



*He is risen,
alleluia!*

From Pastor Paul:
Lent and Holy Week

Dear Saints of Our Redeemer

The season of Lent offers us a unique time to worship and to talk about and to come closer to Jesus. Lent is a time to thank God for personally coming to earth to offer us forgiveness, hope, and confidence in a future that God is preparing for us right now. We will gather together on the Wednesdays of March 30 and April 6 and 13 at 7:15 PM to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, using the last words of Jesus from the Cross to inspire us in faith, love, and in hope. Don't forget to enjoy the food and fellowship at the 6:00 PM suppers before the services!

All year long, the Gospels focus our minds and hearts and souls on God's gracious plan to send His Son Jesus Christ to our planet. All year long we hear and rehear with awe and gratitude about Christ's arrival in Bethlehem, His perfect life, His miracles of healing, His words from and to our Father, and of course His death and Resurrection and His promise to be with until He returns in glory.

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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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Pastor's Letter (continued)

Holy Week, which comprises about one-third of each Gospel's story of God's Good News for His world, tells us clearly about why He came to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, His gift of His Body and Blood for our forgiveness on Maundy Thursday, His death on Good Friday, and His new life on Easter Sunday. Holy Week focuses our attention the heartbeat of the whole Bible, and of the greatest story ever told.

On Good Friday and Easter, God let the world in on a surprising secret - God loves people in spite of what they think about Him, and what they do to themselves and to each other. People and events may disappoint us, but God never will. God is in control, and Jesus says and shows that God really does forgive and love you so much. He invites us to believe Him, and in believing Him to have the life and forgiveness and hope that will never disappoint us.

Come and worship Him! Jesus is God's way to save people... all people including our relatives, friends, neighbors, and those we work with. Invite those important people in your life to worship God with you. Most people will sincerely appreciate your offer to come with you and meet Jesus. I encourage you to think of people that need to meet Jesus, pray for them to meet Him, and invite them to join you in hearing Him.

"You have been raised to life with Christ... Your real life is Christ and when He appears, then you too will appear with Him and share His glory." (Colossians 3: 1, 4)

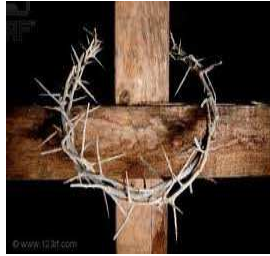
- Pastor Paul -

Holy Week Schedule	
April 21	7:15pm, Maundy Thursday Worship with communion
April 22	7:15pm, Good Friday Tenebrae Service
April 24	9:00am, Easter Festival Service 10:30am, Easter Brunch/ Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Japan's needs 'clearly going to be there for years'

As the most powerful aftershock yet rattled the coast off northeastern Japan on March 22, LCMS World Relief and Human Care (WR-HC) continues to work with Lutheran partners and prepares to assist with long-term recovery in a country where reports indicate several hundred thousand evacuees still live in shelters.

"The needs are clearly going to be there for years," said **Darin Storkson**, WR-HC regional director in Asia, hours before the 6.6 tremor, one of three aftershocks that



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caused no casualties or significant damages, according to early news reports. "Entire communities have been destroyed

and families and livelihoods wiped out" by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, he said.

While the LCMS has committed significant financial support for Japanese Lutherans to meet needs, Storkson says additional LCMS support likely will be most needed for long-term recovery, perhaps in communities with unmet needs where WR-HC traditionally seeks to serve.



To contribute to the Synod's response to the Japan earthquake and tsunami: Mail checks (noting "Japan Disaster Relief" in the memo line) to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. Call toll-free 888-930-4438 or give online at **Disaster Relief Fund for Japan**. For more information and resources, visit www.lcms.org/help.

From an article written by Kim Plummer, LCMS Communications ■



Offering for the month of February. Total Offering = \$12,965.00. Building Fund = \$40.00

Sunday School Easter activity.

The students are engaging in crafts making Easter baskets and rehearsing two songs to perform on Easter Sunday morning. There will be an EASTER EGG HUNT during the Sunday School hour. A box has been placed in the Aloha Room for contributions and donations for the baskets.

Worship Care for the Sanctuary. The Worship Care group will meet on 16 April at 9:00 until about 10:00 am. After our meeting, we will oil and clean the wood, wash windows and do other cleaning. Following this we will share pot luck *pupu* plus in the Aloha Room. With this clean up we will be ready for Holy Week and Easter. Even if you are not a member of Worship Care, we encourage you to help us. The more people the faster it goes. Thanks

Bob Ebert's Estate Sale. On Friday, March 25, the church held an estate sale of long-term member, Bob Ebert, who passed away in December. Mahalo to everyone who helped!

Lutheran High is proud to present

Arsenic and Old Lace

April 8 and 9, at 7 pm

Come see the Lutheran High School version of **Joseph Kesselring's** favorite play. Dinner at 6 pm, door opens at 5:45 pm. Tickets are \$10.00. Call the LHS office at 949-5302 for details and reservations.

From the Board of Directors March 8 meeting

- Mr. **Will Schriefer** was appointed chair of the Board of Deacons.
- Tuition for grades 9-12 was set so the budget proposed for 2011-2012 could be put into final form.
- The Board approved refinishing the parsonage floors at a cost of \$7900 by Mid Ocean Homes, LLC.

Voters meeting Sunday, March 13

- The Voters ratified the appointment of Mr. **Will Schriefer** as chair of the Board of Deacons.
- The Voters updated the corporate borrowing resolution for the First Hawaiian Bank.

Call Committee. The committee has met several times. They are in the process of reviewing the candidates by looking at the candidates' self-evaluation tools and the District President's suggestions. The followings are the qualities that we are seeking in a pastor.

1. A good preacher and teacher, firmly grounded in scripture and the Lutheran Confessions and a competent theologian.
2. A creative leader with good people skills
3. Someone who is familiar with and comfortable with the multicultural setting of Hawaii and our congregation
4. Someone who accepts and will use both traditional and contemporary settings of the worship service and will utilize both on a regular basis
5. Someone who accepts women in all lay roles in worship and in positions within the congregation and encourages it
6. Someone who will interact regularly with the school, students, school families, and be a recognizable presence at the school
7. Someone who works well with children and youth in developing opportunities and programs, and have a genuine concern for the senior members in the congregation.



Palm Sunday Brunch. This year it is Sam Choy's for the Palm Sunday brunch. Our reservations are for 12 noon. **Sam Choy's** Breakfast Lunch and Crab is at 580 North

Nimitz Highway. Cost for adults is \$19.95 and youth 5-12 is \$8.95 plus tax and 17% tip. Sign up by 10 April and make payment to **Peggy Pridgeon**. We will car pool as much as possible.

Easter Sunday Brunch. Mark your calendars for our annual Easter brunch. It will begin after our church service at 10:30 am. Sign up sheets will be available at the back pews to coordinate the menu. Good food - good fellowship - good fun - and a wonderful day to celebrate.

ORLC Prayer Chain. A reminder that if you need prayer for whatever reason, please call **Nelda Peterson** 923-4064 or the church office. We will pass the prayer request onto each person in the chain. We need only the name or relationship and a one or two word prayer request, i.e., Mary's cousin for health or Harry for a big decision. We do not need to know details. When you call the Pastor for prayers, you may also let him know if you want to activate the prayer chain.

April River of Life Mission Focus. **Rann Watumull**, River of Life Mission Board President, wrote about a little

known outreach. He wrote: *"We partnered with Farmers Insurance Hawaii to make sure that all the students at Dole Middle School were provided lunch each day. Did you know that the children who cannot afford to buy or bring lunch are rounded up and made to sit at a table and watch as the others eat? It was heartbreaking to see this. But thanks to this partnership over 55 students are now free from "That Table" and can now eat lunch each day with the other children."*

As you can see there are many facets to the mission. We are focusing on meat in cans for the month of April. This includes fish, e.g. tuna, and items such as SPAM, canned chicken and beef. As the above paragraph indicates, money is always welcomed. Thanks so much for all your support. ■

Reflections on our trip to India

Nelda Peterson and Sandie Stoutenburg went to India in February. They share their experiences with us.

We experienced an "unbelievable" trip to northern India. We were amazed at how poor the people are. Most (60 percent) of the over 1.2 billion people live in deep poverty on an equivalent of \$370.00 per person annually.



There are about 250 million people whose standard of living equals that of the US. Their schools attract many people from in and outside India mostly in the technical and engineering fields. Although there is great diversity, Sandie and I did not see evidences of wealth.

The caste system, while officially outlawed, still exists. It is fundamental to Hinduism - the prominent religion. My opinion is that Hinduism, the caste system and the belief in reincarnation destroy any hope for a better life for oneself or one's children. They aim for salvation (nirvana) through righteous living and making sacrifices to appease the millions of Hindu gods for any bad things they do. It saddened us to see the need they have for a forgiving Savior and a real hope of eternal life.

In 1895, India became the first LCMS foreign mission field. In 1959 the India Evangelical Lutheran Church became one of our partner churches. It has grown to 784 congregations and 635 preaching stations serving 114,600 members with 210 pastors and 124 other church workers. One of the first mission efforts was to build schools. They have 82 with 18,000 students and one seminary. The schools built in the early 50s are in need of repair. Today many of the classes are held out-of-doors because some of the buildings are in such disrepair. Another mission has been in the medical field. They have three hospitals and in 2010 broke ground on a nursing school.

If you Google "LCMS World Mission India" you will find opportunities to support our mission effort in India. Donations to LCMS World Mission marked 'in support of India' will be much appreciated. (Submitted by Nelda Peterson.) ■

Aloha!

Here's what's happening "On the Wilder Side..."

"On  the
Wilder
Side"

Each month of the school year each grade is in charge of overseeing where the month's weekly chapel offerings will go (the exception is the first month of the school year---it is designated for the school's endowment fund). The month of February is always overseen by the "fabulous first graders" and goes to "**Hearts for Jesus.**" This year's "Hearts for Jesus"

project was "**Mission India.**" Children in India have very little. There are 275 million children between the ages of 4 and 14. In the evening, before they eat, they put part of their rice in a small bag or container and take it at the end of the week to the temple as an offering. These are the children we hope to reach with the love of Jesus through the Children's Bible Clubs. One dollar (\$1.00) will send a child in India to a Bible Club for 10 days, then after school for an entire year. During the year of Children's Bible Club, children will learn to read, write, do math, learn hygiene, and most importantly, learn about Jesus' saving love for them through the Bible! Our chapel offerings totaled \$500.00---that's 500 children---Wow!

On March 5 Our Redeemer Lutheran joined with Emmanuel (Maui), Our Savior, St. Mark, and Trinity for the **Hawaii Lutheran Schools' Music Festival Concert 2011.** The combined bands and choirs presented an outstanding performance.

Congratulations to eighth grader **Sean Kinel** who represents Our Redeemer Lutheran School at the **Hawaii State Geography Bee on Friday** on April 1... Also for students headed for the **Hawaii State Science Fair**. The students are: **Spencer Young, Caleb Lum, & Brayden Salas** (6th graders) for Geothermal Energy; **Cianan Williams, Gabriel Yanazaki, & Jace Hanes** (6th graders) for Fresh Food vs. Dehydrated; **Angeliki Scordilis** (6th grader) for Hydroponics; and **Chase Yamada, Tess Fukuyama, & Dillian Korman** (7th graders) for Seismographs.

A few weeks ago the annual "**Spirit Week**" volleyball games between the faculty and the varsity & junior varsity volleyball teams were rained out. It was rescheduled and played on Friday, March 18. The faculty won three of the four games played! We did have one casualty: Mr. **Schriefer** sprained his ankle (ouch!).



Speaking of rescheduling, our **Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show** has been rescheduled for Friday, April 15. The spaghetti will begin being served at 5:45 pm; the talent show will begin at 6:30 pm. The event will be held in the auditorium of LHS. Tickets are \$7.00 for the dinner and are still available. Please call the school office at 945-7765 or see Mrs. **Kristy Schroppel**. If you're not interested in eating spaghetti you may come for the talent portion (no charge).

On the morning of March 18 we had a **special prayer service** in our Multi-purpose Room for the victims in Japan. We also viewed a DVD that was produced by **Brian Dote** (husband of Administrative Assistant **Karen Dote**) of scenes of the devastation in Japan, with heartfelt music playing in the background.



ORLS Japan Relief Drive

Beginning on Monday (03/14) through noon on Friday (03/18) food, clothing, medical supplies, blankets, and the like were "dropped off" at our school for the victims in Japan. Numerous parents & staff members sorted through all of the items and transported "truck/car loads" to the "**Standefers' garage**" (the **Standefers** have 2 boys in our school--- **AJ** in grade K and **Eli** in first---the **Standefers** are also members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church). Dedicated Volunteers worked until 11:00 pm on Friday evening. The items are being "housed" in the **Standefers'** garage until we are able to secure arrangements to transport the items to Japan. Arrangements had been made but fell through.



Prayer gathering

On Wednesday evening the **PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)** is collecting donations to help with the cost of shipping the items. We are determined to send these items to Japan.

This effort was "spearheaded" by Kindergarten Teacher **Michele Zane** who is a graduate of Our Redeemer Lutheran School & Lutheran High School of Hawaii. Her thoughts and reasoning follow: "On Thursday, March 11, I watched the devastation that was occurring in Japan like the nation. As I continued to watch I thought about my family there. I wondered how I could help them. I spoke with one of my student's parents and she said that she would support me with my cause to help Japan. After receiving permission from my Principal, Ms. **BonnieJo Alle**, I organized a **donation drive and prayer gathering**. The outpour of support from our families and the community was overwhelming. The school came together to support Japan. There were many obstacles in our way, but through prayer and God we were able to reach our goals."

On Sunday afternoon (03/20/2011) **KITV News** interviewed Michelle Zane and me about our school's donation drive for Japan. Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:40 that when we help others it is as though we are helping Him.

Sharing the Joy of Jesus,
Principal Alle

P.S. If you have a chance please check out our "updated" website (www.ORLS-HI.org).

Focus of the Month: The Scholls

Karl "Chuck" Scholl grew up in Kansas, the son of a Lutheran pastor of the ALC Synod. **Betty** was born and grew up in Bronx, NY.



They first met in 1939 when Chuck's family attended the World's Fair in Flushing, NY. They remained in contact as pen pals.

After graduating from high school in May 1940, in September Chuck enrolled at Capital U., an ALC school in Columbus, Ohio. March of 1942 he enlisted in the Army Reserve Corps and was called to active duty May 1943. After training, he was assigned to the 787 Tank BN and in January 1945 landed in France. From there they moved to battle in Germany and was in Salzburg, Austria when the war in Europe ended May 1945. He was sent back to the U.S.A. in July and was there when the war with Japan ended in August 1945. During this period of time, Betty graduated from high school, attended college and graduated from Washington School for Secretaries, then worked for U.S. Potash as an executive secretary in Radio City.

In September 1945 Chuck made his first visit to Betty since 1939, and on January 12, 1946, they were married by Pastor Geo. C. Koenig at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the Bronx, NY. The marriage has received many blessings from God including three living daughters: **Debbie** in Chicago, **Karen** here on Oahu and **Marianne** in Key West, FL. In addition, they have been saddened by the deaths of several children. January 1947, they moved to Columbus, OH and Chuck graduated from Capital U. in May of 1948. Betty worked during this time and in later years as needed.

From Columbus, they moved to South Bend, IN. In 1954, Chuck went to work as a Sales Rep for a pharmaceutical company, which became Hoechst-Roussel and now is known as Sanofi-Aventis. Due to promotions, they moved to Omaha, NE in 1958 and in 1966 to Barrington, IL and lived there until 1999. They joined St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Both participated in many activities which included Chuck serving as elder for a number of years. Betty helped start and was active in the Welfare Committee, Altar Guild, as well as starting "Meals on Wheels" where we both delivered meals. They were both active in starting two Lutheran churches: Good Shepherd in So. Bend and Messiah Lutheran in Dundee-Elgin area of Illinois.

On Oct. 1, 1999, they moved to Oahu and joined Our Redeemer in April 2001. Chuck enjoys Wednesday Bible studies and until last year was active in The River of Life Walk for Hunger promotions and Salvation Army bell ringer.

In January, they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary and now look forward to celebrating Betty's 90th birthday in April.

April Birthdays: 4 Eytan Abarbanel 6 Turro Wongkaren, 12 Betty Scholl, 15 Nancy Beadle, 17 Regina Sapko, 24 Grace Benton, 25 Eileen Gundell, 26 Anuhea DeLude, 27 Diana Stojanovic.

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 –**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.

Scripture Readings

April 3

Is. 42:14-21 | Psalm 142
Eph. 5:8-14 | John 9:1-41

April 10

Ezek. 37:1-14 | Psalm 130
Rom. 8:1-11 | John 11:1-45 (46-53)

April 17

Is. 50:4-9a | Psalm 118:19-29
Phil. 2:5-11 | John 12:12-19 and Matt. 26:1—27:66

April 24

Acts 10:34-43 | Psalm 16
Col. 3:1-4 | Matt. 28:1-10

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

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is. seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. **Colossian 3: 1-2**



Our Redeemer
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April 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9a Worship with communion 10:30a Christian education	4 4:30p Communication <i>Eytan Aberbanel's birthday</i>	5	6 6p Soup supper 7:15p Lent service <i>Turro Wongkaren's birthday</i> <i>F & J Freitas' anniversary</i>	7	8 7p LHS Play	9 7p LHS Play
10 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9a Worship (no communion) ORLS choir 10:30a Christian education	11	12 Board of Directors' meeting <i>Betty Scholl's birthday</i>	13 6p Soup supper 7:15p Lent service	14	15 <i>Nancy Beadle's birthday</i>	16 9a Worship care meeting Church cleaning
17 Palm Sunday 9a Worship with communion 10:30a Christian education Noon Palm Sunday Brunch <i>Regina Sapko's birthday</i>	18	19	20	21 Maundy Thursday 7:15p Worship with communion <i>R & M Lachmann's anniversary</i>	22 Good Friday 7:15p Tenebrae Service	23
24 Easter 9a Easter Festival service 10:30a Easter Brunch/ Egg hunts <i>Grace Benton's birthday</i>	25 <i>Eileen Gundell's birthday</i>	26 <i>Anuheia DeLude's birthday</i> <i>P & J Tirbak's anniversary</i>	27 <i>Diana Stojanovic's birthday</i>	28	29	30

Serving April 2011

Worshipcare: Sharon Shinno (primary), Nelda Peterson (backup)

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
	9:00a	9:00a	9:00a	9:00a
Communion Assistants	Richard Thompson Turro Wongkaren	Stephen Okumura	Peter Tirbak Sharon Shinno	Peter Tirbak Turro Wongkaren
Ushers	Lester Pelletier David Lau	William Schriefer Greg Dotson	Lester Pelletier Paul Tirbak	David Lau William Schriefer
Acolyte	Leilani Delude	Matthew Schroppel	Lynsey Pelletier	Troy Tirbak
Reading 1 (lector)	<u>Is. 42:14-21</u> <u>Psalm 142</u> Takako Thompson	<u>Ezek. 37:1-14</u> <u>Psalm 130</u> Kristy Schroppel	<u>Is. 50:4-9a</u> <u>Psalm 118:19-29</u> Rianna Williams	<u>Acts 10:34-43</u> <u>Psalm 16</u> Willie Williams
Reading 2 (lector)	<u>Eph. 5:8-14</u> Kona Delude	<u>Rom. 8:1-11</u> Christobel Sanders	<u>Phil. 2:5-11</u> Richard Lachmann	<u>Col. 3:1-4</u> Jennifer Oliver
Reading 3	<u>John 9:1-41</u>	<u>John 11:1-45</u>	<u>John 12:12-19</u>	<u>Matt. 28:1-10</u>

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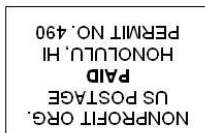
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