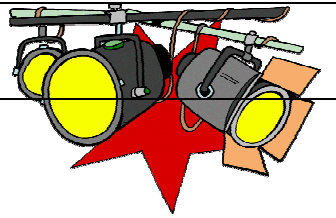


## August Servant Highlights



**August 7:**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Acolyte:** Noah Schuetz  
**Lector:** Janelle Bretscher  
**Media Tech:** Scott Macri  
**Usher:** Bill Wynhoff, Jonathan Busse  
**Elder:** Bill Wynhoff

**August 21:**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Acolyte:** Isaiah Graham  
**Lector:** Cal Uhlig  
**Media Tech:** Joshua Hilpert  
**Usher:** Matt Perry, Toby Rushforth, Paul Graham  
**Elder:** Dan Tuesdell

**August 14:**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Acolyte:** James Chaffin  
**Lector:** Dar Fink  
**Media Tech:** Noah Schuetz  
**Usher:** Tom Annis, David Gaudi, Mark Fink  
**Elder:** Dan Truesdell

**August 28:**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Acolyte:** Joshua Hilpert  
**Lector:** Rachel Hilpert  
**Media Tech:** Noah Schuetz  
**Usher:** Lutz Pescht, Tom Slavens, Anthony Warren  
**Elder:** Toby Rushforth

## Servants in Christ

**We would like to give a big *Mahalo* to all of the servants in Christ that are currently offering their time and talents to Saint Mark Lutheran Church.**

If the Lord has touched your heart and you are looking for a way to serve Him the following are a few options. If the expression of your gift is not listed please contact the Church office at 808-247-4565 or at [st.marksecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:st.marksecretary@yahoo.com) or [secretary@stmarkhawaii.org](mailto:secretary@stmarkhawaii.org).

**Altar Guild** is looking for more members! There is a need for helpers with the Banners, as well as, with Sunday Morning Communion, or with both!

**Saint Mark Food Bank** is open Saturdays from 8 AM to 10 AM Donations—both food and monetary—are always welcome and of great help for this ministry. Monetary donations are tax deductible as well. With your help we can help feed Hawaii's hungry. If you have any questions or would like to help maintain the food closet, please call Katie Shirley at 596-2771.

### Servants for Sunday Mornings

**Media Technicians** are needed to operate the computer and slide presentation throughout each service. Contact the Church office for information.

**Keiki Church Assistants** are needed to teach our *keiki* about God's love for them in His Son, Jesus Christ. Contact Loretta for information.

**Lectors, Ushers, and Acolytes** are needed for all services. Contact the Church office for information.



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## Aloha From Pastor Matt

Living on Oahu I have grown to appreciate the history and monuments of Pearl Harbor. Although I have visited the Arizona several times, I have only recently boarded the USS Bowfin and USS Missouri. After touring both memorials, I gained a tremendous respect and appreciation for the life of the sailors who lived and served on each of these vessels. Now, I have been on 3 cruises in my life but each was a luxury ship with large rooms, lavish meals, spas, and evening shows. This lifestyle is in stark contrast to those who crewed these vessels and gave me a profound respect for all of our members who have served our military on the seas.

The church of Jesus Christ has often been referred to as a ship sailing through the tumultuous seas of this sinful world. Many of our hymns describe, in beautiful poetry, our mission through the raging seas of life. The connection the Apostle Peter makes is to that of Noah's ark, "***in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you.***" (1 Peter 3:20–21) However, I would like you to consider what type of ship Saint Mark is? Are we a luxury cruise ship, or a battleship waging war against the forces of sin and evil in this world? Our Lord has called us to wage battle against the Evil One with the weapons of the Spirit and to loose our lives for His sake, but are we doing it?

Are we a cruise ship or a battleship? It's a simple yet clear visual. Think about what happens on a cruise ship. It's all about us, our pleasures, our entertainment. We don't do any work. Someone takes care of our needs. Every event is optional. We have no responsibilities or accountability. This is the way many see the church. Developing and executing services and programs is someone else's job. Going to worship a few times a year and not participating in Bible studies but still referring to ourselves as "members" is typical of this view. All work falls under the job description of the paid staff or a few core dedicated volunteers.

Then there's the battleship. It has a life or death mission. Every member of the crew has a job that must be done to the best of his ability. Everyone must work together because they depend on one another for the success of the mission and mutual survival. Individual tastes are often overlooked for the sake of the whole.

A healthy congregation must see itself as a battleship. Our mission as the Church is life and death. We're called to bring the Gospel to the world and to provide for those in need. No other vocation is as critical or crucial. Each member of the "crew" has a divine calling to define and fill his/her particular part in the life of the congregation. When we don't work together, we jeopardize the work of the church.

Cruise ship passengers are relaxed, tanned, and gorged. Battleship sailors are sleep-deprived, present a neglected appearance, and quick to sacrifice for another. No one in his right mind would vacation on a battleship. That is why members of a healthy congregation recognize that the world does not exist merely to please "me". No worship center will ever be exactly the way we want it. No pastor preaches perfectly every Sunday. The choir/worship team doesn't always sing every note perfect.

Some people stay away from Church and call it boring or say they aren't being fed. But in the end, it's not about "you"! We gather to worship God because God is worthy, because God deserves our praise and because He has commanded us to be there. God has something important to say to us whether we want to hear it or not. He directs us to eat his flesh and drink his blood whether we like it or not. Whether it is liturgical or contemporary service, it's about God and what He's saying and doing.

## *Aloha from Pastor Matt Continued*

Some may think it strange to compare our church to a battleship in Pearl Harbor, but keep in mind that we are engaged in a spiritual battle. We are buffeted by the world, our sinful flesh, and the devil, and we are called to engage the battle knowing that by God's grace we will be victorious. We need to see Saint Mark as a spiritual battleship for God's purpose with Jesus Christ as our Captain. We each need to realize our responsibilities and duties within God's ship so that we will be ready for whatever we face, together. For those who are web-savvy, please check out this video on YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIUaa1P5fTY>).

## *DCE Corner*

Aloha!

School has started and it is great to see kids running around Saint Mark. The start of school also means the start of many other things around church. We have lots of great activities planned for this fall, so keep your eyes and ears open to see what is coming up. Here's what's happening this month:

**Sunday School** - We are getting pen pals from Messiah Lutheran Church in Plano, Texas! We will be writing cards and making a video to send to our friends in Texas telling them how we are serving Jesus in our lives here in Kaneohe. Our first package from them should be arriving soon!

**Middle School** - How are your dancing skills? What about your Wii skills? Come show off your moves at our **Wii Dance Party** on **August 14th** from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM at church. If you aren't great at dancing, don't worry, we will have other games too. Dinner provided.

**High School** - Let's have a **cinema night** in! Join us on **August 21st** from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for dinner and a movie, with great discussion/Bible study to follow of course. Don't forget to bring a friend!

I would like to give a huge mahalo to our wonderful Summer Sunday School teachers! You are all amazing and we would not be able to have such a great Sunday School for our keiki without you! Please join me for a Sunday School Teacher appreciation pot luck dinner on August 26th at 6:30 PM. I would love to get your feedback about Summer Sunday School at that time as well!

Another mahalo to all those who came out to our Back to School Ohana Beach Day. It was great to meet new Saint Mark families and spend some time with everyone. I know I had a blast and hope you did too! Our next **Ohana Beach Day** will be **September 4th**. Can't wait to see you there!

If you are interested in teaching or co-teaching a lesson for Fall Keiki Church please let me know so I can add you in the rotation. The curriculum we are using is teacher-friendly and very engaging which makes teaching fun and easy.

If there is anyway I can support you or your family please don't hesitate to email me at [sarah@stmarkhawaii.org](mailto:sarah@stmarkhawaii.org) or call me at (808) 247-4565 ext. 228. Mahalo!

In Him,  
Sarah

## *Board of Outreach and Fellowship News Continued*

**KINGDOM CALLERS:** We are looking for volunteers to help serve as a Kingdom Caller. You might ask, "What's a Kingdom Caller?" Good question. Kingdom Callers sign up to bring baked goods or other small "welcome" gifts to church, and are willing to drop off these gifts to the home of first time local visitors who have signed our guest book. A quick introduction and a, "Thank you for worshipping with us at Saint Mark. We'd love to see you again," or similar is all that is required. If you are interested in this simple form of outreach, please contact the church office, your elder or any member of the board of outreach and fellowship. A sign up sheet will also be out on the bulletin board. For more information on what is involved, please contact Pastor Matt.

## *Church News*



**Bulletin Submissions** Any Submissions need given to the church office each week by Wednesday they are to be in the following Sunday's bulletin. These submissions can be called in at 247-4565 or emailed to [st.marksecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:st.marksecretary@yahoo.com) or [secretary@stmarkhawaii.org](mailto:secretary@stmarkhawaii.org).

**Senior Bible Study** is held each Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the church sanctuary, followed by **Prayer Warriors**. The material covered for this bible study is the upcoming Sunday lessons. The lessons will be provided but it is encouraged for you to bring your bible also.

**Offering Envelopes** are available through the church office.

**Flower Chart** sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Purchase flowers in honor, celebration or memory of that special loved one. Church Office takes care of ordering and delivery for you. Cost is only \$15.

**Musicians** wanted for our 9:30 am worship service! Please contact Tanya Pescht at 228-0830.

## *Pillowcase Challenge Update*

Announcing our third Pillowcase Potluck: Saturday, August 13 - 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM at Bill and Leslie Wynhoff's house. Their address is 872 Kainui Drive in Kailua.

Please consider attending. Not only is it a fun time, but we are quite productive! As I have said in the past, your sewing skills are not required! There is more to pillowcase creation than a needle and thread. An email and announcements at church will be forthcoming.

Remember, you don't need a Potluck to make a pillowcase. So if you have free time, please consider sewing a pillowcase, or two, or more! As many of you know, it is a quick and easy project.

Let me know if you would like a starter kit, or if you need help cutting fabric (I can bring cutting tools, and this can be easily done after church).

Thank you to all the wonderful stitchers who have helped with this project.

Luana Perry  
[luanaperry@yahoo.com](mailto:luanaperry@yahoo.com); 808/ 284-5290

## Board of Outreach and Fellowship News

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR SNACKS:** What goes well with great conversation? FOOD! Over the summer, we've been enjoying a wide variety of tasty snacks to sustain us during our fellowship time after the 9:30 AM Ohana combined service. All of that worshipping, laughing and visiting together can really work up an appetite! If you'd like step out of church confident in knowing that at Saint Mark, you will be well-fed both spiritually and physically, please look for the snack sign-up sheet out on the lanai. If it has some pukas, write your name down for a Sunday. The sign-up sheet is usually near the food, so it should be easy to find. Thanks!

**FAMILY PROMISE NEWS:** Have you noticed the beautiful pillowcases hanging up in the back of the church near the keiki corner? They are not meant to encourage napping during church services, so if you had any ideas of bringing a pillow to get more comfortable, think again. They are part of a wonderful ongoing project started by Luana Perry. Family Promise of Hawaii issues each new family member entering their program a new pillow and pillowcase which is theirs to keep. Saint Mark has been making and providing custom pillowcases to Family Promise of Hawaii since last year. It is fun to see the families come into the gym during our rotation weeks carrying these beautiful pillows in their arms. The kids especially are so proud of them. Our next pillowcase potluck is scheduled for August 13 from 1-4pm at the home of the Wynhoffs. For more information, please see **PILLOWCASE POTLUCK** info in this newsletter edition. In addition to pillowcases, Family Promise can also use donations of new pillows. If you would like to donate pillows, please contact Kristin Lim. Our next Family Promise rotation will be 2 back-to-back weeks from October 2 - 16. Dinner and overnight hosts are needed. If you would like more information on Family Promise of Hawaii and how you can help, please visit their website at [www.familypromisehawaii.org](http://www.familypromisehawaii.org) or contact Yal or Kristin Lim.

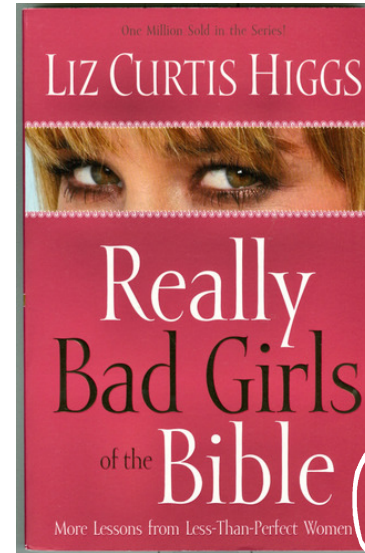
**FAMILY PUPU PARTY / BUNCO NIGHT, FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 AT 6:30 PM:** Who doesn't like to feverishly roll dice and yell "BUNCO!" at the top of their lungs? Who doesn't like a game where it's okay to throw something (a big, soft, furry die) at someone else; get exercise moving from table to table; reinforce math skills by counting up to 21; or win a (not so valuable) prize? What about eating delicious pupus and visiting with old and new friends? **FAMILY BUNCO NIGHT** has something exciting to offer for everyone! Please bring a pupu to share and join us in the church for a night of fellowship and fun!

**SEPTEMBER 11 CARD SIGNING TO SUPPORT DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL:** On Sunday, September 11, there will be cards available on a table out on the lanai to sign and send to our Saint Mark Ohana military servicemen and women who are currently deployed overseas. Please stop by the table and take a few moments to write notes of gratitude or encouragement to these brave individuals who are serving our country so far from home.

**2ND ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST (LUTHERFEST) SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 29:** Put this event on your calendars now! Our second annual Oktoberfest / Lutherfest will be held on Saturday, October 29 at 5:00 PM. Start digging out those Lederhosen and Dirndls and practice up on your Chicken Dance technique! The festivities will include free brats and a sidedish potluck, chicken dance / polka cake walk, Lutheran tattoo parlor and more! Watch for more details coming soon.

**LIFE GROUPS:** Are you interested in joining a small group at Saint Mark? Ron and Bonni Ramsey have offered to help head up one or more LIFE groups at Saint Mark. LIFE group stands for Living for others; Interactive Bible study; Fellowship; and Encouragement. Small groups are a great way to get to know members or newcomers better in a more personal, social environment. LIFE groups typically have 4 - 6 couples or 8-12 individuals who meet twice a month or so and discuss topical subjects lasting about 4-6 weeks. Group members offer encouragement and support to each other. Food is usually involved, too! More information on LIFE groups will be presented during church announcements and/or via emails. If you are interested in signing up for a group, please contact the church office, the Ramseys or the Lims.

## Note from the Board of Parish Education...



We hope you all have been enjoying your summer. It is a great time for family vacations and reconnections. The board has been very productive this summer with teaching a traditional childrens Sunday school as well as the continuing adult bible class and Wednesday bible class. Our Sunday adult class has reached record attendance, thank you to all who attend and to our fearless leaders. Thanks also to our wonderful leaders and teachers of the childrens class. Our class is learning the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, Luther's morning prayer, some new songs, and learning to use and read their own bibles. We are also talking about foreign missions and the kids are collecting offering each week to support some missionaries and their families in Africa and Peru. More details on them to come. We had to learn a new curriculum but it will carry over well when we resume keiki church in September. Anyone willing to assist with a brief but valuable teaching experience every few weeks by leading the keiki church or even doing Keiki message please contact Sarah Morris, our wonderful new DCE intern. If you haven't met her already please extend a warm aloha and welcome her to our ohana.

Really Bad Girls of the Bible starts up this month, if you still wish to join contact Rachel Hilpert for details. Also Youth Quest begins next week for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above. Any questions contact Pastor Matt.

Peace and Blessings,  
Rachel

## From the LWML...



LWML is excited to announce that they will be planning a bake sale in September and are looking for anyone who would like to help with this event! This could be helping man the bake sale, to helping bake goodies, to even just spreading the word that there will be a bake sale coming up and to stay tuned for the final date! Second LWML will be hosting a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in October. They want to show Saint Mark Lutheran School's Teachers just how much we appreciate their service and love of Christ. If you would like to help plan this luncheon or help prepare/ bring food, etc please contact Adele Mitchell at [mitchella001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:mitchella001@hawaii.rr.com).

## Veteran's Day Photos

If you or anyone in your ohana has served our country in through the Marines, Navy, Army, Air Force, or Coast Guard we would love to feature them in our annual Veteran's day slide show! Please send the Church office your photos of them preferably in uniform, and if you would like what they look like now or them also in civilian clothing! Mahalo

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2  <b>Jen Hellinger*</b>	3 8:00 AM SMLS Chapel 10:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Prayer Warriors 6:30 PM Worship Team Practice	4 7:00 PM Elders Meeting  <b>Lee Gray Gray*</b>	5	6 8:00- 10:00 AM Saint Mark Food Bank
7 8:30 AM Bible Study for all ages 9:30 AM Ohana Blended Worship (Reese) 10:45 AM Ohana Fellowship 6:30 PM <u>Really Bad Girls of the Bible</u> Women's Study	8  <b>Diane Knott*</b> <b>Bruce Rudeen*</b>	9 6:00 PM Council Meeting	10 8:00 AM SMLS Chapel 10:00 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Prayer Warriors 6:30 PM Worship Team Practice  <b>Chris Lethem*</b> <b>Tobv Rushforth III*</b>	11 6:15 PM SMLS Board of Education  <b>Justin Taniguchi*</b> <b>Ian Fleischmann*</b>	12	13 8:00- 10:00 AM Saint Mark Food Bank 1:00 – 4:00 PM Pillowcase Challenge
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