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# The *Good News*

**JANUARY**

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## **NEWSLETTER DEVOTION**

Matthew 28:19-20

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

I have often wondered what the disciples thought as they heard this great commission of Jesus. Where would they go to spread this message? How would they go and who would they speak to in sharing this good news? But I love that Jesus gives us a promise in that where ever we go He is with us from the north to the south and the east to the west.

St. Matthews Lutheran Church on Kauai like Our Redeemer on Oahu, is part of Christ's work to the world. We too should be making disciples, building faith communities and interacting with people who need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

William Pierce and I have been working together with the St. Louis seminary in the SMP program. William has completed his first two years and now is to be ordained in the LCMS. While St. Matthew Lutheran is a mission congregation, it has not completed its constitution and bylaws to join synod. So it's great that since we are a partner congregation in this new mission, we will be able to bless this mission by calling William as our associate Pastor, until the time when St. Matthew can complete the process and call him directly.

President Lange has sent us a letter to explain the process and reasons.

As we are part of Christ's great commission, I'm excited about how God is using us for Kauai and other missions in the future.

God Bless, Pastor Christian

December 23, 2019

Dear members of Our Redeemer, Honolulu, HI

Greetings to you in this season where we celebrate Emmanuel and the appearance and light of our Savior!

I write to you thanking you for your part in encouraging the beginning of a new congregation on the island of Kauai and your encouragement of their ongoing strong confession and witness of the winsome message of our Lord Jesus' good news in that place. Your Pastor, Christian Rasmussen has been a helpful encouraging support to Vicar William Pierce who has been studying at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis as a Specific Ministry Pastor, (SMP). As you may know, this is a non-residential training program offered for men who will serve in place as supervised pastors. They receive fine rigorous training, although lesser in volume than a residential pastor who receives an M.Div degree.

William Pierce has been designated by his mission congregation as their pastoral leader and has completed 2 years of a four year training towards his full SMP certification. In the SMP program, vicars are eligible for ordination after 2 years with the ongoing expectation and solemn agreement that they will complete their full training. **William has been identified at the seminary as one who is ready for ordination. Professor Gillian Bond and the SMP supervising professor, Dr. Mart Thompson have communicated Vicar Pierce's readiness to me directly.** He now awaits a call from his resident congregation, at which time he will be presented for interim approval by the Council of Presidents. This is where I would request your congregation would play a small yet vital role.

William's congregation is still several months if not more than a year away from being officially recognized as a CNH congregation with a fully approved constitution. Because of this, they cannot issue a call to William. We request that you at Our Redeemer would extend a solemn call to William and second him to serve at St. Matthew's on the island of Kauai. This seems most proper since Pastor Rasmussen has been identified as William's supervisor. Secunding William to St. Matthew's means that the full responsibility for financial remuneration continues to fall on St. Matthew's as it has in the past.

Thank-you for your consideration and fraternal teamwork in this matter. Feel free to reach out to my office or to communicate with Rev. Dr. Professor Thompson regarding this matter should you have questions.

In His Peace,

Pastor Mike Lange  
CNH District President

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**READINGS FOR JANUARY 2020**

Jan. 5	Second Sunday after Christmas	1 Kings 3:4-15	Ephesians 1:3-14	Luke 2:40-52
Jan. 6	The Epiphany of Our Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Jan. 12	The Baptism of Our Lord	Isaiah 42:1-9	Romans 6:1-11	Matthew 3:13-17
Jan. 19	Second Sunday in Epiphany	Isaiah 49:1-7	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42a
Jan 26	Third Sunday in Epiphany	Isaiah 9:1-4	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-25

**PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH**

*We pray for the sick, injured, those undergoing and recovering from surgical procedures and those facing long term illness:* Peggy, Samuel, Gabi, Karen, Stuart, Rick, Joyce, Linda, Trudy, Owen, Lorine, Bill, Kimo, Scarlett, Tom, Colbert, Laurie, Vivian, Audrey, Monica, Dan, Linda, Heather, Troy, Peter, Parker, Annie, Summy.

**BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**



Sofia Brege  
Charlotte Gusler  
Shirley Laser  
Glenna Shaw  
Carl Weinsteger

**ANNIVERSARY FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

Jerry and Valerie Heath



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**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**



**MEXICO RESTAURANT**

The women of Our Redeemer meet on the second Thursday of each month for lunch. On Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am, the "Lunch Bunch" will meet at the *Mexico Restaurant*, 1247 N. School Street. Parking is limited; meet at the church to carpool. Please call the church office (946-4223) if you plan to attend and if you will need a ride. Join us for fun, fellowship and great Mexican food.

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**Worship Assistants Schedule for the month of JANUARY**

Worship Care – Martha Peace

**January 5, 2020 – Second Sunday after Christmas**

Assistant: Stuart Peace  
Lectors: Marcy Reginelli, Stuart Peace  
Ushers: Marcy Reginelli, Tom Windsor

**January 12, 2020 – The Baptism of Our Lord**

Assistant: Henry Kuhn II  
Lectors: Dayna Owskey, Henry Kuhn II  
Ushers: Matthew Schlechte, Carl Weinsteger

**January 19, 2020 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

Assistant: Jerry Groth  
Lectors: Sherry Spangler, Jerry Groth  
Ushers: Henry Kuhn II, Stuart Peace

**January 26, 2020 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

Assistant: Joseph Krakowiak  
Lectors: Andrew Casey, Joseph Krakowiak  
Ushers: Anne Krakowiak, Lester Pelletier

**KEIKI CHURCH VOLUNTEERS**

Jan. 5 Bonnie Jo Alle  
Jan. 12 Ruth Crockett



Jan. 19 Lorine Pelletier  
Jan. 26 Bonnie Jo Alle

# January

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 8:00 Fellowship Breakfast – Zippy’s Kahala 9:00 Take-down of Christmas Decoration 10:00 Board of Community Life
5 9:00 Divine Service 10:15 Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study	6 6:30 Board of Finance	7	8 10:00 Bible Study  5:00 Family Promise Committee	9 11:00 Women’s Fellowship – Mexico Restaurant	10	11 8:00 Fellowship Breakfast – Zippy’s Kahala
12 9:00 Divine Service 10:15 Fellowship 10:45 Special Voters’ Assembly	13 6:30 Board of Spiritual Life	14 10:00 Board of Property	15 10:00 Bible Study	16	17	18 8:00 Fellowship Breakfast – Zippy’s Kahala
19 9:00 Divine Service 10:15 Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study 12:00 Board of Directors	20	21	22 10:00 Bible Study	23	24	25 8:00 Fellowship Breakfast – Zippy’s Kahala
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## **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

**Pastor Christian Rasmussen**

Administrative Assistant  
Director of Music  
Trumpet

**Sharon Shinno**  
**Karl Bachman**  
**Roger Koopman**  
**Jillian Madanay**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

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Vice President  
Secretary  
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Board of Community Life Director  
Board of Finance Management Director  
Board of Property Management Director

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