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# The *Good News*

**MARCH 2019**

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## NEWSLETTER DEVOTION

*Luke 23:42-43*

*42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."*

*43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."*

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done. I don't remember the first time I said this part of the Lord's prayer. I don't remember the first time I went to church on Sunday, I don't remember the day when I was baptized into the body of Christ.

But I do remember each of these things in my daily life. I remember the Word of the Lord in my day-to-day activities because His name is on my lips and in my heart. We remember these things because they are important to us. Things that are important become a part of us.

Our faith is a faith of remembrance. We remember the events of Christ's life, His death, and His resurrection. We were not there when these things occurred so the church celebrates these seasons so we can remember what happened and why it's important for us to remember that they happened.

History points to the foundation of our faith. Because it talks about real people and places and times. It's why we remember the creeds, they remind of us of who God has revealed himself to be.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

The "Apostles Creed" has been remembered by all generations of Christians who have believed in Christ's name since the 3rd century. The scriptures point out so many things of Christ and what he has done for us and for our salvation.

During this season of Lent we will be remembering the Word of God and the Work of God in our lives. I started this article pointing to the sinful man on the cross asking Christ to remember him.

It was the most profound statement in his entire life. He knew he needed this man who had done no wrong, because he remembered all the sins he had committed that brought him to the cross in the first place. His only hope was his Savior Jesus Christ. His only hope was Christ because his morality, choices, and actions were literally killing him.

Only Christ's words can give life and Jesus speaks those words to this man. "Today you will be with me in Paradise." A wonderful word of grace, undeserved unmerited just a promise from a God who keeps his promises to those he loves.

So in this season of Lent let's remember Christ and His promises to us.

Pastor Christian

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### READINGS FOR MARCH 2019

March 3	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Hebrews 3:1-6	Luke 9:28-36
March 6	Joel 2:12-19	2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10	Matthew 6:1-6,16-21
March 10	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
March 17	Jeremiah 26:8-15	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
March 24	Ezekiel 33:7-20	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
March 31	Isaiah 12:1-6	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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### PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH

*We pray for the sick, injured, those undergoing and recovering from surgical procedures and those facing long term illness: Beth, Peter, Joyce, Scarlett, Bill, Steve, Anna Mae, Gabi, Kenneth, Kaala, Linda, Tom, Bonnie, Chuck, Bailey, Barbara, Arlen, Colbert, Laurie, Vivian, Audrey, Monica, Dan, Linda, Heather, Troy, Peter, Parker, Annie, Summy.*

### BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

David Rockemann  
Martha Peace  
Tynan Kuhn  
Thomas Windsor  
Lester Pelletier  
Juliette Brege  
Eleanor Mau



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH



First table (L-R): Audrey Fink, Kathy Nesbit, Stuart Nesbit, Nelda Peterson, Pat Giustra, Lorine Pelletier  
Second table (L-R): Dayna Owskey, Marcy Reginelli, Dana Novak, Pastor Christian, Nancy Beadle, Ruby Hodel, Ruth Crockett  
Back table (L-R): Nellie Miller, Takako Thompson, Glenna Shaw



Thank you Marcy for the beautiful valentine-themed table decorations. Thanks to all who provided the wonderful food especially Marcy, Lorine and Ruth. Also thank you all who brought the desserts...there were so many delicious desserts. Following the wonderful meal, we played valentine bingo and to top off our luncheon, Pastor Rasmussen gave each of the ladies a long-stemmed red rose. Everyone enjoyed each other's company and had lots of fun!

## MARCH FELLOWSHIP

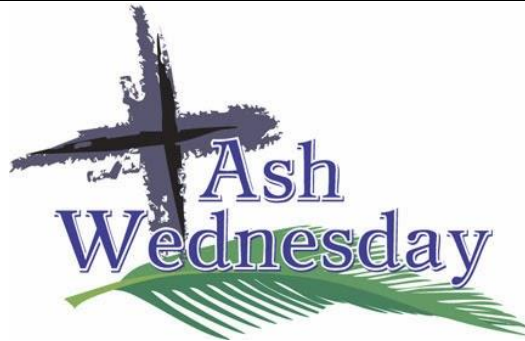
On February 14<sup>th</sup>, we compiled a new list of restaurants we would like to visit in the upcoming months. ***Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. in the Ala Moana Center*** was selected for our March lunch venue. Mark your calendar – March 14<sup>th</sup> (second Thursday in March) at 11:00am.



## **BLESSING OF NEWLY RENOVATED SACRISTY and PURPLE PARAMENTS**

The Blessing of the newly renovated sacristy took place on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. A big thanks goes to Jerry Groth who spearheaded the renovation. We also thank Michael Riess, Nelda Peterson, Marcy Reginelli, Ruth Crockett and Chris (friend of Jerry Groth).

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have the Blessing of a set of purple paraments in memory of Tyran Wong, Lou and Gladys Crenshaw's daughter who passed away in March 2018. The purple paraments were designed and made by Marcy Reginelli. They will be used for the first time on Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent.



Please join us on Wednesday March 6 as we begin the Season of Lent with our **Ash Wednesday** Service. This service begins at 7:00 pm and includes the Imposition of Ashes as well as Holy Communion.

## **MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP**

We will continue to worship **each Wednesday throughout Lent** as we make our way to the cross of Calvary. Midweek services will be at 7:00pm with a light soup supper before each service at 6:00 pm in the Aloha Room.

*May God bless our journey to the cross of Calvary  
and  
the empty tomb of Easter morning!*

## LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

My burning question in life has always been “who will save the babies and the elderly?”

I was asked by the board of directors to share some background on LUTHERANS FOR LIFE because Our Redeemer Lutheran congregation is donating \$100 a month from our mission budget for this wonderful organization.

Near the end of last year a mission meeting was held and a number of ORLC congregants attended to hash over what to do with the \$5000 that has been earmarked by the finance committee for various mission organizations. Hank Kuhn, chair of the finance committee and treasurer, Roger Koopman spearheaded this effort.

At the most recent board of Directors meeting it was decided, by a landslide, to donate funds to 4 separate organizations. My nomination was for “LUTHERANS FOR LIFE”. There are two other organizations that will be presented to you in later newsletter issues by their champions.

One of my more fervent prayers is, “Who will save the babies?” and LUTHERANS FOR LIFE (incorporated in 1979) is an organization that is attacking that very issue on a daily basis in a nationwide effort in so many ways.

I wasn't aware this organization existed until it was flushed out at the Board of Directors meeting. I'm so happy to know it exists and to be able to champion it for funding from our church.

I'm attaching copied text from their website hoping to promote further exploration by all of you to find out about this life preserving (from conception) and respecting (til natural death) organization.

### THEIR PHILOSOPHY:

*“LUTHERANS FOR LIFE believes that the Church is compelled by God's Word to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. The crisis of our time is the repudiation of biblical truth manifested in the wanton destruction of innocent human life through legalized abortion-on-demand and the growing threat to the lives of others through legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia. Therefore, we will strive together, as Lutherans For Life, to give witness from a biblical perspective to the Church and society on these and related issues such as chastity, post-abortion healing, and family living.”*

*LUTHERANS FOR LIFE (LFL) is so much more than an organization that produces facts and figures and keeps people informed on the latest life related news and political maneuverings. LFL is about speaking the truth of life—about Bringing Good News to Life. LFL applies the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the life issues, making Jesus known as the Son of God and Savior of all who can help and make a difference in people's lives.*

*The focus of LUTHERANS FOR LIFE is two-fold. First, we desire to say very clearly that death is not an acceptable, God-pleasing way to deal with the problems of life. Second, we desire to say very clearly that there is a better way. We ground both of these in the truth of God's holy Word. His Word defines what is not acceptable. His Word points to a better way, He who is The Way, Jesus Christ.*

*Who are LUTHERANS FOR LIFE? Here are few basics:*

*Our Mission: Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life*

*Our Vision: Every Lutheran, both individually and in community, upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same.*

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE believes that every human life—from conception to natural death regardless of physical or mental challenges or condition of dependence—is precious in God's sight.

In closing I hope that I have presented some small insight into this wonderful organization. Enough so to entice you to click on their link and read further about their organization what they believe and what they do. It is truly remarkable to find this organization exists and gives hope to me as I pray for an even larger movement to proceed to care for the sanctity of life on both ends of life and death specters.

Please take a moment and read about LUTHERANS FOR LIFE on their website.

<https://www.lutheransforlife.org/about/>

God's Blessings,  
Stephanie G. Spangler  
ORLC Vice President

\$5.00 Membership

## MITE CHALLENGE

To Bring us to the Mission Goal!

*One Body with Many Members*

*For the body does not consist of one member but many.*

*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it*

*(1 Corinthians 12: 14, 27).*



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## Adam Pajan in Concert



The Hawaii Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present its Fourteenth Annual Organ Concert on **Sunday, March 17 at 2:00 pm at Central Union Church**, 1660 South Beretania Street, Honolulu. Featured artist is rising star, Adam Pajan, Instructor of Organ and Shop Technician at the University of Oklahoma’s American Organ Institute, where he teaches students in organ performance, organ technology, and church music. He received his DMA in 2014 under John Schwandt following studies at Furman University and Yale University, earning the BM and MM degrees under the tutelage of Charles Tompkins, Martin Jean, and Thomas Murray respectively.

His performing career has taken him across the United States and to Germany multiple times, playing in the cathedrals of Mainz, Magdeburg, Fulda, and Altenberg and other historical churches; and to England at St. Paul’s Cathedral, London, and the Cathedrals of Wells and Bristol. Dr. Pajan has been recognized as the first prize recipient in three national competitions (Albert Schweitzer, Arthur Poister, and Ruth and Clarence Mader) and received the Firmin Swinnen Second Prize in the inaugural Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition in 2013. Adam’s accomplishments were recognized in being named one of The Diapason’s “20 Under 30” of 2016, an award established to acknowledge individuals who are “setting the pace for the future of the pipe organ, harpsichord, carillon, and church music.” His playing has been heard at conventions of the American Institute of Organbuilders, Organ Historical Society, American Guild of Organists, American Liszt Society, and multiple times on American Public Media’s Pipedreams.

An enthusiastic church musician, he serves as Organist and Choir Director at St. Mark the Evangelist in Norman, Oklahoma, Artistic Director and Conductor of the Oklahoma Master Chorale, and is a former Dean of the Southern Plains Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Dr. Pajan will feature music from Bach to Schumann in addition to Gershwin, Smyth and Gjeilo. “a rising star definitely worth watching” –Michael Barone, Pipedreams “superb organist” –American Record Guide The concert will be repeated in Hilo on March 21 and in Kula, Maui on March 23.

All concerts have free admission with donations welcomed. For more information, call Karl Bachman at 808-492-9806, or see [agohawaii.org](http://agohawaii.org).

Karl D. Bachman, Concert Chair  
Hawaii Chapter—American Guild of Organists

**Worship Assistants Schedule for the month of MARCH**  
**Worship Care – Lorine Pelletier**

**March 3, 2019 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Assistant: Thomas Windsor  
Crucifer: Stuart Peace  
Ushers: Henry Kuhn II, Stuart Peace  
Lectors: Stuart Peace- Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Thomas Windsor - Hebrews 3:1-6

**March 6, 2019 - Ash Wednesday**

Assistant: Lorine Pelletier  
Crucifer: Stuart Peace  
Ushers: Stuart Peace, Lester Pelletier  
Lectors: Marcy Reginelli - Joel 2:12-19  
Lorine Pelletier - 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

**March 10, 2019 – First Sunday in Lent**

Assistant: Philip Rappe  
Ushers: Matthew Schlechte, Carl Weinsteger  
Lectors: “Willie” Williams - Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Philip Rappe - Romans 10:8b-13

**March 17, 2019 – Second Sunday in Lent**

Assistant: Joseph Krakowiak  
Ushers: Anne Krakowiak, Lester Pelletier  
Lectors: Dayna Owskey - Jeremiah 26:8-15  
Joseph Krakowiak - Philippians 3:17 -4:1

**March 24, 2019 – Third Sunday in Lent**

Assistant: Maxwell Hardoby  
Ushers: Marcy Reginelli, Henry Kuhn II  
Lectors: Stuart Peace - Ezekiel 33:7-20  
Maxwell Hardoby - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**March 31, 2019 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Assistant: Henry Kuhn II  
Ushers: Lester Pelletier, Carl Weinsteger  
Lectors: Jerry Groth - Isaiah 12:1-6  
Henry Kuhn II - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**KEIKI CHURCH VOLUNTEERS**

March 3 Kathryn Koopman  
March 10 Ruth Crockett  
March 17 Bonnie Jo Alle  
March 24 Lorine Pelletier  
March 31 Kathryn Koopman





## March 2019 Calendar

Sat.	Mar. 2	8:00 am	Fellowship Breakfast – Kahala Zippy’s (dine in)
Sun.	Mar. 3	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Divine Service with Communion Fellowship Bible Study – Room 2
Mon.	Mar. 4	6:30 am	Board of Finance Management – Aloha Room
Wed.	Mar. 6	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Bible Study – Aloha Room Ash Wednesday Service
Sat.	Mar. 9	8:00 am	Fellowship Breakfast – Kahala Zippy’s (dine in)
Sun.	Mar. 10	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Divine Service with Communion Fellowship Bible Study – Room 2
Mon.	Mar. 11	6:30 pm	Board of Spiritual Life – Aloha Room
Wed.	Mar. 13	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study – Aloha Room Soup Supper – Aloha Room Lenten Service
Thus.	Mar. 14	11:00 am	Women’s Fellowship Lunch – Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.
Sat.	Mar. 16	8:00 am	Fellowship Breakfast – Kahala Zippy’s (dine in)
Sun.	Mar. 17	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Divine Service with Communion Fellowship Bible Study – Room 2
Wed.	Mar. 20	10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study – Aloha Room Board of Property Management – Aloha Room Soup Supper – Aloha Room Lenten Service
Sat.	Mar. 23	8:00 am	Fellowship Breakfast – Kahala Zippy’s (dine in)
Sun.	Mar. 24	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am 11:45 am	Divine Service with Communion Fellowship Bible Study Board of Directors – Aloha Room
Wed.	Mar. 27	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Aloha Room Soup Supper - Aloha Room Lenten Service
Sat.	Mar. 30	8:00 am	Fellowship Breakfast – Kahala Zippy’s (dine in)
Sun.	Mar. 31	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Divine Service with Communion Fellowship Bible Study – Room 2



## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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