

The Good News



Newsletter of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and School Honolulu, Hawaii



Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ,

Enclosed are several lines from familiar hymns from our hymnal. Can you repeat the next line (without looking it up)?

"Then sings my soul, My Savior God to thee..."

"Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee..."

"Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;"

"Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee."

"When other helpers fail and comforts flee..."

I imagine that many, if not most of you, can not only repeat the next line of the hymns listed above, but also can sing them as well. From the very beginning, hymns have played an important role in the worship life of Lutheran congregations and in the devotional life of Lutheran people. They have taught our theology from generation to generation. More than that, they have been a source of strength and encouragement to Christian people as they have faced the trials and temptations of life.

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Bible Class & Fellowship at Our Redeemer

Divine Service: Sunday, 9 am

Adult Bible Class: Sunday, 10:30 am, at auditorium

Sunday School: 10:30 am, at Aloha Room

Wednesday Bible Class: 10 am, at 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

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Schriefer • **7th Grade** Lorine Pelletier • **8th**

Grade Kristy Schroppel • **2 year olds** Mae

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

olds Mary Pang • **Aides** Mahe Garcia,

Yong Hong Hsu, Karen Ho, Annie Huang,

Brittany Pray, Tina Teves

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Lutheran High School of Hawaii

Principal

Art Gundell

Pastor's Letter (continued)

What we, as long-time Lutherans, may take for granted in this regard, is not something necessarily shared by newer members, nor by our own children and grandchildren. Our

culture has changed to such an extent that many of these treasures of the faith are no longer tucked away in people's memories, where they can serve as helpful resources in time of need. Professor Gracia Grindal has written, "What people learn as children is what they will access in their final and difficult days approaching death. To put it bluntly, when we teach children hymns, songs, Bible verses, and the Catechism, we are teaching them how to die." Over the years I have heard stories of families who gathered around the hospital bed of a dying loved one and sang hymns of faith. They could bring this comfort to their loved one, not because someone had remembered to bring hymnals from church, but because they all knew the words "by heart."

Music has been part of Lutheran Ministries since the very beginning...

What can we do to restore this gift in the church? Dr. David Preus once suggested that congregations would be well advised to focus their energies on about thirty hymns. These would be used in church services regularly so that the young would learn them and "hide them in their hearts," being led and guided by them throughout life.

I would like to suggest that we establish such a list here at Our Redeemer. To do that, I want to invite you to participate. List five hymns that you have found to be particularly meaningful and then send your list to me – by mail, e-mail or through the collection plate on Sunday morning. I'll use these lists to help compile a list of thirty hymns that we'll use on a regular basis in our worship services.

This will not be an "election", so the number of "votes" a particular hymn receives won't guarantee its consideration. There's no need to stuff the ballot box. Nor does this mean that we won't be using other hymns from the hymnal or stop learning new hymns. The goal will be to develop a repertoire of hymns that we all "know

by heart", for encouragement as we seek to live out our faith in daily life and comfort as we face life's challenges. I look forward to seeing what we all come up with!

- Pastor Shimkus -

The Organ Music of Worship

By Rev. Karl Bachman



In September I wrote an article about the selection of choral music for our worship. Here is a continuation, considering the organ music of worship.

The Reformation influence in worship has given us a rich tradition of high-quality hymns for use in corporate worship. Many of these hymns were written specifically to emphasize the Gospel lesson on a particular Sunday, such as "Wake, Awake For Night is Flying" for the lesson of the five wise and five foolish virgins. Another would be "Ye Sons and Daughters of the King" to parallel the Quasimodo Sunday (Easter 2) story about doubting Thomas. Eventually there grew an annual cycle of hymns called the "Hymn of the Week" with a specific

hymn appropriate for every Sunday and Feast day of the church year. This hymn would usually be sung immediately before the sermon. In the Eighteenth Century an entire cantata (sung work using a sacred text in multiple movements for any combination of soloists, chorus, and instrumentalists) may be sung between the reading/singing of the Gospel and the preaching of the Sermon. The purpose was to reinforce the Gospel lesson for the day. These cantatas would often contain several stanzas of a hymn and conclude with a setting of the final stanza of the hymn of the day.

What does this have to do with the organ prelude? An organ cannot present a text, but it can remind one of a text. The way this happens is that many organ pieces are based on hymns (called "chorales" in 16th century Lutheranism) and use the melody of the hymn, either in very obvious fashion by playing the melody (in this context called a *cantus firmus*) on a distinctive combination of sounds, or as a jumping off point for a musical elaboration of that melody. Thus one often sees in our bulletins that the prelude and postlude are based on hymns that are sung in

that particular worship service, primarily the "Hymn of the Day". A popular form of these pieces is a set of variations on a chorale. An excellent example of this is scheduled at Our Redeemer on Sunday, March 14. The prelude is nine variations on the chorale "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" by Johann Gottfried Walther. The melody will migrate variation by variation from right hand to left hand, in the pedal, and at times it will give way to musical figures based on the harmony of the tune. The final variation (traditionally the "big finish") will present the melody in clear declamation in the pedal while the hands are playing a polyphonic fugue above with the organ "wide open".



There are leftovers! One of the effects of the cantata at the time of Bach was to remove the reading/singing of the Gospel from the preaching of the sermon by an expanse of a half hour or more. The result was that the pastor then began the sermon by reading the entire text of the Gospel again, not only to remind the congregation of what they had heard previously but also so that all the late comers might hear it! In our time the cantata has disappeared and the Hymn of the Day stands by itself, providing a very short break between the Gospel Lesson and the sermon, but in many Lutheran churches the pastor still reads the Gospel text again. Old habits die hard and nowhere is this more evident than in the church. ■



Choir. ONE REHEARSAL and FOURTEEN ANTHEMS will enable you to sing with the choir for Holy Week. Many old anthems, a few new! A choral workshop will be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran on **Saturday, March 27, from 10:00a until 2:00p with lunch included.** The purpose is to finish work on the music for Holy Week and Easter. If you or someone you know would like to sing this wonderful music from Spain, Italy, France, Germany, England, and America, please notify our Director of Music, Karl Bachman. We ask for notification in order to prepare copies of the music and lunch.

LHS Musical. Lutheran High is proud to present "Once upon a Mattress." A musical based on the story of a

Princess and the Pea, it will be held on April 9-10 at Lutheran High's auditorium, at 7p. Tickets will go on sale March 16 for \$8. Tickets can be purchased by calling the school office at 949-5302.

Offering. January offering (5 Sundays) = \$12,975.50, Building Fund = \$15.00
Lutheran World Relief = \$100.00

Greeting Cards. Thank you to all who have been donating the fronts of your greeting cards to the ORLS Library for bookmarks. Our supply was getting low but we now have a good stock. Students love the sparkly ones. Tear off the front (with no writing on back), give them to Bette Shimkus or place them in her mailbox <she'll slice them up. Thanks.

Sunday School. Sunday School classes, under the theme of Growing in Christ (CPH), began again in January. Nellie Miller is teaching the Preschool-6th Grade in the Aloha Room ; Ruth Crockett, Steve Okumura, and Regina Sapko are team teaching 7th-12th Grades.). Pastor Shimkus is teaching the Adult Bible Study on Sunday and Wednesday mornings. We can still use volunteers to help take turns teaching-contact Nellie Miller (484-8952).

Youth Group. Collection of HI5 is ongoing so keep saving your aluminum cans and plastic bottles for the Youth Gathering expenses. The Gathering will be in New Orleans July 17-21, 2010. The theme is 'We Believe' and it will be explored through 'look', 'listen' and 'live' experiences. There are servant events, bible study time with family groups, mass worship and communion, morning and evening prayer and praise times, and more. Check out the website at www.lcmsgathering.com and watch the video under "Youth". **Lorien and Lynsey Pelletier** are planning on attending with Our Savior's youth group. They've been busy with car washes and collecting and sorting HI5's!

LWML Bible Study. Our next study will take place on March 18, 2010 at 6:30p in the Aloha Room (third Thursday of the month). The study is from the LWML Fall 2009 Quarterly and is entitled "Striking a Balance When You're Caught in the Middle". If you would like to join up for dinner, meet in the upper lot at 5:30p to walk down to the Greek Kitchen (or be dropped off there). For more info contact Bette Shimkus or Peggy Pridgeon.

LWML Retreat. On Jan. 23, **Christobel Sanders, Bette Shimkus, Lorine Pelletier** and **Peggy Pridgeon** drove up to Camp Mokuleia on the North Shore for Zone 11's event "Look to the Hills-God Reigns", the mountains of Isaiah (peace, good news, life and restoration). Bible study was led by Pastor Herb Burch, District Counselor in the morning and finished in the afternoon. After lunch, a short Zone Board meeting was held followed by free time in which many of us sat and watched the whales breach and blow. Sandy Haugen, District President, was present and gave us good insight into some areas of business conducted. A Nominations Committee was appointed to place names for President and Vice-President on the ballot at the Fall Retreat. The District's next convention is April 30-May 2 in San Jose and the theme is "Know the Hope -- Jesus Christ". The Spring Rally for Zone 11(that's us) is being held at St. Mark's on Sat., April 17 from 9a-3p. There's a poster on the LWML bulletin board in the church hallway with more information. If you would like to go, contact Peggy Pridgeon or Bette Shimkus.

River of Life Mission Collections for March. March is a can and box month. We are focusing in on meals and meat such as Spam, fish, soup, spaghetti, stews etc. These are great to put in the baskets of food to be delivered to those families who are on the brink of homelessness. Sometimes food is what keeps them from giving up. Any item that you wish to give is welcomed. In January we delivered the following to the mission:

73 cans of meat, vegetables, fruit and soup; 22 pasta and rice items; 18 miscellaneous personal items; 28 tooth care items; 33 hair care items; and 5 personal lotions/antibiotic lotions.

Quite a haul! These items were collected during the end of December and all of January. Mission staff and the homeless and needy appreciate all you can do. Thank you for your generosity.

Midweek Lenten Service. On Wednesdays March 3, 10, 17, and 24, we will have Midweek Lenten Service at 7:15p. Join us also for Supper at 6p.

"On  the
Wilder
Side"

On January 22, the students in Jr. High (6th, 7th, & 8th) participated in our annual **School Science Fair**. Twenty-one students were chosen to go to the District Science Fair which was held on February 8 & 9. The following students were chosen to advance to the Hawaii State Science Fair: **Anuheha De Lude** for "Preserving Hawaiian Endemic Plants", **Lelani De Lude & Samantha Komiyama** for "Making Fake Snow", and **Matthew Schroppel** for "Moldy Cheese". Congratulations & God's Blessings as you attend the State Science Fair!

Holy Week Schedule

March 28	9a, Palm/Passion Sunday Worship with communion
April 1	7:15p, Maundy Thursday Worship with communion
April 2	7:15p, Good Friday Tenebrae Service
April 3	7:15p, Easter Vigil Service
April 4	6:30a, Sunrise Service at Kaka'ako Park 9:00a, Easter Festival Service.

Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday

Please consider donating wrapped candy, stickers, erasers, plastic eggs, etc. for the sacks and hunt. Place your items in the Easter box in the Aloha Room by Palm Sunday.

Worship Care Committee



Maybe you've asked yourself who always prepares for communion or who changes the paraments to reflect the different church seasons or who makes sure there are fresh flowers for our Sunday morning services. The answer is: the **WORSHIP CARE COMMITTEE** (formerly known as Altar Guild). But Worship Care does much more than that. We also keep our beautiful woodwork cleaned and oiled, decorate for the major church festivals, order all supplies used in worship and ensure that the assistants' and acolytes' robes are cleaned and pressed. Also twice a year we meet for our semi-annual cleaning and oiling project after which we enjoy a *pupu* potluck and social hour. Serving on the committee has been very rewarding and lots of fun for me; so, if you think you might like to participate in Worship Care or would like to learn more about it, please feel free to contact me, **Sandie Stoutenburg**.

On Friday, February 19, **Student Council** held a Social for the Jr. High Students in the ORLS Multi-Purpose Room. They extended an invitation to the LHS 9th Graders to acquaint the current eighth graders w/ their "future peers" at Lutheran High School.

National Lutheran Schools' Week is traditionally scheduled for the first full week in March. However, this year ORLS will be celebrating National Lutheran Schools' Week during the week of February 28 through March 6 (Many other Lutheran Schools are also doing this!) There are several "fun-filled" activities that will be happening this "Spirit Filled Week." Two of which are mentioned below:

- ORLS students in Grades K through Eighth will be "**Jumping for Heart**" on Thursday, March 4.
- "**ORLS Has Got Talent!**" will be taking place on Friday, March 5, at the Lutheran High School Auditorium at 6:30p.m. There will be a delicious spaghetti dinner which will begin at 5:45p. Tickets are \$7. Proceeds will help defray the cost of the 7th & 8th grade Washington D.C. trip.

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March 11,

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ORLS. He will lead an assembly for students in K through Third Grade at 8:30a and another at 9:00a for Grades Four through Eight. His assemblies are based on the importance of education (learning & staying in school). Mr. De Lima visits our school every two years.



Our **Third Quarter** ends on Friday, March 12, 2010. (Oh, My "How Time Flies When You're Learning & Having Fun!") School resumes on Monday, March 29, 2010. We wish everyone a Happy & Spring Break!

From the Director of Admissions, Lisa Pelt. God continues to bless Our Redeemer. Two NEW students started school on February 16, 2010. They are two sisters that just moved to Oahu from Virginia and they are in the 2nd & 3rd grade classes. This brings the current enrollment for Kindergarten through 8th Grade to 155 students.

For the 2010-2011 school year, applications are being received for prospective, future students and interviews for these students have begun. Re-Enrollment Packets for current students have been given to existing families and the deadline for existing students to tell ORLS if they will be returning next year is March 3, 2010.

If you know of anyone who is looking for a school for their child, please have them contact Lisa Pelt at 945-7765 ext. 224. The website address is www.ORLS-HI.org. Mahalo!

New Members: The Standefers

Michael and **Rebecka Standefer** and their two children **Eli**, 6, and **A.J.**, 4, joined ORLC on January 31. Both children attend ORLS. Recently arriving from Italy, both children are fluent in Italian. Eli has already been chosen as Student of the Month so their adjustment to Hawaii has been successful. Rebecka hails from Concord, New Hampshire and Michael from Blythe, California. They met in Ramstein Germany where Rebecka was a broadcaster for the Armed Forces Network. Michael was then and is now in Security Police which takes him to most Air Force Units in the Pacific. After Germany they worked in Turkey. After Rebecka

left the Air Force they were stationed in New Mexico before going to Italy. Rebecka helps out in ORLS on field trips and just recently the book fair. With all the traveling that Michael does and Rebecka's busy schedule they have little time for their pastimes e.g. quilting and reading (Rebecka) and mountain biking (Michael). They both enjoy traveling. The Standefers live at Hickam.



Focus of the Month: The Rev. Karl D. Bachman

The Rev. **Karl D. Bachman**, a native of Ohio, has balanced a professional life as Lutheran pastor and church musician. He graduated with a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in Exile, Saint Louis, and also did graduate work in organ performance and music history at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He has served churches in Maryland, Ohio, North Carolina, Tokyo, and Honolulu. He has been the keynote speaker at conferences of musicians and theologians as well as serving as Circuit Counselor for six years in the Southeastern District, LCMS. He has given organ recitals in the United States and Japan.



Rev. Bachman arrived in Hawaii in 1999. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Guild of Organists most of the years he's been here and currently serves as Secretary. In addition to music, he loves gardening and cooking. He currently serves as the Director of Music at Our Redeemer Lutheran and volunteers as their Director of the Board of Education which oversees a Preschool and Elementary school with over two hundred students.

A Note from the Pung Family

Three years after being hit by a car while crossing the street fronting his home, the Lord called home 90-year old Grandpa Benny Pung on January 4th. We are so grateful for the Our Redeemer Ohana that faithfully prayed for Grandpa the past 3 years he was on the Prayer List. Also, your kind words of comfort and sympathy helped the family during this sad time. We also give thanks to the Lord for letting us have Grandpa those 3 more years so that he could see and enjoy his beloved Great-Granddaughters Haylee (Tara's daughter) and Chiara (Kelly's).

I'm also thankful for the prayers I received when I was on the Prayer List (off and on for the past 11 years) as I underwent and recovered from 11(!!!) surgeries. All praise and thanks to God as he heard ALL of you on my behalf. All the "new parts" I received and "repairs" the

surgeons performed has truly given me a new lease on life! Glory to God! - Wendy Pung and Family.

March Birthdays. 3 - Pam Benton, 4 - Brian Benton, 8 - Jamie Horton, 14 - Louis Crenshaw, 15 - Christine Eilers, 16 - Christian Schroppel, 17 - Duane Beringer, 21 - Evelyn York, 25 - Les Pelletier, 28 - Ine Kempf, 29 - Joshua Lum, 30 - Eleanor Mau.

Anniversary: 26 - Jason & Laurajon Cornel.

Help our members celebrate...send a note, make a phone call, pray a private prayer of blessing upon our friends.

Prayer Chain – Please call **Bette Shimkus** or **Nelda Peterson** with your prayer requests. We know God answers prayers.

Scripture Readings

For the month of March, readings will be from the **English Standard Version (ESV)**. They will be *available on the website at the beginning of the month.*

Opt Out Notice

The Newsletter will be moving to the Internet

We will be phasing out the print copy of the newsletter in April. However, if you would like to keep receiving the regular print copy through mail, you may certainly continue to do so.

Please call our church secretary Holly Maertens at the school office at 945-7765 ext. 223, and ask her to place your name on the 'regular mail' list. The change will take effect beginning April 2010.

The web version will be available on the last week of the month. Visit our church website: www.orlc-hawaii.org

Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 -

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1	2 4p Communications Task Force	3 8:10a ORLS Chapel 10a Bible Study 6p Soup Supper; 7:15p Lenten Service Pam Benton's birthday	4 8:30a LHS Chapel 6p Choir Brian Benton's birthday	5 5:45p ORLS Talent Show and Spaghetti Dinner	6 Yuukikai Car Wash
7 3 rd Sunday in Lent 9a Worship with communion 10:30a Sunday School and Bible Class 11:30a Japanese Language Fellowship and Bible Study	8 Jamie Horton's birthday	9 6:30p Board of Education	10 8:10a ORLS Chapel 10a Bible Study 6p Soup Supper 7:15p Lenten Service	11 8:30a LHS Chapel 6p Choir	12	13
14 4 th Sunday in Lent 9a Worship with communion 10:30a Sunday School and Bible Class Louis Crenshaw's birthday	15 ORLS Spring Break begins Christine Eilers's birthday	16 Circuit Pastors at Trinity; 6:15p Board of Directors Christian Schroppel's birthday	17 St. Patrick's Day 10a Bible Study 6p Soup Supper; 7:15p Lenten Service Duane Beringer's birthday	18 8:30a LHS Chapel 6p Choir 6:30p LWML Bible Study	19	20
21 5 th Sunday in Lent 9a Confirmation Sunday worship with communion 10:30a Sunday School and Bible Class Evelyn York's birthday	22 LHS Spring Break begins	23	24 10a Bible Study 6p Soup Supper; 7:15p Lenten Service	25 The Annunciation of Our Lord – Transferred (White) 6p Choir Les Pelletier's birthday	26 9a Worship Care Meeting J & L Cornel's anniversary	27 10a-2p Choir Workshop
28 Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday (Red/Purple) 9a Palm/ Passion Sunday worship with communion 10:30a Sunday School 10:30a Budget Information Meeting Fellowship Brunch Ine Kempf's birthday	29 School resumes for ORLS and LHS Joshua Lum's birthday	30 Eleanor Mau's birthday	31 8:10a ORLS Chapel 10 a Bible Study 6p Choir	1 8:30a LHS Chapel; 7:15p Maundy Thursday worship with communion	2 7:15p Good Friday Tenebrae Service	3 7:15p Easter Vigil Service

Serving March 2010

Worshipcare: Marcy Reginelli (primary); Sandie Stoutenburg (backup)

	Mar 7	Mar 14	Mar 21	Mar 28
	9:00a	9:00a	9:00a	9:00a
Communion Assistants	Turro Wongkaren Sharon Shinno	Rick Thompson Stephen Okumura	Turro Wongkaren Peter Tirbak	Rick Thompson Sharon Shinno
Ushers	David Lau Wil Schreifer	Les Pelletier David Lau	Paul Tirbak Les Pelletier	Les Pelletier David Lau
Acolyte	Lorien Pelletier	Matthew Schroppel	Lynsey Pelletier	Christian Schroppel
Reading 1 (lector)	Ezekiel 33:7-20 Marcy Reginelli	Isaiah 12:1-6 Bette Shimkus	Isaiah 43:16-21 Rick Thompson	Deuteronomy 32:36-39 Peter Tirbak
Reading 2 (lector)	1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Michael Pennell	2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Sharon Shinno	Philippians 3:8-14 Takako Thompson	Philippians 2:5-11 Kristy Schroppel
Reading 3	Luke 13:1-9	Luke 15:1-3, 11-31	Luke 20: 9-20	Luke 22:1--23:56

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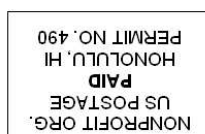
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