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Connecting people to Jesus

The Good News



Newsletter of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and School Honolulu, Hawaii



From Pastor Paul

“God has shown us how much He loves us... it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us! We were God’s enemies, but He has made us His friends through the death of His Son.” Romans 5: 8, 10

At the heart of the Bible and of the Church and of every Christian life is Jesus Christ, who has made us God’s friends again. That is what the Gospel is all about. The Gospel is about Jesus, telling us why He came, what He said, and what He did. The Gospel directs our full attention to His death and resurrection and to the eternal influence that they have on our our lives.

Jesus is also what Lent is all about. Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on March 9. Throughout the centuries people have used these 40 days (not counting the Sundays) before Holy Week and Easter (April 24th this year) to personally grow in appreciating God’s extraordinary gift of Jesus Christ. The Wednesday evening worship services we will have this Lent are meant to bring us closer to Jesus. Come and worship!

Many thanks for welcoming Jane and me into your midst as I work among you as your Interim Pastor. Please let me know how I can be of service to you (408-506-8235 or email: paulhoffmann45@gmail.com).

Bible Class & Fellowship at Our Redeemer

Worship with communion: 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

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Traditions Surrounding Lent

The word 'lent' came from an old German language, which means

'Spring'. Lent, a 40-day period prior to Easter, is observed differently by various Christian denominations. For Lutherans, like other Protestant denominations and also the Catholics, Lent starts at Ash Wednesday. Other denominations start the period on the Sunday (Russian Orthodox) or Monday (Greek Orthodox) before Ash Wednesday. Part of the discrepancy is that most Western denominations do not count the Sundays, while the Eastern denominations do. Some new Evangelical churches do not officially observe Lent in their church calendar.

Lent is usually seen as a period for contemplation and, for some, self-discipline. The manifestation of self-discipline varies across denominations and individuals. In Roman Catholic Church, for instance, the minimum 'requirement' is no meat on Friday, although many Catholics take fasting during Lent. Lutherans emphasize spiritual disciplines such as Scripture readings, prayer, or work of mercy. In LCMS, 'giving up something' during Lent is seen as a completely voluntary action, not sanctioned by the church. Observance of Lent is also reflected on the liturgy. The weekly worship assumes a more penitential character. The word 'Alleluia' and the 'hymn of praise' are omitted from the liturgy. This is to contrast with Easter, where Christians enter the joyous celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

Because Lent is a period for penance and self-discipline, some cultures—especially those with Catholic traditions—consider the days before Ash Wednesday the last opportunity to dispose all rich food and drinks before fasting during Lent. This leads to many festivals known as 'Mardi Gras' (Fat Tuesday) in many Catholic countries, such as in France and other places influenced by French culture, and Carnival in some other areas in Europe and Latin America (the biggest one being the Rio Carnival in Brazil).

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During the Ash Wednesday service, Christians receive a mark of ashes on their forehead, which symbolizes repentance, dust-to-dustness and remind them of the need for cleansing, scrubbing and purifying.

Another common practice rooted in ancient tradition is the preparation of candidates who are to be baptized during the Holy Week. The period is considered appropriate because of the relationship between Christ's death and resurrection and our own baptism. This focus would suggest that the season of Lent serves not only as a time to meditate on the suffering that Christ endured on

our behalf but also as an opportunity to reflect upon our own Baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.

(Sources: LCMS website and Wikipedia)

St. Patrick's Day



The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about 385 AD. His given name was Maewyn, and he almost didn't get the job of bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship. Far from being a saint, until he was 16, he considered himself a pagan. He was sold into slavery by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village. During his captivity he became close to God. He escaped from slavery after six years and went to Gaul to study in a monastery for twelve years. During his training he became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity. He adopted the name Patrick and went to Ireland to begin his work. He later was appointed as bishop to Ireland.

Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. This fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. He traveled through Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches, which helped to convert the Irish people to Christianity. He was indeed one of the first missionaries to Ireland. His mission in Ireland lasted 30 years. He died on March 17th in 461. The day has been

commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since. He is considered a saint although he was never officially canonized by a pope.

Much Irish folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day. Two unsubstantiated tales are first that he raised people from the dead and second that he drove the snakes out of Ireland. As there were no native snakes it is believed that it is a metaphor for the conversion of many, many pagans. Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's day is more a secular holiday. Lutherans commemorate 17 March for St. Patrick, a missionary to Ireland.

A more bona fide traditional symbol originating from St. Patrick is the shamrock. Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He sermonized that it represented how the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing shamrocks on 17 March.

This custom came to America in 1737 the year St. Patrick's Day was publicly celebrated. The first parade occurred in New York City in 1762. Today people celebrate the day with parades, drinking beer, wearing green and Irish songs. It is more a celebration of the Irish than of St. Patrick and his achievements. We in Honolulu will join the rest of the world with parades and Irish-related activities.

(Sources: Jerry Wilson and Wikipedia)



Our Church Office gets a Makeover

Thanks to **Sandie Stoutenburg** many pieces of equipment and

furniture excess to our needs have been removed. Reorganizing documents and materials make the office a very pleasant place to visit. Come by and take a look.

Offering: Total offering for January 2011 \$14,705.00
Building Fund - \$40.00
Parsonage Kitchen Renovation - \$75.00
LCMS Missions (special fund drive) - \$150.00

From the Board of Director's Meeting

Parsonage

In order to rent the parsonage, the worn carpeting needs to be removed. The wood floor will either be refinished or laminate will be installed.

Signage

The Communications Task Force will arrange to have letters for the day and time of worship installed beneath our name on the University Avenue side of the church.

Lutheran High

A letter was received from First Hawaiian Bank to adjust Our Redeemer's financing, **making it possible to keep Lutheran High School open under Our Redeemer's management.** The Board of Directors is working with LHS personnel to work out details. On Friday, February 11, a letter was sent to LHS parents; students were told at the end of the school day, and the community was informed at the concert in the evening.



Church Signage. Have you ever gone to a store, found it closed, but you could not find their business hours anywhere? Frustrating, isn't it? Now, did you notice that our church does not have any sign about the time of the weekly Sunday services? Think about

those visitors who come at 10 am only to find that the service is about to end! The Board of Directors has agreed to have additional sign mounted. The plan is to have an additional line to the current sign (the burgundy Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on the blue wall), with a same color but smaller size.

Ash Wednesday and Lent Services. On **Wednesday, March 9**, there will be a service (with communion) at **7:15pm**. On subsequent weeks, every Wednesday we will have a **soup supper at 6pm** and **Lent service at 7:15pm**.

The **LWML Mite Boxes** are out. If you need individual Mite Boxes please contact **Nelda Peterson** or **Sharon Shinno**.

Parsonage kitchen renovation have been completed. If you would still like to contribute to this fund, please mark your checks with 'Parsonage Kitchen'.

Lutherans commemorate March 17 for St. Patrick, a missionary to Ireland

River of Life Mission collection for March

In March our focus will be on soups and meals. These are particularly helpful for those families that are month-to-month trying to avoid homelessness. The River of Life Mission focus is on the homeless, but in addition they support low income families. There are two facilities also where some homeless are housed. One for women and one for men. When the homeless are able to find a job and get a place to live, they need all sorts of help. Our contributions help the full range of people striving to live in their own homes as well as those who are homeless. Anything that you can give for the mission's clients is much appreciated. Thanks so very much.



Church members and schools' students come and go, but some have ties to the church and schools in more than one generation. Sisters **Tara Tamayoshi** (ORLS/LHS class of '94) and **Kelly Doyle** (ORLS/LHS class of '95) are daughters of **Wendy Pung**, an old time member of our church. Last Christmas, the sisters had their children's picture taken. The picture was featured in Midweeks magazine in February. *From left to right:* Haylee (age 6, daughter of Tara); Chiara (2, daughter of Kelly); Brayden Bird (2); Alexa Tellez (2); and Devlyn Bird (2).

"On  the
Wilder
Side"

Aloha!

Wow! The school days and months have just been "zipping" by. As the saying goes "Time passes quickly when you're having fun... (and learning)!"

On Thursday, February 17, students, teachers, and staff donated \$3.00 or more per person to have the privilege of "**free dress.**" You would think that every student "would bust out their piggy banks" for the opportunity to wear their "civvies" rather than school uniforms...

The "S" Force reports that a total of \$300.00 was collected/donated. The money was sent to **Hawaii Fi-do Service Dogs**, a nonprofit organization that helps people with disabilities to gain independence. The entire school enjoyed a short assembly from this organization, complete with video and a "real live" service dog!

Who Wrote That Hymn?

Have you ever wondered who composed your favorite hymns? Starting this issue, we will feature some composers (inside and outside LCMS) whose songs help us in the worships.

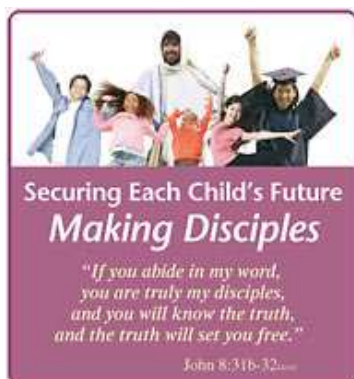


One of our own, Reverend **Terry K. Dittmer** writes "Awesome Songs for Teens." Our youth who attended recent National Youth Gatherings are familiar with Rev. Dittmer's songs. His songs include 'Al-le-al-le-lu-ia', 'Yes', 'I have been Bought' and his most famous - 'Brothers and Sisters in Christ'. He is the LCMS Director of Youth Ministry. We know him by his music, but as the director of Youth Ministry he is responsible for administering the synodical youth organization and Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF).

A native of Kansas City, he received a degree in art and education from the University of Missouri in 1970. He received a Master of divinity Degree in 1974 from the Concordia Theological Seminary. In 1979 Rev. Dittmer began his career at the International Center in St. Louis, coordinating Youth programs and choreographing events at many Youth gatherings, LYF Leadership conferences and the 1997 LCMS 150th Anniversary Celebration. Rev. Dittmer is married with four daughters. His interests include playing the piano, composing, art, graphic design writing poetry and spending time with his family. He is one of several LCMS song/hymn writers.

On Friday, February 18, we held **Parent/Teacher Conferences** for the Third Quarter of our school year.

Our Redeemer Lutheran School is filled with Spirit (The Holy Spirit) & School Spirit! Every year in conjunction with National Lutheran Schools' Week we show our "school spirit" by integrating various unique "fun-filled" activities into our school day/week.



National Lutheran Schools' Week officially begins Sunday, March 6 and concludes on Saturday March 12, 2011.

Our "kick-off" begins at 1:15 pm on Friday (03/04) with the Faculty/Student Volleyball Games at Lutheran High School of Hawaii. On Saturday, March 5 we have the **Annual Lutheran Schools' Music Festival Concert** at the Pearl City Cultural Center. The concert begins at 7:00 pm; tickets are \$2.00. Tickets. The combined bands and choirs from Emmanuel (Maui), Our Redeemer, Our Savior, St. Mark, & Trinity Schools.

On Friday, March 11 Students/Teachers/Parents will be involved in "Jumping"---that is **Jumping Ropes for Hearts**. Students are currently collecting donations for the National Heart Association. This is an annual event that we sponsor each year. Mrs. **Kate Markert** and Mr. **Timothy Martin** are our school coordinators. Later that evening, we will have our Second Annual **ORLS Has Got Talent/Spaghetti Dinner**. This is the Sixth and Seventh Grade Classes fundraiser for their DC/NYC trip. Tickets are just \$7.00 for the meal. Food service begins at 5:45 pm Even if you have other dinner plans, please come see the show for "free!" Come see and be entertained by our talented students and others! You'll simply love them!

Finally, on Sunday (March 13), a culmination and grand conclusion to the previous week's events, **Grades K through Second Grades** will participate (sing) at our 9:00 am service. There will also be **Recognition of the Faculty/Staff**.

Our third Quarter concludes on Friday, March 18. Students/Teachers will enjoy a well-deserved Spring Break from Monday, March 21 through April 3. Fourth Quarter begins on Monday, April 4, 2011.



From the School's Library

Question: What do Clifford the Big Red Dog, Fancy Nancy, The Wimpy Kid, and Amelia Earhart all have in common? Why, Ms. Alle, of course! At our recent Carnival Book Fair, our principal, good sport that she is, dressed up as these different book characters. We had a contest to see which students could guess who she was each day. We also had other contests, drawings, and

even some carnival-like games for the kids to play. And our book fair was a huge success! Our gross sales almost reached \$3500, enabling us to realize about \$900 in cash, and almost \$700 in book and RC test purchases from Scholastic. Thank you to all who supported this event—especially our generous ORLS School Board, volunteers

(**Kari DeLude, Joycie Tirbak, Kazuko Watson, Jenny Bynum, Kathy Watanabe**, and Head Cashier **Becki Standefer**), and student crew who helped decorate, set-up and supervise games. We look forward to the next book fair in the fall!



God's Peace,
Principal Alle

Focus of the Month: Peggy Pridgeon

You've seen **Peggy Pridgeon** here there and everywhere around the church. She sings in the choir, heads up the Fellowship Board, counts money, volunteers as a lector and has been active in AAL, Thrivent and LWML both locally in the zone and Nationally. From soup suppers to Easter Brunches, Peggy is there.



Peggy was born in Montana and graduated from Montana State University with a BS in Nursing. She practiced nursing in Montana and later Eugene, Oregon for a few years and then came to Queens 29 years ago. She has been in Intensive Care Nursing ever since.

Peggy is one of seven sisters. Her youngest was still a baby when Peggy was already a senior. In fact she brought her baby sister to Home Economic class to demonstrate childcare. Her mom lives in Montana and they frequently visit each other. Her mom has been here several times and Peggy makes frequent trips to the mainland for holidays and for confirmations and graduations of nieces and nephews.

Peggy enjoys reading, singing and has taken a cruise to Alaska and several trips to Las Vegas for Nursing Conventions. ORLC gained 10% of her one and only jackpot win. Peggy has been a member of ORLC since 1983.

March Birthdays. 3 Pam Benton 4 Brian Benton 8 Jamie Horton 15 Christine Eilers 16 Christian Schroppel 17 Duane Beringer 19 Amy Dotson 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 –**Ruth Crockett** maintains 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 be called into **Nelda Peterson** 923-4064.



Readings

March 6

Ex. 24:8-18 | Psalm 2:6-12
2 Peter 1:16-21 | Matt. 17:1-9

March 13

Gen. 3:1-21 | Psalm 32:1-7
Rom. 5:12-19 | Matt. 4:1-11

March 20

Gen. 12:1-9 | Psalm 121
Rom. 4:1-8, 13-17 | John 3:1-17

March 27

Ex.17:1-7 | Psalm 95:1-9
Rom. 5:1-8 | John 4:5-26

End Notes

Taking the Sting

(From Lutheran Hour Stories, 2004)



The story begins with a boy and his father who were, on a beautiful spring afternoon, driving down a country road.

Their tranquility was interrupted when a bee flew in the car window. The little boy, allergic to bee stings, was understandably afraid. No, he was terrified. Without hesitation dad quickly reached out, grabbed the bee, squeezed it in his hand and tried to toss it out the window.

The wind blew the bee right back in. The boy started crying, all over again. Once more the father reached out his hand, but this time he showed the bee's stinger stuck in his palm.

"Look," he said, "Do you see this? You don't need to be afraid anymore. I've taken the sting for you."

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. *Romans 5:1-2*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1 4:30p Communication 6:30p BoE	2 8a ORLS Chapel	3 8:30a LHS Chapel 6p Choir Pam Benton's birthday	4 Brian Benton's birthday	5
6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord 9a Worship with communion 10:30a Christian education	7	8 6:15p Board of Directors Jamie Horton's birthdy	9 Ash Wednesday 8a ORLS Chapel 7:15p Service	10 8:30a LHS Chapel 6p Choir	11	12
13 First Sunday in Lent 9a Worship (no communion) 10:30a Christian education K-2 ORLS students sing ORLS teachers/ staff recognition	14	15 Christine Eilers's birthday	16 8a ORLS Chapel 6:00p Soup supper 7:15p Service Christian Schroppel 's birthday	17 8:30a LHS Chapel 6p Choir Duane Beringer's birthday	18	19 9a LHS Project Grad Recycle fundraiser Amy Dotson's birthday
20 Second Sunday in Lent 9a Worship with communion 10:30a Christian education	21 ORLS and LHS Spring break begin Evelyn York's birthday	22	23 6:00p Soup supper 7:15p Service	24 6p Choir	25 Les Pelletier's birthday	26 Jason & Laurajon Cornel's anniversary
27 Second Sunday in Lent 9a Worship with communion 10:30a Christian education	28 Ine Kempf's birthday	29 Joshua Lum's birthday	30 6:00p Soup supper 7:15p Service Eleanor Mau's birthday	31 8:30a LHS Chapel 6p Choir	1	2

Serving March 2011

Worshipcare: Nelda Peterson (primary), Jeanette Ardiente (backup)

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
	9:00a	9:00a	9:00a	9:00a
Communion Assistants	Richard Thompson Stephen Okumura	David Lau	Peter Tirbak Sharon Shinno	Richard Thompson Turro Wongkaren
Ushers	Lester Pelletier David Lau	Paul Tirbak William Schriefer	Lester Pelletier David Lau	David Lau Paul Tirbak
Acolyte	Sara Dotson	Grant Kollien	Adam Quandt	Faith Kollien
Reading 1 (lector)	Ex. 24:8-18 Psalm 2:6-12 Peter Tirbak	Gen. 3:1-21 Psalm 32:1-7 Marcy Reginelli	Gen. 12:1-9 Psalm 121 Willie Williams	Ex.17:1-7 Psalm 95:1-9 Richard Lachmann
Reading 2 (lector)	2 Peter 1:16-21 Nicole Dye	Rom. 5:12-19 Kona Delude	Rom. 4:1-8, 13-17 Nellie Miller	Rom. 5:1-8 Sandie Stoutenburg
Reading 3	Matt. 17:1-9	Matt. 4:1-11	John 3:1-17	John 4:5-26

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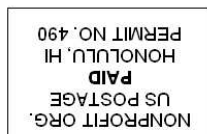
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