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to all*

*Worshipping,
growing,
serving
Christ's Community*

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Message from Pastor

An Easter People

Last night HPR featured a segment exploring the relationship between religion and healing that was truly inspiring. Speaking to cancer patients, the reporter asked a young woman whose cancer was in remission how prayer and faith helped her in her battle with cancer. She talked extensively about how she really had not paid all that much attention to God or faith in her life. But within a short span of time she suffered three miscarriages and was diagnosed with cancer. She joked with family and friends "What is coming next, locusts, boils, frogs falling from the sky?" Although never deeply religious, she concluded that she simply could not face her disease with sheer will alone. Her cancer led her to rely on a higher power. She did not expect that God would bring her a miracle, but she found an inner peace in a God who would not let her go.



In another interview, a physician being treated for a very painful cancer described her journey as one of enduring in God. During painful treatments she would pray, "I am a maiden of Jesus. I belong to God. This too shall pass." She found in her prayer reassurance that pain did not—and would not—define her life. As a child of God, she had more to do and more life to live. She learned to go to an inner peace when the pain was unbearable and put herself into God's hands. Her voice, hoarse and labored, was filled with conviction and strength. It was an Easter voice.

A common theme throughout the report was that folks who acknowledge God, or a power greater than themselves, seem to experience better quality of life through difficult times. They also seem to approach death in a more positive and less fearful manner. I appreciated that the reporter acknowledged that both people who pray and

people who do not pray are, in some cases, healed from their disease. On the other hand, both groups also experience similar mortality rates. The difference I appreciated was how faith seemed to radically change the experience of living with the disease—and of dying from the disease.

I was humbled by the voices I heard on the radio. As I thought of my own "problems," I wondered about their significance compared to the stories of these Easter people I heard on the radio for whom the presence of God was a palpable reality. I wake up in the middle of the night worrying about church budget, pulling together an evangelism committee, organizing the next youth event, or the hundreds of little tasks that seem to go undone every week. My stomach churns when I forget to reply to an email or miss an appointment with a parishioner. Because I can successfully maintain the illusion of control in these small matters, maybe I think I don't need God. But the same risen Lord who accompanies the dying also stands close by the living. Does it take a plague of Biblical proportions to call us to our higher power? I hope not.

We are called to be an Easter people, not only when death looms nearby, but also when life is staring us in the face with all its complexity and long repeated rhythms. In problems small and large, God shares our pain and is present with us, calling us into places deeper and more profound. "I am a maiden of Jesus. I belong to God. This too shall pass." In joys great and tiny God calls us to see the risen Christ, to live thankfully and with extravagant generosity. In this way we are all changed and become light for those who walk, by their own choice or by choices thrust upon them, in darkness.

You are an Easter people!

Pastor Jeff

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UPDATE ON LCH FINANCES

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the ministry at Lutheran Church of Honolulu. Despite efforts to curb spending and encourage additional gifts, our financial situation has not improved significantly. Easter offerings helped us. However, the widespread financial downturn is continuing to affect us all. We have some reserves, but the donations are still running about 16% behind last year's rate. Should giving continue at the current rate, we project a \$44,000 deficit at the end of 2009. This needs to be made up by lower expenses and increased offerings.

The council has already made adjustments to the budget that will save us \$12,000, without significantly affecting our programs. Salaries for core staff are contractual, so expense savings need to come out of discretionary spending on programs. Because of the continuing shortfall in offerings, the council is now asking all the programs and the Worship and Music committee to decrease spending by 20% for the year.

When these savings are achieved, they still will make up less than half of the projected shortfall. To minimize the impact on programs we need to increase our offerings. To grow our ministry, we should also invite friends, neighbors, and strangers to share in our worship and fellowship and consider becoming a part of the LCH Ohana.

You will each be receiving a letter outlining our financial situation. We are growing in membership and activities. We appeal to many diverse groups. LCH is a haven of harmony and grace in these stressful times. We hope that each of us can sponsor an activity or donate a little extra to preserve the fullness of our ministry.

Steve Miller
Treasurer

Olivia Castro
President

From the Financial Secretary

First quarter giving statements have been distributed. However, I forgot to enter 2009 pledges before printing them, so they do not show the comparison between what you pledged and what you gave. I will be happy to print a new statement with this information for anyone who wants one. Just email me at <fin-sec@LCHwelcome.org> or call the Church Office (941-2566).

Bill Potter

Is E-HeartBeat for you?

Each month we produce a full-color electronic version of *The HeartBeat* for members and friends who prefer that format. *E-HeartBeat* is distributed by email and requires Adobe Reader.

If you'd like to switch to *E-HeartBeat* (or if you'd like to get it in addition to your hard copy), contact the Church Office at <lch@LCHwelcome.org>.

Food for Thought

Food for Thought will meet for our next potluck supper and discussion at the home of Irmgard Hörmann on Saturday, *May 2*, at 6:30 PM. All are welcome. For directions or information, please contact Kathryn Klingebiel through the Church Office (941-2566).

Angel Network In-Gathering

Gather in giving! The April in-gathering for the Angel Network was satisfying. A shopping cart with saimin, canned goods, Spam, and personal care items was collected for the Angel Network located at Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church. Thank you for all your support. In-gatherings are scheduled for the first Sunday of each month, so your next opportunity to participate is *May 3rd*.



Leadership Roundtable

Sunday, *May 3rd*, at 11:45 AM (and the first Sunday of every month), the chairperson or another representative of each committee will meet in the boardroom with Pastor Jeff and Council President Olivia Castro. This is to enhance communications among committees. See you there!

In Stitches is Building up its Inventory

We have had so many wonderful visitors the last few weeks that we are dangerously low on leis. If you are one of our faithful suppliers, could you pick up the ribbon at church and craft a few for us? If you would like to learn how to make the ribbon lei, we would love to teach you.



In Stitches, the LCH craft group, meets the second and the fourth Saturday on every month from 9:00 to 11:00 AM in the Boardroom. We welcome all to enjoy fellowship while working with our hands. You can bring your own project or work on something for the church. The next few meetings are *May 9 and 23* and June 13 and 27. We will take a break for the month of July.



Writers' Workshop

Writers' Workshop will meet next on Monday, *May 11*, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Boardroom (or the Rainbow Room) at LCH. All are welcome. This is our final meeting before the summer. For information, please contact Kathryn Klingebiel through the Church Office (941-2566).



Fun Day to Celebrate the Beginning of Summer

On *May 31*, the last day of Sunday school before we start the summer schedule, we will have special fun activities for the children in Isenberg Hall during the Learning Ministries hour. There will be games, singing, a puppet show, and a special snack. Adults are welcome; children are enthusiastically embraced. See you there.

Brunch Potluck

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Brunch Potluck on Sunday, June 7 after the 9:15 service. The committee will be furnishing a ham and dinner rolls. Please bring a dish to share as shown below:

Last names A thru H	Main Dish
Last names I thru P	Salad
Last names Q thru Z	Desserts, fruit or pastries

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks,
Jeanette

Aloha from Africa!

It's hard to believe that it's already been a couple months here in South Africa. I'd love to share a quick update of my experiences and time spent thus far.

Upon arrival, I quickly reconnected with the youth at Abundant Life Church, an all-Black church in a nearby township. I first served the youth at this church for a five-month period in 2007. This time around, I've been meeting with the junior high youth (Fridays), the senior high/young adults (Saturdays), and all the youth on Sundays. It is amazing to see the joy and fire these youth have for our Lord, especially considering the challenges and lack of resources in their lives. God continues to transform their lives and this community...and me in the process.

My other time is spent speaking at nearby schools and supporting the ministry of Tertius Niewoudt, a former youth pastor who visited



OYEA in December of 2007. I'm excited to be making a short trip to Namibia in early May along with a missionary team.

The time here is quickly passing—just a month left. Before I know it, I'll be back in Hawaii...and ready for the OYEA Summer Camp! I look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Love and aloha,
Adam

A Rainbow of Prayer

More than two thousand handmade rainbow scarves were worn at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in 2007, demonstrating support for a welcoming church. LCH contributed several of these scarves.

In August 2009, the ELCA meets for its next assembly. There are several proposals before the Assembly that pertain to the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender members and their families in the life of the church. Lutherans Concerned/North America (LC/NA) is supporting proposals addressing these issues.

These decisions will be taken with much soul-searching and prayer. To that end, LC/NA would like to provide prayer shawls to be used by participants at the assembly. These shawls will be for use in the chapel area and to remind participants to prayerfully consider every issue.

LC/NA is requesting the participation of all RIC organizations and congregations to contribute at least one shawl.

The shawls may be quilted, woven, crocheted, or knit. The size should be about 72" x 18". The design is left up to the person creating the piece. The intent is to have a rainbow of individually colored shawls, but none should be rainbow-colored this time.

For project/pattern information, go to www.goodsoil.org/prayershawls.html.

In Stitches, the LCH craft group, is happy to help anyone who wishes to contribute a prayer shawl. We meet every second and fourth Saturday in the boardroom from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The next few meetings are *May 9 and 23* and *June 13 and 27*. We will take a break for the month of July. Contact Linda Miller through the Church Office (941-2566) for more information.



What's New on the LCH Website?

Bill Potter, webmaster

Thanks to a lot of help from a number of photographers, I have been able to put together another slideshow for Holy Week and Easter 2009 at LCH. Check it out for events you may have missed. There are links from related stories on the Congregational Life page.



By the time you receive your *HeartBeat*, there should also be a slideshow from Earth Day Sunday.

Since April marked the beginning of a new quarter, I updated the visual representation of visitors using Google Earth (follow the link from the Website Information section in the blue navigation section of the Home page), and Congregational Life stories from the first quarter of the year were moved to their own page to free up space on the Congregational Life page.

I have also posted two more videos from the Heifer Concert to YouTube. There are links from the Heifer Concert slideshow, or you can go to the LCHwebmaster channel on YouTube <www.YouTube.com/LCHwebmaster>.

2009 Heifer Benefit a Success

The children and parents would like to thank the congregation of LCH for their wonderful, unfailing support of the children's programs and endeavors. With your generous donations, the Heifer Benefit goal of \$5,000 has been raised yet again for 2009. We are truly appreciative of your commitment to our projects despite the current climate of cut backs and short falls.

We would also like to thank the following people for their generous help with the "Fill the Ark V" concert and Benefit project: Pastor Jeff Lilley, Carl and Kathy Crosier, Bill Potter, Fritz Fritschel, Carol Langner, Linda Miller, Jeanette Hanson and the Fellowship Committee, Kanani Rosehill, and all the parents of the children who participated.

OYEA Sponsors Awesome Summer Camps for 2009

Once again, the expert staff from Camp Wapogassette will provide leadership and programming for our camps. This year there will be two camp opportunities. The first camp is a day camp for children entering 1st-6th grades.

OYEA Day Camp will be held June 25th, 26th, and 27th at Calvary By the Sea Lutheran Church, 5339 Kalaniana'ole Highway, near Aina Haina. Camp hours will be 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on June 25th and 26th and 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon on June 27th. The camp is open to everyone, and church members are encouraged to invite friends to attend! Enrollment is limited, so sign up early! The cost is \$75 per participant. Limited scholarships are available. Registration forms are available from your church office or can be emailed on request.

OYEA Summer Camp will be held at Camp Erdman on the North Shore June 28th through July 3rd for those entering 7th grade through senior year in high school. The very cool and

experienced team from Camp Wapogassette in Wisconsin will once again lead our youth in faith formation, outdoor fun, and generally a great time as they hang out together on the beautiful North Shore of Oahu. This all-inclusive camp experience includes meals, activities, and lodging at Camp Erdman. Pastors from local ELCA congregations will share in the camp experience as well as be available for any needs as they arise. The camp will start at 2:00 PM on Sunday June 28th and conclude Friday July 3rd at noon. Cost of the camp is \$350 per person. Limited scholarships are available.

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



Welcome Nursery Attendants

Please welcome our new nursery attendants Shannon Canzonieri (on the right in the picture) and Angela Young to the LCH 'ohana.

Shannon is our new lead nursery attendant who recently moved from Colorado. She loves to travel and have new experiences and would like to learn to surf. Shannon has a bachelor degree in human development and family studies from Colorado State, and she has been a nanny for many years. Her job has led her to meet wonderful families, as well as, traveling to see the world. Hawaii is the tenth location on her list of residency.

Angela is our new assistant attendant, born and raised on Oahu. She is currently attending UH pursuing a B.A. in early childhood education. She also works at Keiki Hauoli Children Center on the campus of HCC. Her hobbies include kung fu, lion dance, and cruising with friends. Angela also likes to spend as much time as she can with her family, especially her grandparents.

All in all, they both love working with kids! Welcome Shannon and Angela.



LCH Golf Anyone?

This summer we are beginning a golfing 'ohana. Just a fun way to share—"accepting to all handicaps."

Please let Peggy Anderson know if you are interested at <mspriss@hawaii.rr.com>.

The Lutheran Magazine

The council has cancelled our subscription to *The Lutheran* for 2010 to cut costs. It can be viewed online, and we will have some copies at church for those who would like a hard copy.

"Spiritual Phases" is Back (with Nursery Attendants)!

Some mothers of small children and choir members said they would have liked to attend the recently finished course on of Phases of Spiritual Development. Here's another chance! While there is one service during the summer, we have arranged for the nursery attendants to stay for an hour after the single service so that parents and whomever desires can attend a repeat of the Seven Phases of Spiritual Development Course, led by Steve Miller. We will discuss our personal experiences and how they parallel the guidance of Christianity and many other religions. Please come, share your experiences of change in life, and learn what life might have in store for you next!

June 14	Introduction & Survival Phase
June 21	Social Role
June 28	Control
July 5	Compassion
July 12 & 19	No class
July 26	Self Development
August 2	Dance
August 9	Unity and Transitions

Wedding Invitation

The whole LCH 'ohana is cordially invited to celebrate the wedding of Janelle Hanson (daughter of Jeanette Hanson) and Jon Allen on Saturday, May 23, at 1:30 PM at LCH. Also, please join us for the reception in the courtyard after the ceremony. We look forward to you celebrating with us on this happy occasion.

The Hanson family



For Earth Day Sunday, the children of LCH made posters and cleaned up trash in the neighborhood. Above, Ryan H. stands beside one of the posters, displayed under the Sustainability bulletin board.

Attendance and Offering for April

Attendance and Offering for Sunday, April 5, 2009

8:00 AM Service	69	Offering	\$2,948.75
10:30 AM Service	98	Sunday School Offering	\$1.00
Compline	40	Learning Ministries	\$5.00
Total	207	Altar Flowers	\$95.00
		Heifer Project	\$120.00
		Music Fund	\$50.00
		ELCA World Hunger	\$50.00

Attendance and Offering for Sunday, April 12, 2009

8:00 AM Service	91	Offering	\$7,975.00
10:30 AM Service	155	Seasonal Offering	\$555.00
Compline	21	Altar Flowers	\$86.50
Total	267	Music Fund	\$625.00
		Social Ministries	\$30.00
		Heifer Project	\$605.25

Attendance and Offering for Sunday, April 19, 2009

8:00 AM Service	55	Offering	\$3,698.01
10:30 AM Service	91	Sunday School Offering	\$0.40
Compline	25	ELCA World Hunger	\$50.00
Total	171	Heifer Project	\$80.00
		fasting & feasting	\$15.49
		Angel Network	\$10.00

Attendance and Offering for Sunday, April 26, 2009

8:00 AM Service	77	Offering	\$6,027.10
10:30 AM Service	72	Altar Flowers	\$35.00
Compline	27	Social Ministries	\$30.00
Total	176		



Prayer Requests



Amalie	James	Linda
Anita	Janae	Lorie
Audrey	Jerry	Melvin
Christine	Jim	Paige
Dan	Joe	Ron
Emelda	Ken	Rosemary
Gary		Theresa



May Birthdays

5/01	Tanya Preston
5/04	Jamie W.
5/05	Vreni Griffith
5/09	Bill Fay
5/11	Ivan Kao
5/14	Miles Sato
5/14	Kimberely Rector
5/16	Rachel Lentz
5/17	Karyn C.
5/18	Gertrude Ferdun
5/21	James Cartwright
5/22	Michael Tod Outlaw
5/23	Francisco Barajas
5/24	Stephanie Miller
5/24	Jean Geil
5/27	Cami Kloster
5/28	Emily McIlvaine
5/29	Jeanette Hanson
5/30	Lois Swift
5/30	Ernie Petersen
5/30	Jordan M.

May 2009 Calendar

Friday	May 1	Youth Council Meeting
Saturday	May 2	Food for Thought, 6:30 P.M.
Sunday	May 3	Angel Network In-gathering Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M. Christian Education for All Ages, 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	May 4	Mutual Ministry Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday	May 6	Joint Confirmation, 6:00 P.M.
Thursday	May 7	Book of Faith Bible Studies, 10:00 A.M. Preschool Chapel, 10:00 A.M. LCH Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 P.M.
Saturday	May 9	OYEA-College Tour In Stitches, 9:00 A.M.
Sunday	May 10	Mother's Day Mother's Day Bake Sale LCH Directory Info Update Deadline Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M. Christian Education for All Ages, 9:10 A.M. Choral Eucharist, 10:30 A.M. Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. Compline, 9:00 P.M.
Monday	May 11	Aloha Jam, 6:00 P.M. Writers' Workshop, 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday	May 12	Worship & Music, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday	May 13	Finance Committee Meeting, 12:30 P.M. Joint Confirmation, 6:00 P.M.
Thursday	May 14	Book of Faith Bible Studies, 10:00 A.M. Preschool Chapel, 10:00 A.M. LCH Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 P.M.
Friday	May 15	IHS Meals—Prepared, 1:00 P.M. IHS Meals—Served, 5:30 P.M.
Saturday	May 16	Concert Dress Rehearsal, 2:00 P.M.
Sunday	May 17	Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M. Christian Education for All Ages, 9:10 A.M. Choral Eucharist, 10:30 A.M. Social Ministries Meeting, 12:00 P.M. Abendmusiken III, 4:00 P.M. Joint Confirmation, 4:30 P.M. <i>Compline will not be sung this evening.</i>
Tuesday	May 19	Heart Beat Deadline, 9:00 A.M. Executive Committee, 6:00 P.M. Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
Thursday	May 21	Pacifica Synod Assembly Book of Faith Bible Studies, 10:00 A.M. Preschool Chapel, 10:00 A.M. LCH Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 P.M.
Friday	May 22	Pacifica Synod Assembly
Saturday	May 23	Pacifica Synod Assembly In Stitches, 9:00 A.M.



✓ LCH Worship Participants

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
LECTOR	Cindy Scheinert	Jimmy Castro	Peggy Anderson	Chuck Huxel	Linda Miller
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Stacey Bushman Bob Tellander	Peggy Anderson Michael Formby	Laurie Leach Chris Bushman	Bill Hamblet Stephanie Miller	Marcie Say Peter Lee
ACOLYTE	Crescent C. Emily Bushman	Emily McIlvaine	Sophie C.	Missy H.	Kyra Ann T.
LAYING OF HANDS	Jim Sullivan				
USHER	Fred Benco	Fred Benco	Fred Benco	Fred Benco	Fred Benco
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	Kathryn Klingebiel	Roy Helms	Irmgard Hörmann	Angie Niermann	Jim Cartwright
DEACON	Bob Zimmer	Sean D'Evelyn	Mary Fastenau	Sylvia Hormann-Alper	Ray Herradura
SUBDEACON	Charlotte D'Evelyn	Karyn C.	Ray Herradura	Bob Zimmer	Mary Fastenau
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jeanette Hanson		Randy Christensen	Randy Christensen	Randy Christensen
ACOLYTES	Karyn C. Ray Herradura	Steve Jensen Mary Fastenau	Michael G. Reid W.	Jordan M. Savannah M.	Karyn C. Bob Zimmer
LAYING OF HANDS	Bob Zimmer				
USHERS	Peter Flachsbarth Jean-Paul Klingebiel Chuck Pearson		ALTAR GUILD	Linda Miller Nedra Walker Lois Watanabe	

May 2009 Calendar – cont'd

Sunday	May 24	Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M. Christian Education for All Ages, 9:10 A.M. Choral Eucharist, 10:30 A.M. Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. Compline, 9:00 P.M.
Monday	May 25	Memorial Day—Office Closed
Wednesday	May 27	HeartBeat Mailing, 9:00 A.M. 8:00 O'Clock Ensemble, 6:30 P.M.
Thursday	May 28	Preschool Graduation Book of Faith Bible Studies, 10:00 A.M. Preschool Chapel, 10:00 A.M. LCH Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 P.M.
Saturday	May 30	OYEA—Mega Car Wash Fundraiser
Sunday	May 31	Pentecost Holy Communion, 8:00 A.M. Sunday School Fun Day, 9:10 A.M. Adult Christian Education, 9:10 A.M. Choral Eucharist, 10:30 A.M. Pre-Compline Discussion, 8:30 P.M. Compline, 9:00 P.M.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"There are plenty more hugs where this one came from, Mommy."

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**Deadline for the next
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Tuesday, May 19**



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On a Mother's Day card, a seven year-old girl wrote her Mother:

"Dear Mom, I'm going to make lunch for you on Mother's Day. It's going to be a surprise. P.S. I hope you like pizza and popcorn."

Sign outside Covenant Moravian Church, York, PA:

"Despite appearances, I am in control."
"Relax. God."

—via Rev. Dean Jurgen

Words you would never hear from a Mother:

- "Just leave all the lights on. It makes the house look more cheery."
- "Sure, I used to skip school a lot, too."
- "If Nancy's Mom says it's okay, that's good enough for me."
- "I don't have a tissue with me. Just use your sleeve."
- "Let me smell that shirt. Yeah, it's good for another week."

—via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft

Glassboro (NJ) United Methodist Church