



Connecting people to Jesus

The *Good News*

APRIL 2019

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NEWSLETTER DEVOTION

Luke 24 :13-23

On the Road to Emmaus

13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19 And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.

Our Redeemer sits on two main cross roads in Honolulu, and as locals and tourists pass by our church, I wonder, does our presence have an impact on their lives? Do we make them question what this world is all about. Does our Nativity during Advent and Christmas impact their thoughts? Do they see us gather by the road side on Palm Sunday and wonder what are they doing now? Does the parking lot on Easter Sunday seem so full that there is no room make them question, do the churchgoers know something I don't? Does our cross and bell tower remind them that Jesus died for the sins of the world?

On the road to Emmaus, two of Jesus' disciples are talking about all that has happened to Him in the last few days, when a stranger (Jesus but that don't recognize him) joins them on their way. He begins to ask them what they are talking about. They are amazed that he doesn't know what happened in Jerusalem. They begin to tell this man all they know of Jesus and their hopes in Him.

Isn't that also our mission in Honolulu? As disciples of Christ, are we sharing His story with each other and inviting strangers who don't know the true meaning of Good Friday and Easter to understand the gift He gave us and how that has impacted this world we live in? Don't we help pick up the pieces of the

brokenhearted when the world they had hoped God would make different than the one that they have? Do we seek people who don't know Jesus and point them to Him who took the place of a sinful man named Barabbas, who should have been on that cross paying for his own sins.

Barabbas was set free, and Christ took his place. I was set free and you were set free. Christ takes our sins and He pays their price by his death, and by His wounds we are healed. It's an amazing thing to think about. I have known this story my whole life and I want others who are on their roads to Emmaus to also know the amazing story of the resurrection of Jesus and His coming to save the world from their sins. I see people driving by and I begin to pray Lord help us share your love. Help us share your story. Help us be the mission in this place that you have called us to be. Use us to run back again and again to the words of your grace. May we be a witness now and always to Jesus.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church this past year has placed on our road four missions. Lutherans for life, Wycliff Bible translations, Mission Church in Haiti and Rev. Steven Mahlburg and his family (LCMS missionary to Sri Lanka).

We have not met Pastor Mahlburg yet but I hope one day he can come and share his road to Sri Lanka with us and what God is doing through his voice as he proclaims Christ and him crucified.

Here is a quick introduction:

Serving the Lord in Sri Lanka

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod began work in Sri Lanka in 1927 as a natural outgrowth of its work in India. Missionaries worked primarily in the mountainous tea estate region of central Sri Lanka among the Tamil-speaking Hindus. Between 1998 and 2013, there were no resident LCMS missionaries in Sri Lanka.

Currently, the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) has been formed and will be seeking partner church status with the LCMS.

Since capable leadership is essential, theological education has become a major emphasis in LCMS mission work here. In January 2017, a pre-seminary was established in Colombo, with four students. Additionally, the evangelists are pursuing further instruction with the possibility that some would be ordained as pastors.

The first mercy project supported by the LCMS in Sri Lanka was in 1987. In more recent years, mercy work included relief for tsunami survivors.

Biography

Rev. Steven and Martha Mahlburg serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as career missionaries in Sri Lanka. Steven seeks to build and maintain relationships with the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sri Lanka. He provides support for raising up pastors and grounding congregations in Lutheran doctrine and practice. He works with other LCMS personnel to provide pre-seminary training. In addition, Steven serves as a pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Mission Church in Sri Lanka's capital city of Colombo.

Steven was born in Dearborn, Mich. He has a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, and he received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., in 1995. Before serving in Sri Lanka, he served as a parish pastor in two Michigan congregations. Steven enjoys reading, the performing arts, camping and the outdoors.

Martha was born in Wayne, Mich. She has a bachelor's degree in broadcasting and cinematic arts from Central Michigan University as well. Martha's hobbies include reading, cross stitching and watching movies. Steven and Martha enjoy spending time with their five children – Autumn, Liberty, Skye, Rose and Duncan.

Prayers

Pray for the Mahlburg family as they serve in Sri Lanka. Ask God to give them wisdom, comfort and support as they transition to life in South Asia. Pray for open doors and hearts in Sri Lanka that many more would hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, believe and join the Body of Christ through the waters of Holy Baptism. Ask the Holy Spirit to move the hearts of people here in the United States to pray for and to financially support the mission work of the LCMS in Sri Lanka. Let's give God thanks that the Mahlburgs serve His children in this part of the world.

Pastor Christian

(Sourced from LCMS Missions)

READINGS FOR APRIL 2019

April 7	Isaiah 43:16-21	Philippians 3:4b-14	Luke 20:9-20
April 14	Deuteronomy 32:36-39	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:1-23:56
April 18	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Hebrews 10:15-25	Luke 22:7-20
April 19	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
April 21	Isaiah 65:17-25	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12
April 28	Acts 5:12-20	Revelations 1:4-18	John 20:19-31

WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE PASSING OF REV. JAMES REHDER, FORMER PASTOR OF OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH (July 1978 – December 1987). We keep Pam, Mele, Joshua and the rest of their Ohana in our prayers that God will bless them with His peace and comfort.

PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH

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

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Stuart Peace
Pat Giustra
Betty Scholl
Nancy Beadle
Lana Preble
Pastor Christian Rasmussen



ANNIVERSARIES FOR MONTH OF APRIL



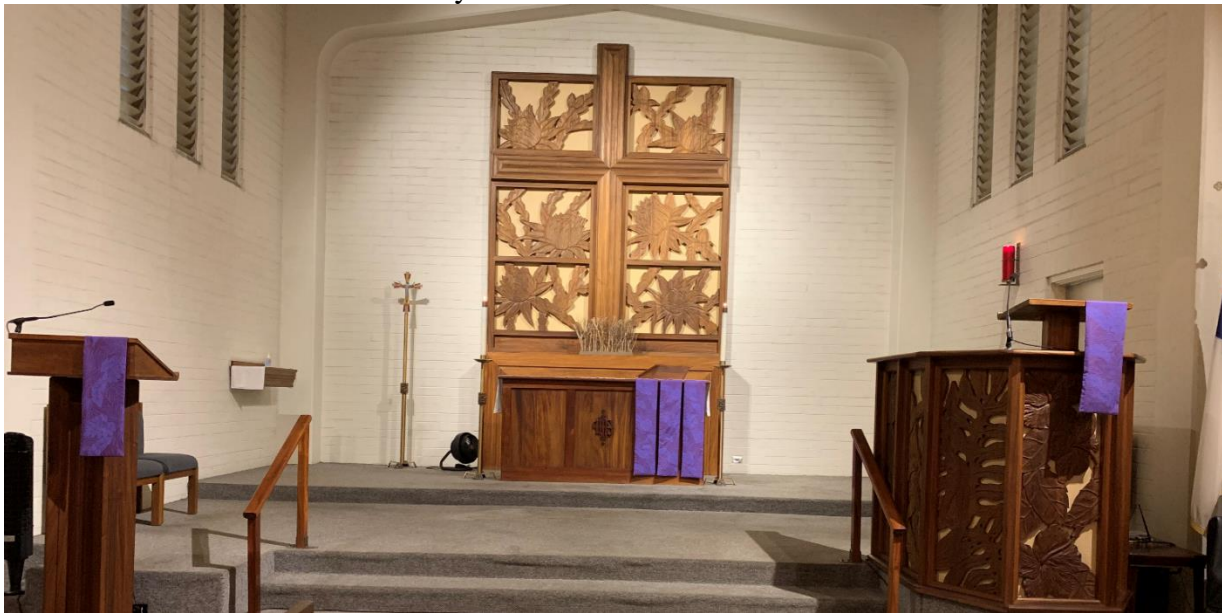
Randy and Lori Spangler
Richard and Masami Lachmann

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

The **April Fellowship Lunch** will be on April 11 at 11:00am at **Bravo Italian Restaurant** (98-115 Kaonohi Street, Aiea) which is located below Anna Miller's Restaurant. Their specialty is Italian food but they have a wide variety of menu items. All women, members and guests of Our Redeemer, are invited to attend. Get to know each other, share in the fun and frivolity. Please let Nelda Peterson know if you plan on attending. Anyone wishing to carpool from the church please call Nelda Peterson. Hope to see you at Bravo Restaurant.

BLESSING OF PURPLE PARAMENTS

The purple paraments, banner and stole were designed and made by Marcy Reginelli. They were used for the first time on Ash Wednesday.



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday



April 14, 2019

9:00 am

Divine Service with Communion

Procession of Palms

Maundy Thursday



April 18, 2019

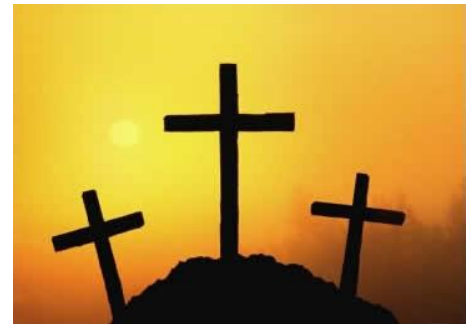
7:00 pm

Divine Service with Communion

Good Friday

April 19, 2019 1:00 pm

Divine Service with Communion



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 19, 2019 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday



April 21, 2019

9:00 am

Divine Service with Communion

Easter Breakfast to follow
in the Auditorium

Worship Assistants Schedule for the month of APRIL

Worship Care – Nelda Peterson

April 7, 2019 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Assistant: Richard Thompson
Crucifer: Jerry Groth
Ushers: Marcy Reginelli, Matthew Schlechte
Lectors: Takako Thompson, Richard Thompson

April 14, 2019 – Palm Sunday

Assistant: Lorine Pelletier, Joseph Krakowiak
Ushers: Anne Krakowiak, Thomas Windsor
Lectors: Chaplain Jim Shaw, Lorine Pelletier

April 18, 2019 – Maundy Thursday

Assistant: Henry Kuhn II
Ushers: Marcy Pelletier, Matthew Schlechte
Lectors: BonnieJo Alle, Henry Kuhn II

April 19, 2019 – Good Friday – 1:00pm

Assistant: Jerry Groth
Ushers: Lester Pelletier, Carl Weinsteger
Lectors: Marcy Reginelli, Jerry Groth

April 19, 2019 – Good Friday - Tenebrae

Ushers: Henry Kuhn II, Thomas Windsor

April 21, 2019 – The Resurrection of Our Lord

Assistants: Thomas Windsor, Joseph Krakowiak
Torch Bearers: Maxwell Hardoby, Phillip Rappe
Ushers: Anne Krakowiak, Lester Pelletier
Lectors: Kathryn Koopman, Thomas Windsor

April 28, 2019 – Second Sunday after Easter

Assistant: Stuart Peace
Ushers: Henry Kuhn II, Carl Weinsteger
Lectors: “Willie” Williams, Stuart Peace

KEIKI CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

April 7	Kathryn Koopman
April 14	BonnieJo Alle
April 21	Lorine Pelletier
April 28	Ruth Crockett



APRIL 2019 Calendar

Mon.	Apr. 1	6:30 pm	Board of Finance Management – Aloha Room
Tues.	Apr. 2	6:30 pm	Lutherische Kantorei
Wed.	Apr. 3	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study – Aloha Room Soup Supper Lenten Service
Sat.	Apr. 6	8:00 am	Fellowship Breakfast – Kahala Zippy’s (dine in)
Sun.	Apr. 7	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Divine Service with Communion Fellowship Bible Study – Room 3
Tues.	Apr. 9	6:30 pm	Lutherische Kantorei
Wed.	Apr. 10	10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study – Aloha Room Soup Supper – Aloha Room Lenten Service
Thurs.	Apr. 11	11:00 am	Women’s Fellowship Lunch – Bravo Restaurant
Sat.	Apr. 13	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am	Fellowship Breakfast – Kahala Zippy’s (dine in) Worship Care Meeting -Aloha Room Semi-annual cleaning
Sun.	Apr. 14	9:00 am 10:15 am 11:45 am	Divine Service with Communion Fellowship Palm Sunday Brunch – Hale Koa Hotel
Tues.	Apr. 16	6:30 pm	Lutherische Kantorei
Wed.	Apr. 17	6:30 pm	Board of Spiritual Life Board – Aloha Room
Thurs.	Apr. 18	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday – Divine Service with Communion
Fri.	Apr. 19	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Good Friday – Divine Service with Communion Tenebrae Service
Sat.	Apr. 20	8:00 am	Fellowship Breakfast – Kahala Zippy’s (dine in)
Sun.	Apr. 21	9:00 am 10:30 am	Divine Service with Communion Easter Breakfast
Sat.	Apr. 27	8:00 am	Fellowship Breakfast – Kahala Zippy’s (dine in)
Sun.	Apr. 28	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Divine Service with Communion Fellowship Build a Pipe Organ



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Administrative Assistant
Director of Music
Trumpet

Cello

Sharon Shinno
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