



# The Herald

St. Michael & All Angels, Kauaʻi    Monthly Newsletter    August 2019

## Upcoming Events

- Rally Day! September 7 & 8
- Finance Committee  
August 14, 12:00—1:00 pm
- Property Committee  
August 21, 3:30—4:30 pm
- Joint Vestry & Staff Meeting  
August 22, 4:30—6:00 pm



*Annual Parish Picnic*

## Beginnings...

Andrew McMullen, Rector

I was recently asked, “How did the Episcopal Church end up in Hawaii?” This is not the first time I have been asked this question. As it turns out, we have a very unique beginning in the islands, a beginning that no other church can claim. And as we are poised next month to begin our new formation year, our recommitment to following the love of God in this place, I find it meaningful to remind ourselves of our beginning in Hawaii.

King Kamehameha IV was raised as a child under the instruction of strict and rather dour American missionaries, largely from the Congregational Church. When the young prince visited England, he was received with honor and respect; in addition, he was exposed to the rich ceremonies and rites of the Church of England, what has now become known as the greater Anglican Communion, an experience that made a lasting impression upon him. His queen consort, Emma, had a British grandfather and was raised in the house of a British Anglican doctor. These influences resulted in the inclusion of Anglican prayers during their wedding, although the marriage itself was (continued on the next page)

## Senior Warden’s Update

Gary Elwood, Senior Warden

We often think of the summer at church as a time when most things slow down. Somehow, that is not the case at St. Mike’s this summer. Your vestry seems to be busy with the business, buildings, and vision of the church.

Outreach efforts are underway to our neighborhood and our island community. We are getting ready for our bread walks in late

August and early September, so set aside a couple Saturday mornings and join with all of us as we wander our neighborhood and introduce ourselves to the folks who live near us. We’re also beginning a new website that will be easy for both our members to use as well as inviting to folks who find us first on the web. (continued on the next page)

## Beginnings (continued)

performed by a Congregational minister. In 1859, Queen Emma wrote to Queen Victoria of England to request a clergy presence in Hawaii from the Church of England. This request was met with British support, but the arrival of the American Civil War initially delayed any conversation or action. In addition, Emma's request was met with opposition on the islands as the Congregational Church took a bleak view of the sacraments and rituals of the Anglicans. In the end, Queen Emma and the British prevailed; Thomas Staley was consecrated as the first Anglican Bishop in Hawaii on December 15, 1861. The church in the islands took on a new name: The Hawaiian Reformed Catholic Church. Congregational Church criticism remained, calling the new church, "papist," a criticism that grew more vocal following the elaborate, Anglican funeral service for Kamehameha IV. Other voices pushed back. Mark Twain reacted to the criticism by labeling the Congregationalists as "puritans."

Ultimately, Queen Emma rose above the criticism. The Hawaiian Reformed Catholic Church became the official, royal church of the islands. Emma was baptized as were other members of the royal family. A royal chapel was constructed. Later, in 1867, the cornerstone for a cathedral was laid. Since Kamehameha IV died on the Feast Day of St. Andrew, the new cathedral was named St. Andrew's Cathedral. Queen Emma expanded the Anglican presence, establishing the St. Andrew Priory School for Girls and St. Alban School for Boys, which would eventually become part of Iolani School. Following the overthrow of the monarchy in

1893, and United States annexation in 1898, The Hawaiian Reformed Catholic Church took on a new name: The Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii, a member of The Episcopal Church in the United States and the Anglican Communion.

The Episcopal Church in the islands is not the result of any outside or forced missionary effort. Hawaii has the rare distinction of being one of the very few places in the world outside of England where the Anglican Church exists as result of invitation and intention rather than British imperialism or colonialism. The faith and commitment of Kamehameha IV and Emma are its beginning, and the rich heritage and tradition which followed are now ours in this place. As we embark on a new formation year, may we strive to be worthy of the spirit of invitation and intention of our founders, the faith and work of Kamehameha IV and Emma and those who followed, as we live to be the love of God for each other and beyond.



## Sr. Warden's Update (continued)

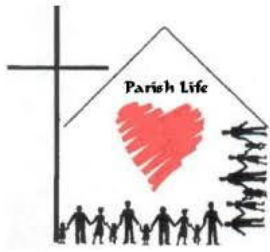
At long last, we are just about to start the remodeling of the 6 bathrooms on campus, and isn't it about time!! Brian and Lindsay are spearheading the efforts, with bids in hand, and start dates looming. The plan is to do 2 at a time, so that we still have working restrooms while the work is ongoing. We are also looking at a few wrought-iron gates to help with security around the campus for our staff and our tenants.

And we are in prayer and conversation about how best to handle the homeless population that

frequents our church grounds. There is a balance between being welcoming to these folks, making sure everyone is safe, and what is our Christian call to reach out and help. As a city center church, this is a normal part of life these days. Geoff is researching how the county and other churches address supporting the needs of this community.

Enjoy the summer, and keep reading the Herald for updates. We'll see you at church.

# Rally Day!



On September 7 and 8, all are encouraged to join us as we recommit ourselves to the life and ministries of St. Michael and All Angels! Following each of our Saturday and Sunday worship services, we will

have a special reception in our Parish Hall. Our purpose is two-fold: First, to again take the opportunity to celebrate our presence in this parish and all the blessings we have received, and second, to answer the call to faithfully serve Christ and each other in this church and beyond.

As you enter the Parish Hall, you will find tables set up which highlight our central ministries and common life at St. Michael's. You are encouraged to visit each one where you will find a variety of information and calendars. Additionally, this year we will have arts and crafts at each table, creatively

## Meet Your Choir Members

Lana Coffman, As Told to Alan Van Zee, Director of Music Ministries



In this issue we're featuring another member of St. Michael's Choir who you may not know. Lana Coffman, a Kauai native, has been singing with us for the past two years or so. Lana has been familiar with St. Michael's Church for a

number of years, "because the church is great at opening its doors to so many community groups and events". She had been to a number of concerts at the church and had sung at the annual Jazz Mass as part of Kauai Voices. When Lana's friend and fellow SMAA Choir member Paula Schultz invited her to sing with the choir, Lana decided it might be something she would enjoy. Lana was already quite an experienced choral singer, having participated in choirs at KCC and UH Manoa, as

representing each ministry! Please take the time to visit each table.

As we did last year, we will use the sign-up sheets to create rosters and better organize our efforts to support all of us in these ministries (Worship: Eucharistic Minister/Visitor, Choir, Altar Guild, Acolytes, Greeter, Healing Prayer; Adult Formation; Child Formation; Pastoral Care: Hospital/Home Visits, Meal Ministry; Outreach: Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry and Meal Ministry; ReSource for Christian Spirituality; Parish Administration; Property and Grounds: Water and Maintain Grounds, Recycling, Disaster Preparedness; Hospitality: Hospitality Committee, Fellowship Hour).

So, even if you are already involved in a ministry, please sign-up again to renew your commitment and to keep us organized! And we urge you to prayerfully consider taking on something new. The following of Love in our world always seeks us to change and take risks, and there is no safer place to do so than at St. Michael and All Angels!

well as being a member of Kauai Voices and singing in a number of musicals staged by Hawaii Children's Theatre and Kauai Community Players. In fact, when Lana joined the SMAA Choir she had also been serving on the KCP Board with Dottie Bekeart and Pat Hillegonds, both long-time members of our choir. Regarding her experience so far with the choir, Lana says, "When I first started singing at St. Mike's, I didn't know any of the songs. I just applied whatever reading skills I had and tuned into the altos around me. We still sing songs I've never heard before, but that is part of the fun, challenge, and beauty of singing. There's always a learning curve. There is quite a bit of variety in the church repertoire". She adds, "Sing at home. Sing in your car. Sing with groups of people. Just sing!" One more thing: Lana says she loves the food and fellowship following the 9:45 service. You can find her there most Sundays, and once most others have left, she'll be helping with clean up. She says it's her way of showing appreciation.



# Parish Life!



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