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Bible Verse of the Week

*Give thanks to the Lord, call on His Name,
 make known among the nations
 what He has done.*

Psalm 105:1

PRINCIPAL NOTES

The first colonists in America suffered many hardships. They spent much time fasting and praying, asking God to help them through their difficult times. It is recorded that one of the colonists suggested that it was time to stop focusing on their problems and to start focusing on their many blessings. The colony was making good progress in constructing their homes, barns, and worship center, harvests were becoming abundant, streams were full of fish, and the forests were full of game. Most of all they now had religious freedom. This colonist recommended that, instead of having another day of fasting, they have a day of thanksgiving. This day would provide an opportunity to worship God, to thank Him for all of His blessings, and to remind each other of all of those blessings, big and small. And that is just what the Pilgrims did!

This year let us follow that early tradition and thank God for His many, many blessings. Take time to thank God, by attending a worship service and/or thanking Him before eating the feast, and take time to talk story with your family and friends about all the wonderful things God has done. Happy Thanksgiving!



JOIN US FOR A
**THANKSGIVING WORSHIP
 SERVICE**
TONIGHT at 6:00

NOTE: NOVEMBER TUITION PAYMENTS
 ARE PAST DUE.

SECOND SEMESTER TUITION PAYMENT
 IS DUE BY DECEMBER 14
 (for those paying by semester)

*Please be sure to read all 3 pages
 of this week's newsletter. Mahalo!*

"CAMEL LOT"

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

at St. Anthony Church 7pm

(that is NEXT WEEK!)



*Students NOT in the cast are to wear a RED ELS
 shirt, black or dark blue long pants, and dark
 colored shoes.*

BLESSING BOXES

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Blessings Box offering project this year. We are pleased to tell you that Mrs. Wilson took 20 bags of food to the Wailuku Union Food Pantry and the Friends of the Children's Justice Center picked-up 30 boxes and bags of toys, art supplies, and gift cards for needy children on Maui. Thank you for sharing your blessings with others!

WINTER INTERSESSION

Registrations for our winter camp are still being accepted. Partial payment must accompany the registration form.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

*Thanksgiving is a time of reflection upon the past
 and an annual reminder that God has,
 again, been ever so faithful to us.*

Charles Swindoll

*Gratitude: being more aware of
 what you have than what you don't have.*

Max Lucado

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov.23 11:00am Holiday Dismissal
- Nov.24-25 **THANKSGIVING**
No School No E+
- Dec.2 **CHRISTMAS MUSICAL** 7pm
- Dec.9 Early Dismissal 11:00am
Teacher Staff Meeting
- Dec.14 **2ND SEMESTER TUITION
PAYMENT DUE**
- Dec.14 11:00am Holiday Dismissal
- Dec.15-Jan.2 **Christmas Break**
- Dec.15-30 **E+ Intersession**
- Jan. 3 **School Resumes**
- Jan.11 Report Cards Sent Home
- Jan.13 Early Dismissal 11:00am

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

for the Wailuku Union
 Food Pantry so far
 total **\$1,501.32** plus
 more than 37 bags of
 food items!

LOST SOMETHING?

Sweatshirts, jackets, pants,
 shirts, water bottles, etc!
 Be sure to check the Lost
 & Found box in the office.
 Items will be donated to
 the Woman's Shelter
THIS WEEK!

DECEMBER 2011

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN



DECEMBER'S VENDOR

Pizza-In-Paradise

Lunch ticket \$4.75

Booklet of 5: \$23.00

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
				1 Cheese Pizza Applesauce	2 Chicken Nuggets Bun Pineapple cup	
	5 Grilled Cheese on Whole Wheat Bread Pineapple Cup	6 Mac & Cheese Mixed Veggies	7 Huli Huli Ham with Cheese Sauce Fruit Cup	8 Pepperoni Pizza Crackers	9 Early Dismissal 11:00 Kiawe Grilled Cheeseburger on Homemade Bun Chips	
	12 Fried Rice with Spam, Mixed Veggies, and Egg Fresh Fruit	13 Pigs in a Blanket Applesauce	14 11:00 Early Dismissal Turkey Sub on Homemade Bun Lettuce, Tomato	15 CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS Winter Intersession Begins	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES Sunday School Service 6pm Lahaina 9pm
25 CHRISTMAS SERVICES 8:00 and 10:15	26 	27	28	29	30	31

BAND FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITY

If you do any Christmas shopping on Amazon.com, our band can receive 4% back on each purchase.

Please use the following site:

<http://els-maui.org/AmazonBand.htm>

Mahalo!



ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES COMING!

Advent is the period of time from this Sunday until Christmas. It is a special time during which we prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Emmanuel Lutheran Church holds special worship services every Wednesday evening beginning NEXT week. You are invited to join us for Soup Supper at 5:30 and worship at 6:30. We would love to help you prepare for Jesus' birth!

LOVE AND LOGIC

Our school discipline policy is based on the research done by Jim Fay, David Funk, and Dr. Foster Cline as outlined in their book Teaching With Love and Logic. In 2008, when we began to implement this discipline philosophy, I wrote several brief articles to help parents understand the basic ideas behind this philosophy of discipline. I would like to review these ideas with you now.

One of the goals of *Love and Logic* is to increase the level of **respect** (towards God, ourselves, others, property, and the teaching/learning process) evident here at our school. A second goal is to increase the level of **personal responsibility** for one's own actions. *"If my actions, words, or behavior cause a problem, than I am responsible for finding a solution to the problem that I caused."*

We all make choices. Sometimes these choices are "good" ones; choices that show respect for all around us. Sometimes these choices are "poor" ones; choices that show disrespect, choices that hurt, choices that disrupt or distract. The goal of our discipline policy is to acknowledge the "good" choices our students make and also to help students respond appropriately when a "poor" choice has been made. Helping a student solve the problem that the "poor" choice caused is one way to help him/her learn to take responsibility for his/her own choices.

If a student has made a "poor" choice, the first step will be taken by the teacher or staff member. The goal will be to help the student understand why it was a "poor" choice, to figure out what needs to be done to "make it right" between the student and whoever else was involved, and, finally, whether the choice calls for a further consequence. If the student repeats the same "poor" choice, he/she may be sent to the office to speak with me. After conversation with me, the student may be asked to call a parent to explain what has happened, what needs to be done to "make it right", and to ask whether the parent thinks that he/she is ready to return to class and behave in an appropriate manner. *At this point we are not asking the parent to lecture or discipline the student further, but to encourage the student to make the good choices that we both know he/she can make. When the parent, the student, and I are confident that he/she is ready to go back to class, he/she will do so.*

Students (and adults) today need to know that they are capable of good choices, that they will make mistakes, and that they can figure out how to correct those mistakes. Discipline based on punishment teaches none of these things. Discipline based on respect and taking responsibility can!