



**Lutheran
Church
OF HONOLULU**

The HeartBeat

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Message from Pastor

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

In January 1989 I was invited to attend a worship service at the Washington Navy Yard at which President-elect George H.W. Bush and wife Barbara would be present. While other expected dignitaries would join this small military family chapel for wor-



ship, the new First Family had made it clear this was not a publicity event. They were desirous of an intimate opportunity to worship the One who is the ultimate authority and power and to do so in the

company of the people they were swearing to support and defend.

President Bush told those of us greeting him afterward that he could not imagine beginning the new year, much less taking on such a monumental calling, without seeking the guidance of God and asking for the support of the people.

Each of us would do well to likewise recognize that we need not attempt to deal with life and its challenges alone. As we begin The Year of Our Lord 2007, I invite you to make this a year with your Lord. Whether or not you make New Year's resolutions, start the new year with the resolve to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit throughout the weeks and months ahead.

In reflection, 2006 was a year in which you said farewell to a beloved pastor and opened your hearts to me. You came together to sustain and to expand the mission and ministry of LCH. You met emergent needs of our community and

responded to our own congregation's needs. Your spirit of aloha is unparalleled.

We as a family of God will have many opportunities this year to support one another, to minister to our community, and to prepare to welcome a new pastor. I look forward to the months ahead as your pastor and to celebrating with you when you greet a new shepherd.

I remind you that the Greek words for Synod suggests that we are to be "on the road together." We are not meant to walk life's pathways alone. Let's walk together along the path God lays out for us in the Light he provides.

May God richly bless you.

Pastor Steve



*Welcoming
to all
Worshipping,
growing,
serving
Christ's Community*

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**January 1, 2007
New Year's Day
4:00 pm
German Vespers**
*in the tradition of
St. Thomas, Leipzig*

*Music, lessons, responses, and
prayers will be in German*

*Bach, Cantata Nr. 41
"Jesu, nun sei gepreiset"
Johann Kuhnau, "Magnificat"*

*LCH Choir and
Bach Chamber Orchestra*

*Pastor Fritz Fritschel will preach in
German for this service. Bring your
friends to this unique event!*



Marilyn Mason, Organist

Sunday, January 14, 2007

4:00 p.m.

Admission \$12/adults,
\$10/seniors, \$8/students

The Abendmusiken Concert Series will present Marilyn Mason, concert organist on January 14th. Among the important influences on the American organ scene in the second half of the 20th century, Marilyn Mason certainly has made a lasting impact in her distinguished career as concert organist, lecturer, adjudicator, teacher, organ consultant, recording artist, and by the nearly 75 organ works she has commissioned. Her name commands immediate recognition among organists today, confirming her impact more than 50 years after she made her debut.

Dr. Mason is University Organist, Professor of Music, and Chairman of the Organ Department of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Dr. Mason has performed on every continent, save Antarctica. She was the first American woman to play in Westminster Abbey, the first woman organist to play in Latin America, and the first American to play in Egypt. She has served as judge at nearly every major organ competition in the world. Her dedication to modern organ music is evidenced by the names of influential composers who have written for her: Albright, Bolcom, Cook, Cowell, Creston, Diemer, Haines, Jackson, David Johnson, Jordan, Krenek, Langlais, Lockwood, Near, Persichetti, Sowerby, Wyton, and Young. Dr. Mason is currently recording the complete works of Johann Pachelbel for the Musical Heritage Society. In 1987, Dr. Mason was awarded the degree Doctor of Music honoris causa from the University of Nebraska.

Dr. Mason was the teacher of Honolulu organists John McCreary and Samuel Lam. Invite your friends to hear this legendary artist.

Fellowship Dinner and Christmas Trolley Ride



The Fellowship Committee and guests enjoyed dinner at Kincaid's Restaurant followed by a trolley ride on December 10th.

Deep Religious Pluralism

Major religions of the world are often depicted as being in conflict. Yet representatives of the major faiths frequently look for better ways of understanding each other. What might a perspective from process theology contribute to this urgent situation? The next session in the Process Theology Series is on Saturday, January 13, 2007 from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Discussion, open to the public, will be led by Fritz Fritschel.



New Lutheran Hymnal

A workshop on the new hymnal will be held Saturday, January 20, at Calvary by the Sea. The cost is \$25.00 and includes a personal copy of the hymnal plus lunch. Deadline for registering is January 13. Individuals should register via the ELW Workshop link at www.PacificaSynod.org

Annual Reports

The Annual Report from each committee is due in to the church office by Monday, January 15, 2006, to be collated for the February 4 Annual Meeting. Please e-mail your report to lch@lchwelcome.org

Writers' Workshop

Writer's Workshop will meet for its first get-together of the new year on Monday, January 15, at 7:00 pm in the pastor's office on the LCH campus. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Kathryn Klingebiel through the church office.

Food for Thought

Food for Thought will meet for our usual monthly potluck supper and discussion at the home of Irmgard Hormann, on Saturday, January 20, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome. For information, please contact Kathryn Klingebiel through the church office.



Pastor Steve will be away...

Pastor Steve will be attending the Bishop's annual Hukilau retreat at Volcano National Park, January 22 to February 2. Please call the parish administrator if you are in need of pastoral care during his absence.

Pastor Diane Martinson-Koyama, a Lutheran chaplain at Iolani School, will be the guest preacher at both services on January 28. Please welcome her back and take the time to get to know her better.

Call Committee

Robert L. Zimmer

The members of the Call Committee are proceeding with due diligence to find a new pastor for our church. We have had our first video conference with one of those available for call. I think we all thought this part of the process would make things a little easier; however, it gave us much more to think about. We want to thank Pastor Steve who is able to provide help to us in our thinking and also Pastor Kruger at Kihei Lutheran for providing his time in helping us. What can you do for us? Just keep praying for us.

Stewardship

On behalf of the congregation, your Stewardship Committee extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who has turned in a Time and Talent sheet and/or Pledge Card. We are grateful for these tangible expressions of your support for the ministry of our congregation.

The committee has compiled the Time and Talent sheets and distributed them to committee chairs and others coordinating activities. Everyone who indicated a desire to participate in a particular area/activity will be contacted by the appropriate committee. We will follow up to ensure that this is being done. LCH values and appreciates everyone's willingness to share their time and talents!

As of December 20, 2006, a little less than \$142,000.00 in member pledges has been received from 53 individuals/households, along with two pledges from children in our Sunday School. The draft 2007 budget has \$243,825.00 for member/plate offerings. Bill Potter, our financial secretary, will combine the pledges received with estimated giving for those who have not pledged and forward that total to the finance committee for their consideration as they refine the budget. If you have not already done so, please consider pledging a portion of your treasures for 2007. Pledge cards are available from the ushers on Sunday mornings or at the church office during the week. It is not too late to pledge!

Mahalo for sharing the "first fruits" of all that God has blessed us with!

Annual Meeting Part 1 report

At the annual Congregational Meeting Part 1, held on December 17, the following new Council members were elected:

Brian Weis - 3 years
Stephen Miller - 3 years
Mary Fastenau - 3 years
Jim Niermann - 3 years
Karyn C. - 1 year
(youth representative)

Don Person gave an update on the Capital Campaign; Treasurer Michael Burnett gave out copies of the proposed 2007 budget for review and approval at the February 4 Congregational Meeting Part 2; and Jimmy Castro gave an update on the Call Committee.

What's New on the LCH Website?

Our LCH website continues to chronicle the life and worship of our congregation. Since our last Heart Beat, there are new stories on the Congregational Life page about our Ministry Fair at the end of November, the Jesse Tree, and the Fellowship Committee's dinner and trolley event on December 10. We have also added pictures of the "O" Antiphon banners from Advent Procession to the Paraments page (in the Worship section).

If you want to find out more about the Jesse Tree, follow the link from the Congregational Life page to a page in the Children's section with pictures from last year's Jesse Tree Pageant and the study guide, which explains all of the symbols on the Jesse Tree.

The Capital Campaign page now has Don Person's update from the first part of the Annual Meeting, as well as a tally of monies received and spent on the campaign. The tally of money received will be updated as additional contributions come in.

Don't forget that the website has a calendar listing all the activities at LCH. There are links from the home page and from the Congregational Life page. This calendar is an easy way to check the day or time of any church activity.



Save the Food Basket

Thank you very much for all of your contributions to Save The Food Basket. In the end, you gave one-hundred-percent of what they needed. The items were distributed on Saturday, December 16, to a group of men, women, and children who have HIV/AIDS. What made the giving so wonderful was by providing these needed items, they were able to buy nutrition with what little they have. Thank you very much on behalf of each one of them.



Looking ahead

While Lent does not begin until February 21, planning for the mid-week "soup supper and service" with follow-on book study is already underway. This year Pastor Steve has selected "The Case for Christ" by Lee Strobel as our study material. For those who would like to begin reading early, books are on hand and may be purchased for \$14.00 each in the church office.

Those wishing to lead any of the mid-week studies are invited to contact Pastor Steve.

Donate your airline miles

No question about it, the Beckerath organ at LCH is a priceless musical instrument. Like a house or other building, it periodically needs refurbishment and maintenance. Fortunately, one of the original installers of the instrument, Hans-Ulrich Erbsloeh, is still living, and will be coming with an assistant in 2007 to put the organ in its original, pristine condition. To save on airfare costs, we would like to ask you to consider donating airline miles to a central account. We are especially interested in United MileagePlus miles. If we can pool our miles together, we can save on two airfares from Germany. Contact Katherine Crosier at crosier3@gmail.com to donate your miles.



Punahou Carnival Parking

Attention volunteers, youth and adults! Mark your calendars for Friday, February 2, and Saturday, February 3, for the Punahou Carnival parking. This has been a traditional fundraiser for the Youth Group where we offer parking to carnival goers. All proceeds from this event go to the youth fund. Thank you to those of you who have signed up at the Ministry Fairs. If you haven't signed up for a shift, there are numerous time slots available to cover the lots on Friday from 7:00 am till midnight and on Saturday from 9:00 am till midnight. The sign-up sheets will be available again. We would like to have all shifts, with the exception of Friday morning and early afternoon, covered with a combination of youth and adults.

This is a great fellowship opportunity, whether you want to catch up with someone you know, or get to know someone you may not know very well. So, plan to join in the excitement of the annual Punahou Carnival. Light refreshments will be available, and if you desire, you can go across the street after your shift and enjoy the festivities.

Mahalo to:

- ✓ Jeanette Hanson and Brian Weis for arranging the dinner at Kincaid's and the Honolulu City Lights trolley ride
- ✓ Vicki Gorman, Anna Womack, the teachers and the children (and parents) who presented this year's Jesse Tree
- ✓ Pastor Fritz for assisting Pastor Steve with visitations in December and for his latest Process Theology workshop.
- ✓ Carol Langner for overseeing this year's Fasting and Feasting program.
- ✓ All who contributed the two large boxes full of Toys for Tots and SSGT Stephen Schmidt for being our representative
- ✓ All who purchased new hymnals
- ✓ All who donated the 44 poinsettias that decorated the altar at Christmas
- ✓ The hospitality committee for hosting the potluck brunch following the December 31 service.





Kona Earthquake Response Update

LCH contributed \$1958.00 to the families in Kona affected by the October earthquake and we were able to obtain some additional matching funds from Thrivent. Total Hukilau contributions reached \$9, 152.15 to date. In response, our sister congregation's Pastor Randy Mundt and council president Bill Beljean wrote:

"Mahalo nui loa for your thoughtfulness and generous gifts given to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. We so deeply appreciate you remembering us here on the Big (Shaking) Island! We are overwhelmed by the Christian love shown to us by your prayers, phone calls, and now, this support.

Your gifts will be distributed to members who have personally requested them in early December. As one would suspect, since the Thanksgiving Day 5.0 aftershock, still more damage is being found. These offerings will certainly help. More than that, they remind us of our connectedness to the other ELCA congregations. There truly is a spiritual Hukilau between us all.

Again, mahalo in His name!"

Pastor Randy added: "Thanks so much for the generosity of LCH. Nearly \$2000 is a great witness of your people's compassion and care to the members of LCHT. I hope that our people will, not only be blessed by these gifts, but will learn how to give to others beyond themselves. Thanks for "priming the pump" of giving."



Church of the Holy Trinity, Kailua-Kona

Mahalo

to the following for their poinsettia donation(s):

- Carolyn & Fred Benco (4)
in memory of Bhanu Rana,
Tokinori and Kimiko Ishikawa, Ray Ishikawa
- John Bickel (3)
in memory of William Bornemann,
Ella and John Bickel
- Josie Bidgood and Chuck Pearson (3)
in honor of Claire Jacoby, Casey McLenahan,
Charles Avery Pearson
- Michael Burnett (3)
in memory of his mother, father, and sister
- The Castello Family (1)
- Jimmy and Olivia Castro (2)
in honor of the children of the congregation
- Carl and Kathy Crosier (7)
in honor of Dorothy Chiu Au and Stephen Crosier
in memory of Kitman Au, William Crosier, Inga-Lill
Runquist, Mary Granaas, and James Holloway
- Mary Fastenau (2)
in memory of Miriam Fastenau and Mabel Fastenau
- Jean Geil (2) in memory of Godwin Chu
- Jeanette Hanson (2)
in honor of DJ Hanson, grandson
in memory of Mother Leota Harr
- Sylvia Hormann-Alper (3)
in honor of Aunt Irmgard "Ingi;" in memory of
Uncle Helmuth "Tutti" and father Bernhard "Bobo"
- Pastor Steve Jensen (1) in memory of Loved ones
- Dot Lee (1) in memory of Robert Lee
- Billie J. Ries (2)
in memory of The Ries Family and The Ardisson
Family
- Bob & Marlise Tellander (2)
in honor of Phine Feldbrugge
in memory of Arne and Helen Tellander
- Gerda M. Turner (1)
- Jerome Vasconcellos (2)
- Lois Watanabe (6)
- Brian Weis (2)
in memory of Vernon & Marian Weis
and Marjorie Jenkins



Keep in your Prayers



Arlene	Joan
Dorothy	Lorie
Elin	Man-Hua
Erik	Maxim
Gayle	Nan
Jackie	Stephen
Jean	Yuko
Jerry	

Church Bulletin Bloopers

Don't let worry kill you—let the church help.

Thursday night—Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

This afternoon there will be meetings in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement.

Hukilau News

Disaster Preparedness

– Pastor Steve and several Hukilau pastors recently received certification through Pacific Health Ministry and the Red Cross as “Spiritual Care Providers” in time of disaster.

–The Hukilau congregations and those of all other faiths on Oahu are invited to attend a workshop presented by Pacific Health Ministry on Sunday, February 11 from 2:30-5:30 pm at Central Union Church 's Parish Hall. This is designed to help individuals and congregations:

- Prepare and Protect Homes and Families
- Discover Available Community Resources
- Learn How Religious Communities and Congregations Can Serve Their Neighbors

The Intra-Lutheran Emergency Response Team (ILERT)

created by Pacifica Synod and funded by Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is looking for interested members of our congregations to join the team. Training will be provided and skills and experience already available will be utilized. Please contact Pastor Steve if you are interested in assisting.

Oahu Youth Education and Activities (OYEA) Ministry

- A Youth Concert by “Tangled Blue”, who performed at this year's ELCA Youth Gathering, is being sponsored by OYEA and will be held at Calvary by the Sea on January 27 beginning at 3:00 pm. Renowned (at Calvary) chef Bruce Kau will provide a free BBQ and the performers will lead a “talk story” session. Free tickets will be given to Hukilau youth for themselves and their friends.

- Camp WAPO plans are being made, with the addition of a New Orleans service project hosted by Lutheran Disaster Response and Habitat for Humanity this year. The June 28- July 14 dates were specifically chosen so those entering grade FOUR through those completing grade TWELVE will be included. An overnight at Mall of America will be included between camp and New Orleans. The anticipated cost for flights, ground

transportation, camp fees, hotel, and minimal food and lodging fees in New Orleans, totals roughly \$2,000.00 each. OYEA will provide information for those only able to attend the camp or the service project.

All Hukilau congregations are actively planning a number of fundraisers so that no youth or chaperones that wish to go will be denied because of lack of funds.

In order to obtain cheaper group rates and secure limited seats, deadline for reservations and a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit, is January 14.

An informational meeting regarding the summer trip will be held on January 7 at St. John Lutheran in Kailua beginning at 7:00 pm for interested parents and youth. Please plan to attend.

The web site for Camp WAPO is www.campwapo.youthsite.org. See Pastor Steve or Fred Benco for additional information.

Joint Confirmation

The next Hukilau joint confirmation event will be January 7 from 4:30-7:00 pm at St. John Lutheran in Kailua. Please remember to bring your Lutheran Handbook.





**Deadline for the next
Heart Beat**

Tuesday, January 23

Pacifica Synod Highlights

Those with internet access can see the front page article in the Synod's newsletter highlighting LCH in the promotion for the upcoming Assembly in Waikiki, May 2 to May 5. Go to www.PacificaSynod.org and click on the newsletter link. Those without internet access can see a copy posted in the courtyard.

Pastor Steve and Intern Pastor Derek Fossey (St. John Lutheran Church, Kailua) were featured on the "Pacifica Light" web site following their attendance at the December 7 Pearl Harbor 65th commemoration. Derek's aloha clergy shirt drew the attention of many of the dignitaries, including Tom Brokaw and the Secretary of the Interior. Derek Fossey for President in 2012!

**Pearl Harbor
Commemoration**



Newscaster Tom Brokaw is flanked by St. John's intern pastor, Derek Fossey, and Pastor Steve Jensen. They attended the 65th Pearl Harbor commemoration on December 7th.

January 2007

Monday	January 1	Happy New Year! LCH Office Closed German Vespers, 4:00 pm
Wednesday	January 3	8:00 o'clock Ensemble, 6:30 pm
Sunday	January 6	Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M. Learning Ministries, 9:10 A.M. Choral Eucharist 10:30 A.M. Joint Confirmation, St. John's Lutheran, 6:30 pm Parents' Meeting, St. John's Lutheran, 7:00 pm Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. Compline, 9:00 P.M.
Monday	January 8	Mutual Ministry, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday	January 9	Learning Ministry Worship and Music, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday	January 10	Finance Committee, 12:30 P.M.
Saturday	January 13	In Stitches, 9:00 A.M. Process Theology, 9:30 A.M.
Sunday	January 14	Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M. Learning Ministries, 9:10 A.M. Choral Eucharist 10:30 A.M. Marilyn Mason Organ Concert, 4:00 pm Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. Compline, 9:00 P.M.
Monday	January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day LCH Office Closed Writer's Workshop, 7:00 PM
Tuesday	January 16	Executive Committee, 6:00 P.M. Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday	January 17	Confirmation - Calvary by the Sea, 6:30 P.M.
Friday	January 19	IHS Meal - prepared, 1:30 P.M. IHS Meal - served, 5:30 P.M.
Saturday	January 20	New Hymnal Workshop—Calvary by the Sea, 9:00 A.M.
Sunday	January 21	Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M. Learning Ministries, 9:10 A.M. Choral Eucharist 10:30 A.M. Lunch Bunch, 12:30 P.M. Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. Compline, 9:00 P.M.
Monday	January 22	Clergy Retreat with Bishop - KMC, Big Island
Tuesday	January 23	Heart Beat Deadline, 9:00 A.M.
Saturday	January 27	In Stitches, 9:00 A.M. OYEA — "Tangled Blue" Concert, 3:00 P.M.
Sunday	January 28	Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M. Learning Ministries, 9:10 A.M. Choral Eucharist 10:30 A.M. Lunch Bunch, 12:30 P.M. Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. Compline, 9:00 P.M.
Wednesday	January 31	Heart Beat Mailing, 9:00 A.M. 8:00 o'clock Ensemble, 6:30 PM Confirmation- Calvary by the Sea, 6:30 P.M.





✓ LCH Worship Participants

January Birthdays

Biz Person	1/1
Jeanne Castello	1/3
Fred Benco	1/5
Angie Niermann	1/6
Matthew Sato	1/6
Allen Bauchle	1/12
Mary Kubota	1/12
Dennis Rike	1/15
Palmyra Hethcote	1/17
Robert Raasch	1/20
Chuck Huxel	1/22

8:00 AM	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28
LECTOR	Chuck Huxel	Fritz Fritschel	Flo Foerster	TBA
ASSISTANT MINISTER	Paul Benco Carolyn Ishikawa	Laurie Leach Crescent C.	Peggy Anderson Chuck Huxel	Flo Foerster Stephanie Miller
ACOLYTES	Kyra Ann T.	Sophie C.	Colin B.	Crescent C.
LAYING OF HANDS	TBA			
10:30 AM	Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28
LECTOR	Kathryn Klingebiel	TBA	TBA	TBA
DEACON	Charlotte D'Evelyn	Jim Sullivan	Jeanne Castello	Stephen Schmidt
SUBDEACON	Sean D'Evelyn	Sylvia Hormann-Alper	Bob Tellander	Koré S.
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Randy Christensen	Karyn Castro	Jeanette Hanson	Linde S.
ACOLYTES	Jordan M. Jim Sullivan	Koré S. Linde S.	Karyn C. Olivia Castro	Whitney Walker Rusty Walker
LAYING OF HANDS	TBA			
USHERS	Peter Flachsbart Paul Fujii Jean-Paul Klingebiel LaVerne Rickard	Peter Flachsbart Paul Fujii Jean-Paul Klingebiel LaVerne Rickard	Peter Flachsbart Paul Fujii Jean-Paul Klingebiel LaVerne Rickard	Peter Flachsbart Paul Fujii Jean-Paul Klingebiel LaVerne Rickard

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