



From Pastor Paul:

"Tell Them That I Love Them Too!"

"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 19-20)

The Gospel is the true account of what God did because God loves the world and its people so much. The Gospel is the Greatest Story Ever Told because it is God's story about Himself and about us. The Gospel says that Jesus is God's way to save all people through the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus wants us to help Him get the Word out.

His friend John summed up the Christian's life this way, *"God wants us to have faith in His Son Jesus Christ and to love each other."* (1 John 3:23) We want to talk about Jesus, and we want to love people for Jesus. Our goal is that people, through the inspiration of the Spirit, start to think about Jesus and then understand and believe who He really is... God Himself.

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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

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Vacancy Pastor

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Our Redeemer Lutheran School

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Lutheran High School of Hawaii

Principal

Art Gundell

Jesus is God's way to save people... all people including our relatives, friends, neighbors, and those with whom we work. Invite those important people in your life to worship God with you. Most people will sincerely appreciate your offer to come with you and to meet your friend and Savior Jesus. I encourage you to think of people who need to meet Jesus, pray for them, and invite them to join you in hearing what God has done for them and a world-full of people.

Jane and I are going to head back to the mainland for two weeks in early May to be with our family for the Baptisms of our two new granddaughters in Seattle and Columbus, Ohio. We look forward to returning to experience with you the exciting and challenging times God has placed before us as we call a new Pastor and welcome Lutheran High School into the Our Redeemer family!

Your friend in Christ,
Pastor Paul

Our Redeemer Lutheran Schools

By Rev Karl Bachman, Director
Board of Education



Beginning in the Fall of 2010 a Vision Committee began to explore the use of our facility in the event that the Lutheran High School of Hawaii would close at the end of the current academic year. They compiled a list of more than a dozen options for the use of the facility, some of which were more realistic than others, but the one that kept rising to the forefront of the discussion was for Our Redeemer Lutheran to offer to assume management of the high school and keep it open. By December the Lutheran High School Association of Hawaii had made the decision that the current academic year would be the last year for the high school.

A December Voters' Assembly passed a resolution offering to assume management of the high school with the understanding that the congregation would have to

“Invite those important people in your life to worship God with you...”



secure some financial backing to make it possible. Application was made to the bank to refinance our outstanding obligation in order to free up some funds that might be necessary for facility renovation. Meetings began to multiply overnight. There were extra Board of Education meetings, Finance Committee meetings, long discussions at the Board of Directors, and even another Voters' Assembly in March to approve the financing from the bank. In the meantime a Transition Committee began work on how best to make the change from the Lutheran High School Association of Hawaii to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Several things have happened and some are yet to happen. Our Redeemer will manage the high school next year. Principal **Art Gundell** will be retiring at the end of the current year. He and Eileen plan to move back to the mainland to be closer to family, but we hope they can “snow bird” back to us for regular visits. Ms. **Daryl Utsumi** has been named Interim Principal for one year. Together with Dr. **Frank Lutz** they will handle the administrative responsibilities of the school. Our Admissions Director, **Wyndy Quandt**, is putting the final touches on a new brochure for the high school. Open houses have been conducted and new students are enrolling. The congregation will be asked to adopt a financial plan for next year at the Voters' Assembly this month (May). This budget will include all the numbers for our congregation, the preschool, elementary, and high schools.

Questions about accreditation have arisen. Both schools are soon to be in the midst of the accreditation process and they will be treated as two separate schools, under the control of one Board of Education. This should be no impediment to the successful completion of the accreditation process.

The academic calendars have been set for next academic year, but for the following year they will be synchronized to make it easier for faculty to share courses across the “middle school” and “high school” divide if we so desire. It will also make it more attractive for potential students with children in both schools for their personal family vacation schedules.

The Board of Education had its longest meeting in memory in February, lasting until 11:00 p.m. Things have settled down a little since then. The policies of both schools are currently being reviewed, prioritized, and changed as seems best under the new circumstances. It is anticipated that the complete transfer of authority to the congregation will take place by the end of June. As the Director of the Board of Education I have met with the Elementary faculty once and with the High School faculty twice to talk about the progress of this transition, answer questions, and listen to suggestions.

Our prayers continue to be with the entire student body and faculties of our Preschool, Elementary and High School that we make as smooth a transition as possible and that God would bless us with the enrollments necessary for continued success of these great educational institutions here in Hawaii. ■

LCMS Leadership

Since July of 2010 there have been some changes in leadership in LCMS organizations. They are:



Rev. Matthew C. Harrison President of LCMS replacing Rev. Jerry Kieschnick
Rev. Harrison previously served as Executive Director of LCMS World Relief and Human Care

Rev. David Birner, Associate Executive Director of LCMS International Missions replacing Interim Executive Director of LCMS World Missions Rev Kurt S. Buchholz
Rev. Birner was previously a World Mission director in Asia and Africa

Rev. John Fale, Interim Executive Director, LCMS World Relief and Human Care replacing Rev. Matthew C. Harrison. Rev. Fale previously served as Associate Executive Director, LCMS World Relief and Human Care

Rev Gregory Seltz Lutheran Hour Speaker replacing Pastor Ken Klaus. Previously Rev Seltz was the Cross-Cultural Ministry Center Director at Concordia University, Irvine CA.



\$455.00; Easter music \$570.00.

Offering. Total offering for April = \$15,657.00. Special offering. Building Fund \$5.00; Board of Fellowship \$100.00; Easter flowers

From the Board of Directors meeting April 12

Rev. **Ted Hartman** of the District Office visited regarding Transforming for Mission. Business Manager **Jerry Sobieski** reported that the parsonage will be treated for flying and ground termites. **Paul Oliver** was appointed as Chair of the Board of Property Management. **The Maybell Barnett Trust Fund** is awarding ORLC \$2500 each year for 10 years. A check for \$5000 (2009 and 2010) was received and will be applied to parsonage repairs.

Meetings in May:

- May 8 : Budget Meeting 1
- May 15 : Budget Meeting 2
- May 22 : Call Committee Meeting
- May 29 : Congregation's Annual Meeting (with election of officers)

Call Committee. After interviews, prayers, and deliberations, the committee has narrowed down the candidates into several names. The congregation will have a chance to discuss and vote on who we would call to be Our Redeemer new pastor on **Sunday, May 22.**

Mothers Day. Just a reminder that the 8th of May is a day to celebrate all that our mothers and grandmothers do/have done for us. We also like to honor those who function as mothers in our community and our congregation.

Prayers Requests

We have initiated a new procedure for requesting prayers on Sunday. On the guest book stand, pick up a Prayer Request card. Fill it out before the service and give it to the ushers. The ushers will present them to the Pastor. If you would like prayers on other days or during the week, please call Pastor Hoffman. Call Nelda Peterson 923-4064 if you wish to activate the prayer chain.

Baptism. On the first of May, **Tristan Jackson Gontarek** will be baptized. He is the son of **Brett and Amanda Gontarek**. Tristan was born on the 14th of January 2011. His sponsors are **Paul Gondark** and **Jamie Denke**. Welcome Tristan!

River of Life Mission Needs for May. What a deluge of canned meat and vegetables we received in April! They are so much appreciated. In May we will focus on Personal Care items. These are mostly personal size items.

Large size items such as shampoo are needed as well as the spray-type deodorant. Personal size items for teeth, hair and skin are always welcomed. Thank you so very much for all of your contributions to those in our community that need help at this time.

"On  the
Wilder
Side"

Aloha!

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

The **Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show** was a great success and enjoyed by all. Mahalo nui loa to Mrs. **Schroppel** for coordinating and emceeing it, and all of the parents, volunteers who donated their time and talents. Mahalo, too, to the talented participants Mrs. Markert for choreographing "the "Safety Dance Routine", and last but not least 9th Grader **Matthew Schroppel** for "running" the sound system.

We're in the last days (actually weeks) of school that is and there's an array of things that are going on. Teachers and students are busy preparing for **May/Lei Day**. May Day will be celebrated, this year, on May 6. We will have our program in the auditorium at LHS at 1:00 p.m.

On Saturday, May 14, 2011 we will hold our **Annual Student Honors Banquet**. Students who have attained Honor Roll status (3.50 or higher) or Principals' List (4.0) for at least one of the quarters of the school year are honored at the banquet.

Students in Grades third through fifth will participate in the Worship Service at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 15. Wednesday of that same week (05/18/11) we will have our annual **Spring Concert** at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.



May 20th students in K through 8th grades will have their "running shoes" on as they are engaged in our **Annual Track & Field Day**." The students in 5th through 8th grades "head out" to Mililani and compete with students from the same grades levels of our "sister schools" (Our Savior, Saint Mark, and Trinity Lutheran). Great fun is had by all. Meanwhile, Mr. Martin (our 4th grade teacher), coordinates a "track & field eventful morning at Moilili Park for grades K through 4. Always a fun filled exciting morning.

May 25 will be our final **Student of the Month** and **Reading Counts Awards** that will be given at Chapel. These recipients will receive Pizza for lunch from the Principal.

On Friday, May 27 our 2010/2011 **Yearbook** will be distributed. "Who is it dedicated to this year?" is always the question on everyone's mind. (Only the yearbook staff it Mr. Schriefer, the Yearbook Advisor know for sure!)

The four-year old class from our Punahou Site Pre School will graduate.

The "S" Force has made some exciting plans also for May, they are: May 13, there will be the final "**Free dress day**" for this school year. Faculty/Staff/Students have the opportunity to "dress differently" (yes, there are guidelines that must be followed) for a donation of \$3.00. The money collected is always given to a charitable cause. May 21 (a Saturday) students in Junior High will have a "Social."



Then along comes June. June 1 is a fun filled day due to the fact that the entire student body, teachers, & many parents head to the "**Wet n' Wild Water Park**" for the day. It's our year-end event! The students love it and are "all a-buzz" about it! The following day...June 2 is our final

day of school. We have our final chapel of the school year ("A Blessings Chapel"). Later that evening is the **Eighth Grade Graduation**. Graduation will be at 5:30 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. The Seventh Graders host a graduation party for the graduates & their parents in the auditorium immediately following the graduation service.

On Friday, June 2 the Wilder Site Pre School will have a **graduation for the four-year olds**. After the graduation, which will be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, there will be a "graduation party" held in the MPR at the Elementary School.

It's been a good year and just sped by...

Walk in His Light,
Principal Alle

New Members: **The Gibsons**

On Palm Sunday, the Gibson family joined ORLC. They are a busy family. **Norman** is a counselor with the City and County of Honolulu and **Becky**



works as an occupational therapy assistant at Maluhia Hospital. **Daniel** is ten-years-old in the fourth grade and **Jessica**, seven, is in the first grade. Both attend ORLS. The Gibsons come to us from the Lutheran Church of Honolulu. Becky is originally from Hong Kong. Norman was born in California, but has spent most of his life in Hawaii. He was confirmed right here in ORLC.

Hawaii is a great place for some of their favorite activities such as going to the beach and hiking. Daniel and Jessica enjoy Aikido and Daniel is learning to play the violin. Jessica is learning to play the piano. They all enjoy music. Norman has done some community theater both at UH and at the Kumu Kahua theater. Between work and school this family stays active and involved in all sorts of activities. We are so happy that they have joined our Ohana.

New Member: **Debbie Fine**

Meet our new member **Deborah (Debbie) Fine**. Debbie comes to us from Colorado. She is the oldest of four children of a military family.



She has lived all over the country. It all began in Holyoke MA with stops in Puerto Rico, Maine, Pennsylvania, Japan, Guam, Hawaii and California. She lived in Hawaii as a teen-ager. Her sister Mary Jane lives in Hawaii also. In addition she has two brothers and an

ex-husband on the mainland. Her parents are no longer living.

Before she was two years old, she contracted meningitis which left her without vision and with difficulty walking. She was confirmed about 11 years ago and still has close ties to her previous church, Divine Savior Lutheran Church. She was, and still is, active in their prayer chain.

She has been reading Braille since she was 6 years old. She currently has only four books of the Bible in Braille and is awaiting the arrival of the rest of the books.

Debbie enjoys beadwork, music (especially country/western) and listening to recorded books. She enjoys meeting people and is very out-going as anyone who has met her knows. Debbie regularly comes to church in a Handi-van. We are very pleased to have Debbie join our congregation.

Focus of the month: **Clara Unke Marts**



Clara was born, baptized and confirmed in Emerson, Manitoba, Canada. In the early 30s many confirmands were questioned by the pastor prior to confirmation. Clara's questioning was in German. For several years services were in German at 11 am and English at 9 am. At age 17 her family moved to their farm near

St. Thomas, ND. Her parents were American Citizens and Clara had dual-citizenship. Her plan after high school was to become a nurse. She graduated at 16 but had to wait two years to go to nurses training. Then her mother was ill and she had met **Bernhard Unke**, a young farmer. She and Bernard were married in 1939. They had one son, **Ronald**.

Clara always had a large garden of vegetables, fruit and flowers. She entered many exhibits locally and in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She won many awards for her flowers and flower arrangements. She entered 41 exhibits and won 31 ribbons - 20 for first place. She received special publicity when her pink rose was put in the "Queen of Honor Court". Clara was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She chaired the church's 75th anniversary celebration, LLL seminars and was president of the LWML for two years. Clara started selling Sarah Coventry jewelry. Her first year she was crowned "Queen of the Region" and was royally feted at events in South Dakota. In addition she helped Bernhard in the fields, mowed the yard, canned from her garden and cared for their son. A very, very busy lady!

They traveled extensively during the winters - to Florida, Hawaii and California. In 1979 they retired and having spent a lot of time in Hawaii they moved to Honolulu in 1985. Their traveling included most of the US mainland, Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Bernard died in 1988. In 1991, three years later she met and married **Vernon (Sandy) Marts**. Vernon and Clara also traveled throughout the US mainland, Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, several countries in Asia and South America. You name it, Clara's been there. Vernon died in 2007. Clara, soon to be 91, lives in a condo in Waikiki and enjoys good health. She rides the bus each Sunday to worship at ORLC. We are very happy to have Clara in our midst.

May Birthdays. **1** Amanda Oliver, **2** Edward Bruhnke, **2** Greg Dotson, **2** Takako Thompson, **5** Jane Freitas, **6** Nicole Rosete, **7** Gertraud Lau, **10** Carol White, **11** Joyce Tirbak, **13** Ken Watanabe, **16** Aneka-Jade Lizotte, **18** Christobel Sanders, **29** Kimberly Koopman.

Anniversary. **1** Roger & Kimberly Koopman

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

MAY 1

1 Peter 1:3-9 | Psalm 148
John 20:19-31

MAY 8

Peter 1:17-25 | Acts 2: 14, 36-41
Luke 24:13-35

MAY 15

Psalm 23 | 1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

MAY 22

Psalm 146 | 1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

MAY 29

Acts 17:16-31 | 1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

End Note

Baptism of Bella



On April 17, Bella Rose Bren, daughter of Steven and Erica Bren of Ketchum, Idaho, was baptized. Bella is the granddaughter of Randy Spangler. Bella's sponsors were Randy and Stephanie Spangler.

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.
Psalm 146: 3-4



Our Redeemer
Lutheran Church
 Connecting People to Jesus

May 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Second Sunday in Easter 9a Worship with communion 10:30a Christian education Amanda Oliver's birthday	2 Greg Dotson's birthday Edward Bruhnke's birthday Takako Thompson's birthday	3	4	5 Jane Freitas' birthday	6 Nicole Rosete's birthday	7 Gertraud Lau's birthday
8 Third Sunday in Easter 9a Worship with communion 10:30a Budget Meeting 1	9	10 Carol White's birthday	11 Joyce Tirbak's birthday	12	13 Ken Watanabe's birthday	14
15 Fourth Sunday in Easter 9a Worship (no communion) 10:30a Budget Meeting 2	16 Aneka-Jade Lizotte's birthday	17	18 Christobel Sanders's birthday	19	20	21
22 Fifth Sunday in Easter 9a Worship with communion 10:30a Call Meeting	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Sixth Sunday in Easter 9a Worship with communion 10:30a Voters' Assembly Kimberly Koopman's birthday	30	31				

Serving May 2011

Worshipcare: Jeanette Ardiente (Primary), Marcy Reginelli (Backup)

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
	9:00a	9:00a	9:00a	9:00a	9:00a
Communion Assistants	Richard Thompson William Schriefer	Peter Tirbak Sharon Shinno	Stephen Okumura	Turro Wongkaren Sharon Shinno	Peter Tirbak William Schriefer
Ushers	Lester Pelletier Paul Tirbak	William Schriefer David Lau	Lester Pelletier Greg Dotson	William Schriefer David Lau	Lester Pelletier Paul Tirbak
Acolyte	Leilani DeLude	Grant Kollien	Paris Bile	Faith Kollien	Adam Quandt
Reading 1 (lector)	1 Peter 1:3-9 Takako Thompson	Peter 1:17-25 Kona Delude	Psalm 23 Rianna Williams	Psalm 146 Christian Schroppel	Acts 17:16-31 Richard Lachmann
Reading 2 (lector)	Psalm 148 Arthur Gundell	Acts 2: 14, 36-41 Betty Beringer	1 Peter 2:19-25 Charles Fox	1 Peter 2:2-10 Diana Kunz	1 Peter 3:13-22 Marcy Reginelli
Reading 3	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:13-35	John 10:1-10	John 14:1-14	John 14:15-21

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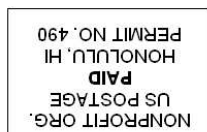
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