Coconut Wireless

Good News from Saint Elizabeth Episcopal Church

Greetings, Saint Elizabeth's folks!

When I worked with church planters, we had a favorite passage from the book of Jeremiah 29 - Seek the good of the city in which you are in exile, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Some of us have spent most of our lives in this city. Some arrived here as children, and others (including me and my family) have come very recently. Several of us split our time and our hearts between Oahu and places on the Mainland. Some of us live in or near the Kalihi-Palama neighborhood, and others have to drive quite some way to come to church here. Jeremiah reminds the Hebrew people, and us, that wherever we are, we are blessed when we truly care about and bless the people around us.

This week I did more exploring of our city and neighborhood. I attended a Talk Story with David Lazar, the new Police Chief where people named hopes for a new season of relational, compassionate policing. I am a brand new member of the School Community Council for Ka'iulani, right across the street from St. Elizabeth's. Teachers expressed the challenges of working at a struggling school, but I could also see the energy and love they bring to their work. I told them about our ministry at this church, and said that I hope we will continue to find ways to work with them and bless their efforts.

Who are your neighbors? How are you blessing, and being blessed by them? What time, energy and resources are you being called to offer in your church/spiritual neighborhood? I invite you to keep asking these questions with me!

Mother Katie +

HAPPY 101st BIRTHDAY, BILL ENG.

Long time parishioner Bill Eng celebrated his 101st Birthday on September 20th. He was baptized and confirmed by Father Shim in 1949. During his time at St. Elizabeth's he has served as both the Junior and Senior Warden. He was active on the vestry and was the church treasurer too.

He was a faithful counter and spent much time after church services counting money from the offerings with Stuart Ching and Roy Chee. He has many fond memories of being part of a fundraising group in the 1950s to raise money to build the church. During that time the church had many luaus. (Can you believe they would roast pigs in imus on the church grounds?)

Interior of St Elizabeth's Mission, ca. 1927.

Called to the Islands

A Missionary's Life in Hawai'i

AT THE TURN OF THE 20TH CENTURY

October 11, 2026 · 4:00 pm

St Peter's Episcopal Church
1317 Queen Emma St., Honolulu, HI 96813

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal, St. Mary's Episcopal and St. Peter's Episcopal are partnering with Hawaiian Mission Houses Museum and are inviting you to attend an evening looking at the issues of Immigration to our island home: what was, what is, and what is to be.

The evening will begin at 4:00 pm with an engaging presentation about the life and ministry of Jessie "Ah Po" Mackenzie, who along with her husband Elijah, lived and worked with Chinese immigrants in Honolulu during the last years of the 19th century and the earliest years of the 20th century.

Following the presentation, all are invited to join in a time of food and fellowship in the Parish Hall where the discussion will continue. A free will offering will be collected, and all funds received will be given to We Are Oceania, an organization that is dedicated to working with immigrants today.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

ST. ELIZABETH'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

YOU ARE INVITED TO

The Renewal of Ministry

with the Welcoming of a New Priest-in-Charge

The Rev. Katie Nakamura Rengers

Saturday, October 3, 2026
at 10:00am

720 N. King St.
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Lunch following

FOLLOWING THE WAY OF LOVE

In preparation for Bishop Libby's visit on NOV 29th, Mother Katie will offer a conversational class after church on Sundays: Oct 18, 25, Nov 01, 08, 15, 22. We'll meet in Shim Hall after coffee time to learn more about our faith, reflect on our spiritual lives, and talk about what it means to follow Jesus in the tradition of the Episcopal Church.

GIVE TO ST ELIZABETH

It takes the offerings of many hearts, hands and resources for our church to be a light and place of refuge in our neighborhood. Here are a couple of many ways to participate:

1. Make a one-time or ongoing gift to our shared ministry on Tithe.ly

2. Volunteer at our Saturday Community Breakfast! We need church members and outside groups to help set-up, serve and clean. We also need folks to join our guests at the table, eat, listen and talk story.

Sign up here, or let Mother Katie or our Kitchen Manager, Mike Kealoha-Marquina know you'd like to come.

PET BLESSING

SUNDAY, Oct 04th at 9:00AM

Among other things, Francis of Assisi is well known as the patron saint of animals and the environment. We invite you to bring your well-behaved pets to church for a special blessing.

If your pet is more anxious or can't travel to church, text their photo to Mother Katie at 808-972-4320 by Thursday and we will print and display it for you.

You are also welcome to send pictures of pets who have recently died, but who brought you great joy during their life.

TRUNK O TREAT

Consider decorating your car for Trunk or Treat! In partnership with We Are Oceania, we're looking for at least 7 cars to decorate for this Halloween event. Sign up on the list at the side table.