

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

Last Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter (which runs for fifty days, up to Pentecost) I noted that what happened on that first Easter Sunday is an open book. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all have different versions of “what happened”. Unlike their versions of Jesus’ life, ministry, betrayal and execution, in which there is a substantial correspondence, Easter narratives are all over the place and even contradictory.

If we spend all, or even most, of our time trying to figure out the historical “facts”, we’ll never get to the important question of **“What does this mean?”** Let’s not confuse “truth” with “facts”. While there may be from time to time a correspondence, human/spiritual truth is not the same as cold, hard facts. In fact, I would argue there are very few “cold, hard facts” in our world.

Just consider an automobile accident, something that happens with regular frequency on our church’s street corner. Despite all of the witnesses, the observers of the facts, few people can ever agree on what exactly happened when car meets car in most unpleasant of ways.

Now, add two thousand years, and the “fact” that in none of the resurrection narratives, did anyone find themselves in the tomb when Jesus rose from the dead. So, what happened? Let’s say it’s an open book and if you want to discuss among yourselves, feel free. But if you include me in that discussion, I’m going to jump to the more important question: **Why? What does Jesus’ resurrection mean?** Why do we confess that the God who rescued Israel from Egypt also raised Jesus from the dead? What does that MEAN?

Three suggestions, which we can – and hopefully will – expand upon throughout the Easter season:

1. **Jesus lives.** He is not in the land of the dead. God raised Jesus from the dead.
2. **Jesus is Lord.** That is, in the words of the earliest Christian confession and creed (“Jesus is Lord!”), God has vindicated Jesus’ ministry and death on a Cross (what we often call The Way of the Cross) as the way of life. It is God “Yes” to Jesus’ healing, feeding and forgiving the downtrodden, depressed and weak of the earth, including the Earth itself. It is God affirming Jesus’ resistance to systems of domination - political, economic and religious - that marginalized and suppressed the vulnerable of creation, of history and nature.
3. **Jesus’ resurrection is our resurrection and it is happening now.** It is as real now for us as it was for Jesus’ followers way back when, two thousand years ago. In prayer, song, sharing of bread and wine and reading of the Word, the Crucified One lives in, with and among us. We take that divine/incarnate Presence with us back out into our daily worlds of work and play, where we, too, can live by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

Alleluia! He is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Think on that. It is the heart of our faith.

Blessings,

Pr Keith



*Carol Ann Larson
March 17, 1940 - April 8, 2017*

Carol Larson passed into eternal life on April 8, 2017. Carol was baptized into Christ's family on May 5, 1940 and affirmed her baptism through Confirmation at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Racine Wisconsin when she was 14 years old. She and her husband Russ, moved to Hawaii and joined Christ Lutheran in 1996. After Russ passed away in 2008 Carol remained active in the church attending the Women's Bible Study, volunteering in the office, and serving in the Hui. A memorial service was held for her on Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017. She is survived by six children. Cards may be sent to Amber Larson at 94-359 Kapuahi St. Mililani, HI 96789. May the Lord bless her and keep her.

*Thank you for
Praying*

*Please keep in your prayers
Victor, Britt, Al, Kirk, Moki,
Brie, Mary, Andy, &
Valarie.*

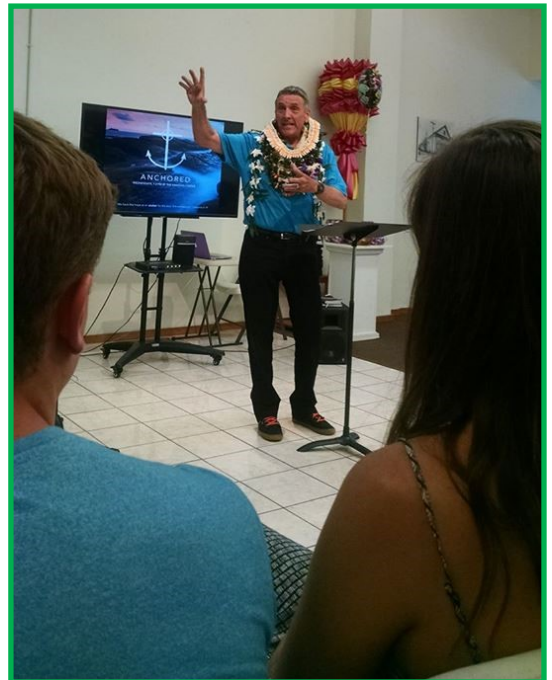


*Congratulations
Bill & Karen Paulus*

*New parents of
Veronica Elizabeth
Born April 13, 2017
12:37 p.m. 7lbs 14oz, 19 3/4"*

*Pastor Dale Burke was honored with lei
as he held his last Chapel Service
at Hawaii Pacific University
April 26, 2017.*

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant."
Matthew 25:23*



Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

01 Karen Nelson
07 Kathy Maginot
10 Cliff Lanas
11 Jane Yanagida
12 Brian Burke
17 Gary Ward
18 Judi McClain
21 Hunter Spangler
23 Bill Little
23 Jefery Spangler
28 Sarah Salboro
29 Gini Gustafson
31 Mary Lou Kimoto



Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Kaimana Higa
14 Jamey Lilyquist
17 Deason Green
18 McKenna James
18 Janet Ward Riehle
19 Brooke Nelson
21 Ava Alova
22 Kailee Zealley
23 Tanalee Paguyo
24 Lindsay Epling
24 Nicole Wiedemann
25 Jonathan Benesh
27 Sina Andrews

Membership

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Saturday, May 6th

1-4 PM

Contact Pastor Keith for more information

623-9229

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 1pm New Members Class
7 7am Contemplative, Communion Service 9:30am PBJ's 10:45am Communion Service w/PBJ Performance	8	9	10	11	12	13
				Pacifica Synod Assembly, San Diego		
14 Mother's Day 7am Contemplative, Communion, Healing Service 10:45am Communion & Healing Service	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 7am Contemplative, Communion Service 9:30am PBJ's 10:45am Communion Service	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25	26	27 10am OPOH
28 7am Contemplative, Communion Service 10:45am Communion Worship Service	29 Memorial Day <i>Office Closed</i>	30 <i>Office Closed</i>	31			



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Sunday Worship

7:00 a.m.

Contemplative Communion Service

9:30 a.m.

PBJ's Puppet Team

10:45 a.m.

Service of Holy Communion
With Children's Message and
Healing Prayers with Anointing
Professional Keiki care
Provided

Healing Service - 2nd Sundays

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