

The Good News



Newsletter of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and School Honolulu, Hawaii

*He is risen,
alleluia!*

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ,

At the very beginning of the musical "Fiddler on the Roof," the main character, Tevye the Milkman, describes life as like being a fiddler on the roof of a building, trying to scratch out a simple tune without falling and breaking your neck. All that one has to do these days is listen to a news broadcast or glance through the headlines of a newspaper to see how true that is. For a small sample – unemployment, health care debates, "polarized" government, state and federal budget deficits, Iraq, Afghanistan, a "nuclear" Iran and North Korea, drug violence in Mexico, storms and flooding in the mainland, "furlough Fridays," homelessness, global climate change, Haiti, Chile, and the list could go on and on and on. And none of that includes the next "crisis" that will pop up "who knows where."

If one is a "worrier" by nature, there seems to be plenty to worry about. And the frustrating thing about it is that there seems to be so little that any one person can do about any of these problems. They are just too big and keeping one's balance in the midst of it all is difficult. About all one can do is try to live each day as best as one can, to scratch out a simple tune without falling.

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Bible Class & Fellowship at Our Redeemer

Divine Service: Sunday, 9a

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

Sunday School: 10:30a, at Aloha Room

Wednesday Bible Class: 10a, at Aloha Room

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

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

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

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Lutheran High School of Hawaii

Principal

Art Gundell

Pastor's Letter (continued)

I would imagine that that was much the same feeling of Jesus' disciples on that first Easter morning. They had such high hopes to begin with. Then on Palm Sunday, with Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem, it looked as if those hopes would be realized. Then came Jesus' arrest, trials, and crucifixion. Their world had seemingly crumbled around them. When we last saw them they were in hiding, "with the doors locked for fear of the Jews."

Then came Easter. And everything changed. As John's gospel puts it, "Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!'... The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord." And this was not to be a token appearance. At his ascension, as reported in Matthew's gospel, Jesus told his disciples, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me.... And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." As Pastor Harry Wendt has put it, at his ascension Jesus

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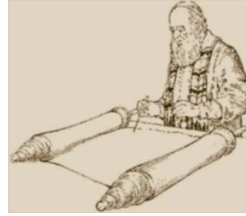
withdraws his visible presence in one place in order that he may be invisibly present in all places.



And that's the promise (and the true joy of Easter). Jesus lives! And the promise that he made to his disciples at his ascension is one that he makes to us, his followers today. He is alive and *with us always*. He has all authority in heaven and earth. As we faithfully seek to live as his disciples in our world today, in the midst of innumerable difficulties and dangers, we can truly be unafraid – for HE IS RISEN. He is risen indeed.

Happy Easter!

- Pastor Shimkus -



Who are these People?

During Lent and the Passion of Jesus we hear a lot about the Sanhedrin, the Sadducees, Scribes, etc. Who are they? The Sadducees, Scribes, Pharisees and Chief Priests were all Jewish elite. Their difference is their focus and beliefs. Here is a brief description about who these people are.

Sadducees accepted only the first five Old Testament books as authoritative. They did not believe in resurrection or immortality, angels or demons, and they focused particularly on those sections of Scripture that dealt with worship and the rituals of the Temple.

Pharisees accepted all of the Old Testament books as authoritative, along with all of the oral traditions. They believed in the immortality of the soul and stressed the importance of keeping the laws in the most minute details. They looked down on and kept themselves separate from those who did not share their outlook and zeal.

Scribes were experts in the Torah. They studied, lectured, and were both lawyers and teachers of the law. Many were Pharisees. They took upon themselves the responsibility of preserving the Torah.

Chief Priests comprised the high priest, priestly members of his family and the leaders of various divisions in the priesthood. Although originally appointed for life, at the time of Jesus the high priest was appointed by the Roman governor and was in many ways more "political" than "religious."

The Sanhedrin was comprised of Sadducees, Pharisees and Scribes. They sat in judgment on both political and religious questions. They could not condemn someone to a death sentence although the Roman governor would often listen to their recommendations.

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 10:30a, Easter Breakfast/ Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Confirmation Sunday



On March 21, Our Redeemer held Confirmation Sunday for two members: **Anuheia De Lude** and **Matthew Schroppel**.

Anuheia is the daughter of **Clarence** and **Kari De Lude**. She has attended ORLS since

Kindergarten, and will graduate this year from the 8th grade. She is looking forward to visiting Washington D.C. this spring with her class. An excellent student and a regular on the Principal's list, Anuheia has been active both in school and in church. She especially likes language arts and the experiments in nature in science classes. She actively participates in Sunday School programs and musical offerings. She plays the oboe in the ORLS band and plays viola in Strings. Anuheia enjoys going to the beach, hanging out with friends and reading.

Matthew has attended ORLS since Kindergarten. He is the son of **Jim** and **Kristy Schroppel**. A regular on the Honor-Roll, Matthew's favorite subjects are math and science. He plays the baritone saxophone in the Band and has been active in many school music programs. For the past two years, Matthew has been on the student council. He likes to read adventure books, and to play video games. In addition, he also enjoys playing basketball and riding his bike. Matthew has been an acolyte in the church for the past three years.



Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday



On Easter Sunday, we will hold a Children's Easter Egg Hunt at **10:30a**. Bring your children to participate!

Please also consider donating wrapped candy, stickers, erasers, plastic eggs, etc. for the sacks and hunt. Contact Bette Shimkus for donation.



First Communion Class.

After Easter we will be offering a first communion class for people grade five and older who would like to receive

communion at our worship services. We will also be offering an **Adult Information Class** for those who are interested to be members or simply want to know more about Lutheranism. For more information about these classes, talk to Pastor.

Offering. For the month of February offering = \$14,614.70. Special funds: Building fund \$5.00
Our Redeemer Lutheran School \$5.00

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.

Sunday School. Sunday School classes have been under the theme of "Growing in Christ (CPH)". Nellie Miller is teaching the Preschool—6th Grade in the Aloha Room; Ruth Crockett, Steve Okumura, and Regina Sapko are team teaching the 7th-12th Grades in Pastor's office. We can still use volunteers to help take turns teaching. Please contact Nellie Miller.

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!

Lutheran High is proud to present

Once Upon a Mattress

*A musical based on the story of
"The Princess and the Pea"*

April 9-10

Lutheran High's auditorium
7:00p

Tickets are for \$8 (inc. dinner and the musical)
Dinner starts at 5:45p. Tickets can be purchased by
calling the school office at 949-5302

LWML Bible Study. Our next study will take place on April 15, 2010 at 6:30p in the Aloha Room (third Thursday of the month). If you would like to join us 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 News. 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. In mid-March we delivered to the River of Life Mission the following items: *15 tooth care items, 8 cans of meat and fish, 3 large packages of plastic cups, 12 cans/boxes of meals, 12 large and small packages of pasta, 5 jars of spaghetti sauce, 12 cans of vegetables, 3 soups, 10 soaps/shampoos, a large jar of peanut butter, two gallons of drinks.*

Our focus for April is **cans of meat and fish**. Usually this is tuna, salmon, chicken, spam and beef. But any items that you choose to donate are welcome. Cash/checks are always welcome. You can mail checks directly to them at River of Life Mission, P.O. Box 37939, Honolulu, HI 96837. Some people prefer to give cash so they do not get their names added to yet another mailing list. In this case you can put cash in an envelope addressed to River of Life, put it in the collection plate. It will be delivered to them along with the food and other items.

It was "Back to School Again" on March 29 as we began our Fourth Quarter. After 4 days in school "we're out again" as we "Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord". School will resume on Tuesday April 6.

The **State Science Fair** begins on Monday April 5 and concludes on Wednesday April 7. There are five students representing ORLS at the "State Science Fair." They are: Anuhea DeLude (8th Grade) for "Preserving Hawaiian Endemic Plants", Leilani DeLude & Samantha Komiyama (6th Grade) for "Making Fake Snow", and Matthew Schroppel (8th Grade) for "Moldy Cheese."



On Monday, April 12, students in grades kindergarten through third will be attending the **Honolulu Theatre for Youth's** performance of "Just So Stories." This production will be held at the Tenney Theatre. The students always love seeing stories "transform from the written page & coming to life before their eyes!" The troupe always tries to involve the students in the production which makes it even more exciting!

"On  the
Wilder
side"

On Friday, April 16 there will be a "**Free Dress Day**" for students in grades K through 8th. There is a \$3.00 charge collected by the Student Council which will be donated to a "worthy cause."... The week of April 19 students in Grades K through 8 will be taking the **SAT's**. In addition, students in the "odd numbered grades" will also be taking the

OLSAT's (The Otis Lennon Ability Tests)... On Sunday, April 18, the School Choir will participate at the 9:00a **Worship Service** at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

ORLS has Heart! The rains didn't stop us! On Thursday, March 4, students in grades Kindergarten through Eighth participated in **Jump Rope for Heart**. This is an annual event. Mr. **Timothy Martin** & Mrs. **Kate Markert** coordinated the event. Amount collected TBA.

National Lutheran Schools Week 2010



Great Fun was had by all during **National Lutheran Schools' Week/ Spirit Week**. The Terrific Third Grade Class won First Place for having the most students "dress out" for "**theme of the day**"; they were awarded a "Hot Dog Party." The Fabulous First Graders won Second Place and were awarded a "Popsicle Party." **Caden Olanolan** won a jar of M & M's for correctly guessing how many there were in the jar---698 (he was "right on!") & **Kharlie Simeona** won a jar of "gummie candies" for guessing that there were 198 contained within that jar (she was also "right on!") Both students are in Fabulous First Grade.

On Friday Afternoon there was a Faculty/Student Volleyball game.

The week ended with a truly wonderful **Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show** "spearheaded" by **Kristy Schroppel** (8th Grade Homeroom Teacher). Parents of Eighth Graders prepared & served the spaghetti dinner. This event was a "fundraiser" for the upcoming Seventh/Eighth Grade Trip to Washington D.C.

We had a "wide variety" of talent from students to faculty. We're looking forward to doing it again next school year!

From the Our Redeemer Lutheran School Admissions Director, Lisa Pelt. Two new students joined ORLS at the beginning of March. It has been exciting to see the continued success in the area of enrollment at the school. The current enrollment for Kindergarten through 8th Grade is 155 students. (Two students left the school due to personal reasons during the last month.)

For the 2010-2011 school year, applications continue to be received by the admissions office. Acceptance letters for grades 6-8 were mailed on March 23. By April 15, the school will know how many open seats will still be available for grades 6-8. Kindergarten through 5th grade acceptance letters will be mailed on April 20.

Re-Enrollment Packets for current students have been given to existing families. Financial Aid applications are being returned to the school now since most families have had time to complete their 2009 taxes by this date.

Applications for new students will continue to be received until all empty seats are filled. The preschool class still has a few open seats now. 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.

From the Our Redeemer Lutheran School PTO President, Lisa Pelt. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Board will meet after Spring Break and decide what final projects to do during the last quarter of school. Money has been put aside to re-pave the recess blacktop area over summer break. The PTO Board will encourage ORLS Parents to help the Honor Roll Dinner Committee with Honor Roll Banquet which takes place in May.

Learning about Airplanes...



The 3rd & 4th Graders recently went on a field trip to the Pacific Aviation Museum. The students really enjoyed the field trip.

Focus of the Month: Nellie Miller



On a typical Sunday, you will find her in Aloha Room, leading the Sunday School. You may also find her standing in the balcony, either as a cantor or singing with the choir. We asked Nellie to write a short article about herself.

I am a farmer's daughter.

I am a country girl. I was born in SC. My father was a

Methodist and my mother a Baptist. I became a Lutheran after I married and started my family. I graduated from high school with honors in 1960 and went to Allen University in Columbia SC. As a freshman I went to jail with M.L.K. and Rosa Parks during the Civil Rights struggle.

I moved to NJ for employment and spent a large part of my life living between NY and NJ. I was married for 30 years to William White Jr. We have three children and five grandchildren. In 2001, I retired from N.J. Bell and AT&T with 25 years of service. In addition to Allen University, I attended Kean, Rutgers, Essex County and William Patterson Colleges. I graduated from University of Hawaii in 2003 with a BA in Liberal Studies Music and Education. I may return to Kean to finish my degree in Performance (Vocal) Music. I am a substitute teacher with the Hawaii State Dept. of Education. At ORLC, I serve in Parish Education, ORLC Board of Directors, Lutheran High School Board of Directors and Choir both as a member and soloist.

April Birthdays: 6 Turro Wongkaren, 12 Betty Scholl, 15 Nancy Beadle, 17 Regina Sapko, 24 Grace Benton, 25 Eileen Gundell, 26 Anuhea DeLude, 27 Diana Stojanovic-Wongkaren.

Anniversaries: 6 Frank & Jane Freitas, 21 Richard & Masami Lachmann, 26 Peter & Joyce Tirbak.

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, 988-1738** or **Nelda Peterson, 923-4064** with your prayer requests. We know God answers prayers.

Scripture Readings

April 4 Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

April 11 Acts 5:12-20; Revelation 1:4-18; John 20:19-31

April 18 Acts 9:1-22; Revelation 5:8-14; John 21:1-14

April 25 Acts 20:17-35; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

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

Good News Online

The Newsletter is available on the Internet

Starting this month, we are phasing out the print copy of the newsletter. 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.

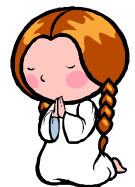
Those who have provided us email address will receive a notification whenever a new issue of the newsletter is available.

The web version will be available on the last week of the month. Visit our church website: www.orlc-hawaii.org Let us know if you would like your friends or family members to receive the email notification.

End Notes:

He Knows What We Need

"We do not know how to pray as we should. But the Spirit himself speaks to God for us." Romans 8:26



You know, we really don't know what to pray, do we? What if God had answered every prayer that you ever prayed? Just think whom you'd be married to. Just think where you'd be living. Just think what you'd be doing. God loves us so much that sometimes he gives us what we *need* and not what we *ask*.

(From Max Lucado Daily: Everyday Blessings.)

But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Acts 5:19-20

April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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</p>	29	30	31	<p>1 Maundy Thursday (Red/White/ Purple) 8:30a LHS Chapel 7:15p Maundy Thursday worship with communion</p>	<p>2 Good Friday (Black) 7:15p Tenebrae Service</p>	<p>3 7:15p Easter Vigil Service</p>
<p>4 The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday (White/Yellow) 6:30a Sunrise Service at Kaka'ako Park 9:00a Easter Festival Service 10:30a Easter Breakfast/ Children's Easter Egg Hunt</p>	5	<p>6 4p Communications Task Force <i>Turro Wongkaren's birthday</i> <i>F & J Freitas' anniversary</i></p>	<p>7 8:10a ORLS chapel 10a Bible study</p>	<p>8 8:30a LHS chapel</p>	<p>9 7p LHS Drama</p>	<p>10 7p LHS Drama</p>
<p>11 2nd Sunday of Easter (White) 9a worship with communion 10:30a Sunday School 10:30a Voters' Meeting for Budget</p>	<p>12 <i>Betty Scholl's birthday</i></p>	<p>13 6:30a Board of Education</p>	<p>14 8:10a ORLS chapel 10a Bible study 5p Vision/mission Task Force</p>	<p>15 8:30a LHS chapel 6p Choir 6:30p LWMS Bible study <i>Nancy Beadle's birthday</i></p>	16	<p>17 9a LWML workshop at St. Mark's <i>Regina Sapko's birthday</i></p>
<p>18 3rd Sunday of Easter (White) 9a Service of the Word, ORLS choir 10:30a Sunday School and Bible class</p>	19	20	<p>21 Administrative Professionals Day 8:10a ORLS chapel 10a Bible study <i>R & M Lachmann's anniversary</i></p>	<p>22 8:30a LHS chapel 6p Choir</p>	<p>23 7p LHS May Day Program</p>	<p>24 Yuukikai Car Wash <i>Grace Benton's birthday</i></p>
<p>25 4th Sunday of Easter (White) 9a worship with communion 10:30a Sunday School and Bible class <i>Eileen Gundell's birthday</i></p>	<p>26 St. Mark, Evangelist (Red) <i>Anuheia DeLude's birthday</i> <i>P & J Tirbak's anniversary</i></p>	<p>27 6:15p Board of Directors <i>Diana Stojanovic's birthday</i></p>	<p>28 8:10a ORLS chapel 10a Bible study</p>	<p>29 8:30a LHS chapel 6p Choir</p>	<p>30 LWML District Convention in San Jose</p>	1

Serving April 2010

Worshipcare: Nelda Peterson (primary); Sandie Stoutenburg (backup)

	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25
	9:00a	9:00a	9:00a	9:00a
Communion Assistants	Peter Tirbak David Lau	Turro Wongkaren Stephen Okumura	Peter Tirbak Sharon Shinno	Richard Thompson Sharon Shinno
Ushers	Les Pelletier Wil Schriefer	Paul Tirbak David Lau	Wil Schriefer David Lau	Les Pelletier Paul Tirbak
Acolyte	Lynsey Pelletier	Matthew Schroppel	Lorien Pelletier	Christian Schroppel
Reading 1 (lector)	Isaiah 65:17-25 Turro Wongkaren	Acts 5:12-20 Sandie Stoutenburg	Acts 9:1-22 Nancy Beadle	Acts 20:17-35 Suzanne Bile
Reading 2 (lector)	1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Michael Pennell	Revelation 1:4-18 Jeanette Ardiente	Revelation 5:8-14 Betty Beringer	Revelation 7:9-17 Nicole Dye
Reading 3	Luke 24:1-12	John 20:19-31	John 21:1-14	John 10:22-30

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