



# Saint Mark Lutheran Church

March 2010

## *Aloha From Pastor Matt*

We stand now in the middle of the season of Lent. Lent is a penitential season where our focus is directed to the tremendous suffering and sacrifice of God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. If you have seen the movie the *Passion of the Christ* then you have strong and profound images of how immense our Savior's humiliation for our sakes truly was. After seeing the movie, I led a Bible study that was a scene by scene comparison to determine just how accurately Christ's passion was displayed. Although I have grown up in the church and have observed several Lenten seasons, that one year I gained a much greater understanding of what the words of the Apostles' Creed, "**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried**" really entailed.

It's truly the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives when the Lord draws us back to His Word so that we might know Him and His love even more in our lives. Movies have a way of drawing us into the moment and they are intended to help us to experience the entire scene. But consider what it would be like to have actually have been there. To experience, not only in sight and sound, but also in taste, touch, and smell, the great moments of God's mighty act of salvation for us. Well in a way, we can do just that.

The night our Savior was betrayed is a memorable one for us today. It was on that night that He reinstated the meaning of the Old Testament celebration of the Passover in His own body and blood into what we commonly refer to today as the Lord's Supper. What better way to properly understand this meal that we partake in regularly than to celebrate a Jewish Seder meal? Therefore, this year we will be joining together as an ohana to relive the Passover experience as Jesus and His disciples did that Maundy Thursday evening. However, our meal will be unique because we will be able to, with the leading of the Holy Spirit, understand the greater act of salvation through what Christ would accomplish the next 3 days.

The celebration of the Jewish-Christian Seder will begin as do all Passover celebrations at sunset. We then will continue with the recitation of the traditional Haggadah interspersed with the traditional Jewish ceremonial rituals and songs. A traditional Seder potluck meal will be shared by our St. Mark family and the reception of the Lord's Supper. This is more than just a regular worship service. It is an event that I hope will add to your experience and understanding of both Christ's suffering and death for you and the supper that we share together at the Lord's altar.

Reliving our Christian history through our Jewish roots can help us to understand who we are, but as Lutherans we also track our lineage to our Roman Catholic roots as well. Where the Seder meal allows us to relive the events of Maundy Thursday there is a Catholic tradition that allows us to relive through a somber and quiet time of prayer the events of Good Friday. The tradition I am referring is the Stations of the Cross. The reciting of the stations is a prayer service that focuses on the 14 scenes of Christ's path to the cross of Calvary with the use of medieval artwork. Although we will be utilizing the new technology of our worship screen to display these images the service will have a historic sense of wonder as we journey together on a directed journey with the Lord through God's Word and prayer.

This year our Lenten season may introduce new traditions into our midst; a Jewish-Christian Seder and the Stations of the Cross. Things may not be "like we've always done before", but consider how the Lord will use this opportunity to continue to draw you closer to Him, to repent of your sins, and to His love yet again. And it will be my hope and prayer this year that you would be able to look back at these events not only as observers of Christ's passion but as participants in His suffering so that we can look forward to participating with Him in His resurrection.

Your servant in Christ,  
Pastor Matt



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## *Servants in Christ*

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

If the Lord has touched your heart and you are looking for 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).

**Alter Guild** is looking for more members! For more information please contact the church office form more information at 247-5589 or [st.marksecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:st.marksecretary@yahoo.com).

**Board of Elders** is looking for new members to assist in the spiritual care and needs of St. Mark Lutheran.

### Servants for Sunday Mornings

**Media Technicians** are needed to operate the computer for our regular worship services.

**Keiki Church Assistants** to help teach our *keiki* about God's love for them in His Son, Jesus Christ.

**Lectors, Ushers, and Acolytes** are needed. For more information 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).

## *Second Quarter Budget*

### St. Mark Lutheran Church 2009-2010 Second Quarter Budget Report

*Approved Balanced Budget of \$220,367*

**\$220,367 /52 weeks = \$4238 each Sunday**

*\$16,952 on four Sunday months or \$21,190 on five Sunday months*

Date	Envelopes	Other	Total	+/- Budget
Nov 09	\$17,837	\$6,213	\$24,050	+\$2,860
Dec 09	\$23,585	\$4,481	\$28,066	+\$11,114
Jan 10	\$16,386	\$2,566	\$18,952	-\$2,238
Total				+\$11,736
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter			-\$7,521
	Year to Date			+\$4,215



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## *DCE Corner*

One of my favorite songs that I like to listen to during Lent is called, "Sweetly Broken," by Jeremy Riddle. Here are some lyrics:

*"To the cross I look, to the cross I cling; of its suffering I do drink; of its work I do sing  
For on it my Savior both bruised and crushed; Showed that God is love, and God is just*

***At the cross You beckon me, You draw me gently to my knees, and I am lost for words, so lost in love, I'm sweetly broken, wholly surrendered***

There's nothing we can do, except fall to our knees and cling to the cross. Our Savior took our place and paid the ultimate penalty for our sins, death."

"My heart is broken... because of the Lord and His holy words," (Jeremiah 23:9).

Throughout Lent, may we cling to the cross through prayer, reading God's Word, and fellowship with each other. We are sweetly broken people, but dawn is coming and the tomb is empty!

Keep clinging,  
Peter Johnson

## *Youth Corner*

### **Mahalo!**

Thank you to all of the parents and adult volunteers who helped make last month's Wii Night and Punahou Carnival trip very fun! Your hard-work and dedication is very much appreciated!

### **David Crowder Band Concert!**

Almost everyone has either heard or sung a worship song written by David Crowder! Well guess what... he's coming to Hawaii on Friday, March 5! Join other Christians as we sing praises to our King! It's at the Hawaii Convention Center and tickets are \$40 at the door. The concert starts at 8:30pm and we're planning on leaving church around 5:00, so we can get tickets. If you have any questions, please talk to Peter!

### **Sunday Night Youth Group – New Location!**

Starting in March, we'll be meeting at Pastor Hilpert's house on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month! We'll meet at church for the other Sundays. Get ready for some great food, games and conversations:

### **Family Promise**

On Sunday, March 14, the youth will be serving dinner for Family Promise. Please be here at 5:30pm to help prepare the food and plan on staying until 8:30pm. Thank you for serving the Lord by serving others!

### **Hiking Trip!**

A few months ago, we hiked to the Makapu'u Lighthouse. This month, we're hiking up to the Lanikai pillboxes on Sunday, March 21! Please bring your hiking shoes, water bottle and some money for dinner! We'll carpool from church at 3pm and after hiking, we'll stop and eat in Kailua.

### **30 Hour Famine Lock-in!**

Starve for food... raise money for Haiti... and have an awesome time with friends!  
Mark your calendars – Friday, Apr. 23 & Saturday, Apr. 24. More details coming soon!

### **Youth Board Meeting**

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, Mar. 17 @ 5pm at church. We'll be planning the 30 Hour Famine and other spring events!



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## *Board of Education News...*

I want to wish you all a meaningful and reflective season of Lent this year and remind you that there are many ways to nurture and mature your faith this season. We have weekly Bible studies led by Pastor Matt between services, Sunday school for all ages of children and mid week bible studies on Wednesday (with goodies). You are all invited and encouraged to participate. If you are like me it is hard to find time during the day to spend time in the Word, so why not schedule out some time with Him? Sunday School openings will be led by me, I am going to start incorporating some prayers and lessons from the catechesis like the 10 commandments and the Creeds. I will develop a reward system for memorization to give the kids a head start for confirmation. And with that being said, I could really use your help. Please make sure your kids are here on time so they can take part in all the fun! Also, stay tuned for a fun filled week of VBS this summer, the schedule will be posted shortly.

Mahalo and God bless you all!

Rachel

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## *March Servant Highlights*

### **March 7:**

**8:30 a.m.**

*Elder:* Bill Wynhoff

*Usher:* B. Wynhoff, T. Slavens,  
J. Busse, B. Kelln

*Acolyte:* Talena Kelln

*Lector:* Bill Whynhoff

**11:00 a.m.**

*Elder:* Craig Shull

*Usher:* D. Truesdell, R. Firchau,  
A. Warren, Y. Lim

### **March 14:**

**8:30 a.m.**

*Elder:* Bill Wynhoff

*Usher:* T. Annis, A. Anderson,  
D. Gaudi

*Acolyte:* Noah Schuetz

*Lector:* Jeremiah Oehlerich

**11:00 a.m.**

*Elder:* Craig Shull

*Usher:* D. Truesdell, R. Firchau,  
A. Warren, Y. Lim

*Acolyte:* James Chaffin

### **March 21:**

**8:30 a.m.**

*Elder:* Bill Wynhoff

*Usher:* C. Uhlig, T. Rushforth,  
M. Fink, M. Perry

*Acolyte:* Rachel Gray

*Lector:* Cal Uhlig

**11:00 a.m.**

*Elder:* Craig Shull

*Usher:* D. Truesdell, R. Firchau,  
A. Warren, Y. Lim

### **March 28:**

**8:30 a.m.**

*Elder:* Bill Wynhoff

*Usher:* B. Rudeen, J. Oehlerich,  
C. Baker, L. Pescht

*Acolyte:* Katherine Baker

*Lector:* Jeremiah Oehlerich

**11:00 a.m.**

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## *LWML News*

Aloha to all the ladies of St. Mark!!! Mark your calendar's now for the Annual Spring Rally of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010

TIME: 9:00-3:00

THEME: KNOW THE HOPE-JESUS CHRIST

BIBLE STUDY LEADER: Pastor Matt

PLACE: St. Mark Lutheran Church, Gymnasium

Come and meet our new Pastoral Counselor: Pastor Schneider from Christ Lutheran on Maui. Join in the fellowship and meet the ladies from other Lutheran Congregations!

Learn about the Mission Work of LWML and where our MITES go~~~

Lunch will be served and there will be a nominal charge

There will also be a free will offering, the designation will be decided by the participants IF THERE ARE ENOUGH REQUESTS, I WILL FIND SOME BABY SITTERS SO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE PROGRAM. I NEED TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO PLAN.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to call or email me at: 239-6639 or [mitchella001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:mitchella001@hawaii.rr.com)

Adele Mitchell

## *Board of Elders News*

**1 Peter 4:10** says that *"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."* What a great blessing!

**Ohana Sundays** The fifth Sunday of every month is Ohana Sundays! We will be worshipping together at a SINGLE service at 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship and *pupus* on the lanai.

**Bulletin Submissions** Any Submissions need to be emailed or called into the church office by Thursday at 247-5589 or [st.marksecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:st.marksecretary@yahoo.com) or [secretary@stmarkhawaii.org](mailto:secretary@stmarkhawaii.org)

**Senior Bible Study** Wednesdays at 10:00am in the church. This bible study looks forward to the upcoming Sunday lessons.

**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 [goblue.rcf@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:goblue.rcf@hawaiiantel.net) or call the church secretary at 247-4565 if you need offering envelopes

**Flower Chart** Please sign-up to provide 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.

**Newsletters** Please visit the church website at [www.stmarkhawaii.org](http://www.stmarkhawaii.org) for the latest monthly newsletter.

ng it was to welcome all of the new faces to the various boards and committees for 2010. Our Church is extraordinarily blessed to have so many talented members who are willing to use the gifts they have received to serve others. As we all look forward to serving together in 2010 we



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## *Board of Outreach and Fellowship News...*

### Family Promise

Our next Family Promise week is March 14-21. Volunteers are needed for help in all areas: Set-up on the 14th, breakdown and clean-up on the 21st, dinner and overnight hosts each night. Please look for the sign-up board outside on the church or contact Yal or Kristin Lim at [yalkris@aol.com](mailto:yalkris@aol.com) or ph. 391-3908. Donations of fruit, games and toys are appreciated too!

### Lenten Soup Suppers

Soup suppers continue throughout the Lenten season on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm in Room 2 and are followed by a Lenten service at 7:00. A Sign-up sheet is available out on the bulletin board to sign up to bring a soup or bread.

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## *School News*

**March 1- March 14:** St. Mark Lutheran School Art Display at Windward Mall

**March 7:** Kindergarten - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade sings at 11:00 AM Service.

**March 8- March 12:** Lutheran Schools' Spirit Week

**March 13:** Grades 6-8 report cards mailed

**March 13-28:** Spring Intersession- NO SCHOOL

**March 29:** School Resumes

**March 29:** Kindergarten- Grade 5 report cards sent home with the student

**APRIL 2:** Good Friday- NO SCHOOL

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 SMLS Art Display @ Windward Mall	2 SMLS Art Display @ Windward Mall	3 SMLS Art Display @ Windward Mall 10:00 AM Senior Bible Study	4 SMLS Art Display @ Windward Mall	5 SMLS Art Display @ Windward Mall	6 SMLS Art Display @ Windward Mall
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28 8:30 AM Traditional Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Service 6:00 PM Youth Group @ Church	29 Brandon Tsalk*	30	31 Amber Lethem* Cole Mitchell*	APRIL 1 6:00 PM Seder Dinner	APRIL 2 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross	APRIL 3 8:00 AM St Mark Food Bank  APRIL 4 7:00 AM Sunrise Service @ HPU 8:30 AM Breakfast & Egg Hunt 10:30 AM Contemporary Service

\* Birthday / \*\* Anniversary