



Aloha from Pastor Carney...

Dear Members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,

It is with great joy that I will soon be installed as your new Pastor! I look forward to the mission and ministry God has in store for us...and together...we shall stand...with arms open wide...receiving all the blessings God has in store for us...and the joy of connecting people to Jesus with the power of His Spirit!

A longer version of my bio will soon be in print...but for now...allow me to say a little about myself...

I was born in New York City and have served congregations in South Dakota, New York, and Pennsylvania. I am married to Donna, a wonderful woman of faith, for the past 27 years. Donna and I have been blessed with 3 awesome children, Melissa (and her husband Brian!), Heather, and Thomas! This coming December we will be blessed to call ourselves 'Grandparents'!

We will be joining the Our Redeemer 'Ohana' in mid August...and I will be installed as your new Pastor on Sunday, August 28th.

I will write in greater length later...but for now...many, many thanks to Peter and the Call Committee...and all the wonderful people at Our Redeemer Church and School who have made this new ministry possible. The time Donna and I spent with you all in June was so special...and we truly felt 'at home'.

As I said during the fellowship after worship...before I came to Hawaii I 'learned' the word 'Ohana'...but after spending time with

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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

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you all, I have experienced what ‘Ohana’ means!

I would like to share some ‘**Thoughts and Ponderings**’ with you...thoughts and ponderings that have been going through my mind these past few days...

...On August 3 I will celebrate 25 years in the ministry...gee, I’m getting older! As I reflect on 25 years in God’s Church and ministry...I also begin to ask myself...**Why in the world do we need the Church anyway?**

In my lifetime...okay...all 52 years of it(!)...I have read...and I have heard a few criticisms of the Church as an ‘institution’. Some will say...well, we believe in Jesus and have faith, but we don’t really believe in the ‘institution’ of the church.

In Matthew 16:13...Jesus turns to His disciples and asks them the question...**Who do people say that I am?** And Peter...always the one swinging for the fences...replies...**Some say You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.** Jesus looked at them and said...**I tell you Peter, on this rock I will build My church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

So...where did this idea of a ‘church’ actually start? It didn’t start with Peter, James or John. It started with Jesus...the Savior...the Messiah...**I will build My church.**

Twenty-five years ago...Pastors were asked to come forward and put their hands on my head. I was just a young man...and I felt the weight of one hand...and then another...until the weight of about a dozen or so hands was placed on my head. And the words were spoken...**and now I ordain you William Michael Carney to be an Ordained Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.** Do you accept this obligation? If so, answer I do. And I said...loud enough to be heard...**I do!**

Well...that was 25 years ago...25 years as an Ordained Pastor...wow, just doesn’t seem possible!

I have been faithful. I have been a follower. I made the promises. To the best of my ability I have fulfilled them...thanks to God...His Son,

Jesus...His powerful Holy Spirit...and...my beautiful wife Donna...and awesome family.

Jesus said...**I will build My Ekklesia.** The church was founded by Jesus...and deliberately, intentionally and permanently made it up of people who are not saints...but believers. There is a difference.

Over the years...a lot of people have paid with their lives. That may not be the demand from you or me...but we are called to be ‘**shining lights in a dark world**’. For many people...we are the closest thing they are ever going to come to Jesus...so we better live it.

The Church...what a blessing!

Yes it has been...and still is...a blessing...and in spite of all of its faults...its shortcomings...its divisions and quarrels...there is a power that lives in the church...and it has for 2,000 years. In these 25 years of serving as a minister of Jesus...and 25 years of serving His church...it has been my pride...and my joy... and I thank God!

And now I pray that God...who knows us better than we know ourselves...will help us to become conscious of that each and every time we step into Our Redeemer...**it’s not the building...it’s the ‘Ohana’!**

So I say...**I love Your church, oh God!**

Pastor
Luke 1;37

From Pastor Paul - Aloha and Farewell

Dear Members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior!

Our Redeemer has been blessed by our gracious God with a new Pastor, Bill Carney, who will be installed as Pastor at 4:00 PM on Sunday, August 28. God is good!

My last Sunday with you will be August 7. Jane and I are very grateful for having been able to be a part of the Christian ministry and

mission of Our Redeemer Church and Schools since February. Thank you for letting us serve Jesus with you!

God has blessed and will continue to bless the ministry Our Redeemer as you proclaim the Gospel of the present and eternal significance of the dying and rising of Jesus Christ.

“Since you have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord, live in union with him. Keep your roots deep in him, build your lives on him, and become stronger in your faith... and be filled with thanksgiving.” (Colossians 2: 6-7)

*“The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.”*
(Numbers 6:24-26)

Your friend in Christ,
Pastor Paul Hoffmann

A Farewell to Pastor Hoffmann

It's amazing to realize that Pastor Paul and Jane have been among us for nearly 6 months! It certainly went fast, and we've enjoyed every minute of knowing them. While here they took advantage of lots of walking, going to the beach, and visiting various sites around Oahu. While Pastor Paul has helped keep Our Redeemer going, Jane has been volunteering at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children.

Pastor Hoffman brought back the children's message as a part of the worship service. He encouraged and trained old and young people to acolyte and serve in other helpful capacities. Both he and Jane took an active role in our first Vacation Bible School. His Bible studies on Wednesday and Sunday were enjoyed by many. His guidance in the many and varied Board Meetings have seen us through some rough times. His influence on ORLC and the schools will not be short-lived. He made us think.

Their last day with us will be Sunday, August 7. They will briefly return to their home in the San Jose area and then head to a family reunion in San Diego with their 3 sons and their families, including 7 grand-children. When they return home they will resume their membership at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Sunnyvale, and continue various volunteer activities there.

We thank them both for their time spent with us - they are truly delightful people and have been a lovely asset to our wide-ranging Our Redeemer family.

Pastor Hoffmann, as we face difficult times ahead we will remember your many messages of hope and love. We thank our Lord and Savior for bringing you to us. God's blessing on both of you.

Aloha nui loa.



News Items

Offering Total offering for June 2011 was \$12,081.02,

Special offerings - Building Fund , \$ 10.00,
Vacation Bible School, \$156.82.

Pastor's Arrival Pastor William M Carney and his wife Donna E Carney will arrive in Honolulu on August 22nd at 5:28 PM via US Air Flight 22 from Phoenix.

Evening Classes by the Kaplan company If you drive past Our Redeemer on a week night or a Saturday morning, you might notice the lights on and cars in the parking lot. If so, do not be alarmed. In June, Kaplan began renting classrooms to present their test preparation seminars.

What's New at the River of Life Mission?

Actually there is nothing new. And that is good - very good. Success - how do you measure it? At this time they have two individuals going to school and three more ready to enroll in the GED program. Several of the women have reconnected with family members, including their children. The progress of the program people has been good and those in it are cooperative and committed to significant life-

style changes. Some of the men have saved the mission thousands of dollars by remodeling the two houses. Some are very talented and their skills have been put to good use. Their residence program is going great.

Our contributions seem minor, but that is how the mission survives. In August we will be collecting soups and meals in a can or box and any other items that you choose to donate. We thank you for your past support. Feeding the homeless and near homeless is possible with help from folks like us. Through prayer, Bible studies and guidance many are restoring their lives. Praise God!

Aloha and Farewell to Turro Wongkaren.

Turro has done a masterful job of designing, setting up the website, and editing this newsletter every month for the last several years. We cannot thank him enough for all of his time-consuming work. Turro will be devoting the next few months to preparing for his return to Indonesia. We cannot thank him enough for all of his time-consuming work. Mahalo, Rianna Williams.

Welcome to Stephen Okumura, our new editor. Please welcome our new GoodNews editor, Stephen Okumura. Steve has kindly offered to take over from Turro Wongkaren. Steve will continue in the same vein, keeping its same high quality. Steve formerly worked at Pacific Business News, down the hall from John Ramsay, a long time former member. Mahalo, Rianna Williams

Your help is needed. However, Steve and the communications committee need your help to keep the newsletter going. Articles and suggestions are gratefully received. Individuals interested in writing or social media are especially warmly welcome. If you are interested, please contact Rianna Williams, Nelda Peterson, or Stephen Okumura.

Wanted: Summer Work Opportunities.

There are four capable teenage members of Our Redeemer Church who would love to earn some money this summer doing any of the

following: baby sitting/child care, house sitting, dog sitting/walking, yard work, house cleaning/window washing, tutoring, etc. If you have a need, please contact: **Lorien** (age 19) or **Lynsey** (age 15) Pelletier at 487-1194 and **Christian** (age 17) or **Matthew** (age 15) **Schroppel** at 262-6993. Mahalo!

News from Our Redeemer Lutheran School



Aloha!

Schools back in Session---Hooray!

Teachers returned on Monday, July 18, 2011 for meetings, First Aid/CPR Training, & setting up classrooms. Students returned on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 for a half day to "ease their way" back to the routine (the first few days are orientation).

This school year we welcome new: **Mrs. Shelly Mecum** who is teaching Fifth Grade (she is also an Author & has written such books as, *The Watercolor Cat*), and **Ms. Karyn Herrmann** who is our half time Science Teacher (she also teaches Scuba Diving).

Our Library Resource Person is **Mrs. Rebecka Standefer** (she is also PTO chairperson). **Rebecka** will be working Tuesdays & Fridays. She will be coordinating our Scholastic Reading Counts Program, our two Scholastic Book Fair Fairs, and "other necessities." **Mrs. Standefer** is also coordinating Volunteers to work in the Library.

Parents will be joining us on the evening of Wednesday, August 10, 2011 for "Back to School Night" to experience what "a day in their child's school life is like".

All of us are looking forward to an exciting 2011/2012 School Year. We are "Equipped to Serve" (our School Theme). 2 Timothy 3: 16 & 17.

Have a Great Month!

Walk in His Light,

Principal BonnieJo Alle

John 13: 34 & 35

Communication Committee invites anyone who is willing to help with the communication

We need several people to help with:

- copying and distributing the printed-version of the newsletters.
- compiling and putting the materials for the monthly newsletter
- updating the church's website.

Contact **Rianna Williams** or **Nelda Peterson** for more information.

Focus of the month:

Ruth Crockett



Ruth was born and raised in Chicago where she attended Lutheran Schools from K to 12. Her father was the Chair of the Board of Education and encouraged all of his children to pursue education. She received a BA in Sociology at Beloit College in Wis-

consin and then proceeded to University of Illinois at Urbana for a Master's degree in Library Science.

Ruth's first job in Hawaii was at the University Lab School, working on and off between the birth of her children. She and her husband, Wendell, had two children Victoria and Ryder. Through an association with a single mother with three children, they became guardians of the children. At that time she had one child in diapers, one just out of diapers, and a 1st, 5th and 9th grader. Quite a responsibility! In 1978 she returned to the paid work force when she became the Librarian at Lutheran High School. In addition, she was the College Counselor and Alumni Coordinator from 1989 to 2006.

Ruth's husband died in 1979. During the summer she visits her daughters, Victoria and Marissa and her grandchildren on the west coast and other relatives in Chicago.

Ruth has been a long time member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, serving in a variety of ways. She has served on the Board of Education and has been Secretary for the Board of Directors.

Working with Walter Chang, she visited families in the Kennedy Evangelism Program. They also encouraged church members to make pledges to build ORLS. Ruth has enjoyed helping in many other small ways, fulfilling various church needs. Ruth also found importance in attending Bible Study Fellowship classes, which have showed her the rich treasures of scripture that become the glue to one's life.



News from Lutheran High School

The high school faculty returns to campus on Monday, August 1. They will welcome three new faces. Mrs. **Sarah Sylvia Johnson** joins the math and science departments. Coming to us from Concordia Wisconsin is Miss **Emily Meier**, our Christian Life and Spanish instructor. Teaching English part time will be Mrs. **Mary Murphy**.

New student orientation will be held all day Tuesday, August 2 and Registration Day for all families is Thursday, August 4 from 7-9 a.m. and 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

On New Student Orientation Day, the Student Congress officers will serve as guides. They are President **Christian Schroppel**, a senior; First Vice President **Lynsey Pelletier**, a junior; Second Vice President **Nicole Kim**, a senior; Secretary **Missie Yamamura**, a sophomore; and Treasurer **Patrick Cheng**, a senior. As you can see three officers are from Our Redeemer Elementary and two are members of the congregation.

Opening chapel and the first day of classes is Monday, August 8. The **Rev. Karl Bachman** will be the presiding minister.

Aloha and Vaya con Dios Principal **Arthur Gundell** (recently retired after 14 years at the helm) and his wife **Eileen** are "discovering America" in their Honda CR-V as they journey towards their new home in **Pennsylvania**. They are visiting friends and relatives and enjoying the magnificent national parks. Art's spiritual leadership and fiscally responsible attitude must be emulated, but that will prove difficult as he set a high standard.

Mr. **Gary Zimmerman** (Christian Life and math, 5 years at LHS) has accepted a call to St. Pauls in **Garden Grove, California**. We already miss his knowledge of scripture, his asides at faculty meetings, his commitment to the athletic department,

his marketing ideas and his work with the promotional team, alumni and PTSO.

Mr. **Karl Ashcraft** (College and Career Counselor, Dean of Chapel, keyboarding, 4 years at LHS) and Mrs. **Ashley Ashcraft** (Christian Life, English, Actors' Trunk adviser, 5 years at LHS) are eagerly awaiting their daughter's arrival. The baptism will be in **Honolulu** - both sets of grandparents will be in town - and the three Ashcrafts will then depart for **Texas** at the end of September. Karl and Ashley were mentors to our students and the backbone of our Spiritual Growth Retreats and spring dramas.

Mr. **Elind Durand** (part time Spanish, 1 year) is seeking a fulltime teaching position. He was well-liked by both students and colleagues. We did not want to lose him.

New Church Directory. Sandie Stoutenburg is updating the church directory. If you haven't already done so, please get any changes to her by August 19, 2011 so they can be incorporated. Hopefully an updated directory will be available by the end of August. You can reach Sandie at 808-282-8962 or e-mail SStoutenburg@Hawaii.RR.Com.

Prayer Requests Until August 7th. On Sunday mornings, when you have a prayer request, you will find a prayer request card at the visitors' guest book stand. Or you can ask the ushers for one. When you have if filled out please give it to the ushers. If you would like prayers during the week, please call Pastor Hoffmann or email him at hoffmann.paul.45@gmail.com

Prayer Requests After August 7th. – Until Pastor Carney arrives, **Ruth Crockett** will maintain the prayer list. She can be reached at 963-4223 (please leave a message) or email crockett@lhshawaii.org. Requests for prayers via the Prayer Chain can continue to be called into **Nelda Peterson** 923-4064.

Readings

August 7 – The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38: 4-18
Romans 10: 5-17
Matthew 14: 22-33

August 14 – The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8
Romans 11: 1-2, 13-15, 28-32
Matthew 15: 21-28

August 21 – The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51: 1-6
Romans 11: 33 -12: 8

Matthew 16: 13-20

August 28 – The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15: 15-21
Romans 12: 9-21
Matthew 16: 21-28

August Birthdays. 10 D Chin 11 A Benton
15 K DeLude 20 L Morikawa 24 N Ardiente
25 D Ventzke 26 S Schroeder

Anniversary 12 R & T Thompson

Help our members celebrate...send a note, make a phone call, pray a private prayer of blessing upon our friends. Please let us email if you want to be included next year.

End Notes

Dr. Paul Maier Retires After Fifty Years

Taken from a Lutheran Hour Ministries publication:



“Dr. Paul Maier, the professor of Ancient History and early Christianity, recently retired after half a century at the teaching podium of Western Michigan, U of Kalamazoo. He had been with the institution

since receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Basel, Switzerland....He specialized in history classes, especially on the subjects of ancient Greece, Rome and Western civilization.... During the university tenure he has authored more than two dozen books, some of which became bestsellers. His books have been translated into 18 languages. These include historical fiction, mystery novels and children's books.

Maier and his older brother Walter A. Maier II (who has had a fine career as a seminary professor at Concordia theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.) can hold their heads high in their own rights even in light of the achievements of their sainted father (Walter Maier) the first speaker of **The Lutheran Hour.**”

We at ORLC, have enjoyed several of his books and DVD's expounding Christian historical truths backed up by secular writings and archeological finds. Some were also present when he spoke here in Hawaii. Let us hope that he keeps on writing and leading tours throughout Europe and the Middle East. Dr. Maier also serves as second Vice-President of LCMS.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. **Col. 3:12-13** [ESV]



Our Redeemer
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Connecting People to Jesus

August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 LHS Teachers on Duty	2 8:45 am LHS New Student Orientation 6:30 pm Board of Education	3 8:10 am School Worship	4 7-9 am LHS Registration 11 am -12:30 p LHS Registration	5	6
7 The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Reception Pastor Hoffman's Last Sunday	8 LHS Opening Chapel First Day of Class 6:45 pm Graduation/College Night	9 6:15 pm Board of Directors	10 Darryl Chin's Birthday 8:10 am School Worship	11 Adam Benton's Birthday	12 Richard & Takako Thompson's Anniversary	13
14 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Sunday School and Bible class	15 Kamaehukainani DeLude's Birthday	16 5:30 pm LHS New Parent Orientation	17 8:10 am School Worship	18 8:27 am LHS Chapel Student Congress Welcome Back	19	20 Lorraine Morikawa's Birthday
21 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship with Communion 10:30 am Sunday School and Bible class	22	23	24 Nikolas Ardiente's Birthday 8:10 am School Worship	25 David Ventzke's Birthday 8:27 am LHS Chapel	26 Susan Schroeder's Birthday	27 8:30a-3:30p LHS Yuuikikai Car Wash
28 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School and Bible class 4 pm Installation [communion] - Pastor Carney Potluck	29	30	31 8:10 am School Worship	1 Turro & Diana Wongkaren's Anniversary	2	3

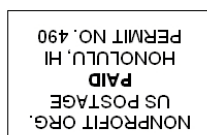
Serving August 2011

Worshipcare: Greg/Amy Dotson [Primary], Christobel Sanders [Backup]

	August 7 th	August 14 th	August 21 st	August 28 th
	9 am	9 am	9 am	9 am
Communion	Turro Wongkaren	Richard Thompson	Peter Tirbak	William Schriefer
Assistant[s]	Sharon Shinno	Stephen Okumura	Sharon Shinno	
Ushers	Lester Pelletier	David Lau	William Schriefer	Lester Pelletier
	William Schriefer	Greg Dotson	David Lau	Greg Dotson
Acolyte	Troy Tirbak	Sarah Dotson	Matthew Schroppel	Leilani Delude
Reading 1	Job 38: 4-18	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8	Isaiah 51: 1-6	Jeremiah 15: 15-21
Lector	Jennifer Oliver	Jeanette Ardiente	Nicole Nolting	Diana Kunz
Reading 2	Romans 10: 5-17	Romans 11:1-2, 13-15, 28-32	Romans 11:33-12:8	Romans 12:9-21
Lector	Charles Fox	Willie Williams	Richard Lachmann	Christian Schroppel
Reading 3	Matt 14: 22-33	Matt 15: 21-28	Matt 16: 13-20	Matt 16: 21-28

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