

The In Touch



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Our Mission: To Seek, Know, Love and Serve Christ in all Persons and in all Creation

RAMBLINGS from the Rev



Last year I had an email from another clergy person in ECMN who had spent a few months in Hawaii serving a small parish there. So when David and I were in Hawaii this winter we went to visit St. Jude's to see it for ourselves. And we were very impressed.

St. Jude's is about our size, maybe a bit larger. It's on the far south end of the big island, perched about 1,000 feet above sea level in the midst of a large lava flow. There are no trees and very little greenery. It's about 1 ½ hours to Kailua or to Hilo, the only cities nearby.

I found it especially interesting because they solved the same problem we faced, but in a different way. They received a handsome bequest some years ago and decided to build a house next to the church. They offer the use of the house and a car to a clergy person who will stay at least one month or up to three months. In return, that person is expected to celebrate and preach on Sunday mornings. Some of the clergy who serve there are retired, but some are merely on sabbatical. This gives them time to write or study.

We stopped by on a Saturday about noon, expecting to find it locked up tight. Instead it was wide open, they were serving lunch, and they were providing showers to people in the area who don't have water. We walked in, were offered lunch, and found Kathy and John MacDonald eating there. Kathy is a long time priest in Minnesota. I've known them for 30 years, although never known them well. Kathy gasped and said, "What are YOU doing here?" I said, "I was going to ask you the same thing!"

Well, clearly Kathy was the current "rent-a-priest" taking up their offer. The best part of this was that we got a tour of the house and a long chat about what living there is like. We met several wonderful women running the shower brigade and the lunch counter, two of

whom were former parishioners of a certain Brian Prior back in Washington state. I suggested we call St. Jude's ECMN West, since so many folks from here have or will serve this congregation.

David and I went back the following day for their Sunday service and so glad we did. Their activities for the following week included a men's Bible Study, a women's Bible study, hula lessons, Hawaiian language class, plus 4 or 5 meetings of AA or NA. The service we attended included liturgical dance, hula style, followed by potluck lunch. The congregation included people of all colors and shapes, although mostly older, like we are.

They use a full bulletin, much like ours, which carried a dire warning on the last page about how this church welcomes everyone, including a long list of people like tax collectors, prostitutes, gays, bishops, etc. etc. who are welcome here. I wish I could find it to quote in full! We also discovered that their building is used for two other church services each Sunday, one at 2 PM and another at 7 PM. One of these was an Assembly of God congregation and one another protestant congregation (meaning I can't remember which one!).

Sometime in the course of that weekend it struck me that they are in fact a Total Ministry parish. By that I mean that the congregation has taken on all the responsibilities of a Rector except celebrating and preaching the Sunday service. They plan the liturgy and music, they plan and execute the mission work. What they have done to provide a priest allows them to do some very active and creative ministry that is meeting the needs of people in their neighborhood. I'm sure that they are doing pastoral care in the same way.

At the same time, they are totally enjoying their rent-a-priest arrangement. They claim they haven't had a bad one yet, and while they always hate to see the current one leave, they also look forward to meeting the next one. They are currently booked just about solid for the next year and a half! God certainly works in mysterious ways. . .

Wishing you a happy and hopefully warm Easter season,

Lynn Naeckel



- 5/2 ~ **Brad Johnson**(son of Byrne & Carole)
- 5/6 ~ **Tom Grim**(son Lee & Carol)
- 5/7 ~ **Pam Oettinger** (daughter of Gary & Carolyn Davison)
- 5/12 ~ **Olga Reuter**
- 5/12 ~ **Tricia Brennard**
- 5/19 ~ **Thatcher Jenkinson**(son of Matthew & Edith, great grandson of Byrne & Carole)
- 5/23 ~ **Jill Tanem**(granddaughter of Mavis)
- 5/26 ~ **Rob Meyer**(son of Lynn Naeckel)
- 5/27 ~ **Scott Schlieff**(son of George Schlieff)



Anniversary

- 5/13 ~ **Andrew Kennedy**
- 5/26 ~ **Bill Corrin**

WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY

- 5/9 ~ **Dean & Karen Tveit**
- 5/30 ~ **John & Anne Reuter**
- 5/30 ~ **Jim & Cori Davison**



MAY 2014 – Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<p>4</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 3rd Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim</p>	<p>Lee Grim</p>	<p>Mike & Tricia Brennard</p>	<p>John Shewchuk Kay Herman</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 4th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Mother's Day </p>	<p>Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Tessa Walls</p>	<p>Mavis Tanem Kay Herman</p>	<p>Wilbur & Mary Ann Tveit</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 5th Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim</p>	<p>Erik Strand</p>	<p>Erik Strand Ragna Godtland</p>	<p>Gary & Carolyn Davison</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 6th Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p>Georgeann & Andy Wright</p>	<p>Georgeann & Andy Wright</p>



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Altar Guild
						Carolyn Helen
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Team & Vestry Retreat 5:30-8:00					Mavis Tricia
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. 	Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m.	9:30 am Coffee @ Coffee Landing				Mavis Tricia
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Georgeann Donna
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	 Newsletter Deadline					Georgeann Donna

