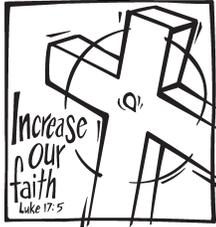


"I am the vine, you are the branches; abide in me and you will bear much fruit." John 15:5



# Vine & Branches

News from St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 720 N. King Street, Honolulu, HI 96817



July 2005

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## From Mother Jodene

Aloha Beloved in Christ,

Last month I wrote about how God has abundantly blessed St. Elizabeth's and how our cup of blessing runneth over.

What have we been doing with God's blessings? How have we as a church family responded to God's goodness to us? It is difficult to know where to begin because St. Elizabeth's has put God's blessings to work over and over again in the past ten months. However, I will begin with newspaper headlines and then move closer to home, our community, our neighborhood and our church family.

When the tsunami devastated Southeast Asia, St. Elizabeth's provided food, water and tent shelters through our \$1500 donation to Episcopal Relief and Development. As U.S. soldiers continued to serve in Iraq and Afghanistan, Ohana care packages full of island goodies and notes of caring were sent by St.E's. St. E's has a perpetual candle burning on our altar representing our prayers for all who serve our country. Boxes and boxes of RagDolls2Love hand made by St.E's members and other Episcopal churches were mailed and distributed to children in war torn Iraq as a sign of our care and God's love. Our Good Friday offering of \$203 was sent to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem whose hospitals and schools suffer great need. While the small country of Latvia does not often make headlines, St. Savior Anglican (Episcopal) church in Riga provides very basic meals to elderly poor in their soup kitchen. St. E's *Danger! Men Cooking* guys and top island chefs donated their time and effort to cook a breakfast that raised \$700 to provide 1200 soup kitchen meals.

Jesus said, "Come O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was naked and you clothed me..." Matthew 25: 25-35. Closer to home and neighborhood now. Our *Danger! Men Cooking* guys cooked their first breakfast, raising \$200 for River of Life Food bank

which supplies Mission Possible. Sundays we regularly receive donations for the food bank at church.

Our first fundraiser committee discovered that 52 homeless children attend Princess Ka'iulani school. Every one of those children was provided school supplies and new school T-shirts with St.E's donation of \$350. Following our second fundraiser another \$500 is being donated for the homeless children's needs this school year. St. E's gave \$329 to our Bishop's hunger appeal for Hawaii food banks. Our fundraisers also provided hot Christmas and Easter dinners and food certificates for the needy from Gateway Immigrant Center next door. The pastoral discretionary fund to which St. E's members donate to help the needy totaled \$1667. Those funds have provided rent assistance keeping mothers and children from homelessness, phone and electric bill assistance, medical supplies, food, diapers, fresh milk and more.

St. Paul reminds us that we are called to "rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep...and to practice hospitality..." Romans 12: 12, 15. Esther's Kitchen is in almost constant use these days. St. E's volunteers have provided hospitality and/or delicious food for memorial services, baptism celebrations, weddings, Sunday morning hospitality and welcome, parish work parties, a welcome party and a 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary ordination party for your priest, for the Chinese Christian Association, for diocesan churchwomen, for Honolulu clergy meetings, and for celebrations honoring our choirs, our ministry of music and our musicians. Sometimes our hospitality has needed to be provided back to back because the needs have been great when unexpected funerals arise.

And no grass is growing under our feet. Remember the question I closed my last letter with? What if St. Elizabeth's could.....? What if St. Elizabeth's did...?

It is no surprise that ideas and dreams are coming forth. Jesus said "...let the

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## Mother Jodene *cont.*

*children come to me for such belongs the kingdom of God.” Luke 18:16* Our vestry and our fundraising committee have been talking about transforming the Education building garage into a safe place where needy neighborhood children can come to be read stories in English, to hear the favorite stories of Jesus, to learn to play the ukulele and sing songs, to build pottery and to paint.

We hope that students from I’olani and the Priory and other schools will be able to come and receive community service credits here serving the poor and learning about our neighborhood and the needs here in Palama. The fundraising committee voted \$500 for seed money to begin this ministry. At this point I’m going to call it **SENS St. Elizabeth’s Neighborhood Services**. What a way for all of us to make SENS to our neighbors in need. The Dirty Dumpster boys have already cleaned out the garage, making it ready to repair and put to use. St.E’s is requesting a grant from the Diocesan Churchwomen to help us buy chairs, tables, clay, ukuleles and age appropriate new books.

Yes, St. Elizabeth’s, our great abundance is overflowing and doing the works of God, thanks to each and every one of you. God bless you for your faithfulness. May your summer be filled with God’s blessings and joy.

*Mother Jodene +*

## E-Vine and Branches

*St. Elizabeth's joins the electronic age*

Call or email the church office if you would like to be placed on our E-Vine and Branches mailing list and receive this newsletter via email in PDF (Portable Document Format). In full color, yet! You can download the free Acrobat Reader which reads PDF files from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com).



## Bishop Chang Visits St. Elizabeth's Sunday, July 24th

**7:15 -7:40**

Bishop to meet with all reaffirming baptismal vows.

**7:45**

Ringers and Singers rehearsal

**8:15**

Worship

**9:30-10:30**

Reception for Bishop and Mrs. Chang

**10:30-11:45**

Vestry meets with Bishop Chang

## Rag Dolls2Love and Our Ohana Troops

The Sunday School wants to thank everyone who has generously participated in our projects – the RagDolls2Love and Ohana Care Boxes to our troops.

Each project began with the main goal of reaching out and caring. Care Boxes have been sent to Wayne Pacupac, Richard Frost, Chris Frost and Calvin Thiravong on behalf of St. Elizabeth’s Church. The last set of RagDolls2Love that were blessed at St. Elizabeth’s Church made a direct journey to their new homes in Mosul, Iraq. They will soon be joined by 250 more RagDolls to be shipped from Wyoming. The RagDolls that were sent from Hawaii also went with the children’s toothbrushes and toothpaste that had been donated by our parishioners.

Our Ohana troops always look forward to mail from Hawaii. Please check the list on the reception table and add more names and addresses as you obtain them. As the donations fill up, we will send out more boxes. The first batch should have been received by Father’s Day!

Thank you again for your continued support and generous donations in these two projects!



## Baptisms

Baptized on June 26th were **David Kleinschmidt** (sponsors: Donella Kleinschmidt and Francis Kau) and **Faye Tsukamoto** (sponsors: Dorie Horio, Miles Keoni, and Kit Hawkins). Baptized on July 10th will be Kody Mann Shing Hayashi, son of Kaylen and Jessie Hayashi. Sponsors: Leyna Jean Esaki and Joshua Horikawa.

# Dirty Dumpster Day!



*BEFORE: More than twenty years of "stuff" accumulated in St. Elizabeth's garage. Mother Jodene proclaimed June 30th as "Dirty Dumpster Day!"*



*The "Dirty Dumpster" Guys: Donald Kaiahua, Richard Yee, Kit Hawkins and Larry Young.*



*Some children in the neighborhood came to watch all the commotion. Mother Jodene handed out candy and stuffed animals.*



*AFTER: All done! The dumpster is filled, along with a whole truckful of "stuff" for the dump. Nancy Shim-Au treated the hot workers to a delicious lunch.*

# What if St. Elizabeth's could . . . ? What if St. Elizabeth's did . . . ?

What has St. Elizabeth's Vestry and Fundraising Committee been talking about?

**Ideas:** Convert our double garage of the Education Building to a learning and activity center for inner city children and teens, some who are homeless.

## Why?

1. St. Elizabeth's is located in one of Honolulu's most needy neighborhoods with Mayor Wright Housing next door and across the street from Princess Ka'iulani School where 85% of children are needy and served by a free lunch program. Over 50 children are homeless. There are 17 languages represented in this school.
2. Children in our neighborhood are often from first generation immigrants struggling to learn English and become valued members of society.
3. Reading in English will help children's education and social skills.
4. Bible stories told with flannel boards will introduce children to Christianity and to the Episcopal Church.
5. Providing arts, crafts and music that transcend the language challenges of immigrant children: hand building pottery learning events, ukulele classes, and mini organ and piano concerts in the church.
6. Provide a safe learning haven for needy children.

## How?

1. St. Elizabeth's fundraising committee has allocated \$500.00 seed money to begin this ministry project.
2. Involve neighboring United Church of Christ and Methodist churches in support of the ministry and to inform children and parents of learning opportunities.



## Who?

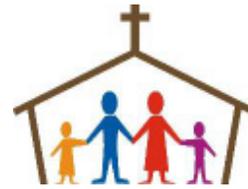
1. We envision that not only parishioners, but students from the Priory and Iolani Episcopal schools as well other schools could earn community service credits as they experience and participate in meeting extraordinary neighborhood needs and challenges.
2. We envision that neighborhood church members could become involved in building a stronger Christian witness and presence in our neighborhood.

**What do we think about this idea?** Talk to Vestry members, Mother Jodene, fundraising committee members and others.

**Holy Water:** A liquid whose chemical formula is H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>LY</sub>.

**Procession:** The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Church consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

**Recession:** The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Church led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.



## Prayers for Families

O God we pray for all devoted mothers and fathers and all who love and care for their children. Being a good parent is a special calling. Theirs are qualities beyond loving or disciplining. O God you have blessed parents with unique sensitivity to the unspoken needs of sons and daughters. May all parents know that they are loved and appreciated.

Give them courage, strength and compassion. May they trust in you, O God, confident of your loving care and protection. Amen. Rev. J.T. Sullivan  
*(adapted by the Rev. J.S. Hawkins)*

Lord Jesus, who loved little ones, bless our children. Guide and protect them through their growing years and throughout their lives. Be to them a true shepherd, caring for them and keeping them from harm. May they always listen and recognize your voice, because they know you as their loving Lord and Savior. Amen. Rev. J.T. Sullivan *(adapted by the Rev. J.S. Hawkins)*



## Beauty Secrets

by Audrey Hepburn  
*(submitted by Nancy Shim Au)*

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.  
For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.  
For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.  
For beautiful hair, let a child run his fingers through it once a day.  
For poise, walk with the knowledge you never walk alone.

We leave you a tradition for the future. The tender loving care of human beings will never become obsolete. People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, redeemed and redeemed and redeemed. Never throw anyone away. Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm. As you grow older, you'll discover that you have two hands: one for helping yourself, the second for helping others. You have great days still ahead of you. May there be many of them.

## Mahalo to our Young Musicians

St. Elizabeth's has been blessed with the appearance of guest musicians during the 8:15 am worship services over the past few months:

**Daniel Ho**, slack key and piano (January)  
**Joey Fala**, organ (May)  
**Lina Doo**, mezzo-soprano (May)  
**Joyce Wang**, piano (June)  
**Evangeline Chang**, violin (July)

Joey Fala will be playing on the Midsummer Night's Organ Concert on Sunday, July 17 at 7:00 pm at Central Union Church, 1660 South Beretania Street, a benefit for the American Guild of Organists scholarship program. All are welcome.

Watch for more outstanding musicians in the months to come.



## Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee will again award tuition scholarships for the 2005-2006 year to members of our parish family who have graduated from high school and are enrolled in an institution of higher learning. Please call Kathy in the church office at 845-2112 and request a scholarship application form. Deadline for applications is August 5, 2005.

Members of the Scholarship Committee are: Nancy Shim-Au, Rowena Blaisdell, Sarah Bush, Patsy Ching, Bill Eng, Millie Goo, Lillian Tyau, and Arlene Young.



# Pulling Out the Stops

Nearly two dozen folks from St. E's trekked over to the Lutheran Church of Honolulu for a field trip on June 28th to hear their pipe organ played by Katherine Crosier. Kathy explained and demonstrated how a pipe organ makes sound and why organists wear special shoes to play the pedals. She played a mini-recital which showed off the colors of the organ then everyone joined in singing two uplifting hymns, *Amazing Grace* and *Ye watchers and ye holy ones*.

The organ at the Lutheran Church was built 30 years ago by Rudolf von Beckerath of Hamburg, Germany. Hans-Ulrich Erbsloeh, who first came to Hawaii in 1975 as his apprentice and is now a master builder, will be at St. Elizabeth's on Sunday, August 21st to talk about organ building. Hans will also be a guest of the American Guild of Organists in an informal potluck supper on Friday, August 19th, 6:30 pm at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu. Hans will explain in greater detail how an organ is built and how his dream as a young teenager to build organs has taken him on a journey as an organbuilder over the last 30 years. All are welcome to attend the Friday evening potluck gathering at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu, 1730 Punahou Street.



## Pipe Dreams Hans-Ulrich Erbsloeh at St. Elizabeth's

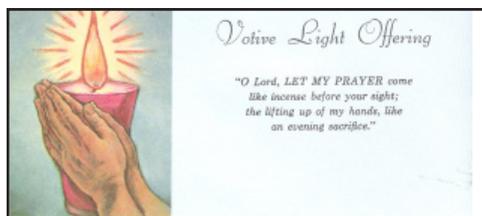
### Sunday, August 21

Master Organ Builder Hans-Ulrich Erbsloeh and organ designer Jens Kirchner will talk about organ building.

A reception will follow in Shim Hall.

# Votive Light Offerings

Many folks take the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one. Our votive candle stand was given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of Kenneth Ching by the Ching family. We now have envelopes available for you to make an offering towards the candle fund.



Average Church Attendance in June	
8:15 am service	94
Chinese ministry	6

**Mark your calendars**  
Founders' Day, October 16

Join St. Elizabeth's for a festive celebration together as we remember our Founders and ancestors of our church. In addition to reunion with each other there will be both acolyte and choir reunions. Millie Goo and Larry Young are Vestry representatives to the planning and coordination team. If you wish to help with food, decorations, mailing lists, set up or clean up, please let them know.

Most importantly, save the date and come and enjoy our first ever Founders' Day. Watch for details! The Founders' Day Committee is looking for any old photos of church activities to be put together in a display. Bring photos to the church office, and put your name on the back if you want them returned.



## The gecko's corner

Have you noticed that our double front doors are open wide in welcome now on Sunday mornings? And that angels Tom and Peggy Ishida have painted our iron fence and have made it look like new? If you come in the office you will see a new fax machine from an anonymous donor. Check out our Sunday school art and craft supply closet. The old gecko-heaven closet has been cleaned out and ready to be painted. Any offers to paint? Mahalo to the Vine and Branches angels (Jimmy and Lani Kealoha, Sarah Bush, Eunice Hughes, Akiu Chock, Richard and Wai Wah Yee, Nancy Shim-Au, Patsy Ching, and Pearl Kau) who help us get 'the news out' on time.



## Flower Offering Envelopes

You may have noticed new envelopes for flower offerings on the back entry table. We would like to encourage you to use these envelopes to note birthdays, anniversaries and memorials for flowers to adorn the altar.



## Ringers and Singers

We will rehearse on Wednesday, July 20th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in anticipation of the Bishop's Visit on Sunday, July 24th.



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### July Birthdays

Faith Chock	7/4
Alan Esaki	7/10
Richard Okubo	7/11
Carly Venenciano	7/12
Gertrude Tyau	7/15
Tim Blaisdell	7/20
Frank Yap, Jr.	7/20
Lynnsey Ho	7/21
Ann Nagamine	7/23
Richard Yee	7/23
Jean Hirashiki	7/27

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