

# THE WEEK THAT WAS

He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Deuteronomy 10:18.



## The Future Looks Bright! Kilisou to our Youth!

We at St. Elizabeth's are blessed to see these acolytes grow into new roles as Eucharistic Ministers and future leaders of our church! Kesleen (left) is the Vestry's Youth Representative. Monika (center) serves as Crucifer and a Eucharistic Minister. And Me-You (right) assists every week as an acolyte! Over a year ago, Monika asked Fr. David Gierlach if she could be trained as a Eucharistic minister. She noticed that there were only two Eucharistic ministers, and she wanted to help. When asked what inspires them to participate and take on leadership positions, they said they had seen other young people in these roles, and they

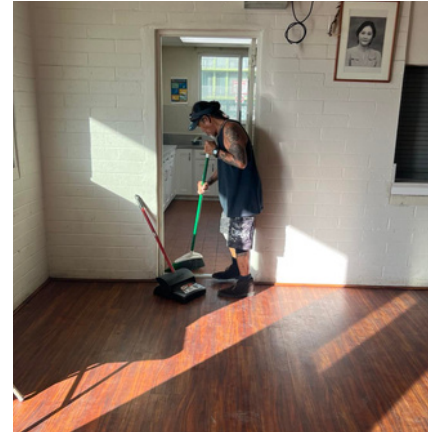
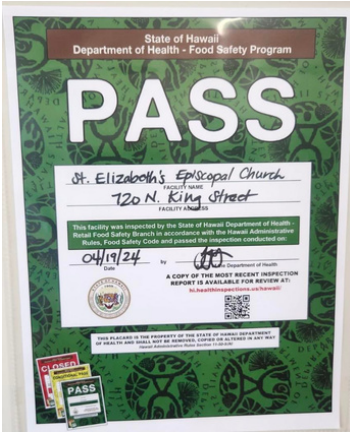
knew someone needed to step up to fill the acolyte and Crucifer positions, especially during the pandemic. These young parishioners saw the need and were eager to devote time and energy to help make our services beautiful and enriching. They aren't only leaders...they have become mentors to the younger ones! Monika, Kesleen, and Me-You are now encouraging the younger kids to don the Alb. Why? They said they want to make sure there are others who can learn the traditions and roles, so they can serve the church in the future. Mahalo and gratitude to these amazing, inspiring youth!

## Thank You, Unsung Heroes



Almighty and ever living God, the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, send forth your Holy Spirit to guide the Search Committee, Vestry and parish family of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church to be of one heart and mind in our search for a rector who will be your faithful servant and who will minister to your flock. The Search Committee of Stuart Ching (center), Janyrah White (left), Arlene Young (right), Harlan Arakawa, and Dawn Webster have spent countless hours interviewing our members and distilling who we are as a parish. The national call, shaped by our Search Committee, has set the stage to find a Rector who will partner with us in the mutual discernment of our mission as Christians, Episcopalians, and followers of Jesus.

## Shim Hall Kitchen Passes Inspection! Let's Get Cookin'!



Congratulations to all the volunteers who have kept the Shim Hall Kitchen ship-shape over the last year! Moments around the kitchen become cherished memories. Whether celebrating milestones or simply enjoying a meal, food helps us slow down, talk, laugh, and truly see each other where we are and who we are. Sharing a meal isn't just about satisfying hunger; it's a powerful connection that brings us together, nourishes our bodies, and strengthens our sense of community. Hats off to Faye (center) and Cedric (left) for keeping the kitchen sparkling clean all week long! *I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35*



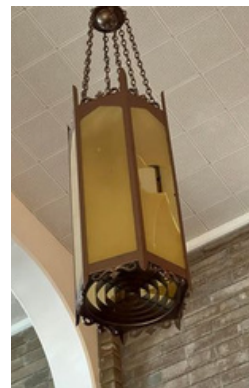
### FREE FOOD SAFETY CLASS

St. E.'s has 5 spots reserved on May 10, 9am-Noon. The class is

designed to provide a basic understanding of food microbiology, major foodborne illnesses, and learn how to implement specific procedures to ensure safe food preparation. Certification is valid for 3 years from the date of successful completion of the class! Contact Cathy Lowenberg if you would like to join the Kitchen Crew!

### Grounds Maintenance: Look Up!

There are two lamps that need TLC! For now, we will rope off the four affected pews, better safe than sorry! Retired contractor (and beloved parishioner), Uncle Charlie Kokubun is inquiring with his colleagues in the glass industry to find out who we can ask to submit bids for glass replacement and removing some glass shards that are visible inside the lamp. Stay tuned for updates!



### Vestry Meeting

Vestry meets the last Sunday of every month. These meetings are open to all! This Sunday we will focus on campus safety. We will spend time discussing what ministries need strengthening or renewal. Finally, we will engage in dialog exploring who we are as Episcopalians, St. E. parishioners, and where we see St. E.'s 5, 10, 20 years from now.



The April 23 Kalihi Interfaith Meeting was hosted by Kalihi Baptist Church. The main topic of discussion was the Waiwai Summer Health Fellowship. The fellowship began in 2017 and offers a structured exploration of the health careers by giving students first-hand experience with community leaders and professionals. They are encouraging 11th grade, 12th grade, and recent graduates to apply! All participants will receive a \$550 stipend. Would St. E.'s assist by hosting specific dates and proving lunch? The Kalihi Interfaith coalition is also in the planning stage to create a Community Youth Event. Should this be a Street Festival Party - what does this look like? The next meeting is August 13th (tentative) @ Kaumakapili Church.