



# St. Mark Lutheran Church

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## Holy Week Services

### Maundy Thursday

#### Communion

Thurs., April 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

### Good Friday

Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

### Easter "Sonrise"

#### Communion

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 A.M.  
at Hawaii Loa Campus

### Contemporary Easter

#### Communion

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM

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## Easter Thoughts from Pastor Bruce

A number of recent books and films continue to demonstrate a spiritual hunger in humankind for God. What a search is on for Jesus! So many are looking for Him, looking for some little evidence that He is out there and that they are not alone. Strangely enough, two thousand years ago many expected to find Him where He wasn't—in the cemetery, in the grave, where one looks for history not a living person. What a massive shock it was for those early to the tomb! How extraordinary to be greeted by a stranger who tells them what Jesus had been telling them all along. *He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.'* Mat 28:6-7

The angel told them, "Go home, go home to Galilee. You'll see Him there where you have always lived, worked, studied, and played." If we listen and watch, that's where we will see Him too, where we live, work, study, and play. How many people have searched the whole world over for some sign of Him only to discover He was with them all the time right from the start even before they left home? Indeed the Lord had had His ever watchful eye on them all the time. *'Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth?'* Jer 23:24 And since He fills heaven and earth there is nowhere we can go where He isn't there ahead of us. Finding Jesus isn't a search. It is becoming aware that He is not just history to be found in the cemetery...or a story, but that He is alive, that He has found us, and that He surrounds us right where we live.

## April Birthdays

Alice DeCosterd	01
Tania Slavens	01
George Umamoto	01
Lesley Teruya	02
Susie Thieman	03
Bob Hill	06
Matthew Perry	06
Elijah Warren	07
Leilani Warren	07
Jeff Hendrix	11
Jim Tripp	11
Todd Fink	13
Frank Tanaka	14
Lisa Chaffin	15
Sun Rudeen	15
Brink Brinkopf	16
Steve Clemons	16
Raydeen Busse	26
Buddy DeCosterd	26
Jessica Nam	26
Joelle Lee	28
Linda Smallidge	29



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
 Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
 following  
 8:30 Potluck Breakfast

**Easter Breakfast** - We will have an Easter pot luck breakfast here at St. Mark from 8:30 to 9:30AM. Please bring brunch-like food for the potluck - fruit, bagels, pastries, egg casseroles, cheese and crackers - all of your favorites. Coffee and juice will be provided.

**Easter Egg Hunt** Bring your basket! Malia Clemons and the Confirmation class will be conducting an egg hunt for the younger children on Easter Sunday after the 8:30 am potluck. The "little ones" will be hunting at the playground, and the older ones will be on the large lawn in front of the gym.

**Easter Lilies** We are ordering 10 plants in 6" pots this year and are hoping each one will be signed-up for. Cost is \$9.99 per pot. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please make your checks out to St. Mark Church with a memo line "Lily," then drop it in the offering plate in an envelope provided.

**Calling All Softball Players!** ..It's that time of year again! The season will begin on April 4th. To get the kinks out, there is a scheduled practice for Sunday, March 30th at 2:00 PM. All practices will be held at the Kailua field, where the regular season games are played. Please come on out and join us! For more information contact Rick Firchau by e-mail at 235-1465 or [goblue.rcf@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:goblue.rcf@hawaiiintel.net). See you there!

**Wednesday Lenten Suppers** Join us down in the gym for great fellowship and a quick bite to eat before attending mid-week Lenten services. The gym and kitchen will be open from 5:30pm and dinner begins at 6:00 each Wednesday from February 13 through March 12. There will be a sign up sheet out on the church lanai bulletin board. If you can't get there by 6, don't worry--dinner will be available until just before the service begins at 7pm. For more information, contact Yal or Kristin Lim at 236-7697, 391-3908 (cell) or [yalkris@aol.com](mailto:yalkris@aol.com).

**Special Music for Easter** St. Mark Choir will be singing "Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel for Easter. We welcome anyone to join with us. See Mary Uhlig to pickup a copy of the music. Rehearsals will be held every Sunday until Easter at 10:30 a.m. in the Kindergarten Room. Final rehearsal will be Maundy Thursday night after the Service.

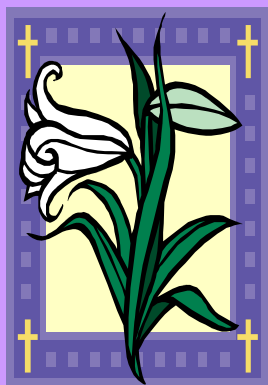
**Date Change for Family Promise Week!** Our next Family Promise week will begin one week earlier than planned, beginning on March 16<sup>th</sup> and continuing through the following Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Assistance is needed with set-up and clean-up on both Sundays, as well as goodies. For more information, please contact Yal or Kristin Lim at 236-7697, 391-3908 (cell) or [yalkris@aol.com](mailto:yalkris@aol.com).

**Matching Support from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** Through the "Care and Community Program," Thrivent Financial will be supporting us during our Family Promise host week by providing \$300 in matching funds.

**Ladies of St. Mark** April 25-27 is the LWML Convention in Bakersfield, CA. I am going as a Delegate and need input from you. I will be having a Luncheon at my home on March 18, 2008 from 11 a.m. -2 p.m., so we can make some decisions. All are welcome but I need you to RSVP no later than March 11. Mahalo! Adele Mitchell, 239-6639; [mitchella001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:mitchella001@hawaii.rr.com). My address is 47-531 Waipaipai St. Kaneohe.

## March Birthdays

<i>Kamal Olowofoyeku</i>	1
<i>Joe Kahapea</i>	2
<i>Bret Lehna</i>	2
<i>Kimilyn Gaudi</i>	3
<i>Kahealani Taniguchi</i>	3
<i>LeNore Warren</i>	3
<i>Mary Stewart</i>	5
<i>Sue Mau</i>	9
<i>Charis Murata</i>	12
<i>Addie Kortman</i>	16
<i>Elizabeth Haas</i>	20
<i>Marc LaChance</i>	20
<i>Dayna Murata</i>	20
<i>Rod Pearson</i>	20
<i>Savannah Weller</i>	22
<i>Kanoenani Knott</i>	23
<i>Erica Pescht</i>	23
<i>Aaron Akaka</i>	24
<i>Howard Myli</i>	24
<i>Eloise Rodriguez</i>	24
<i>Sina Williams</i>	26
<i>Landon Kelln</i>	27
<i>Amber Lethem</i>	31



*Happy Easter!*  
*Sunday,*  
*March 23<sup>rd</sup>*

### **Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Food Bank (8-10 a.m.)  
10:00 a.m. Huli-Huli Chicken Church and School Fundraiser

### **Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Class, Catechism, Choir  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service  
12:00 p.m. Worship Team Practice

### **Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. Potluck Supper  
7:00 p.m. Concordia Choir Performance

### **Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Food Bank (8-10 a.m.)  
10:00 a.m. Huli-Huli Chicken Church and School Fundraiser  
7:00 p.m. All Lutheran Schools Concert

### **Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Class, Catechism, Choir  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship Service  
12:00 p.m. Worship Team Practice

### **Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Circuit Pastor's Mtg.  
7:00 p.m. Board of Education Mtg.

### **Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper  
7:00 p.m. Lent Service

### **Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Elders' Mtg.  
Food Bank (8-10 a.m.)  
10:00 a.m. Huli-Huli Chicken Church and School Fundraiser

### **Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Class, Catechism, Choir  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service  
12:00 p.m. Worship Team Practice  
5:00 p.m. Family Promise Host Week Begins

### **Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. Family Promise

### **Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 p.m. Family Promise

### **Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday**

5:00 p.m. Family Promise  
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service

### **Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> Good Friday**

5:00 p.m. Family Promise  
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

### **Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Food Bank (8-10 a.m.)  
10:00 a.m. Huli-Huli Chicken Church and School Fundraiser  
5:00 p.m. Family Promise

### **Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> Easter Sunday**

7:00 a.m. "Sonrise" Service at Hawaii Loa  
8:30 a.m. Potluck Breakfast in the Gym  
Easter Egg Hunt following  
10:00 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship Service

### **Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Mtg.

### **Saturday, March 31<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Food Bank (8-10 a.m.)  
10:00 a.m. Huli-Huli Chicken Church and School Fundraiser