and “*the King of Israel*” (John 1:43–49). And they shall see even “*greater things than these*” (John 1:50). For His Body is the Temple of God on earth, and by His priestly sacrifice the heavens will be opened to all who believe and are baptized into Him. Therefore, He calls Philip and Nathanael, first to hear His Word and then to speak as Apostles, even as He once called Samuel and established him “*as a prophet of the Lord*” (1 Sam. 3:20). As the Lord was with the Samuel “*and let none of his words fall to the ground*” (1 Sam. 3:19), He also accompanies and upholds the preachers of His Word in our day. Thus, by the Gospel that is preached to you, “*your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you*” (1 Cor. 6:19). Since your body thus belongs to the Body of Christ, is meant “*for the Lord,*” and shall be raised up like Him, now “*glorify God in your body*” (1 Cor. 6:13–20).

January 22, 2012 - THE THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

[Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#)

[1 Cor. 7:29-31](#)

[Mark 1:14-20](#)

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***The Lord Calls Us to Himself by the Preaching of Repentance in His Name*** - When “*the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time,*” sending him to preach judgment against the great city of Nineveh, “*Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord*” (Jonah 3:3). By this preaching, the people were brought to repentance. Because they “*believed God,*” as He spoke to them through His prophet, “*they turned from their evil way*” and were spared “*the disaster that He had said He would do to them*” (Jonah 3:5, 10). St. Paul also warns that “*the appointed time has grown very short*” (1 Cor. 7:29). Therefore, while we live in this world and deal with it, we are not to cling to it, nor put our trust in it, for “*the present form of this world is passing away*” (1 Cor. 7:31). Rather, give “*your undivided devotion to the Lord*” (1 Cor. 7:35). When our Lord Jesus Christ comes and is proclaimed in the Gospel, “*the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand*” (Mark 1:14–15). Therefore, He still calls men and sends them to become “*fishers of men*” with the net of that Gospel (Mark 1:17).

January 29, 2012 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

[Deut. 18:15-20](#)

[1 Cor. 8:1-13](#)

[Mark 1:21-28](#)

***Our Lord Jesus Christ, True God in the Flesh, Cleanses Our Consciences from Sin*** - As He promised, the Lord our God has raised up “*a Prophet*” like Moses, namely Jesus, our brother in the flesh. “*To Him you shall listen,*” because the Word of the Lord is “*in His mouth*” (Deut 18:15–18). Indeed, He is more than a prophet and more than a scribe of the Scriptures; He is the incarnate Word, and He speaks “*a new teaching with authority*” (Mark 1:22, 27). He enters “*the synagogue*” of His Church and provides true Sabbath rest, using His authority to silence and cast out “*even the unclean spirits*” (Mark 1:21–27). By His Word of the Cross He removes the accusations of the law and of the devil, and He cleanses our consciences before God the Father, “*from whom are all things and for whom we exist.*” Hence, we are now set free from bondage and commended to God by the one Lord, Jesus Christ, “*through whom are all things and through whom we exist*” (1 Cor. 8:6). Therefore, use your freedom to care for your brothers and sisters, neither causing them to stumble nor wounding their consciences (1

Cor 8:9–12), but cleansing and strengthening them with the Gospel.

### Links - Sunday Scripture Readings:

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

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

<http://concordiatheology.org/lalp/> [Note the new link with new features]

## January Commemorations

### What are commemorations?

In addition to the list of Sundays and seasons (e.g., Advent, Nativity of Our Lord, etc.) that has always appeared in our church year calendars, there has also appeared a group of observances called "Minor Festivals" (e.g., Annunciation of Our Lord; St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist; etc.). These festivals typically include events in the life of Christ, as well as individuals who joined Christ in his earthly ministry. The list of Minor Festivals in Lutheran Worship included, however, several individuals who do not fall into this category (e.g., Martin Luther, C.F.W. Walther, St. Laurence). More properly, they belong in a category known as "commemorations."

Lutheran Service Book includes a significantly expanded calendar of commemorations. This calendar is separate from that of the Minor Festivals.

Commemorations are days set aside over the course of the year as opportunities to remember some of the Christian men and women who have gone before us in the faith. The dates for these commemorations are usually chosen to coincide with the earthly death of these faithful men and women, which is often referred to as their "heavenly birthday."

We honor the memory of these saints, not as those who are "dead and gone," but as those who are very much alive forevermore in Christ Jesus. We honor not what they did during their earthly life, but what God worked in and through them to his glory. We remember them by giving attention to the Word of God, which nurtured and sustained them in the faith on their pilgrimage from this life into the courts of heaven. Finally, we pray with thanksgiving to God in Christ for the mercy he has shown to his people of all times and places. As in all things in the church,

these commemorations resound to the praise and honor of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This month we celebrate the following commemorations:

### **January 2 - J. K. Wilhelm Loehe, Pastor -**

Although he never left Germany, Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, born in Fuerth in 1808, had a profound impact on the development of Lutheranism in North America. Serving as pastor in the Bavarian village of Neuendettelsau, he recognized the need for workers in developing lands and assisted in training emergency helpers to be sent as missionary pastors to North America, Brazil, and Australia. A number of the men he sent to the United States became founders of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Through his financial support, a theological school was established in Fort Wayne, Ind., and a teachers' institute in Saginaw, Mich. Loehe was known for his confessional integrity and his interest in liturgy and catechetics. His devotion to works of Christian charity led to the establishment of a deaconess training house and homes for the aged.

### **January 10 - Basil the Great of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, Gregory of Nyssa -**

Basil and the two Gregorays, collectively known as the Cappadocian Fathers, were leaders of Christian orthodoxy in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) in the later fourth century. Basil and Gregory of Nyssa were brothers; Gregory of Nazianzus was their friend. All three were influential in shaping the theology ratified by the Council of Constantinople of 381, which is expressed in the Nicene Creed. Their defense of the doctrines of the Holy Spirit and Holy Trinity, together with their contributions to the liturgy of the Eastern Church, make them among the most influential Christian teachers and theologians of their time.

**January 20 – Sarah -** Sarah was the wife (and half-sister) of the Hebrew patriarch Abraham (Gen. 11:29; 20:12). In obedience to divine command (Gen. 12:1), she made the long and arduous journey west, along with her husband and his relatives, from Ur of the Chaldees to Haran and then finally to the land of Canaan. She remained childless until old age. Then, in keeping with God's long-standing promise, she gave birth to a son and heir of the covenant (Gen. 21:1-3). She is remembered and honored as the wife of Abraham and the mother of Isaac, the second of the three patriarchs. She is also favorably noted for her

hospitality to strangers (Gen. 18:1-8). Following her death at the age of 127, she was laid to rest in the Cave of Machpelah (Gen. 49:13), where her husband was later buried.

### **January 27 - John Chrysostom, Preacher**

- Given the added name of Chrysostom, which means "golden-mouthed" in Greek, Saint John was a dominant force in the fourth-century Christian church. Born in Antioch around the year 347, John was instructed in the Christian faith by his pious mother, Anthusa. After serving in a number of Christian offices, including acolyte and lector, John was ordained a presbyter and given preaching responsibilities. His simple but direct messages found an audience well beyond his home town. In 398, John Chrysostom was made Patriarch of Constantinople. His determination to reform the church, court, and city there brought him into conflict with established authorities. Eventually, he was exiled from his adopted city. Although removed from his parishes and people, he continued writing and preaching until the time of his death in 407. It is reported that his final words were: "Glory be to God for all things. Amen."

### **River of Life Mission Collection for January**

December - the time for giving. November - we focus on thanking God for all his blessings. In both cases you were so very generous. The River of Life personnel thank you time and again for the way Our Redeemer folks support them and their clients. Our goal in January is to continue to support the homeless and near homeless on Oahu with cans of fruit and/or vegetables. As always, anything that you can give is welcomed. The number of homeless continue to grow especially in winter. Double Mahalo!

### **Trouble retrieving GoodNews from the web? Try these tips**

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<http://www.calendars.net/otherurls.htm>; retrieved December 9, 2011]

### **Baptisms of Major Hawaiian Ali'i**

In January, as we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, we can look back through the eyes of Rianna Williams as she describes the baptisms of the ancient Hawaiian royalty.

On September 16, 1823, Queen Keopuolani was baptized an hour before she died by Protestant Missionary William Ellis at Lahaina, Maui. Queen Keopuolani was one of the first converts to Christianity. She was the sacred wife of King Kamehameha I and the mother of King Kamehameha II and King Kamehameha III.

In 1825, Queen Ka'ahumanu, a wife of King Kamehameha II, took the lead in promoting the work of the Protestant missionaries. That year, she received communion from Rev. Hiram Bingham at Kawaiaha'o Church.

In 1862, Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV founded Honolulu's St. Andrew's Cathedral, one of the oldest Episcopal cathedrals in the United States. This brought the Anglican, later Episcopalian, church to Hawai'i. But the king and queen were eager to be confirmed even before the cathedral was complete. So it was that the august ceremony took place in a humbler temporary structure when Anglican Bishop Thomas Nettleship Staley

confirmed Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV into the Anglican church.

Also in 1862, Albert Edward, Prince of Hawai'i, the son of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV was baptized at the age of four, just four days before he died. In accordance with the family's preference the prince was baptized under the ritual of the Church of England at Kawaiaha'o Church by Congregational minister Rev. Ephraim W. Clark.

St. Andrews Cathedral continued to play an important role in the spiritual lives of King Kalakaua and his wife, Queen Kapi'olani, his sister Princess Likelike, his niece, Princess Ka'iulani, and his nephews Prince Kuhio and Prince Kawanakoa. They were all confirmed in the Anglican/Episcopal church there.

In 1896, notwithstanding that she had previously attended Kawaiaha'o Church, Queen Lili'uokalani was given a hypothetical baptism into the Anglican church by Anglican Bishop Alfred Willis. (A hypothetical baptism is done when the certainty of an earlier baptism cannot be ascertained.) [Compiled by Rianna M. Williams, 2009. Author of *From Royal Garden to Gothic Splendor, The History of St. Andrew's Cathedral* (1996); *Deaths and Funerals of Major Hawaiian Ali'i* (2000); *Kaumakapili Church* (2006).]

## Emily Meier – New Teacher, New Member

Emily Meier joined Our Redeemer on the 27th of November and began teaching in Lutheran High School in August. Emily was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri. She attended the Lutheran High School in KC and graduated from Concordia University Wisconsin with degrees in German, Spanish and Education. To help hone her language ability she spent one semester in Germany and one in Spain in addition to three other trips to Germany.



She spent two of her college spring breaks on Mission trips in Mexico building houses and practicing her Spanish. Emily took a two-week mission trip to southern India with the Bethania Kids; an off shoot of a disaster relief that turned into an orphanage and day care center. It is evident that Emily has been able to combine her love of travel with helping projects.

Emily also enjoys playing volleyball and learning languages. She has already taken a class in Hawaiian language and has learned American Sign Language to interact with her cousin's wife.

Another interest is her love for playing handbells. She is hoping to organize and direct a handbell choir at Our Redeemer.

Please join her on January 9<sup>th</sup> for the first rehearsal.

At Lutheran High School, Emily teaches Christian Life and Spanish and quickly became an integral part of the faculty.

Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13 – in English, German and Spanish: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me...Ich vermag alles durch Christus, der mich mächtig macht...Todo lo puedo en Cristo que me fortalece."

We are pleased that Emily is on our faculty and is positively impacting the youth in our school. We are likewise pleased to have Emily as a part of our ORLC ohana.

## Sandra Stoutenburg – Stalwart Volunteer

Sandra (Sandie) Stoutenburg (nee Francis) was born and lived in rural Minnesota until she and her parents and sister moved to Salem, Oregon. After

high school she began her career working for the State of Oregon, married her husband, Gene, and after 11 plus years they moved to Hawaii. Two years later Gene wasn't as enamored with Hawaii as Sandie was.



They moved

back to Salem and returned to working for the state. Sandie retired in 1998 due in part to her parent's declining health. A few years later, her fiance also needed care due to Crohn's disease. Within two years her father, her fiance and her mother all passed away. Sandie then returned to Hawaii in 2005.

Sandie has several interests. While in Salem she had a pet boa constrictor named "Julius Squeezer". Oregon State University gave her all the mice she needed to keep Julius fed and happy. One of Sandie's more traditional interests is traveling. She traveled extensively throughout Europe, toured Australia, two cruises through the Caribbean, one cruise from CA to FL via the Panama Canal and this year she had an exciting tour of India. She likes to read, suntan and takes regular 'recycle walks'.

She washes the cans and bottles and donates them to the church youth. Reuseable clothing, shoes, towels, and other items she mends, washes and donates to the River of Life. Sandie loves all things Hawaiian - from music to history.

Sandie has had several battles with cancer, her third bout was a treatment resistant type of non-Hodgkins lymphoma for which she was sent to the

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle which is world famous for bone marrow transplant treatments. She was approved for their experimental program using bone marrow transplants to treat lymphoma and became the first survivor of this program and thanks her Lord and Savior that she is free of cancer to this day. She also has two malfunctioning heart valves which eventually will have to be replaced but for now can control her symptoms with medications.

She continues to enjoy her life here in Hawaii. Sandie was been a past chair of worship care, served as Church Secretary on a volunteer basis and is the first to help on all sorts of church activities from rummage sales to soup suppers. She has positively impacted Our Redeemer and we are pleased that she serves her Lord as part of our Ohana.

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## Serving This Month

### WorshipCare: Sharon Shinno

Date	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29
<b>Festival</b>	Circumcision and Name of Jesus	The Baptism of Our Lord	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
<b>Worship Assistants</b>	Sharon Shinno, Stephen Okumura	Richard Thompson, Turro Wongkaren	Clarence Delude, Stephen Okumura	Sharon Shinno, Richard Thompson	Turro Wongkaren, Clarence Delude
<b>Ushers</b>	Lester Pelletier, William Schriefer	Matthew Schlechte, Randy Spangler	William Schriefer, David Lau	Randy Spangler, Lester Pelletier	David Lau, Matthew Schlechte
<b>First Reading</b>	<a href="#">Num. 6:22-27</a>	<a href="#">Gen. 1:1-5</a>	<a href="#">1 Sam. 3:1-10</a>	<a href="#">Jonah 3:1-5, 10</a>	<a href="#">Deut. 18:15-20</a>
<b>Lector</b>	Stephanie Spangler	Suzanne Greene	Diana Kunz	Sherry Spangler	Rianna Williams
<b>Second Reading</b>	<a href="#">Gal. 3:23-29</a>	<a href="#">Rom. 6:1-11</a>	<a href="#">1 Cor. 6:12-20</a>	<a href="#">1 Cor. 7:29-31</a>	<a href="#">1 Cor. 8:1-13</a>
<b>Lector</b>	Charles Fox	Kona Delude	Richard Lachmann	Christian Schroppel	Willie Williams
<b>Third Reading</b>	<a href="#">Luke 2:21</a>	<a href="#">Mark 1:4-11</a>	<a href="#">John 1:43-51</a>	<a href="#">Mark 1:14-20</a>	<a href="#">Mark 1:21-28</a>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Troy Tirbak	Paris Bile	Adam Quandt	Leilani Delude	Faith Kollien

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>The Circumcision and Name of Jesus (White)</p> <p>9 am Worship with Communion</p> <p>10:30 Christian Education</p> <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>ORLC Bible Class 10 am</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>ORLC Board of Education 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>The Epiphany of Our Lord</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Christmas Decoration Take Down 9 am</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Baptism of Our Lord (White)</p> <p>9 am Worship with Communion</p> <p>10:30 Christian Education</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>ORLC Hand Bell Choir 6 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>ORLC Board of Directors 6:15 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>ORLC Bible Class 10 am</p> <p>ORLC Choir 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>2nd Sunday after the Epiphany (Green)</p> <p>9 am Worship with Communion</p> <p>10:30 Christian Education</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Martin Lutheran King Jr Day (Observed)</p> <p>ORLC Hand Bell Choir 6 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>The Confession of St. Peter</p> <p>ORLC Bible Class 10 am</p> <p>ORLS Open House 5:30 pm</p> <p>ORLC Choir 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>LHS Yuukikai Car Wash 8:30am - 3:30pm</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>3rd Sunday after the Epiphany (Green)</p> <p>9 am Worship with Communion</p> <p>10:30 Christian Education</p> <p>LHS at Choral Festival</p> <p>Neal S Blaisdell Center 4:00-5:00pm</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>ORLC Hand Bell Choir 6 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>The Conversion of St. Paul</p> <p>ORLC Bible Class 10 am</p> <p>ORLC Choir 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>4th Sunday after the Epiphany (Green)</p> <p>9 am Worship with Communion</p> <p>ORLS Choir</p> <p>10:30 Christian Education</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>ORLC Hand Bell Choir 6 pm</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>ORLC Bible Class 10 am</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>

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