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The *Good News*

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NEWSLETTER DEVOTION

Luke 8: 22-25

Jesus Calms a Storm

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?"

"Keep your eyes on Jesus and not the storm!"

No one can doubt that 2020 has been a very interesting year! This past weekend the news predicted that hurricane Douglas was on its way and it was going to be very destructive. Never having lived through a hurricane, I wondered what one would be like. Talking to the Pierce's they told me that they haven't been through one either, and they have lived on the islands for more than 30 years. I also contacted a few other members at Our Redeemer and they were planning golf tee times. They were trusting in their past experiences. The storm passes by.

But there are storms that don't pass by us. They come into our homes and take our loved ones. They close our businesses and our jobs are lost. Attendance at church declines. There is way too much to do and we are overwhelmed with the constraints of planning. We can't see God's purpose for the world.

Like us, the disciples couldn't keep their eyes off the storm. The wind and waves were crashing around them. The very thing that was to keep them alive and safe on the waters of the sea was filling with water and about to drown them. These men were fishermen who spend most of their lives on the water. They knew something was different about this storm. Something powerful was about to take their lives. Then they see the answer to their problems sitting in the back of the boat. But Jesus seems unconcerned about the wind and the waves, the water filling the boat, or the fear on the disciples faces.

"Where is your faith"? Jesus asks

That is a great question that we should all be asking ourselves. What is it that you trust? Some people put their trust in the church instead of the one who redeemed the church. Some trust in their pastors to give them all the right answers and to lead them out of the spiral of destruction. Some trust in funds from past faithful members, who scrimped and saved for the endowment, to bless them in times of hardship.

We need to do what the disciples did. We look to Jesus and not the storm.

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Do we really marvel at what Jesus is doing in this place today? We should. Do we have a reverent fear of the Lord that leads to wisdom? We should. When in the eye of a hurricane, financial meltdown, or pandemic, we know a God who is hidden but working things out. We may not be able to see it, but he already knows our needs, and knows who will come and serve in this place.

Remember to keep your eyes on Jesus and not the storm!

Pastor Christian



PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH



We continue to pray for those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic:

- for those who have lost their jobs
- for all first responders, doctors and nurses
- we pray for protection of the elderly and those with underlying health conditions

We pray for the sick, injured, those undergoing and recovering from surgical procedures and those facing long term illness: Lorine, Julie, Bill, Coralee, Luella, Kathy, Carl, Randy, Betty, Cal, Sara Jane, Peggy, Gabi, Karen, Joyce, Linda, Trudy, Katarina, Tish, Bill, Scarlett, Laurie, Vivian, Audrey, Monica, Dan, Linda, Heather, Troy, Peter, Parker, Annie, Summy.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST



Henry Kuhn II
Sherridan Spangler
Dr. Keith Novak

ANNIVERSARY FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Matthew and Yolanda Schlechte
Chaplain Jim and Glenna Shaw

Happy Anniversary!

We will continue to gather on Sunday mornings at 9 am and 10:30 am. We will be offering Zoom live at the 9 am service. We need to keep a balance between the services as we have limited capacity at each service to follow the guidelines for Hawaii.

We are asking everyone to let us know which service you plan to attend.

This helps us as we prepare the worship space and also helps the Worship Care Committee prepare for communion.

You will be sent a link by email. Please send your email address to the Administrative Assistant if you wish to receive the link.

Click on the link; select a time; click on button "Submit and sign up"; Enter your name; Quantity (number of persons); Click on button "Sign up now"

If you need assistance, please phone the office 946-4223 or send an email: office@ourredeemerlutheran.us

We are so pleased to see more people returning to "in-person" worship. Thank you for helping us follow the guidelines set for us.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 2020

Aug. 2	Isaiah 55:1-5	Romans 9:1-13	Matthew 14:13-21
Aug. 9	Job 38:4-18	Romans 10:5-17	Matthew 14:22-33
Aug. 16	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32	Matthew 15:21-28
Aug. 23	Isaiah 51:1-6	Romans 11:33-12:8	Matthew 16:13-20
Aug. 30	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28

ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING

THE ANNUAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY was held on Sunday June 28th. In addition to the board reports, the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year was adopted.

The officers and board directors of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church are elected to a two-year term with half of them elected each year at the annual meeting. In addition, there are two of the four members of the Board of Spiritual Life elected each year. The remaining boards choose their own members, which selections are then approved by the Board of Directors at the July board meeting.

The 2020-2021 Board of Directors and Elected Board members are:

President	Stuart Peace	2020-2022
Vice President	Stephanie Spangler	2019-2021
Secretary	Bonnie Jo Alle	2020-2022
Treasurer	Roger Koopman	2019-2021
Director, Board of Spiritual Life	Joseph Krakowiak	2020-2022
Member, Board of Spiritual Life	Sharon Shinno	2019-2021
Member, Board of Spiritual Life	Lorine Pelletier	2020-2022
Member, Board of Spiritual Life	Dr. Keith Novak	2020-2022
Member, Board of Spiritual Life	Tom Windsor	2020-2021*
Director, Board of Community Life	Stephen Okumura	2019-2021
Director, Board of Property Management	Michael Riess	2019-2021
Director, Board of Finance Management	Richard Lachmann	2020-2022

***Fulfilling unexpired term.**

Those in bold print are newly elected officers, directors and members of Board of Spiritual Life

WE WELCOME VOYAGER CHARTER SCHOOL

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic and requirement of social distancing within the classrooms, Voyager Charter School required additional classroom space for their middle school (grades 7-8). Voyager Charter School will open their school year for the middle school on their new campus at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church using the former high school classrooms and auditorium. We are happy to share our campus with Voyager and wish them much success for this coming school year.

New protocol will be practiced at Our Redeemer as of August 2020. Church members will call for appointments. Face masks, social distancing, and temperature check will be required when entering the facility during school hours.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women of Our Redeemer enjoyed a wonderful picnic (bring your own lunch) at Kapiolani Regional Park on Thursday July 16. It was wonderful to gather with friends in the fresh air.



Sitting at table: Takako Thompson, Lorine Pelletier, Audrey Fink

In back (left to right): Nellie Miller, Marcy Reginelli, Dayna Owskey, Minako Hidaka

Photographer: Nelda Peterson

The **August Women's Fellowship** will be on Thursday August 13 at Kanewai Community Park (2695 Dole Street) at 11:00 am. Bring your own lunch, drink, and a chair. Meet at Our Redeemer at 10:30 am if you would like to carpool. Please Nelda Peterson know if you plan on attending. Join the Women of Our Redeemer for a relaxing and fun time outdoors.

MAHALO NUI LOA

A big mahalo to the Board of Property Management and volunteer for the wonderful job of sprucing up our facility. The board will continue with projects throughout the year. If you would like to help out, please contact Board of Property Management Director Michael Riess.

Thank you to Michael Riess, Lester Pelletier, Ruth Crockett, Jerry Groth and volunteer painter Sherry Spangler. The classrooms and the rest of the facility look great. We truly appreciate your hard work!!

August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Divine Service 12:00 Special Voters' Assembly	3	4	5 10:00 Bible Study	6 9:00 Board of Property Management 10:00 Renovation Committee	7	8
9 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Divine Service	10 6:30 Board of Spiritual Life	11	12 10:00 Bible Study	13 11:00 Women's Fellowship Kanewai Park	14	15
16 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Divine Service 12:00 Board of Directors	17 Voyager – first day of school	18	19 10:00 Bible Study	20	21	22
23 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Divine Service	24	25	26 10:00 Bible Study	27	28	29
30 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Divine Service	31					



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor
Missionary to Kauai

The Rev. Christian J. Rasmussen
William Pierce

Administrative Assistant:
Director of Music:
Trumpet:

Sharon Shinno
Karl Bachman
Roger Koopman
Jillian Madanay

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President:
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