



St. Mark Lutheran Church

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"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13: 8)

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As Saint Mark's vacancy pastor until the end of June, I can say that we will put out the "No Vacancy" sign on June 28th. On that last Sunday of June at 4:00 PM we will Install Pastor Matt Hilpert as your full-time pastoral leader... Hip, Hip, Hurrah! Matt and Rachel and their three children, Josh (7 years old), Abigail (6), and Benjamin (3) will be arriving in Kaneohe on June 25th and beginning their life with you in our Savior's care and Gospel work. I know that they will be a blessing to you, and you to them.

PLEASE NOTE: The Installation Service for Pastor Hilpert will be at 4:00 PM on Sunday, June 28th. Because of that very special service there will not be a service that morning.

ALSO PLEASE NOTE: Beginning Sunday, May 31st and through June and July there will be only one worship service on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

As I mentioned, Jane and I will be here with you until the end of June, and then we will return to our home in San Jose, California. It has been our pleasure to serve Jesus with you during this time between Interim Pastor Erv Wichner's farewell and Pastor Hilpert's arrival. Thank you for your warm welcome and hospitality!

I have enjoyed seeing your excellent school touching the lives of young people and their families. Under the leadership of Principal David Gaudi and his dedicated staff these children are being carefully guided to become good citizens of both heaven and earth.

I have also enjoyed working with your DCE Intern Tim as he finishes his year of learning by doing here at Saint Mark. Tim will overlap for a week at the end of July with your new DCE Intern Peter Johnson, who is also from Concordia University in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Many thanks to Nalani Nelson, your church secretary, and to your chosen leaders for all their support.

Please mark Vacation Bible School on your calendars for June 8-12, 8:00 – 11:30 AM. Your VBS comes at a wonderful time between the end of school and the beginning of summer school. Tell your family and friends and neighbors about it, and call or email Tim or me or the church office if you can help one or more days that week. Thank you!



Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m.
Worship Service

St. Mark Lutheran Church
45-725 Kamehameha Hwy
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You will be happy to know that at the California-Nevada-Hawaii Convention in May gave Hawaii, along with Nevada, two votes each on the District Board of Directors. Those elected from Hawaii were Pastor Bruce Betker (Saint Mark's former pastor) as a regional vice president, and Pedar Wold of Christ Hilo as a lay regional director. Pastor Bill Shimkus of Our Redeemer Honolulu will become the Circuit Counselor for Hawaii. Congratulations!

*"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the **Father** through him."* (Colossians 3: 12-17)

Your Friend in Christ,
Vacancy Pastor Paul Hoffmann

DCE Notes

Saint Mark Youth and Ohana,

It's summer school time! To be fair, that may not be worthy of an exclamation point. Depending on your summer, there may be very little that *is* worthy of such a thing. Then again, there may be a ton! Some of you are headed off to check out colleges, some of you are going to still be in school, some of you are going to be getting a job for the first time ever. You've heard me say similar things before, but I think 1 Corinthians says it best. "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31, NIV).

You may be using your gifts to help with VBS, as you begin a summer job, as you go to college, or even as you try to figure out which college fits you best. I could go on about wasting talent and how the Bible warns against doing that, but that's not really the point that I want to make. The essence of this is that God gave each of us varied gifts, and sometimes we can best see them as we go different directions in the summer. We're doing different things at Saint Mark this summer, your lives will be different, but if you do it to God's glory, it will be a summer that matters – and probably fun, too!

In God's peace,
Tim

Upcoming Events

June 7 – Saint Andrews Priory Commencement (Joni Sweet)

June 7 – VBS Leader's Meeting

June 8-12 – Saint Mark VBS

June 19-20 – Senior High Lock-in at Our Savior Lutheran Church (Aiea)

June 20 – Youth Board Meeting

July 6-10 – Hilo VBS

July 16-18 – Kaleidoscope

“God Loves a Cheerful Giver”

June used to be the most popular month for weddings. “She’s a June Bride” was a phrase that worked itself into our vocabulary. June may no longer be the most popular month for weddings but weddings do give us an image of how God relates to His people. In Old Testament times God referred to Israel as His bride. He stated clearly that He as her husband would be faithful to all His promises of love, care and protection for His bride.

Marriage was instituted by God as a special relationship in which one man and one woman pledge themselves to love each other in good times and in bad times, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, remain faithful to each other so long as they both shall live. God was faithful to His bride, but His bride was unfaithful again and again. God in His love sent “wake up calls” after “wake up calls” to win His bride back. The story of Israel in the Old Testament and, sadly, in the church of today indicates that God’s bride is not nearly as faithful as He is.

In the New Testament, especially in the Book of Revelation, the image of Christ and the church is also that of a bridegroom and His bride. Jesus loved the church, His bride, and gave Himself up for her because He wanted to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:25-27 NIV).

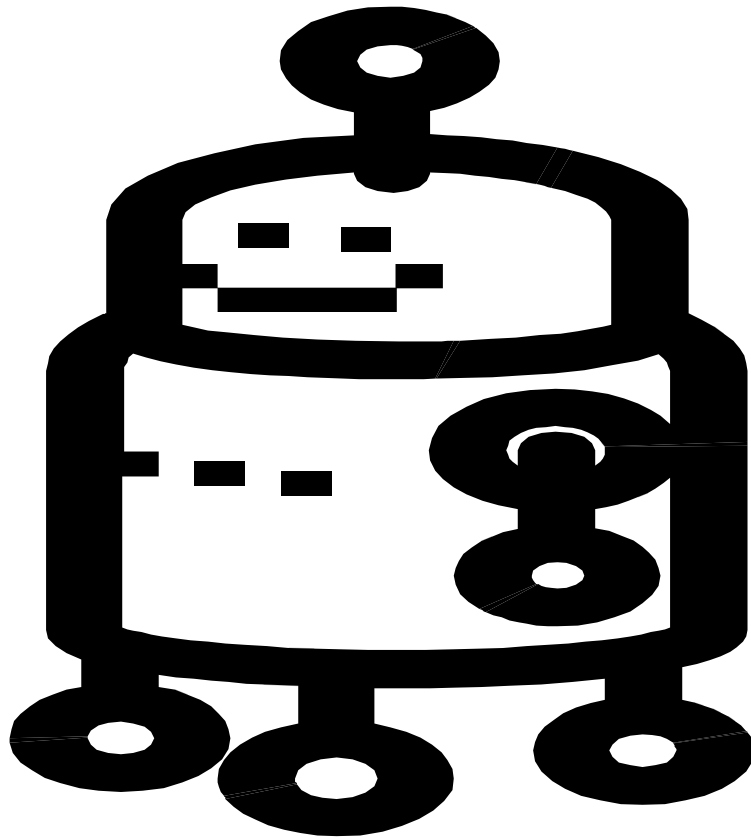
As Christian stewards we are members of the body of Christ—His church, His bride. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be faithful stewards who seek to honor God and bless others through our wise stewardship of time, talents, treasure and all the other blessings God pours out upon us.

By the way, Father’s Day also falls in June. Those of us who are blessed to have godly fathers know what it means to have someone in authority who really loves and cares for us. God, our Heavenly Father, loves us far more than any earthly father could. He demonstrated this by sending His only begotten Son to be our Savior and by showering so many other spiritual and material blessings upon us.

Our response to God’s love and lavishness is what we call stewardship. Stewards are those who recognize that God is the Owner of all things and they are simply managers or trustees of that which God has entrusted to them. To make this even more personal think of it in this way: ***“God’s redeemed stewards, in partnership with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, freely and joyfully manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.”***

2 Corinthians 9:7 - Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

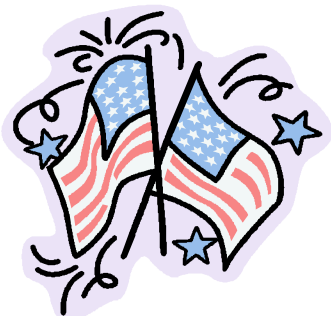
Vacation Bible School G.A.D.G.E.T's Garage



June 8-12, 2009
Daily from 8:00am-11:30am
St. Mark Lutheran Church
247-4565

July Birthdays

<i>Leilani Lee</i>	01
<i>Krystal Walker</i>	02
<i>Shauna Kelln</i>	03
<i>Hana Rupnow</i>	03
<i>Katherine Baker</i>	05
<i>Joan Mahoe</i>	06
<i>Mike Chaffin</i>	07
<i>Patsy Seo</i>	08
<i>Mark Simunovich</i>	08
<i>Rose Miyasaki</i>	10
<i>Kalei Akaka</i>	11
<i>Jillian Lee</i>	12
<i>Janice Tupa</i>	14
<i>Ben Chaffin</i>	16
<i>Millie Hill</i>	16
<i>Cara Anderson</i>	18
<i>Louise Wolcott</i>	18
<i>Craig Baker</i>	21
<i>Josh Chaffin</i>	21
<i>Larry Seo</i>	22
<i>Kiana Clemons</i>	23
<i>Sharon Wichner</i>	23
<i>Bo Lindsey</i>	24
<i>Makenna Nelson</i>	24
<i>Linda Hillier</i>	25
<i>Dot Brum</i>	27
<i>Kate Lee</i>	28
<i>Robert Rupnow</i>	28
<i>Harriet Young</i>	29
<i>Bailey Nelson</i>	31



Church News

REMINDER! There will be one combined worship service at 9:30am throughout the summer.

VBS- Starts June 8th. If you haven't signed up yet please speak with DCE Tim or contact him at timothy.walworth@csp.edu or 907-299-4184.

Installation of Pastor Matt- is on Sunday, June 28 at 4:00pm. There will be no morning service on this day.

Pastor Matt's Arrival Info- The Hilpert family is scheduled to arrive on June 25 @ 1:15PM via Hawaiian Airlines.

Pastor Hoffmann's Contact Info If you would like to get in touch with Pastor Hoffmann please feel free to contact him by phone: 408-506-8235 or e-mail: pjhoffmann@sbcglobal.net or saintmark.pastor@gmail.com.

Is anyone interested in taking a sign language class? Sara Marstall is teaching a sign language class. If you would like more information please contact Sara at s.marstall@yahoo.com or 785-213-5634. Currently the class is meeting on Sunday evenings at 6:00PM in Room 2. If you are interested but are unable to make this time please let Sara know as she is willing to arrange for another class during the week.

Senior Bible Study Wednesdays at 10:00am in the church. This one hour study will be looking at the Readings for the next Sunday. Come: study God's word, enjoy good fellowship, and have a treat and coffee.

Acolytes Please mark your calendars for your dates of service.

The Saint Mark Food Bank The Food Bank is open Saturdays from 8am to 10am. Food and monetary donations to the St. Mark Food Bank are always welcome and a big help, especially canned meat, canned fish and canned fruit. Money donated to St. Mark Food Bank is tax deductible. This enables us to purchase food from the Hawaii Food Bank. If you have any questions or want to help maintain the food closet, please call Katie Shirley at 596-2771.

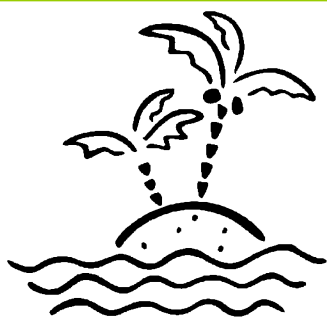
Offering Envelopes Please contact Rick Firchau at gobluc.rcf@hawaiiantel.net or call the church secretary at 247-4565 if you need offering envelopes

New Flower Chart Please sign-up to provide flowers in honor, celebration or memory of that special loved one. Audrey Rushforth takes care of ordering and delivery for you. Cost is only \$15.

Newsletters Please visit the church website at www.stmarkhawaii.org for the latest monthly newsletter.

June Birthdays

<i>Kini Graham</i>	01
<i>Paul Graham</i>	02
<i>JB Nation</i>	02
<i>Noah Schuetz</i>	04
<i>Kirsten Chong</i>	07
<i>Katrena Kennedy</i>	07
<i>David Gaudi</i>	08
<i>Nancy Boyer</i>	12
<i>Buzz Mau</i>	13
<i>Eileen Berg</i>	18
<i>Bryan Kennedy</i>	20
<i>Bob Briggs</i>	23
<i>Matt Wynhoff</i>	23
<i>Frank Haas</i>	24
<i>Ezekiel Hillier</i>	24
<i>Devin Tumbleson</i>	24
<i>Melinda Baker</i>	25
<i>Peggy Brinkopf</i>	26
<i>Mark Fink</i>	27
<i>Dustin Nelson</i>	28
<i>Robin Berry</i>	30



Church Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 7

9:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service
VBS Leader's Meeting

Monday- June 8-12

8:00am-11:30am Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 10

10:00 a.m. Senior Bible Study
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Youth Group

Saturday, June 13

8:00 a.m. Food Bank (8-10 a.m.)

Sunday, June 14

9:30 a.m. Combined Communion Worship Service

Tuesday, June 16

7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, June 17

10:00 a.m. Senior Bible Study
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Youth Group

Friday, June 19-20

Senior High Lock-in at Our Savior Lutheran Church (Aiea)

Saturday, June 20

8:00 a.m. Food Bank (8-10 a.m.)
Youth Board Meeting

Sunday, June 21

9:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service

Tuesday, June 23

9:00 a.m. Circuit Pastors Meeting

Wednesday, June 24

10:00 a.m. Senior Bible Study
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Youth Group

Thursday, June 25

1:15 p.m. Pastor Matt's family arrives on Hawaiian Airlines

Saturday, June 27

8:00 a.m. Food Bank (8-10 a.m.)

Sunday, June 28

4:00p.m. Pastor Matt's Installation Service

Tuesday, June 30

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting