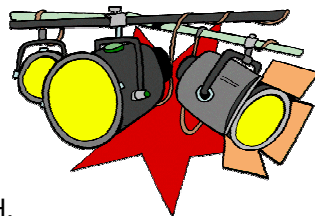


## February Servant Highlights



**February 5:  
9:30 am**  
**Acolyte:** Grace C.  
**Lectors:** Darrell S. & Anthony W.  
**Media Tech:** Bill W.  
**Ushers:** Lutz P., Mark F., Jonathan B., Luke K.  
**Elder:** Darrell Schuetz  
**Kingdom Callers:** Wynhoff Ohana

**February 12:  
9:30 am**  
**Acolyte:** Miriam H.  
**Lectors:** Bill W. & Doug H.  
**Media Tech:** Scott M.  
**Ushers:** Tom A., David G., Nathan N., Matthew P.  
**Elder:** Bill Wynhoff  
**Kingdom Callers:** Lim Ohana

**February 19:  
9:30 am**  
**Acolyte:** Isaiah G.  
**Lector:** Richard D. & Audrey R.  
**Media Tech:** Josh H.  
**Ushers:** Paul G., Frank T., Jerry H., Jason M.  
**Elder:** Seth Bretscher  
**Kingdom Callers:** Dole Ohana

**February 26:  
9:30 am**  
**Acolyte:** Abi H.  
**Lector:** Janelle B. & Jason M.  
**Media Tech:** Matthew S.  
**Ushers:** Rick F., Anthony W., Robert R., Lyle O.  
**Elder:** Seth Bretscher  
**Kingdom Callers:** Bretscher Ohana

## Servants in Christ

A big THANK YOU for all who resolved to “get involved” with serving on Sunday Morning. THANK YOU also to the people who signed up to help with the Saint Mark Food Bank on Saturdays. Just because the sheets have been removed from the back doesn’t mean it is too late for you to sign up. Contact the church office at the email address or phone number below and we will be happy to add you to the rotations.



If the expression of your gift of service has not been addressed please contact the Church office at 808-247-4565 or at [secretary@stmarkhawaii.org](mailto:secretary@stmarkhawaii.org).

**Saint Mark Food Bank** is open Saturdays from 8:00 am to 10:00 am Donations—food, monetary or time—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.



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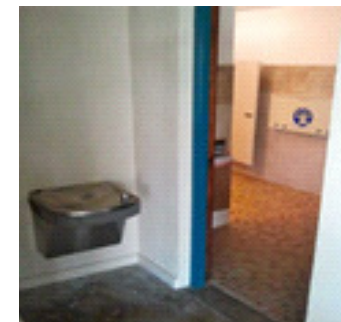
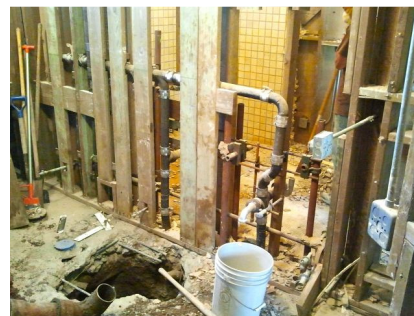
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## Letter from your Pastor...

As I admire the newly remodeled kitchen, bathrooms and sacristy I am amazed at how so many different people of God were involved to make it so beautiful and useful. What began as a need to repair of our failing and problematic restrooms, developed into an overall improvement of our Food Bank ministry, the storage and organization of our facilities for our Fellowship Board, as well the Altar Guild, and maintenance plan for our worship center. The need was there, but the Spirit’s work among us was not limited to just one aspect. Bake sales, and bigger than last year’s bake sale, were held to fundraise for the project, and our ohana was more than generous. Then came the formation of a Master Plan committee who sought to establish 5, 10, and 15-year plans for our future facility ministry needs. In the midst of this, our LWML board requested a grant to expand our community Food Bank storage and distribution, which was accepted and fully funded a few months later. In addition, a bequest from the Jahaaski fund was given for the purpose of capital improvements, making it possible for Frank and T&T Builders to start demolition just after Christmas. The fruit of all of these labors is evident in the vast improvement of our facilities in order to serve others in the Lord’s name.

The many and various people of God, throughout our country, working together for the Lord and His ministry of compassion and love to all is evident in our updated facility. It is the Lord’s doing and it is wonderful in our sight, for He has equipped each of us according to His purposes. As we look forward to the many years to come we can be encouraged by the words of the psalmist, **“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” (Psalm 127: 1)** The Lord has built His spiritual house and through each of us has remodeled His physical house in order that the Gospel would not only be proclaimed but the love of Jesus Christ be experienced through physical ministries for all people. I considered fashioning a plaque to recognize all who contributed to this effort, however it might be best to merely recognize God’s hand and Spirit among us to accomplish these amazing projects.

In the same manner, I look forward in excitement to what God will accomplish by His Spirit through our many ministry boards, comprised of both new and continually faithful servants of Christ. The recent training of new servants for Sunday morning worship services, as well as the election of officers at our voter’s meeting has expanded the breadth and variety of spiritual gifts among our ohana. What the future growth and improved ministries will look like, only God knows, but I want to extend a heartfelt mahalo nui loa to all of our servants of Jesus Christ and your participation in God’s work through Saint Mark Lutheran Church and School. Your fellow worker in the Lord.



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

Sunday School for adults and keiki is still going well with regular attendance each Sunday. The Sunday School Singers are practicing a new choir song and improving their singing skills. Men in the Word will be meeting regularly again every other Saturday at Pastors house at 7:30, and our Wednesday morning study is also continuing quite strong.

We are starting to gear up for VBS. The theme this year is the city of Babylon and how God is always with us. Stay tuned for dates and invitations to help bring it together. VBS has been well attended the last few years by not only our Saint Mark keiki but from the school and neighborhood as well.

We can always use more volunteers for keiki church or giving the keiki message. The work is easy and rewarding to bring God's Word to our little ones. See Sarah or Rachel to sign up.

- Rachel

## LWML – Malia Maleka (Mary Martha) Chapter

Praise the Lord! We were able to add 4 new ladies for our LWML meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>. We welcomed: Jen Hellinger, Kim Carson, Audrey Rushforth and Leslie Wynhoff. Many good discussions resulted in some new ideas and support for Mites and our annual project.

We are planning for a Bake Sale on February 12th. Watch for details. This money is used to purchase the materials needed for Mother's Day, Father's Day and the ribbon for the leis for our Kindergarten and Eighth grade graduation classes. Adele Mitchell will be having a class to teach anyone interested in helping to make these leis sometime in February. Watch for the date and time.

Our big project for this year is to provide fill pillow cases with items for the homeless and needy. Adele Mitchell has information if you need more. It is our plan to distribute these pillow cases to the families of Family Promise in December. We expect this to be a family project involving the children to make them more aware of how blessed they are.

If you are still not sure of the purpose of collecting Mites for Missions, there will be a handout ready with details posted on the bulletin board. Our new Food Pantry as well as the HOPE banners are a result of our participation in LWML at the District level. Please keep this in mind for Mite Sunday, the third Sunday of every month.

The LWML CNH Convention is coming to Rohnert Park. Don't miss it! On April 20-22, 2012, women in the LWML CNH Region I (Zones 12, 13, 14) will host the biennial convention. We'll welcome hundreds of women and men as they arrive at the DoubleTree in Rohnert Park. A weekend of fellowship, music, Bible study, inspirational speakers, servant events and convention business is planned. For more information and registration forms go the LWML CA-NV-HI website: [www.cnhlwml.org](http://www.cnhlwml.org)

Many thanks to the societies, churches, and zones that have sent in love gifts to help offset the expenses the host committee will incur. It is not too late to offer your financial assistance. Make checks payable to LWML with an annotation "Love Gift" and send to Host Committee Treasure, Charlene Garrett, P.O. Box 870, Lockeford CA 95237 - Adele Mitchell

## News from the President

Aloha Members and Friends of Saint Mark,

Mahalo for all of those that continue to serve and have stepped up to service on our Saint Mark Council or on one of the many Boards and Committees. Thank you for putting your faith in me again as your Council President during this next year (2011-2012). Thank you to our Saint Mark members that continue volunteering to serve. We always have vacancies and are looking for new volunteers to service, so please pray about any calling and feel free to contact me or any of the Council and Board members. Saint Mark Lutheran Church has many talented members within our Ohana, your commitment of time and talent is much appreciated.

As I stated last month, think about increasing your time and talent by an additional 10%. If you already attend church service every Sunday, think about adding Sunday School (which starts at 8:30), or joining one of our Bible Studies. You will be increasing your knowledge of the Word, as well as serving and praising the Lord, Saint Mark Lutheran Church, and the Kaneohe community.

May God continue to bless Saint Mark's ministry as we continue to proclaim the Gospel message of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mark Fink



## The Saint Mark Prayer Garden

Ever had just one of those weeks where you felt like you were floundering? One where you wanted to turn to God for guidance and seek His direction and will for your life? Thanks to the service of the Hellinger, Appel, and Tanaka ohanas our courtyard garden has been transformed into a place of meditation with God.

The garden lies to the mauka our worship center and surrounds you with the beauty of God's creation. At the center of the garden are 3 crosses reminiscent of Calvary, the place of our Savior's saving act for us. Bring your own devotional book and Bible, or use a hymnal from the sanctuary, or grab a devotion from the church office for your quiet time alone with God. And may your words echo the Psalmist, "my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness." (Psalm 69: 13)

# Board of Outreach and Fellowship News

A big mahalo to outgoing 2011 board members Luana Perry and Jenni Tyau! Our 2012 board members are: Rachel Hilpert, Katie Shirley, Theresa Annis, Yal Lim, Kristin Lim and new members Audrey Rushforth and Alice DeCosterd. We're looking forward to an exciting year ahead. If you have any suggestions or ideas for fellowship events or outreach projects, please contact a board member. Your input is both welcome and needed!

Our next Family Promise week begins on March 18. During the week, we will host 3-4 families who are experiencing homelessness and are enrolled in the Family Promise of Hawaii program. The families will be calling our gym home for the week and we provide them with three meals a day and a place to sleep. We will need volunteers to provide and serve dinner and we need overnight hosts as well. For more information on Family Promise and how you can help, please contact Yal or Kristin Lim.

Sunday Fellowship Snacks: Thank you to all who have signed up to provide snacks for our Sunday Fellowship Time immediately following the service each week. There are spots available for March and beyond, so look for the sign-up sheet out on the food table and find a week that fits your schedule! There will be an LWML bake sale on Sunday, February 12, so make sure to bring your wallet and purchase goodies that day to help support LWML ministries!

Pillowcase Challenge Update: Luana Perry delivered 21 colorful custom pillowcases to the Family Promise Day Center recently and they were gratefully received by Program Manager Christy MacPherson. This is an ongoing project of Saint Mark and to date, we have made more than 100 pillowcases which have been given out to each new family member joining Family Promise. We'll be planning another pillowcase potluck soon, so watch for updates. You don't need to own a sewing machine to participate, in fact, you don't even need to know how to sew! We need help cutting material, pinning, and ironing too!

## Saint Mark Servant List for 2012-2013

### Council Officers

**President:**  
Mark Fink

**Vice President:**  
Bob Briggs

**Secretary:**  
Harriett Young

**Treasurer:**  
Lutz Pescht

### Saint Mark Ministry Boards

#### Elders

Bill Wynhoff-Head Elder  
Darrell Schuetz  
Toby Rushforth  
Tom Slavens  
Darlene Fink  
Anthony Warren  
Seth Bretscher – (moving in June)

#### Parish Education

Rachel Hilpert  
Lenore Warren  
Janice Ha  
Mary Ann Gray  
DCE Sarah Morris  
Joshua Priebe

#### Youth

DCE Sarah Morris  
Jonathan Busse  
Alana LaChance  
Joshua Preibe

#### Education

Louise Wolcott  
Bob Hill  
Bill Wynhoff  
Kent Murata

### Outreach and Fellowship

Yal & Kristin Lim  
Audrey Rushforth

Theresa Annis  
Katie Shirley

Rachel Hilpert  
Alice DeCosterd

#### Trustees

Frank Tanaka  
David Gaudi  
Mark Fink  
John Lee

#### Finance

Darlene Fink  
Rick Firchau  
Lutz Pescht  
Bob Briggs  
Mark Fink

## DCE

First of all I would like to give a big mahalo to Saint Mark for allowing me to return to Texas for my Mid Year Review at Concordia University and the extension of that trip to visit family and friends back on the mainland. It was a great time to see first hand how God is working in the lives of those He has placed in my life over the years. I have to admit, I was pretty much freezing the entire time. January in Texas is a lot different than January in Hawaii.

Secondly I want to say that I am so looking forward to this next month and the months following because there is a lot of exciting things going on at Saint Mark.

High schoolers - Do you ever feel like the church just doesn't get you? Have you ever felt like things are aimed either too young or too old for you? Guess what! It's ok to feel that way! The church is made up of sinners who make mistakes every day and sometimes we don't do the best job at reaching groups of people that God has called up to reach. Instead of just thinking about it, let's talk about it! Let's talk about things that we as a church do well and the things we sometimes aren't so good at. Starting February 12th we will be meeting once a week at Zippy's between the Post Office and the mall at 6:00 pm for fun, food, and some great discussion. Hope to see you there and don't forget it's always more fun when you bring a friend!

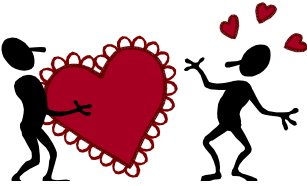














5th - 8th graders - Still wondering why we believe what we believe or why we do what we do in worship? Well, we may not have all the answers, but there are definitely quite a few of them waiting for you to discover at Youth Quest every Wednesday from 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm in Room 201. It's what all the cool kids are doing!

Keiki and all those who love keiki - Mark your calendars! We are starting to get ready for this year's Vacation Bible School! We will be learning about Daniel and some of his friends in Group's Babylon. Be on the look out for exciting ways to learn about the Bible and if you are a keiki at heart some exciting ways to serve God by teaching our keiki! But first - mark your calendars for June 4-8, 2012 as Saint Mark's Babylon Vacation Bible School!

Would you like to help with our Keiki Sunday School program? Would you like to try giving a fun and exciting Keiki Message on a Sunday morning? We would love to help you use the gifts that God has given you for His glory not just in the community, but in our church ohana too! If you would like to get involved in one of these areas please contact Sarah Morris via email at sarah@stmarkhawaii.org or via phone at 247-4565. Mahalo!



# February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 8:00 am SMLS Chapel 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Prayer Warriors 1:30 pm Youth Quest  Lutz Petsch	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm Elders Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:00–10:00 am Saint Mark Food Bank
<b>5</b> 8:30 am Choir Practice/Bible Study for all ages 9:30 am Ohana Blended Worship 10:45 am Ohana Fellowship & Update Meeting 11:15 am Praise Team Practice	<b>6</b>  Wesley Perry	<b>7</b>  Dottie Brennan  Soon Kim-Rupnow	<b>8</b> 8:00 am SMLS Chapel 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Prayer Warriors 1:30 pm Youth Quest	<b>9</b> 6:15pm SMLS Board of Education	<b>10</b> 6:30pm SMLS Family Fun Night  JoAnn Gunderman  Randy Kennedy	<b>11</b> 7:30 am Men of the Word 8:00–10:00 am Saint Mark Food Bank
<b>12 Food Bank “Harvest” Sunday LWML Bake Sale</b> 8:30 am Choir Practice/Bible Study for all ages 9:30 am Ohana Blended Worship 10:45 am Ohana Fellowship 1:00 pm Christianity 101 6:00 pm High School Bible Study @ Zippy’s  Beth Munson	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00 pm Council Meeting  DeCosterd	<b>15</b> 8:00 am SMLS Chapel 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Prayer Warriors 1:30 pm Youth Quest	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Jessica Serrano	<b>18</b> 8:00–10:00 am Saint Mark Food Bank
<b>19 LWML Mite Collection Sunday</b> 8:30 am Choir Practice/Bible Study for all ages 9:30 am Ohana Blended Worship 9:30 am SMLS K-2 Choir 10:45 am Ohana Fellowship 1:00 pm Christianity 101 6:00 pm High School Bible Study @ Zippy’s  Gracia Williams	<b>20</b>  Menchie Camilo	<b>21</b>  Keith Tyau	<b>22</b> 8:00 am SMLS Chapel 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Prayer Warriors 1:30 pm Youth Quest 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service  John Lee	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:30 am Men of the Word 8:00–10:00 am Saint Mark Food Bank
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