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**The Good News**



Newsletter of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and School Honolulu, Hawaii



## Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ,

I'm writing this toward the end of my "mainland trip". I call it that because it involved being away on the mainland as the pastoral delegate from Hawaii for our church body's synodical convention in Houston, Texas from July 10 to 17, then taking some vacation time in southern Illinois for my parent's 60th wedding anniversary. (For those of you who haven't noticed that I've been gone, it's time to get back to church!)

Interestingly, both parts of the trip could be summarized in one word -- family. Here in southern Illinois that's most evident. It's been nice to reestablish contact with some of the far-flung members of my family -- not only parents, but brother and sisters, in-laws, nephews and nieces, etc. While we've been here Bette has been helping my Mom sort through boxes of photographs that Mom had put away, reminding us of a still greater web of family and friends.

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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:* 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month, 6:30 pm  
*Japanese Language Fellowship and Bible Study:* 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month  
*The Men's Fellowship:* Saturday, 8 am, at the Waioli Tea Room

#### Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Pastor

*The Rev. William Shimkus*

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*Bonnie Jo Alle*

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*Karen Dote*

**Admissions Director**

*Wyndy Quandt*

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#### Lutheran High School of Hawaii

**Principal**

*Art Gundell*

*Pastor's Letter (continued)*

But "family" is also a good way to think about my experience at the convention of the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod. Not many of my classmates from seminary are serving in our synod. Yet I was surprised at the number of people attending the convention that I did know -- from school, from previous churches and district that I had served as pastor. I ran into a guy I went to high school with, who I haven't seen for forty years. Even then, if you sat at a meal with a stranger, it didn't take too long before you found a connection. The person that I sat next to during sessions of the convention, a lay delegate from Florida who I had never met before, had attended my vicarage congregation in Anchorage, Alaska and knew my brother-in-law. In many ways it's a small synod!

As I think back about my time with my family this past week, there is no doubt that we're all related. We have the same DNA. We grew up in the same house, in the same town, going to the same schools. Needless to say, we have a lot in common. But we also have many things that make us different -- different tastes, different likes and dislikes, different experiences, different ways of looking at things. We have unity but not uniformity. We are a family who love each other, but we don't have to be exactly alike in everything we do. In fact, it's our differences, those things that make us unique as individuals, that helps make things lively and interesting when we all get together.

It should be the same way in the church, whether we're thinking about the "holy Christian Church", the "Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod" or our own congregation. We have the same DNA -- "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all". In our synod we have a common doctrinal heritage. There are those who think we should all be uniform -- doing everything exactly the same way wherever we might be. But our unity doesn't depend on uniformity. In fact, our differences WITHIN that unity we have may be our greatest strength.

Synodical conventions are always interesting. This past one has been no exception. With new synodical leadership change is in the wind. As we together move into God's future, we can be grateful for God's gifts of the

past and for the "family" with which he has blessed us, as we seek to carry out his mission of "connecting people with Jesus", here in Honolulu and throughout the world!

*Pastor Shimkus*

## Lutheran Missions Worldwide



LCMS World Missions, LCMS World Relief and Lutheran Hour Ministries all join forces worldwide to bring the Good News of Christ to the world. Read on:

- Imagine sharing the Gospel with 4,000 children in India in one day. After a program of gospel music and magic sponsored by the Lutheran Hour Ministries, 1,028 of the 4,000 students enrolled in a Bible course.
- The Lutheran Hour broadcasts regularly to military personnel on the American Forces network. Sample the program at [www.lutheranhour.org/afn](http://www.lutheranhour.org/afn) for a listen.
- As a volunteer missionary in Macau, **Nelda Peterson** taught in an English language school. Free lessons based on the Bible were also offered. One of her students met and married the director of the school, was baptized, confirmed, entered the seminary and will begin his vicarage this summer. He will soon be Reverend Wayne Zwang. Nelda met with the Zwang family in July.
- A few weeks after the earthquake in Haiti, Rev. **Marky Kessa**, president of the Lutheran Church in Haiti (a LCMS partner synod), shared, "After the earthquake, during our first worship service, we baptized 35 people. Last Saturday we baptized 49 and the coming Sunday, we will baptize more than 30 people. Most of them are just coming to Christ since the earthquake." Many of the Haitian Lutheran churches are reporting 40 new baptisms a week. (LCMS World Missions and LCMS World Relief working together.)

- Rev. **Obot** is the first missionary from Africa to serve in Jamaica. Pastor Obot was trained by and originally served in the Lutheran Church of Nigeria and LCMS partner synod. He is kept busy serving primarily St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Kingston - but he has members and contacts as far away as three hours. He visits schools, homeless shelters, and responds to internet and email queries generating from his radio and TV broadcasts.
- Earlier this summer, **Richard** and **Takako Thompson** attended the St. Paul International Lutheran Church in Tokyo. Guess who was playing the trumpet at the service? You guessed it - **Roger Koopman**. This is the same church that The Rev. **Karl Bachman** pastored for three and one-half years. It is also the same church that George and Diana Kunz attended when they lived in Japan. Small world!
- As of 30 April, 10,867,709 named individuals who were unreached and/or uncommitted have received the gospel through the ABLAZE initiative.
- For Worldwide Volunteer opportunities contacts and missionary experiences: LCMS World Missions - [www.lcmsworldmissions.org](http://www.lcmsworldmissions.org). click on service opportunities -also, Lutheran Hour Ministries - email Polly Gregali at [polly.gregali@lhm.org](mailto:polly.gregali@lhm.org) ■

## Share Your Blessings!

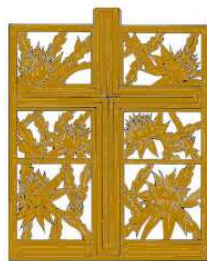
What Does Our Redeemer Lutheran Church/School Mean to You? If someone asks you this question, how would you answer it in 1-2 sentences?

This year, 2010, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church celebrates its 65<sup>th</sup> year of its ministries. During those years, the church has touched people's lives in many ways. We would like to hear from you! Share your answers in 1-2 sentences, and send it to:

[goodnews.ourredeemer@gmail.com](mailto:goodnews.ourredeemer@gmail.com)

or give to any of the Communication Committee members (Rianna Williams, Wendy Pung, Turro Wongkaren, Karl Bachman, and Pastor Shimkus) **by mid August**.

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Please include your name and (optional) the year you became a member (or attended the church).

Whether you are a current member, former member, or 'regular' but never officially become a member, it does not matter. We want to hear from you! We will run the article in the upcoming issues of the Good News.



## From the Recycling Queen and Her Princesses

By Lorine Pelletier (and Lorien and Lynsey)

As I stand in my carport sorting plastic, aluminum and glass beverage containers, I reflect on what a difference recycling has made in my family's life. Long before Our Redeemer Church started a recycling program, the girls and I had been collecting aluminum cans to recycle wherever and whenever possible. Money from this effort gave Lorien and Lynsey some cash to spend while on vacations. As they got older and Hawaii started their HI-5 program, the incentive and profits increased, making their efforts more productive. Cash from recycling helped them raise the money needed to go to Washington D.C. for their 7th/8th grade school trips. Then, about 4 years ago as Emily Shimkus and Lorien were planning to attend the National Youth Gathering in Orlando, Florida with their fathers, Bette and I decided that an easy way to have the Church support this effort was to start a Church-wide recycling program. That's when you started seeing the collapsable green recycling container set out on the lanai every Sunday morning at Church.

For the past three years, the money from the Church recycling has been going towards the Youth Travel Fund to help with the cost of this year's National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Since Lorien and Lynsey are the only two from Our Redeemer that are attending, they have joined with the Director of Christian Education (DCE) and five other youth from Our Savior Lutheran Church. As I write this, they are getting ready to leave and are excited to experience this gathering of 20,000 plus young Lutheran Christian teens from all over the United States.

### HELPFUL RECYCLING TIPS

1. The cleaner and the more empty the containers, the better.
2. Check to see if the container has "HI-5" on it. Most beverage containers are HI-5 if they are 2 liters or smaller and are non-dairy.
3. Remove all lids and toss them. They are not recyclable.
4. Keep the product label on the container. If it's not there, it's not accepted.
5. If possible, sort recyclables into glass, aluminum, and plastic categories. Each category is worth a different amount per pound, so it all needs to be sorted.
6. Keep your eyes open for opportunities to collect recyclable containers and bring them to our church on Sundays! MAHALO!

We want to thank you for your support of the recycling program at Our Redeemer, which in turn has given my girls invaluable opportunities to grow in their faith and meet other young Christians.



**Greeting Cards:** Keep saving all those sparkly (and non-sparkly) cards. The ORLS Library can use them for bookmarks, so tear

off the front (with no writing on back), give them to Bette Shimkus or place them in her mailbox and she will slice them up. Thanks.

**Just Married!** Pastor and Bette Shimkus' daughter, Maria, was married to Douglas Mills on June 26 in Fort Worth, Texas. She and Doug will be living in Chicago where she teaches in a public Junior High School, and Doug will finish his final year of medical school at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. Congratulations!

**LWML Bible Study:** Bew Quarterlies are in your boxes. Our next study will take place on August 19, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Aloha Room (third Thursday of the month). The study is from the LWML Summer 2010 Quarterly and is entitled "The Simple Life of a Fisherman." If you would like to join up for dinner, meet in the upper lot at 5:30 PM to walk down to the Greek Kitchen (or be dropped off there). For more info contact

Bette Shimkus or Peggy Pridgeon.

**Youth Group:** The Youth Gathering was held in New Orleans on July 17-21, 2010. **Lorien** and **Lynsey Pelletier** attended with Our Savior's youth group. We will hear more from them on their return.

**Sunday School:** On Sunday, Sept. 13 our Sunday School will begin its new year of study, using FaithWeaver Sunday School by Group Publishing. Every week students will receive a take-home paper that includes ideas for family discussions and activities that will help cement what your child learns at church. The same Bible story will be explored in each class by using a variety of active experiences. It is our hope that you'll find encouragement in your role as a parent and spiritual leader for your child as you grow in faith together. Please bring your children to worship and Sunday School every Sunday and plan on attending Adult Bible Class yourself. Contact **Nellie Millier** if you have questions or want to help.

**Offering** for the month of June: Total offering Total \$11,869.33. Building Fund - \$5.00.



#### Installation of Church Officers.

On July 4, our recently elected Church Officers were installed during the Sunday service. (l-r) Peter Tirbak (Vice President), Ruth Crockett (Secretary), Lester Pelletier (President), Nellie Miller (Parish Education), and Stephen Okumura (Treasurer).

**River of Life Collection Items.** In August the focus for our collection is on soups and meals. These come in



**Vivace Girl Choir** performed at Our Redeemer on June 30. The choir performed both sacred and popular music.

boxes and cans. Looking at the items in the markets, it is amazing how many different kinds of meals are offered today.

Your support of the homeless and those in need is greatly appreciated. River of Life is expanding their services. In addition to Bible studies, food, and other personal services, they have limited rooms for women and are in the middle of a program to house men also.

River of Life can always use financial support. If you choose to do so, please put it in an envelope and place it in the offering plate or you can send it to them directly: River of Life Mission, Box 37939, Honolulu, HI 96837. Thanks for all you do. ■

**Aloha Everyone!**

**Teachers returned to school on Friday, July 16**, to "gear up" for the 2010/2011 school year. This year's school wide theme is: "Making Disciples."

"On  the  
**Wilder**  
side"



On Wednesday, July 21, teachers and staff renewed their training in **First Aid & CPR classes**. Certification is good for two years.

On Saturday, July 24, there will be an **Orientation for New Parents/Students** to Our Redeemer Lutheran School. It will be at 1:00 pm. in the school's multi-purpose room.

**Students returned to school on Thursday, July 29**. The first two days of school are shortened days to "ease the students into the new year." On Monday, August 2, everyone

"hits the ground running" with full day classes.

It's "**Back to School Night**" for parents on Thursday August 12 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. There will be a **meeting for Eighth Grade parents** interested in sending their children to the Lutheran High School (LHS), from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. Mr. **Gundell** and a team of LHS students will do a presentation to acquaint perspective parents to LHS.

On Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, teachers will attend the **Hawaii Teachers' Opening Worship Service** at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in beautiful Wahiawa.

On Thursday, August 19, we (Students, Teachers, & Staff) will be smiling our "brightest smiles" as we have our **school photos** taken. (Just smile & say, "Jesus loves me!").

On Sunday, August 29, the **school choir** will sing praises to Our Lord, under the direction of Ms. **Christine Eilers**, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. The School Faculty & Staff will also be installed for the 2010/2011 School Year.

It's going to be a "Fantabulous" Year!!!!

## Focus of the Month: The Williams

We recently asked Rianna and “Willie” to write about themselves. Here are what they wrote:

### Rianna Williams:

I was born and raised in a Chicago suburb. I came to Hawaii in 1958 to attend the UH, majoring in Business Administration, and never left. I met “Willie,” and we married in 1961. We have two children and three grandchildren. I’ve been a researcher and writer of Hawaiian history articles and books for many years. I spent ten years at Iolani Palace as a docent, a researcher, and head of volunteers, and am presently a docent and researcher at Washington Place. I belong to several historical organizations, and my hobbies are reading (many types of histories and biographies, and British mysteries), various crafts, gardening and home decor. We are animal lovers and presently have two cats. I joined ORLC in 2000.



### “Willie” Williams:

I was born and raised in the Los Angeles area. I came to Hawaii at age 21 in 1957 to attend the UH and surf. I met Rianna, we married in 1961 and settled here. I was a stockbroker for 10 years with both Walston & Co. and E. F. Hutton. Since 1973 I’ve been in warehouse development and management on Oahu and Maui. I semi-retired in October 2009. My hobbies are reading, archeological study, and old MG sport cars. I have five from 1993 to 1954, and occasionally will drive one to church. For many years I was an active sailor with my own boat, which I sold a dozen years ago. I joined and was baptized at ORLC in 1975.

**August Birthdays.** 3 William Shimkus, 10 Darryl Chin, 11 Adam Benton, 12 Maria Shimkus, 15 Kamaehukainani DeLude, 20 Lorraine Morikawa, 23 Rianna Williams, 24 Nikolas Ardiente, 25 David Ventzke, 26 Susan Schroeder

**Anniversary:** 12 Richard & Takako Thompson

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 (English Standard Version)

**August 1:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26 | Colossians 3:1-11 | Luke 12:13-21

**August 8:** Genesis 15:1-6 | Hebrews 11:1-16 | Luke 12:22-40

**August 15:** Isaiah 61:7-11 | Galatians 4:4-7 | Luke 1:39-55

**August 22:** Isaiah 66:18-23 | Hebrews 12:4-29 | Luke 13:22-30

**August 29:** Proverbs 25:2-10 | Hebrews 13:1-17 | Luke 14:1-14

### End Note:

#### Reason for Joy

*Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, rejoice!*  
(Philippians 4:4, NKJV)

“How’s life?” someone asks. And we who’ve been resurrected from the dead say, “Well, things could be better,” or “Couldn’t get a parking place,” or “People won’t leave me alone so I can finish my sermon on selfishness”...

Are you so focused on what you don’t have that you are blind to what you do?

You have a ticket to heaven no thief can take,  
An eternal home no divorce can break.  
Every sin of your life has been cast to the sea.  
Every mistake you’ve made is nailed to the tree.  
You’re blood-bought and heaven-made.  
A child of God—forever saved.

So be grateful, joyful—for isn’t it true? What you don’t have is much less than what you do.

From: A Love Worth Giving, by Max Lucado

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.  
**Colossians 3: 1-2**



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## August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9a Worship with communion 10:30a Sunday School and Bible class	2	3 4p Communications Task Force 6:15p Board of Education  <i>William Shimkus' birthday</i>	4 8:10a ORLS Chapel 10a Bible study	5	6	7
8 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9a Worship with communion 10:30a Sunday School and Bible class	9 LHS First Day of classes	10 6:15p Board of Directors  <i>Darryl Chin's birthday</i>	11 8:10a ORLS Chapel 10a Bible study  <i>Adam Benton's birthday</i>	12 8:30a LHS chapel 5:30p ORLS Back to School Night  <i>Maria Shimkus' birthday</i> <i>R&amp;T Thompson's anniversary</i>	13	14
15 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9a Worship with communion 10:30a Sunday School and Bible class  <i>Kamaehukainani DeLude's birthday</i>	16 Mary, Mother of Our Lord (White) 6:45p LHS Senior Night	17 6p LHS New Parent Night	18 8:10a ORLS Chapel 10a Bible study	19 8:30a LHS chapel 6:30p LWML Bible study	20 Admission Day, no school  <i>Lorraine Morikawa's birthday</i>	21
22 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9a Worship with communion 10:30a Sunday School and Bible class	23  <i>Rianna Williams' birthday</i>	24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle (Red)  <i>Nikolas Ardiente's birthday</i>	25 8:10a ORLS Chapel 10a Bible study  <i>David Ventzke's birthday</i>	26 8:30a LHS chapel  <i>Susan Schroeder's birthday</i>	27	28
29 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9a Worship with communion ORLS choir sings Installation of ORLS faculty and staff 10:30a Sunday School and Bible class	30	31	1	2	3	4

# Serving August 2010

Worshipcare: Bette Shimkus (primary); Sharon Shinno (backup)

	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
	9:00a	9:00a	9:00a	9:00a	9:00a
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Peter Tirbak David Lau	Turro Wongkaren Sharon Shinno	Peter Tirbak Stephen Okumura	Richard Thompson Sharon Shinno	Turro Wongkaren Stephen Okumura
<b>Ushers</b>	Lester Pelletier William Schriefer	Paul Tirbak David Lau	Lester Pelletier William Schriefer	Paul Tirbak David Lau	Lester Pelletier William Schriefer
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lorien Pelletier	Christian Schroppel	Lorien Pelletier	Matthew Schroppel	Christian Schroppel
<b>Flowers</b>	The Shimkus		The Shimkus	The Williams	Ruby Hodel
<b>Reading 1 (lector)</b>	<b>Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14;2:18-26</b> Peggy Pridgeon	<b>Genesis 15:1-6</b> Wendy Pung	<b>Isaiah 61:7-11</b> Takako Thompson	<b>Isaiah 66:18-23</b> Kristy Schroppel	<b>Proverbs 25:2-10</b> Sandie Stoutenburg
<b>Reading 2 (lector)</b>	<b>Colossians 3:1-11</b> Marcy Reginelli	<b>Hebrews 11:1-16</b> Christobel Sanders	<b>Galatians 4:4-7</b> Bette Shimkus	<b>Hebrews 12:4-29</b> Willie Williams	<b>Hebrews 13:1-17</b> Peter Tirbak
<b>Reading 3</b>	<b>Luke 12:13-21</b>	<b>Luke 12:22-40</b>	<b>Luke 1:39-55</b>	<b>Luke 13:22-30</b>	<b>Luke 14:1-14</b>

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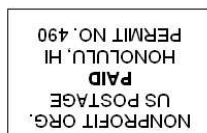
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