

Monthly Newsletter of the Lutheran Church of Honolulu •March 2008



# Welcoming to all

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### Message from Pastor

February 19th was the Democratic Caucus here in Hawaii. All over the Island of Oahu, gaggles of sign-holding supporters held picket signs emblazoned with their candidate's picture and the word "CHANGE." Near Liliha and King, a trolley car full of political supporters chanted, rang bells, shouted, and sang for their candidate. Again, the theme was change. Near Kawananakoa Middle School, hundreds of people filled the sidewalks as they gathered to exercise their voting rights. Old men and women joined families pushing strollers and skipping with young children. At the school, the line to vote snaked all around the building into the playground and out into the street. According to organizers, more people showed up for this caucus than for any general election in recent memory. Senator Inouye remarked that he had not seen this sort of voting fervor since the vote for Hawaii Statehood in 1959! The theme dominating the political landscape is change!

Later that evening, I tried to imagine all those folks heading to church on Sunday. I tried to imagine them waiting in lines for hours to receive Holy Communion. I played with images of people willing to park six blocks away for the chance to hear the saving work of God and ushers standing on tables shouting out instructions because there were no more bulletins. "Pick up a piece of white paper and write down the following hymns," shout the ushers. In the courtyard, hundreds of first-time churchgoers strain to hear instructions for filling out worship registration cards. Inside, worshippers crowd each other jockeying for a better place at the altar rail, and harried deacons run back into the sacristy for more wine and wafers. In the boardroom is a bank of phones manned by faithful volunteers calling everyone they can think of. "Come to church. You matter here!" Overwhelmed by the whole scene, the pastor sits down and watches the Spirit work her way through God's people.

The theme of the day is "change." Hearts are changed from bitterness to love; wine and bread

are changed to body and blood; guilt is changed to forgiveness, and sin to grace. Auntie Peg decides to change things up a bit and bring fruit salad to the potluck rather that her signature fried chicken. Across the courtyard, the Sunday school children hear how God changed God's mind and did not destroy Nineveh after all. Mrs. Johnson decides

not to glare at the young family sitting in her pew and sat next to old friend Mabel. She is even considering making the change permanent. The teenagers gathered near the rear pew still think church is boring, but they have decided they



too can be agents of change. Right in the middle of communion they decide to stop going to church and start being the church. They conspire to call their friends to begin a new ministry of service and worship at the beach on Saturday night, and they ask Mrs. Johnson to help them organize it. After worship, members, guests, strangers, and folks wandering off the street eat chocolate-filled donuts and drink coffee and herbal tea. When one of them mentions a sick relative, they join hands and pray together. They have been to worship, and now they are being the church.

Late into the night, the ushers and volunteers wearily count the offering, put away chairs, and sip that last cup of coffee before going home for the night. The ten o'clock news flashes scenes of the mobs descending on church, and the crawler underneath announces, "Record crowds go to worship for the tenth week in a row." Everyone is exhausted, but gratified to have exercised the privilege of worshipping God and serving their neighbor.

> Pastor Jeff pr.jeff@lchwelcome.org

#### **Ark IV Benefit Concert**



Three children joined together in "Allegro" by Shinichi Suzuki.



The F.R.O.G.S. Choir sang as part of the Children's Benefit Concert to raise \$5,000 for an Ark of Animals from Heifer International.



A young dancer performed "Hale'iwa Hula" by Jennie Napua Hanaiali'i Wood and John Noble, choreography by Ka Hale I O Kahala.

# Thank you, thank you! We have half the money we need to launch ARK IV!

On Saturday, February 9th, the children of LCH put on a benefit concert to help earn money for an ark from Heifer International. It was a wonderful event with lovely music and a spirit of cheerful giving. This is the fourth year that the children of this church have spearheaded this fund drive. We are happy to announce that they brought in \$2,168.15 at the concert. All of that money will go towards the \$5,000 needed for the ark.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all the children who performed so wonderfully. Also special thanks go to Holly Lindsay for publicity and to Vicki Gorman, Teresa McCreary, Pastor Lilley, Coleen Howard, Kathy and Carl Crosier, the LCH Church Council, the Learning Ministry Committee, Linda Rich, Carol Langner, and Bill Potter.

We still have the opportunity to support them in meeting their goal. You can sign up in the courtyard to pledge a dollar-a-day for Lent (that's just \$40), or put a check for any amount in the offering plate. Make your check out to the Lutheran Church of Honolulu and note that the gift is for the ARK Project. Thank you.

Thursday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Friday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, March 23, at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 9:00 p.m. Easter Festival Services

# 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 (located at Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church). Bring canned foods, sample-sized shampoos, soaps, and personal items. Spam, Cup-anoodle 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.



## Lenten "Soup and Salad," Worship, and Book Study

The Season of Lent began on February 6 with Ash Wednesday. On Wednesdays, March 5 and 12, we will have a "Soup and Salad" meal (6:00 pm), worship (7:00 pm), and a book study (7:30 pm). This year, our study book is *Night* by Elie Wiesel.

A sign-up sheet for soup, salad, and bread is available in the Hörmann Courtyard.

# Leadership Roundtable Next Sunday

At 11:45 am on Sunday, March 2 (and every first Sunday thereafter), the chairperson or a representative of each committee will meet in the Board Room with Pastor Jeff Lilley and the Church Council President Brian Weis. This is to enhance communications between all committees. See you all there!

#### In Stitches

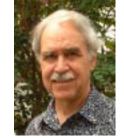
Always meaning to do handwork? Come join In Stitches, the LCH craft group, and work on your own project, learn a new skill, or work on objects for the church. We meet the second and fourth Saturdays of each month in the Board Room from 9:00 to 11:00 am. The next meeting is on Saturday, March 8. In Stitches will also meet on March 22.

Contact Linda Miller through the Church Office (941-2566) for more information.

### "Freedom" and "Free Will"

The Process Theology study group will tackle the notion of "freedom" and "free will" at the next meeting. On Saturday, March 8, 9:30–

11:00 am, the discussion will refer to an article entitled "Being and Freedom: The Metaphysics of Freedom" by Frederick Sontag. You can download a copy of this article at <www.religion-online.org/showarticle.asp?title=3023>. If you have not attended a



previous session, you are still welcome. We always have a lively and stimulating discussion. A repeat session will be held on Sunday, March 9, about noon.



Lars Tellander and Cheryl Crosier-Garcia during Punahou Carnival Parking, watching over the full back lot.

# Successful Punahou Carnival Parking Fundraiser!

What a great Punahou carnival parking fundraiser we had this year! Although we experienced more rain than the last few years, we did gross more money because of the higher turnover of people coming and going to the carnival. There were 60 volunteer workers who covered the 82 shifts on Friday, February 1, and Saturday, February 2. Many people worked two shifts, with some working as many as five shifts during the weekend. Because we had a shortfall of LCH volunteers, we also had 6 people from Joy of Christ and 7 people from St. John's Lutheran Churches help out this year. For their efforts, they earned \$990 for their respective youth groups to attend the OYEA camp at Erdman this summer.

This year, we purchased walkie-talkies that enabled us to communicate between the parking lots and between the coordinators. This cut down on the endless running between the various lots that was necessary in previous years. Despite the inclement weather, with rain and wind and mud throughout the weekend, it seemed that everyone had a great time. Thanks to all of you hard working volunteers, to Ilse Layau for providing the delicious carnival malasadas, to the great team effort of those who planned and ran the event, and especially, to Pastor Jeff for his support and enthusiasm of this fundraiser even going as far as volunteering to work on his days off.

The proceeds of this annual fundraiser—\$4432—will go to our Youth Group. Their cost of attending this summer's OYEA camp at Erdman should be fully underwritten with this year's profits. In addition, they have tithed 10% of the profit, or \$443, to the LCH Parking Lot repairs fund. We should also be getting a \$500 Thrivent

Matching Grant that will also be deposited in the Parking Lot repairs fund.

We look forward to next year's Punahou Carnival Parking, and hope that you will find the time to volunteer for at least one of the 82 shifts needed to cover the weekend's hours of operation.



# Youth Update Crescent C., Council Youth Representative

The youth have decided to give 10% of the proceeds from the Punahou Carnival parking fundraiser to help pay for LCH parking repairs. After two days of hard work and even cooperation from youth from other churches, the total profit was \$4,431.78. \$443 will be transferred from the Youth Fund to the LCH parking repair fund.

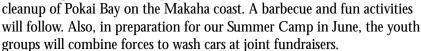
# OYEA: Bigger and Better!! Adam Burke, Youth Coordinator

God's blessing continues to pour out for the Hukilau's youth ministry. Our churches are blessed with tremendous young people. I am reminded each week of the awesome potential our youth possess.

Youth representatives from all OYEA churches organized my installation service on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all that participated and attended; the congregational support is overwhelming. It is a joy to share in ministry with OYEA.

It is my pleasure to officially welcome Chinese Lutheran Church to the OYEA Hukilau! The youth from Chinese Lutheran joined OYEA for the all-night Lock-in Bowling event at Kaneohe Marine Base on February 29th. The house was rockin' all night (and morning) long! I think we're still trying to catch up on our sleep.

This month, Maluhia Lutheran Church in Waianae will be hosting our OYEA event (Jr. and Sr. High). This service project is a beach



I look forward to the church visits in the coming weeks, partnering with youth and adults to make OYEA bigger and better!

# Come join the children at the Seder Meal on March 16

On March 16 (Palm Sunday) at 9:10 between services, the children of the Sunday school will again host a Seder meal in Isenberg Hall. This has been a traditional part of our Easter preparation in the Lutheran Church of Honolulu for the last several years, and our Sunday School children have been learning about Passover and Easter as they prepare the Seder.

The Seder meal is the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his followers when he first gave us the Eucharist. The Seder is the way Jewish people throughout history have remembered God's special relationship with His people and how He freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

Come learn more on the 16th.

## What's New on the LCH Website? Bill Potter, webmaster

The LCH website continues to grow and change as it documents the life of our congregation. Among many changes over the past month, several short articles and pictures were added to the Congregational Life page, and there is a new page in the Children section with pictures from the Children's Benefit Concert for Heifer International. You can keep up with these changes using the "What's New?" page that is available via a link on the left side of the Home page.

Occasionally I am asked, "How big is the LCH website?" The most recent sitemap file (available through a link on the left side of the Home page) shows 453 pages, and that doesn't count some pages that are excluded from the sitemap, such as the PDFs of the *HeartBeat!* 

As our website grows, it's sometimes necessary to reorganize files on our server, and that's what I did in the middle of February. As you know, I have been archiving the HeartBeat and our lists of readings, hymns and special music since we went to the new HeartBeat format in July 2006. Just like you probably do on your home computer, I put all the old files in a folder on the server. However, with both a PDF and an HTML file for each *HeartBeat*, the folder had 40 files by this February, and it was troublesome to find the file I was looking for. To solve this problem, I went back and grouped the files for one year together in a sub-folder. That part was easy, but since each page has a number of links to other pages and to the images on that page, I reviewed each page and updated those links. It took a couple of evenings of coding, but now the work is complete, and our website is organized for growth over the next few years. If you'd like to see how the files are organized, take a look at the sitemap.

While I'm telling you about the recoding that went along with the reorganization, let me admit that I probably missed a few things. If you come across a link that doesn't work or a missing picture, please let me know so I can get it fixed. (I also appreciate knowing about mistakes in content, typos, etc.) There's an email link at the bottom of almost every page. Just copy the URL from the top of the page into the email and describe the error that needs to be corrected. Thanks in advance for your help.



#### **Lunch Bunch**

Lunch Bunch meets Sunday, March 9 (the second Sunday of every month). Everyone will gather in the Hörmann Courtyard at



12:00 noon and then decide where to go and have lunch. Please join us for this fun-filled fellowship!

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



# Writers' Workshop

Writers' Workshop will meet on Monday, March 10, from 7:00 to

8:30 pm in the Board Room (or the Rainbow Room) at LCH. This will be the third meeting of the new year. The Spring 2008 schedule also includes a meeting on April 28.

### **Game Night**

You are invited to Game Night on Saturday, March 29, at 6:30 pm. (This is a change from the usual fourth Saturday of the month because March 22 is Easter Eve.) It's a potluck at Stephanie Miller's home in Kaimuki, so bring a dish of your choice, and your favorite game! Would love to see you there. It'll be great fun.

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

# IHS Fundraiser used ink cartridges and old cell phones

Drop your used printer ink cartridges/toners and old cell phones (handsets and batteries only) at the LCH Administrator's office or in a drop box located at the church.



Two companies will turn the cartridges and cell phones into *cash*. The minimum we can send in is 50 cartridges and 35 cell phones. This is an ongoing fundraiser to support the Institute for Human Services Meal that LCH provides on the third Friday of each month for the homeless.

### **Attendance and Offering for February**

#### Attendance and Offering for Sunday, February 3, 2008

8:00 am Service	37	Offering	\$4,943.85
10:30 am Service	132	Sunday School	\$3.00
Compline	25	Music—Instruments	\$210.00
Total	194	Capital Improvements	\$33.00
		Social Ministries	\$25.75

#### Attendance and Offering for Sunday, February 10, 2008

8:00 am Service	38	Offering	\$4,608.25
10:30 am Service	101	Sunday School	\$2.85
Compline	23	Heifer Project	\$85.00
Total	162	Fasting & Feasting	\$80.00
		Capital Improvements	\$33.00
		Memorials	\$200.00

#### Attendance and Offering for Sunday, February 17, 2008

8:00 am Service	37	Offering	\$2,822.75
10:30 am Service	105	Sunday School	\$1.00
Compline	30	Heifer Project	\$280.00
Total	172	Capital Improvements	\$33.00
		World Hunger	\$20.00

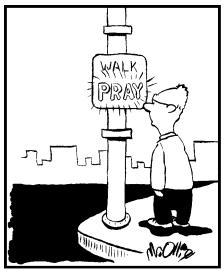
#### Attendance and Offering for Sunday, February 24, 2008

8:00 am Service	35	Offering	\$2,659.45
10:30 am Service	74	Sunday School	\$5.05
Compline	26	Social Ministries	\$25.75
Total	135	<b>Capital Improvements</b>	\$500.00
		Heifer Project	\$140.00
		World Hunger	\$20.00

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Sunday	March 23	Easter Sunday Festival Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M. Christian Education, 9:10 A.M. Festival Choral Eucharist, 10:30 A.M. Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. Compline, 9:00 P.M.
Wednesday	March 26	Prince Kuhio Day—Office Closed Heart Beat Mailing, 9:00 A.M.
Thursday	March 27	LCH Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 P.M.
Saturday	March 29	Game Night, 6:30 P.M.
Sunday	March 30	RIC Sunday Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M. Christian Education, 9:10 A.M. Choral Eucharist, 10:30 A.M. Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. Compline, 9:00 P.M.





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# **Keep in Your Prayers**

Amalie	Gary	Linda
Anita	Janae	Lorie
Dan	Jerry	Lucia
Donald	Joe	Mary
Dorothy	Kathy	Rosemary
Emelda	Ken	Shane



# **March Birthdays**

3/01	Florine Foerster
3/04	Chuck Chamberlain
3/05	Hunter N.
3/06	Nathalie J.
3/06	Kore S.
3/07	Lillie J.
3/07	Brian Weis
3/15	Kenny Weeks
3/17	Sydney J.
3/17	Ken Von Deylen
3/18	Ken Bauchle
3/18	Donald Womack
3/23	Nicholas Castello
3/25	Evan D.
3/28	Olivia Castro

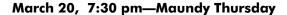
### March 2008 Calendar

Sunday	March 2	Angel Network Ingathering Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M. Christian Education, 9:10 A.M. Choral Eucharist, 10:30 A.M. Leadership Roundtable, 11:45 A.M. Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. Compline, 9:00 P.M.
Monday	March 3	Mutual Ministry/Transition Team Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday	March 5	Soup & Salad, 6:00 P.M. Joint Confirmation—Calvary by the Sea, 6:30 P.M. Lenten Service, 7:00 RM. Book Study, 7:30 P.M.
Thursday	March 6	Preschool Chapel, 10:00 A .M. LCH Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 P.M.
Saturday	March 8	In Stitches, 9:00 A.M. Process Theology Forum, 9:30 A .M.
Sunday	March 9	Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M. Christian Education, 9:10 A.M. Choral Eucharist, 10:30 A.M. Process Theology Forum, 12:00 Noon Lunch Bunch, 12:00 Noon Joint Confirmation—Christ L utheran, 4:30 P.M. Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. Compline, 9:00 P.M.
Monday	March 10	Writers' Workshop, 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday	March 11	Worship & Music, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday	March 12	Finance Committee Meeting , 12:30 P.M. Soup & Salad, 6:00 P.M. Lenten Service, 7:00 P.M. Book Study, 7:30 P.M.
Thursday	March 13	Preschool Chapel, 10:00 A .M. LCH Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 P.M.
Sunday	March 16	Palm Sunday Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M. Seder Meal, 9:10 A.M. Choral Eucharist, 10:30 A.M. Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. Compline, 9:00 P.M.
Monday	March 17	Happy St. Patrick's Day! Easter Rehearsal with instruments, 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday	March 18	Heart Beat Deadline, 9:00 A.M. Executive Committee, 6:00 P.M. Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
Thursday	March 20	Maundy Thursday Maundy Thursday Liturgy, 7:30 P.M.
Friday	March 21	Good Friday—Office Closed IHS Meals—Prepared, 1:00 P.M. IHS Meals—Served, 5:30 P.M. Good Friday Liturgy, 7:30 P.M.
Saturday	March 22	In Stitches, 9:00 A.M.  The Great Vigil of Easter, 7:30 P.M.
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I LCH Worship Participants

	March 2 Lent IV	March 9 Lent V	March 16 Palm Sunday	March 23 Easter Sunday	March 30 RIC Sunday
	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
LECTOR	April Smith	Jim Sullivan	Linda Miller	Carolyn Koehler	Peggy Anderson
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Peggy Anderson Chuck Huxel	Laurie Leach Crescent C.	Peggy Anderson Jim Sullivan	Chuck Huxel Laurie Leach	Ken Bauchle Stephanie Miller
ACOLYTE	Colin B.	Sophie C.	Kyra Ann T.	Crescent C. Sophie C.	Colin B.
LAYING OF HAN	IDS	Stephanie Miller			
USHER	Fred Benco	Fred Benco	Fred Benco	Fred Benco	Fred Benco
CRUCIFER				Ken Bauchle	
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Peggy Brandt	Jim Cartwright	Randy Castello	Stephen Schmidt	Peter Flachsbart
DEACON	Mary Fastenau	Charlotte D'Evelyn	Ray Herradura	Sylvia Hormann-Alper	Mary Fastenau
SUBDEACON	Bob Zimmer	Stephen Schmidt	Sean D'Evelyn	Karyn C.	Kore S.
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Karyn C.		Jeanette Hanson	Linde Schmidt	Randy Christensei
ACOLYTES	Jordan M. Olivia Castro	Kore S. Linde S.	Karyn C. Mary Fastenau	Kore S. Mary Fastenau	Olivia Castro Linde S.
LAYING OF HAN	IDS	Robert Zimmer			
BANNER BEAREI	RS		Seth L. Robert Zimmer	Seth L. Robert Zimmer	
USHERS	Peter Flachsbart Paul Fujii Jean-Paul Klingebiel Chuck Pearson	Peter Flachsbart Paul Fujii J-P Klingebiel Chuck Pearson	Peter Flachsbart Paul Fujii J-P Klingebiel Chuck Pearson	Peter Flachsbart Paul Fujii J-P Klingebiel Chuck Pearson	Peter Flachsbar Paul Fujii J-P Klingebiel Chuck Pearson
ALTAR GUILD	Jeanette Hanson Olivia Castro Mary-Jo Estes Billie Jean Ries				



LECTOR - TBA

DEACON - Sylvia Hormann-Alper

SUB-DEACON - Bob Tellander

ACOLYTES - Jordan M.& Bob Zimmer

March 21, 7:30 pm—Good Friday

**DEACON** – Bob Zimmer **SUB-DEACON** – Mary Fastenau (No lector, no acolytes, no communion assistant)

#### March 22, 7:30 pm—Easter Vigil

DEACON – Carl Crosier

SUB-DEACON – Don Person

MC – Jim Sullivan

THURIFER – Jimmy Castro

BOATBEARER – Jordan M.

CRUCIFER – Jerome Vasconcellos

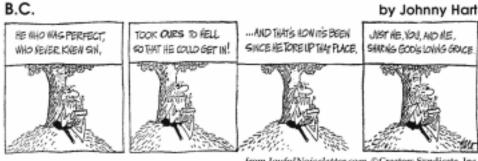
TORCHBEARERS – Bob Zimmer & Jeanne Castello

ACOLYTES/BANNERS – Ray Herradura & Karyn C.

LECTORS – Sylvia Hormann-Alper, Randy Castello, Fritz

Fritschel, Peggy Anderson, Jim Cartwright,
Linda Miller, Sean D'Evelyn

### **Heavenly Humor**



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Rev. Dale Schoening of Renwick, IA, was listening to a radio program discussing the forthcoming new edition of the Southern Baptist Convention's *Baptist Hymnal*.

A guest, a pianist from a small church in Nashville, TN, commented that not everyone was happy because the new hymnal has a lot more contemporary praise-and-worship music than previous editions had.

She described contemporary worship music as follows: "Now you have the 7-Eleven songs; you've got seven words – you just sing them eleven times."

Late in the service, a country preacher was at a fevered pitch. He asked the congregation, "Who wants to go to Heaven tonight?"

All but one hand went up. Stunned, the preacher asked again, "Who wants to go to Heaven tonight?"

Again there was one lone holdout. In desperation, the preacher asked, "Sir,

don't you want to go to heaven when you die?"

"Certainly," the man replied, "I want to go to Heaven when I die, but I thought you were getting up a group to go tonight!"

—George Goldtrap Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL



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Deadline for the next Heart Beat Tuesday, March 18