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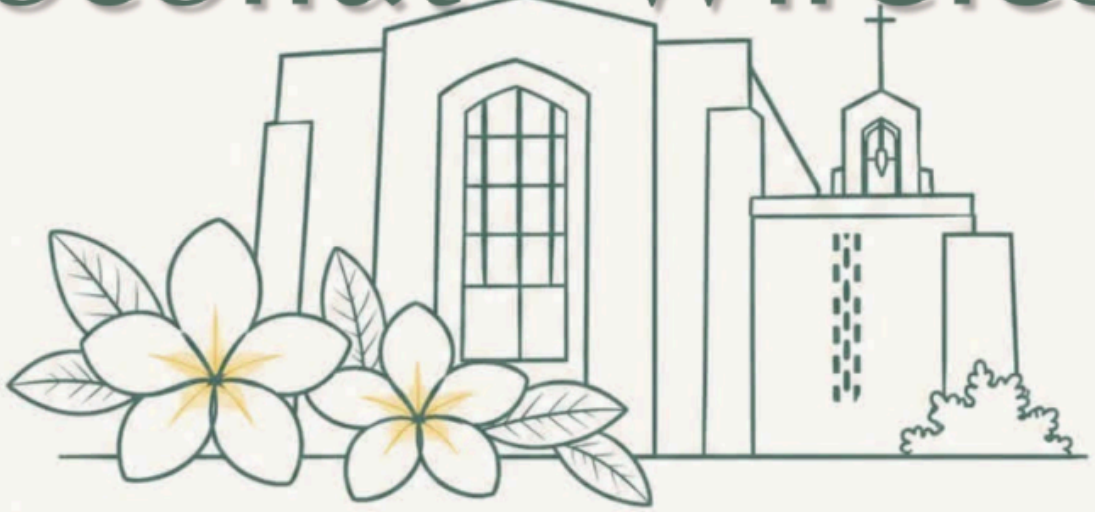

## Good News from Saint Elizabeth Episcopal Church

Aloha St. Elizabeth's,

What's the best money you've ever spent? This was the icebreaker question for our first 2027 Stewardship & Fundraising team gathering last Tuesday. The answers (and amounts) varied, but most came back to one theme - relationship. Of course you can't buy friendship! But many of us realized that the best money we'd spent went toward showing someone we care. A Christmas gift. A plane ticket to visit a loved one. An engagement ring. Material things, purchased and offered with love, become lifegiving spiritual things.

After next Sunday's church service (Sept 20) we are going to have a family conversation about how St. Elizabeth's spends money. If you aren't a spreadsheet person, don't worry! I'm going to try to make it as interesting as possible - plus, our kitchen team is planning a delicious brunch for us to share!

Many of the things we spend money on are material, even mundane. Toilet paper. Cleaning services. Pizza. The copy machine. Gas for the church van. Housing and pension for your Priest-in-Charge. Yet everything we do at the church is an investment in relationships - in showing members of our congregation, our neighbors, our ancestors, our children, even God, that we care.

We will not hand you a pledge card on September 20th! The intention for that day is to show how our leadership thinks about church expenses and to give you time to ask questions about where our money goes. We'll also talk about our hopes and visions for the next season of our life together as a church community.

I hope you will all be there!

Mother Katie +

## WALLY HOUSE

Last Tuesday was a traditional Southern lunch: grits, beans and greens!
Mahalo to all who helped set up, serve and eat!

Shop at Foodland and make a donation to:

**Saint Elizabeth's Episcopal Church**

**Organization. Code: 78661**

## 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.

## GARDENING HOUR

SATURDAY, SEP 26th at 10 - 11aAM
Help us make our campus beautiful as we prepare to welcome Bishop Fitzpatrick and celebrate our new ministry with Mother Katie!

## CELEBRATION of NEW MINISTRY for MOTHER KATIE

SATURDAY, OCT 03RD at 10:00AM

Come help us officially celebrate this new journey between Mother Katie & Saint Elizabeth. There will be LUNCH that follows

## PET BLESSING

SUNDAY, Oct 04th at 9:00AM

Pet Blessing in honor of St. Francis, during our service.

## DINNER & A SHOW?

"Called to the Islands:
A Missionary's Life in Hawai'i."

See the flyer in our bulletin for more information about this performance and dinner we are co-sponsoring with St. Peter's and St. Mary's.

## TRUNK O TREAT

This Halloween we will partner with "WE ARE OCEANIA," again.

See the side table for items we are collecting or to sign up to decorate your car!