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Message from Pastor

Engaging the Book of Faith

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is undertaking a church-wide challenge that has the potential to change the face of our church in untold ways. A bold group of theologians, pastors, educators, and seminary professors are encouraging Lutherans to do something so radical, so fundamental, and so outrageous that if it succeeds, the ELCA may be thrown into turmoil and a tizzy from which it may never recover. No, I am not talking about the Human Sexuality Draft study or a newly minted social draft on genetic engineering. I am talking about the Bible.

In an exciting, (and perhaps daring) move, our Bishop, our publishing company, and our teachers are challenging pastors and lay persons alike to commit to regular and even disciplined reading of scripture for building up the body of Christ—a program called “Book of Faith.”

It sounds obvious doesn't it? Wouldn't you think that Christians would be interested in reading God's Word as it comes to them in scripture? Research has shown that many, if not most professed Christians have only a passing familiarity with the Holy Scriptures. A recent *Time* magazine article noted: “According to Religious Literacy, polls show that nearly two-thirds of Americans believe the Bible holds the answers to ‘all or most of life's basic questions,’ but pollster George Gallup has dubbed us ‘a nation of biblical illiterates.’ Only half of U.S. adults know the title of even one Gospel. Most can't name the Bible's first book. The trend extends even to Evangelicals, only 44% of whose teens could identify a particular quote as coming from the Sermon on the Mount.” (“A Case for Teaching the Bible,” *Time*, 22 March 2007) Ironically, Lutherans fare only slightly better than average despite a historical and theological emphasis on the Bible.

Is Biblical literacy important? Luther emphasized that God's Word is the “source and norm” of our faith and proclaimed “*sola scriptura*” (Word alone) as a hallmark of the Lutheran faith. For centuries the Lutheran movement has insisted on educated clergy who know the Bible and an

educated laity who engage scripture and are engaged by the Bible. Sunday School, parochial school, confirmation, good preaching, adult Bible studies, and small reading groups are all ways our church works to encourage and equip people with some level of Biblical literacy. But all the resources in the world will not help if flagging interest keeps parishioners and others from ever picking up a Bible. For some, the Bible just isn't relevant. Stories about ancient armies, grumpy prophets—along with wild tales of healings and miracles—seem antiquated to the modern reader. Our scientific sophistication may make the impossible stories of the Bible seem foolish. For others, it is just not interesting. Still others contend that there simply is not enough time to read the Bible. You probably also have your reasons.

Frankly, the Bible still carries God's wonderful message of grace that transcends time, literary style, or scientific conventions. In fact, this is one of the most exciting times to read the Bible! Science and literature are giving new and wonderful insights into the culture and people of the bible. New translations and commentaries are bringing the stories alive and helping us to relate them to modern times. It is a *great* time to be reading the Bible!

I am going to propose to Learning Ministry and to our Council that Lutheran Church of Honolulu become a Book of Faith congregation. This means that we will commit

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book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

ourselves to joining the conversation about the Bible and become more fluent in scripture, the first language of our faith. I will commit to a regular midweek Bible study and offer regular adult studies on Sunday. I hope you will join me and even offer to start your own study groups in homes and cafes in our community. Second, I hope to develop a class specifically for seekers who want to learn more about the Bible.

The ELCA is committed to providing leadership and materials for the effort. Of course, not all the materials will be fantastic, but what we *do* with the materials *will be fantastic!* **Book of Faith!**

Pastor Jeff

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July Council Meeting Highlights

Mary Fastenau, Council Secretary

- ✓ **Finances**—Roy Helms, LCH treasurer, noted that the financial condition is healthy. Contributions are at 97% of budget year-to-date, and expenses are running about \$9,000 less than the budgeted amount.
- ✓ **B2B2B**—The Council voted to send the remaining amount of the B2B2B, “Blessed to Build Two Blessings,” campaign for the ELCA Pacifica Synod. Our pledge was for just over \$4,000. A good description of the project can be found at <www.LCHwelcome.org/life/2008/b2b2b.html>.
- ✓ **Rediscover Makiki**—The Council voted to support the Rediscover Makiki event on July 25 and 26. The event will recognize the revitalization of the Makiki District Park and the reopening of the Makiki Library. The event allows LCH to reach out to its neighbors. LCH will have a table at the event.
- ✓ **Leadership**—In the ongoing support of leadership initiatives within LCH, members of the Council were challenged to learn more about the members of the congregation. Each person was given a list of names with the goal of finding out something about the people in the church. Reports will be due back at the August meeting.

Stewardship Corner

We’ve reached our goal for the “Blessed to Build Two Blessings” campaign!—The LCH *‘ohana* has generously donated \$4,000 towards our goal of \$20 per baptized member or \$4260. Our Council has decided to send the \$260 balance in advance, in order for our congregation to meet the Pacifica Synod’s challenge. The first installment check of \$2,500 was given at Synod Assembly in May, and a second installment check of \$1,760 will soon be sent to the Synod, along with the names of all donors. *Mahalo nui loa* to all who have so generously given to the B2B2B campaign!

Where’s the money for other special projects?—Some of you are probably wondering what happened to the money that you donated for the *Hörmann Courtyard* and for the *Parking Lot Improvements*. We are happy to say that each fund has approximately \$12,500. When



The LCH connection at the Pacifica Synod Assembly: Pastor Steve Jensen, Pastor Jeff Lilley, Bishop Mark Hanson, Robert Zimmer, and Pastor David Barber.

the Ministry Planning Task Force completes and presents its findings to the staff and church council, then a Master Plan for LCH can be formulated, and individual projects can be undertaken. Until then, the money for these two funds have been put aside specifically for these projects.

Remember the Wednesday Lenten calabash?—A recent thank you note from the *Domestic Violence Action Center* reminds us that our giving extends towards our local community. This non-profit organization provides resources that can assist victims of domestic violence escape a life of abuse. Nanci Kriedman, executive director of the DV Action Center, thanked LCH for its \$223 donation and also for our compassion and aloha for victims of domestic violence. Let’s continue our aloha for domestic violence victims with our prayers.

Pau Hana Friday on Aug. 1

Pau Hana Friday is alive and well at LCH. We will gather at Ala Moana Beach Park 28B on *Friday, August 1*, beginning at 4:30 pm, with dinner served at 6:00 pm. Main dish and sides provided, but bring desserts and sides if you like!

Stay for the Hilton Hawaiian Village fireworks at 8:30 pm. They’re awesome!

Angel Network Ingathering

LCHers are generous! The July ingathering for Angel Network was wonderful. Thank you for your support. A shopping cart over-flowing with saimin, canned tuna, spam, canned fruit, and personal care items was collected for Angel Network located at Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church. Ingatherings are scheduled for the first Sunday of every month.



Leadership Roundtable

Sunday, August 3, at 10:30 am (and continuing the first Sunday of every month), the chairperson or another representative of each committee will meet in the Boardroom with Pastor Jeff Lilley and Council President Brian Weis. This is to enhance communications between all committees. See you all there!

A Summer of In Stitches

In Stitches, the LCH craft group, will meet through the summer on the second and fourth *Saturdays* of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Boardroom. We work on our own projects or on items for the church. The next few meeting dates are *August 9 and 23, September 13 and 27, and October 11 and 25*. Come join us. For more information, contact Linda Miller through the Church Office (941-2566).

Mary Magdalene Society

The Mary Magdalene Society will have a meeting on *Saturday, August 9*, at 6:00 pm in Isenberg Hall. There will be a potluck followed by a short business meeting, and then let the games begin! Please bring your favorite game. All are welcome.

The main order of business will be a discussion on becoming a chapter of Lutherans Concerned/North America instead of Mary Magdalene. This will make us more recognizable. We need five members to join Lutherans Concerned (for membership dues of \$25 or more) to become a chapter.

If you are interested in hosting a future Mary Magdalene meeting in your home, please contact Robert Zimmer through the Church Office (941-2566).

Brunch Potluck after last summer service

The Fellowship committee will be hosting a Brunch Potluck on *Sunday, August 10*, after the 9:15 service. The committee will be furnishing a ham and dinner rolls. Please bring a dish to share as shown below:

<i>Last names A thru H</i>	<i>Main Dish</i>
<i>Last names I thru P</i>	<i>Salads</i>
<i>Last names Q thru Z</i>	<i>Desserts, Fruit, or Pastries</i>

We look forward to this fellowship event on our last summer service.

Writers' Workshop

Writers' Workshop will meet on *Monday, August 11*, 7:00–8:30 pm in the Boardroom (or the Rainbow Room) at LCH. This will be our first meeting after the summer hiatus; we will be planning the rest of our Fall schedule. All are welcome.

For information, please contact Kathryn Klingebiel through the Church Office (941-2566).

OYE@ s.u.m.m.e.r.—Surfing

On *Saturday, August 16*, come and surf with OYEA youth at White Plains Beach at Barbers Point from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Bring your own board and a friend, or use one of ours.

Committee/Interest Group Chairs

Aloha Jam:	Pastor Jeff Lilley
Archives:	James Cartwright
Audit:	Shannon Liston
Compline	Keane Ishii
Concert:	Carl Crosier
Communications:	Carol Langner
Council:	Brian Weis
Fellowship:	Jeanette Hanson
Finance:	Roy Helms
Food for Thought:	Kathryn Klingebiel
Game Night:	Stephanie Miller
Garden Club:	Carol Langner
In Stitches:	Linda Miller
Learning Ministry:	Fred Benco
Mary Magdalene Society:	Francisco Barajas & Robert Zimmer
Ministry Plan Task Force:	Olivia Castro
Mutual Ministry/Transition:	Olivia Castro
Pau Hana:	Pastor Jeff Lilley
Pre-Compline	The Rev. Fritz Fritschel
Process Theology:	The Rev. Fritz Fritschel
Property:	Jean-Paul Klingebiel
Scholarship:	Fred Benco
Social Ministry:	Ray Herradura & Robert Zimmer
Stewardship:	Pam Buckley & Jeanne Castello
Sunday School:	Laurie Leach & Linda Miller
Worship & Music:	Linda Miller
Writers' Workshop:	Kathryn Klingebiel
Youth:	Sean D'Evelyn & Crescent Cheng



LHC prepares and serves a meal of 'ono meatloaf at IHS every month. Here Olivia & Jimmy Castro and Rudy Riingen ready to eat after working.



Food for Thought

Food for Thought will meet for a potluck supper and discussion at the home of Irmgard Hörmann on *Saturday, August 16*, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

For directions or information, please contact Kathryn Klingebiel through the Church Office (941-2566).

Social Ministries Committee meeting

The Social Ministries Committee will meet in the Boardroom at LCH on *Sunday, August 17*, after the second service. The committee will be going over programs for the future which we could become a part of. Your attendance will make a mark on how LCH will do ministry for our community and for the world in areas such as food programs and social justice. Please come and help us decide our priorities with our programs of care. Pupus potluck.

Game Night

Game Night is on *Saturday, August 23*, at 6:30 pm at Stephanie Miller's home in Kaimuki. Bring a game and a potluck dish to share.

If you have any questions, or need directions, please contact Steff through the Church Office (941-2566).

What's New on the LCH Website?

Bill Potter, webmaster

I am happy to report progress on project mentioned in my last two *Heartbeat* columns:

- ☞ The stylesheet for the website was updated at the beginning of July, and a number of tweaks were made to the most important pages to maintain consistency.
- ☞ At the same time, I believe I have been able to update key pages on the LCH website to bring them more into compliance with accessibility standards.
- ☞ In addition, with help from Pastor Jeff and others, we have revised the home page to minimize Christian jargon and added glosses for technical terms. We are working on the Worship page and other current pages.



At the same time, I have added content to a couple of pages. Information about the harpsichord and piano has been added to the page in the Music section that until now only described the two organs. With the arrival of the new lectern, I have added a picture and description of that piece as well as information about our baptismal font.

Finally, I gave two Adult Forum presentations on the LCH website in July. The third session—create your own web page—will be offered on *August 3*. Bring your laptop if you have one, along with some text and a digital photo for your page. If you don't have a laptop, we will provide some loaners. Come and join the fun.



LCHers marching in the Gay Pride parade.

Of preachers and politicians

By Rev. Dr. Richard L. Means

I have been a college professor for 38 years, and preached as a Congregational minister for 52 years. While preaching, I have watched deacons snooze, parishioners sleep, young couples neck, and heard a multitude of babies cry. At the end of the service after one difficult Sunday, forgetting I was miked, I said clearly, "Thank God that is over!" Of course, it brought down the house.

When shaking hands at the end of the service and people say, "great sermon!", "a wonderful message!", etc., etc. many preachers privately call this "the Perjury line," to keep perspective.

Fortunately, however, I have been spared the spectacle of the news media seizing upon a controversial remark I made in one of my sermons 30 or 40 years ago, and hanging a politician in my congregation with that remark. And, like many pastors, occasionally I slip and make a silly remark.

During the current presidential electioneering, the news media have seized upon controversial remarks made years ago in sermons by Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Democrat Barack Obama's former pastor, and by televangelist John C. Hagee, a supporter of Republican John McCain.

Politicians of both parties are claiming that these excerpts from Rev. Wright's and Rev. Hagee's sermons are damaging both Obama's and McCain's presidential campaigns.



Dr. Means in 1952

Rev. Penny Lowes of Oakland Township wrote to *The Detroit News* recently: "I am a white female ordained minister. I am appalled to think that members of the church I serve may have to answer to my sermons should they run for public office or seek employment in certain sectors."

I suspect that no politician could survive the statements made by their pastors in their sermons through the years, if widely publicized.

I don't recall a politician in any of my congregations whose career was damaged by something I said in one of my sermons, probably because they were sleeping through them. But the one thing that keeps all pastors sane is a sense of humor, and we need to understand the reality of the absurd. It keeps one humble

(Rev. Dr. Richard L. Means is a Congregational minister, a professor emeritus of sociology at Kalamazoo College in Michigan, and a Joyful Noiseletter consulting editor. The photo accompanying this article is his Kalamazoo College graduation picture in 1952. He wouldn't give Joyful Noiseletter a recent photo.)



Attendance and Offering for July

Attendance and Offering for Sunday, July 6, 2008

9:15 am Service	87	Offering	\$2,606.10
Compline	22	Sunday School	\$5.00
Total	109	Social Ministries	\$25.75

Attendance and Offering for Sunday, July 13, 2008

9:15 am Service	89	Offering	\$3,798.60
Compline	19	Sunday School	\$0.60
Total	108		

Attendance and Offering for Sunday, July 20, 2008

9:15 am Service	91	Offering	\$2,125.90
Compline	24	Sunday School	\$1.00
Total	115	Social Ministries	\$26.00
		Evangelism	\$350.00
		Pride	\$200.00

Attendance and Offering for Sunday, July 27, 2008

9:15 am Service	105	Offering	\$3,617.50
Compline	21	Endowment	\$2,000.00
Total	126		



Aloha to Don and Biz Person (left), who are moving to San Antonio, Texas, and happy 80th birthday to Marian Myers (right).

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Every day God lets some of the water out so there's room to play on the beach."

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HeartBeat Folders Needed on August 27

The *HeartBeat* folders are looking for assistance. Please let the church office know if you are able to assist with folding the September 2008 *HeartBeat* in the Boardroom on Wednesday, August 27, at 9:00 am. Your assistance will be appreciated.





Prayer Requests

Amalie	Jerry
Anita	Joe
CJ	Kathy
Dan	Ken
David	Linda
Emelda	Lorie
Gary	Paige
Hanna	Rosemary
Hugo	Shane
Janae	



August Birthdays

8/02	Arthur B. Wilson III
8/04	Veronica Weeks
8/05	Nedra Walker
8/06	Sissy Arakawa
8/09	Linda Mizuno
8/11	Jonathan Scheuer
8/12	Charlotte D'Evelyn
8/13	Alexa Sueda
8/16	Barbara Dickinson
8/17	Gordon Wallace
8/18	Jean-Paul Klingebiel
8/22	Bruce Kishimoto
8/24	Dennis Hethcote
8/29	Melissa S.
8/29	Selena Schmidt

August 2008 Calendar

Friday	August 1	Pau Hana Friday, 4:30 P.M.
Sunday	August 3	Angel Network Ingathering Holy Communion, 9:15 A.M. Leadership Roundtable, 10:30 A.M. Make Your Own Web Page, 10:30 A.M. Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. Compline, 9:00 P.M.
Monday	August 4	Mutual Ministry/Transition Team, 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday	August 6	Stewardship Meeting, 5:30 P.M.
Thursday	August 7	Preschool Chapel, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday	August 9	In Stitches, 9:00 A.M. Mary Magdalene Society, 6:00 P.M.
Sunday	August 10	Holy Communion, 9:15 A.M. Acolyte Training, 10:30 A.M. Brunch Potluck, 10:30 A.M. Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. Compline, 9:00 P.M.
Monday	August 11	Aloha Jam, 6:00 P.M. Writers' Workshop, 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday	August 12	Worship & Music Committee, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday	August 13	Finance Committee, 12:30 P.M.
Thursday	August 14	Preschool Chapel, 10:00 A.M. LCH Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 P.M.
Friday	August 15	Statehood Day—Office Closed IHS Meals—Prepared, 1:00 P.M. IHS Meals—Served, 5:30 P.M.
Saturday	August 16	OYEA Surfing, 1:00 P.M. Food for Thought, 6:30 P.M.
Sunday	August 17	Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M. Christian Education, 9:10 A.M. Choral Eucharist, 10:30 A.M. Social Ministries Meeting, 12:00 P.M. Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. Compline, 9:00 P.M.
Tuesday	August 19	Heart Beat Deadline, 9:00 A.M. Executive Committee, 6:00 P.M. Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
Thursday	August 21	Preschool Chapel, 10:00 A.M. LCH Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 P.M.
Saturday	August 23	In Stitches, 9:00 A.M. Game Night, 6:30 P.M.
Sunday	August 24	Holy Communion, 9:15 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.
Wednesday	August 27	Heart Beat Mailing, 9:00 A.M.



✓ LCH Worship Participants

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
	9:15 AM	9:15 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
LECTOR	Vicki Gorman	Robert Zimmer	Cindy Scheinert	Linda Miller	April Smith
DEACON	Sylvia Hormann-Alper	Jacob Burkman			
SUB-DEACON	Charlotte D'Evelyn	Bob Tellander			
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jeanette Hanson		Laurie Leach Crescent C.	Peggy Anderson Ken Bauchle	Bobby Broyles Carolyn Koehler
ACOLYTES	Olivia Castro Mitchell G.	Seth L. Karyn C.	Sophie C.	Mitchell G.	Kyra Ann T.
LAYING OF HANDS		Robert Zimmer			
USHERS	Fred Benco	Fred Benco	Fred Benco	Fred Benco	Fred Benco
			10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR			Kathryn Klingebiel	Peter Flachsbart	Peggy Brandt
DEACON			Jacob Burkman	Mary Fastenau	Sean D'Evelyn
SUBDEACON			TBA	Robert Zimmer	Sylvia Hormann-Alper
COMMUNION ASSISTANT			Randy Christensen	Ray Herradura	Jeanette Hanson
ACOLYTES			Jordan M. Robert Zimmer	Jordan M. Karyn C.	Mary Fastenau Ray Herradura
USHERS			Chuck Huxel Francisco Barajas Nan Wond Chuck Pearson	Chuck Huxel Francisco Barajas Nan Wond Chuck Pearson	Chuck Huxel Francisco Barajas Nan Wond Chuck Pearson
ALTAR GUILD	Linda Miller Eric Robertson Nedra Walker Lois Watanabe	Linda Miller Eric Robertson Nedra Walker Lois Watanabe	Linda Miller Eric Robertson Nedra Walker Lois Watanabe	Linda Miller Eric Robertson Nedra Walker Lois Watanabe	Linda Miller Eric Robertson Nedra Walker Lois Watanabe

August 2008 Calendar – cont'd

Thursday	August 28	Preschool Chapel, 10:00 A.M. LCH Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 P.M.
Sunday	August 31	Holy Communion, 9:15 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.

*On August 17, LCH will return
to our regular worship schedule.*

*Two morning services
at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.*

Compline at 9:00 pm.





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Signs & wonders

Sign outside Presbyterian church:

"There are some questions that can't be answered by Google."

—via Lowell Yoder, Holland, OH

Church sign in Michigan:

"He/she who lives by the credit card dies by the credit card."

Sign outside Morrison United Methodist Church, Leesburg, FL:

"Kindness is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back."

Newly conceived church definitions:

- *Hymnastics*: The twisting body language of the choir director.
- *Hymnprovisation*: The sudden and unannounced transition from one hymn to another, usually to a song unfamiliar to the congregation.
- *Ministereotype*: A misunderstanding about any pastor.
- *Deaconsript*: A reluctant parishioner intimidated into taking a job as a church officer.

—via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Glassboro, NJ



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 Tuesday, August 19**