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# The HeartBeat

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

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## Message from Pastor

A red Schwinn Cruiser bicycle with a banana seat! That was all I wanted for Christmas when I was seven years old. We lived in Tempe, Arizona, not far from the university and only a few blocks from school. It was a neighborhood full of kids who spent the long hours after school riding around the neighborhood, racing along sidewalks, and dashing around parking lots. I had a hand-me-down bike that had been pretty much ruined by my older brother. The chain fell off at regular intervals, the handlebars were bent at an odd angle, and there was no seat. When the other kids rode off for the days adventure, I found myself poking along and falling further behind with each passing minute. Soon the bike would break down, and I walked home dragging a bicycle carcass behind me.

I begged my folks for a new bike for a couple of years. One night as I was watching TV, a Schwinn commercial showed a tow-headed kid riding like the wind on a low, red, very cool bicycle. As he stood up to pedal I caught a glimpse of the tufted yellow banana seat that made every other bike seem impossibly old fashioned and out of date. Whatever lust a seven-year old can muster came into full bloom that afternoon. ***I had*** to have that bike. Every fiber of desire quivered to possess that bicycle. On Christmas morning, I awoke to find my dream fulfilled. There, glistening red and yellow, was the bike of my dreams. I remember the excitement like it was yesterday.

While the first memory of that bicycle is etched in my mind, the last memory is hazy. The last time I remember seeing the bike was in the junk pile behind the back wall of our new house in Phoenix. Apple red had turned to rust, bright chrome had given way to a dull metallic patina devoid of luster, and the proud banana seat had long been discarded. Hidden in dirt, rust, frame, and spokes were memories of freedom, independence, and adventure. But the bike itself was used up and forgotten. The things of Christmas are like that. Perhaps we remember the desire, the anticipation, even the lust. But having acquired the object of our desire, ash returns to ash and dust to dust.

As Christmas approaches, we are inundated with commercials telling of all the things we need to need. And maybe our need to give is satisfied in this season. In the end, the stuff we buy falls to dust or fades into dim memory. But the stories we live and the families we love last long after we pack away the artificial Christmas tree and deflate the life-size inflatable snow globe. The Christ child and his promise of freedom and love cannot be packed conveniently away.

His journey toward the cross is begun and all believers are along for the ride. All the stuff in the world cannot change this—or us.

Have a wonderful story this Christmas,



*Pastor Jeff*

### HOLIDAY SERVICES

*Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve*

*5:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with the children's choir*

*10:30 pm A Baroque Christmas*

*11:00 pm Festival Choral Eucharist*

*Tuesday, December 25—Christmas Day*

*10:30 am Festival Choral Eucharist*

*Sunday, December 30*

*9:15 am Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and Holy Eucharist*

*Tuesday, January 1—New Year's Day*

*4:00 pm German Vespers*



## November 2007 Church Council Highlights

Here are the highlights of the November 13, 2007, Church Council meeting:

- ✓ **2007 Budget**—Member and plate offerings are running at 88% of budgeted amount through October. Based on the expected increase of plate offerings at the end of the year, this is considered a positive sign. Overall, the budget is running at a deficit of \$22,527.42.
- ✓ **Approval of Expenditure for the Board Room Renovation**—The Council approved spending the \$5,000 donation from the Miller Family Foundation for the Board Room renovation.
- ✓ **Audit Committee for 2008**—The Council is asking for volunteers for the 2008 Audit Committee. The suggestion is that the Audit Committee work throughout the year, rather than just focusing on the year-end audit.
- ✓ **Church Council Members**—The new board members presented at the Council meeting and then approved at the November 18<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting are:
  - o Peggy Anderson
  - o Jean-Paul Klingebiel
  - o Larry Nitz
  - o Teresa McCreary
  - o Crescent C.

## Aloha for our Interns and Seminarian

The Lutheran Church of Honolulu has been blessed by wonderful intern pastors in recent years (Katy Grindberg and Josh Graber) and we would like to continue to share our aloha with them and with Jacob Burkman, our seminarian. Over the next few Sundays we will gather items to brighten their days over the holiday season. Fun food items, gift cards, aloha gifts or any item to share the love of our congregation may be brought to the table set up in the courtyard. Note cards will be available to write a personal note.

## Bible Study on Tuesday

Pastor Jeff is hosting a Bible study on Tuesday mornings in December, beginning at 10:00 and ending by 11:15. These sessions will prepare us for Advent and Christmas by studying the birth narratives of Jesus along with the scriptures focusing on the end times. Persons of every age are invited and encouraged to attend. If you are able to provide transportation for our *kupuna*, or if you need transportation, please contact Pastor Jeff at the church office, 941-2566.

## Lutherfest

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Lutherfest a great success! Mahalo nui loa to Francisco Barajas with the auction, to Robert Raasch with the bar, to Jeanette Hanson and her capable Fellowship committee with the evening's dinner, to Fritz Fritschel and Angie and Jim Niermann for the Martin Luther skit, to Fred Benco and his lively accordion music, and to Carl Crosier and choir for the madrigals. We hope you had as much fun as we did, and we look forward to next year's celebration.

Note: The proceeds from the auction and refreshment sales have netted \$2180. Add the \$1300 match from Thrivent, and we have some seed money for the repair and paving of the rear parking lot.



Above, Happy Birthday, Martin! at LutherFest. At right, Peggy Anderson, Stephanie Miller, and Jean Lilley (in the background) at the Lutherfest auction. \$1,870.50 was raised to redo the church parking lot on the corner of Dominis and Poki Streets.



## The AIDS Memorial Quilt Display

*The Lutheran Church of Honolulu in collaboration with The NAMES Project Foundation Hawaii Islands Chapter are pleased to host this observance of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual International World AIDS Day and also the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.*

### Schedule of Events:

Saturday, December 1, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.—Sections of the AIDS memorial quilt will be on display throughout the day.

- 9:00 a.m. Opening Hawaiian Chant blessing by Kaipō  
Sermon by Pastor Jeff Lilley, Lutheran Church of Honolulu
- 10:00 a.m. An on-going quilt panel making and red ribbon lei making with LCH's In Stitches (Linda Miller)
- 11:00 a.m. Other displays, performances, prayers, etc.
- 5:00 p.m. Hawaii Vocal Arts Ensemble (Tim Carney)
- 6:00 p.m. Saintry Singers, St. Mark's Episcopal Church (David Kayner)
- Sunset Candlelight Vigil and Reading/Saying their Names
- 7:00 p.m. Open
- 8:00 p.m. Open
- 9:00 p.m. Conclusion of quilt making projects with the Names Project, Hawaii Island chapter volunteers

Sunday, December 2, 2007: quilt display will be open during the 8:00, 10:30, and 7:30 Advent Procession services.

We are currently taking any volunteers to add to the program from 7:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 1. If you would like to volunteer prayer time, etc. please contact: Ray Herradura or Peggy Anderson.

## Save The Food Basket this Saturday

*Save The Food Basket* is a non-profit community activity, which supplies food, dry goods, and meals to people who are disabled with HIV/AIDS. Your commitment to this project in the past has been greatly appreciated.

This year, LCH has been asked to collect 150 bottles of dish liquid and another 150 bottles of laundry detergent in approximately 12 oz. sizes. The recipients cannot purchase these items with food stamps, so this is where *Save The Food Basket* comes in. Please bring your items to LCH for collection by *Saturday*, December 1.

## Food for Thought this Saturday

Food for Thought will meet for our monthly potluck supper and discussion at the home of Irmgard Hörmann *this Saturday, December 1*, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

For directions or information, please call Linda Miller through the Church Office (941-2566).

## fasting & feasting—Advent 2007

This Advent, LCH plans to give \$3200 to Kokua Kalihi Valley (KKV), earmarked for medical care for Pacific Islander immigrants. How will we do this? By fully matching a \$1600 grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, awarded through their Care Abounds in Communities collaboration with individual congregations.

After the pie potluck on Thanksgiving (wow!), we're all ready to cut back a little. Consider foregoing one meal a week, or skipping a restaurant outing during December, and pledge the \$15–20 saved toward *fasting & feasting*. A \$15–20 pledge from 100 members will easily meet our goal of \$1600.

KKV was started over 30 years ago by Jory Watland, a local Lutheran pastor. It has become a major social service agency in the Kalihi area, providing medical, dental, translation, social work, and many other services to immigrant families. Presently, Pacific Islanders make up a large group of new residents in our state, and the support of KKV is invaluable as they transition to a new life in Hawai'i.

Because of the calendar stipulations of Thrivent, all donations to *fasting & feasting* must be made by Christmas Day. Please be sure to include "*fasting & feasting*" on your check. May our own Advent blessings be enriched by sharing with others in our community.

## "Omnipotence and the Marketplace"

Process theology is very interested in developing an understanding of divine power. Many of the traditional notions of power seem to have been usurped by the "marketplace." This will be the topic for the next presentation in the Process Forum Series. Join us on Saturday, December 8, 9:30–11:00 a.m. for the discussion, led by Fritz Fritschel. A repeat session will be held on Sunday, December 9, at 12:00 noon with a light lunch. Check the LCH website <Table Talk/Spirituality and Theology/Process Talk> for access to an article entitled, "The Market as God," by Harvey Cox.





## First Sunday Ingathering

### ANGEL NETWORK

Mark the *first Sunday of every month* on your calendars and make that extra trip to Costco or Sam's Club. While donations for Angel Network are welcome any time, Pastor Jeff has set the first Sunday of every month as a special ingathering for Angel Network. Bring canned foods, sample-sized shampoo, soap, personal items, etc. Spam, Cup-a-noodle and canned tuna are favorites. Also, bring plastic grocery bags which are used to distribute the items to our friends in need. There is a table set up in the Hörmann Courtyard to receive your donations.

### The Jesse Tree

As Advent approaches, we would like to invite everyone to be part of our Jesse Tree devotions each Sunday of advent in the nave at 9:15 am. It is a tradition at LCH for the children to present this short service of music and readings during Advent. It lasts about 20 minutes. This year, the Jesse Tree service will be held on *December 2, 9, 16 and 23*. The older children will read Bible stories and prayers, the youngest children will hang ornaments on the tree representing each story, and everyone will sing the Jesse Tree song. Please come and enjoy this very special offering from the children of the congregation.

### Audit Committee

Are you interested in being on the 2007 Audit Committee? Please let Council President Brian Weis or Pastor Jeff Lilley know.



Several LCH youth helped with the ingathering for Operation Backpack at Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church.

### In Stitches

The LCH craft group, In Stitches, will continue to meet through the Fall. The meeting dates are as follows...*December 8 and 22*; the second and fourth Saturdays of each month in the newly refurbished Board Room, from 9:00-11:00 am.

We work on church projects, as well as our own projects, and encourage each other in our art. For more information contact Linda Miller through the Church Office (941-2566).

### Lunch Bunch

The next Lunch Bunch will be on *Sunday, December 9* (the second Sunday of every month). Everyone will meet in the Hörmann Courtyard at 12:00 noon and decide where to go and have lunch. Please join us for fun-filled fellowship!

For more information, contact Stephanie Miller through the Church Office (941-2566).

### Writers' Workshop

Writers' Workshop will meet on *Monday, December 10*, from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Board Room (or the Rainbow Room) at LCH. This will be our last meeting of the year; to kick off the new year, our next session is scheduled for January 7, 2008.

### Game Night

You are invited to the next Game Night on *Saturday, December 22* (fourth Saturday of every month), a Caroling Party at 6:30 pm. It's a potluck at Stephanie Miller's home, so bring a dish of your choice, and a game! Would love to see you there and hear how your Thanksgivings went.

For directions to Steff's home or for more information, contact her through the Church Office (941-2566)

### Come Deck the Halls!

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on *Monday, December 24*, from 9:00 am till it's finished. Come help us transform the sanctuary.

### Giving from the Heart

Thank you to the 42 commitments made for this year's "Giving from the Heart" stewardship campaign. A confirmation letter of your 2008 pledge has been mailed this past week. If you haven't received this letter, please contact Bill Potter at <fin-sec@LCHwelcome.org>. In addition, if you've requested offering envelopes for next year, they should be ready for distribution on December 16. If you did not request envelopes on your pledge card or didn't pledge and would like envelopes, please contact Bill.

Still haven't filled out your pledge card? Don't worry. You can still turn in your "Giving from the Heart" pledge card via the offering plate or through the church office. We welcome any contribution that you are able to give.

Thanks to all of you for giving from the heart to our various ministries and programs here at LCH.





The Board Room before and after refurbishing.



Counting Room before and after refurbishing.



## Mahalo Corner:

The Miller Family Charitable Fund gave a \$5,000 grant to LCH for refurbishing the Board Room. Many thanks go to Stephen and Linda Miller and family. Thanks, also, go out to all of the LCHers who volunteered to move all of the furniture, etc. out, shop for supplies, repair and paint the ceilings and walls, install new fixtures, and get the rooms (Board Room, Sacristy, Utility Room, Counting Room) back in order and ready for use. It's amazing what some new flooring, new fixtures, and a lot of helping hands accomplished in a week. Thank you, Lord, for the many blessings you have bestowed upon us.

Mahalo to On On at McCully Chinese Restaurant. Norman Wong of On On has provided 10% discount coupons for take-out or dine-in orders; the coupons are available at the church office. In addition, On On is also giving LCH a 10% donation of all food purchased with the use of the coupon. It's a Win-Win situation.



### *Attendance and Offering for Sunday, November 4, 2007*

8:00 am Service	33	Offering	\$3,589.26
10:30 am Service	102	Music Fund	\$300.00
Compline	23	Social Ministry	\$25.75
Total	158		

### *Attendance and Offering for Sunday, November 11, 2007*

8:00 am Service	43	Offering	\$3,940.97
10:30 am Service	79	Lutherfest	\$2,182.55
Compline	28		
Total	150		

### *Attendance and Offering for Sunday, November 18, 2007*

8:00 am Service	56	Offering	\$2,399.68
10:30 am Service	111	Music Fund	\$355.00
Compline	27	ELCA World Hunger	\$140.00
Total	194		

### *Attendance and Offering for Sunday, November 25, 2007*

8:00 am Service	33	Offering	\$2,046.92
10:30 am Service	112	Thanksgiving Offering	\$356.00
Compline	21	Music Fund	\$120.00
Total	166		



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Just be glad you don't have to take your nap in a manger."

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**December Birthdays**

- 12/03 Betty Petersen
- 12/04 James Sullivan
- 12/04 Jerelyn Watanabe
- 12/06 Jean Lilley
- 12/11 Joseph N.
- 12/16 Arlene Buss
- 12/17 Carly Schweigert
- 12/18 Adelheid Kuehnle
- 12/18 Jacob Burkman
- 12/19 Andrew Yeh
- 12/20 Peggy Anderson
- 12/23 Linden Doescher
- 12/23 Michael Burnett
- 12/24 Sophie Cheng
- 12/28 Rusty Walker

**December 2007 Calendar**

Saturday	December 1	AIDS Memorial Quilt Display, 8:00 A.M.—9:00 P.M. Dress Rehearsal Advent Procession, 2:00 P.M.
Sunday	December 2	Angel Network Ingathering AIDS Memorial Quilt Display, during all services <b>Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M.</b> Christian Education, 9:10 A.M. <b>Choral Eucharist, 10:30 A.M.</b> Fellowship Potluck, 12 Noon <b>Advent Procession, 7:30 P.M.</b>
Monday	December 3	Mutual Ministry/Transition Team Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday	December 4	Adult Bible Study, 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday	December 5	Preschool Chapel, 10:00 A.M.
Thursday	December 6	LCH Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 P.M.
Saturday	December 8	In Stitches, 9:00 A.M. Process Theology Forum, 9:30 A.M. Private—Hungarian Reformed Church, 3:00 P.M.
Sunday	December 9	<b>Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M.</b> Christian Education, 9:10 A.M. <b>Choral Eucharist, 10:30 A.M.</b> Process Theology Forum, 12 Noon Lunch Bunch, 12:00 Noon Joint Confirmation Christmas P arty, 4:30 P.M. Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. <b>Compline, 9:00 P.M.</b>
Monday	December 10	Writers' Workshop, 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday	December 11	Adult Bible Study, 10:00 A.M. Executive Committee, 6:00 P.M. Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M. Worship & Music, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday	December 12	Preschool Chapel, 10:00 A.M.
Thursday	December 13	LCH Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 P.M.
Saturday	December 15	Christmas Concert at State Library, 11:30 A.M.
Sunday	December 16	<b>Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M.</b> Christian Education, 9:10 A.M. <b>Choral Eucharist, 10:30 A.M.</b> Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. <b>Compline, 9:00 P.M.</b>
Monday	December 17	Aloha Jam, 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday	December 18	Heart Beat Deadline, 9:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study, 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday	December 19	Preschool Chapel, 10:00 A.M.
Thursday	December 20	LCH Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 P.M.
Friday	December 21	IHS Meals—Prepared, 1:00 P.M. IHS Meals—Served, 5:30 P.M.
Saturday	December 22	In Stitches, 9:00 A.M. OYEA Gift Exchange, 1:30—3:30 P.M. Orchestra Dress Rehearsal (Christmas), 3:00 P.M. Game Night, 6:30 P.M.





# ✓ LCH Worship Participants

	December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>LECTOR</b>	Linda Miller	Vicki Gorman	Chuck Huxel	TBA
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	Peggy Anderson Bob Tellander	Laurie Leach Crescent C.	Ken Bauchle Jim Sullivan	TBA TBA
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Crescent C.	Sophie C.	Seth L.	TBA
<b>LAYING OF HANDS</b>		TBA		
<b>USHER</b>	Fred Benco	Fred Benco	Fred Benco	Fred Benco
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>LECTOR</b>	Don Person	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>DEACON</b>	Stephen Schmidt	Sean D'Evelyn	Bob Zimmer	TBA
<b>SUBDEACON</b>	Kore S.	Karyn C.	Mary Fastenau	TBA
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	Charlotte D'Evelyn	TBA	Randy Christensen	TBA
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Karyn C. Mary Fastenau	Olivia Castro Kore S.	Jordan M. Kelsey Lloyd	TBA TBA
<b>LAYING OF HANDS</b>		TBA		
<b>USHERS</b>	Chuck Huxel Francisco Barajas Don Person Nan Wond Chuck Pearson	Chuck Huxel Francisco Barajas Don Person Nan Wond Chuck Pearson	Chuck Huxel Francisco Barajas Don Person Nan Wond Chuck Pearson	Chuck Huxel Francisco Barajas Don Person Nan Wond Chuck Pearson

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Sunday	December 23	<b>Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M.</b> Christian Education, 9:10 A.M. <b>Choral Eucharist, 10:30 A.M.</b> Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. <b>Compline, 9:00 P.M.</b>
Monday	December 24	Office Closed Setup for Christmas, 9:00 A.M. <b>Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00 PM</b> A Baroque Christmas, 10:30 P.M. <b>Festival Choral Eucharist, 11:00 P.M.</b>
Tuesday	December 25	Christmas Day—Office Closed <b>Festival Choral Eucharist, 10:30 A.M.</b>
Wednesday	December 26	Heart Beat Mailing, 9:00 A.M.
Thursday	December 27	LCH Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 P.M.
Saturday	December 29	Orchestra Dress Rehearsal (New Year's Day), 2:30 P.M.
Sunday	December 30	<b>A Festival of Lessons &amp; Carols and Holy Eucharist, 9:15 A.M.</b> Fellowship Potluck, 10:30 A.M. Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. <b>Compline, 9:00 P.M.</b>

## ALTAR GUILD

Jeanette Hanson  
Olivia Castro  
Mary-Jo Estes  
Billie Jean Ries



## Keep in Your Prayers

Amalie	Gwen	Linda
Anita	Jackie	Lorie
Bill	Jerry	Mary
Dorothy	Joe	Rosemary
Eric	Kathy	Shane



## HEAVENLY HUMOR

### Bibles & cell phones

Fr. Taras Miles, pastor of St. Demetrius Ukrainian Catholic Church in Belfield, ND, sent this item from *The New Star* in Chicago, IL:

- “Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?”
- “What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?”
- “What if we flipped through it several times a day?”
- “What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?”
- “What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?”
- “What if we gave it to kids as gifts?”
- “What if we used it when we traveled?”
- “What if we used it in case of emergency?”

### Who Does What?

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

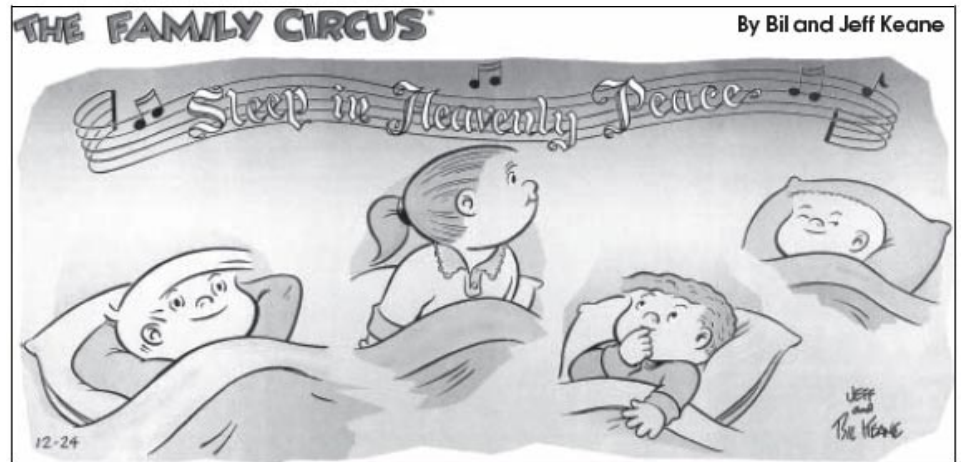
The wife said, “You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee.”

The husband said, “You are in charge of cooking around here, and you should do it because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.”

Wife replies, “No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.”

Husband replies, “I can't believe that; show me.”

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says “HEBREWS.”



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