

THE WEEK THAT WAS

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Galatians 3:26-27



Kilisou for the Wonderful Music!

Every week, St. Elizabeth's members bless our congregation with the most beautiful music. Church musicians make incredible contributions to our service and inspire worshipers with the power of song. The musicians create an atmosphere that transcends the mundane and touches the divine for a brief moment in time.

Churchgoers have the unique opportunity to walk a bridge between the profane and the divine in a bonding worship experience. Through music, anyone can feel this binding spiritual connection and catch a glimpse of the divine.

The people of God sing. The role of music in worship is biblical. After escaping from the Egyptians and crossing the Red Sea, the people of Israel sang a song to the Lord (Exod. 15). Singing was part of Israel's formal worship in both tabernacle and temple (1 Chron. 6:31-32, 16:42). The Psalms bear rich testimony that in joy and sorrow, in praise and lament, the faithful raise their voices in song to God. Hymn singing was practiced by Jesus and his disciples (Matt. 26:30). The Apostle Paul instructed the

Colossians, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col. 3:16-17). Thank you to all our singers and musicians who share their gift of song with us every week. !

God is Love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

In Hawaiian, Kalihi means "place of transition" or "the edge." We are located at the edge of downtown, and we are in constant transition. We work two or three jobs to make ends meet. We grapple with cultural assimilation and poverty. Our social and economic challenges make us vibrant, creative, and tolerant. Most of all, we are blessed with a congregation as diverse as our neighborhood, and they come to St. E.'s because of our invitation to live in love. Bryan (pictured) joined us last week, and he said when he saw the **literal** signs of love and acceptance (look in the photo!), he knew he found a spiritual home. Welcome, Bryan, Marvin, and Troy!





School Supply Drive to Support Our Keiki

Miss Sue and Miss Jamie from Sunday School invite all of us to support St. E. youth who have been coming to church and Sunday School! School supplies and monetary donations for youth from kindergarten to high school are being accepted till July 21.

Miss Jamie announced what types of supplies are at the top of the donations request list:

Items needed: #2 pencils, scissors for preschool and 7 year olds, Elmers liquid glue, glue sticks any brand, cap erasers, flat erasers, pens: blue or black, color markers: slim or wide tip, folder paper: wide or college rule, composition book wide lines, portfolios both pocket and with prongs, 3-ring 1 in. binders, wooden rulers, pencil pouches, crayons: 16 or 24 count. Pencil sharpeners: small one to carry around.

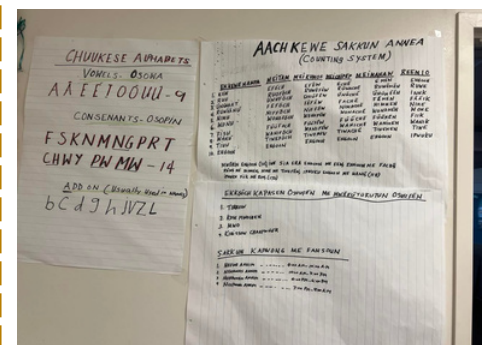
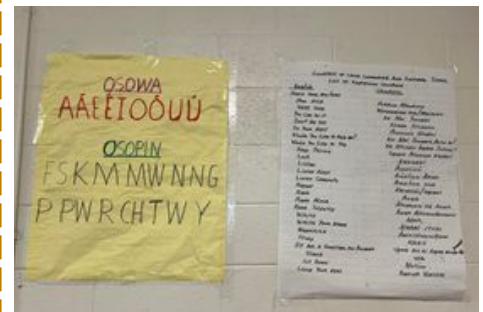
Bags with school supplies will be distributed on the last Sunday of this month, July 28. To pick up, keiki and their family can collect their bags at church that day! For any other questions, ask Miss Jamie or Miss Sue.



Mahalo, Uncle Kent!

Every month, we welcome Kent Kaahanui to Saturday Breakfast as a much loved volunteer! Ken is an Urban Community Health Worker with Ke Ola Mamo, a non-profit dedicated and committed to empowering, educating, and promoting the health and well-being of O'ahu Native Hawaiian communities.

Kose sine fosun chuuk?



Every Monday-Friday 12-3, Pastor Efta's congregation sponsors a Chuukese language class in Shim Hall. They employ Chuukese Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) participants to teach. What a great way to connect across generations!