

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

October, 2022

Aloha Kakou,

When I think of October, I think of pumpkins and spice, All Hallow's Eve and Reformation, 95 Theses and Martin Luther. I think of falling leaves and chillier mornings. Yep, even here in Mililani. Even here in what feels like an unusually warm fall.

I'll be gone to California for about five-six days, starting Saturday, October 15. As the Dean of the Hukilau Conference, I will be attending the Installation of Bishop Dave Nagler in San Diego the next afternoon. Chaplain Mark Weathers will be preaching that Sunday and Pastor Dale Burke will be leading worship and presiding at Holy Communion. So, don't miss out on "second opinions" from the altar and pulpit!

After Bishop Dave's installation, I will head out to what is called "The Oasis" (all one word) which is described as a joint church leaders' event (a theological oasis) for rostered leaders (pastors and deacons), professional lay church staff, youth leaders, church administrators, office managers, outdoor ministry leaders, and worship leaders. I haven't been since 2013 but since I'm already there ... And the title of the gathering sounds interesting: "Grief: Reflecting on Loss, Love, and Leadership."

Finally, I'll be attending a Boundary Workshop for Rostered Leaders.

Synod policy requires rostered ministers to participate in a Basic Boundary Workshop every three years that emphasizes the church's expectations for their professional ethics, finances, social media use and prevention of sexual misconduct. The synod considers racial justice a necessary part of healthy boundaries. I am proud of the diligence of the ELCA in requiring these ongoing trainings. It just amazes me that many unaffiliated churches centered around a pastor's personality more than anything else require little to no accountability from their clergy and lay leaders.

As we open back up and learn to find our way about with the pandemic, I think one of the key offerings a congregation can make to its surrounding community is a leadership with good, solid boundaries.

When I return, I'll let you know how it all turns out as we head into All Hallow's Eve and Reformation.

Blessings,

Pr Keith

PS – don't forget to WEAR RED on October 30th!



You are welcome at the table found at Christ Lutheran Church.

Welcome to those of you who come bearing diverse gifts including wisdom regarding sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions.

Welcome to all of you for your diverse colors, shapes, cultures, backgrounds, and traditions.

Welcome to those of you born here and to those of you flown here.

We seek to rejoice, grieve, heal and reconcile together as we gather around Jesus' table, which has been laid out for all.





A Huge Mahalo to Carolyn Koehler

for her years of service and dedication to CLC. Carolyn retired from her position as

Office Administrator at the end of August. She will be staying on in a limited capacity to do bookkeeping for our church. She is an incredible blessing to CLC!

Mahalo, Mahalo, Mahalo Carolyn!





Celebrations - Blessings to All of You



Happy Birthday

October 5 Pam Lanias October 9 Marion Thompson October 18 Dick Crislip October 19 Jackie Pana October 20 Tina Cox October 21 Rick Mvers October 23 Linda Santos October 24 Autumn Maainot October 26 Adam Burke October 28 Alice Culpepper Michelle Colte October 31

Wedding Anniversaries

October 7 Mary Lou & Vern Kimoto
October 22 Dale & Barbara Burke
October 27 David & Andy Sikkink

Baptismal Anniversaries

October 13 Dale Burke
October 23 Mae Norton
October 27 Chieko Higuchi
October 28 John Clere

If we missed your special day, please let the office know (office@clcmililani.org)

Mahalo Nui Loa!

To **Ele Clere** for her years of service to CLC as Lead counter (teller) of our 4th Sunday Church Service. We applaud her for her many years of service and dedication. She also served as Church Treasurer prior to her Teller role. Well Done Ele! You are missed and appreciated!

To **everyone** who volunteered, helped and assisted at the Annual Hawaii Hukilau Assembly Conference on Saturday, September 17th. CLC was chosen as this year's host and the Conference was a great Success!

To **Chieko Higuchi** who took lots of pictures at the September 17th Hawaii Annual Hukilau Assembly held on our campus. Many of Chieko's photos are featured on page 5.



Honolulu Pride Parade



We have been invited to join a number of other churches to march with them in the Honolulu Pride Parade on Saturday, October 15th. Meet at 9am at Magic Island, Parade will start at 10:00am and we should be back

to magic Island by 11:30am. A trolly will be available for keiki and kupuna to ride along. Let Pastor Keith or Anna Hamaguchi know if you are interested.



Join the CLC Choir!

The Bible says "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord." Tom Koenig would like to lead the CLC Choir back into service soon and plans to help them make many "Joyful Noises" to enhance our worship services. If you are interested in exercising your vocal skills in this way, please contact Tom by email or text at koenig@hawaii.rr.com or 808-781-1471. Prior choir members and non-choir members are

welcome. Please get in touch with Tom as it's important for him to have a sense of who's interested. More details will be announced as they are available.



Become a Church Teller!

Do you have an hour a month to spare? Help count our church offerings on the 4th Sunday of each month after the 11am service. No special talent is needed, except you must be a member of CLC. Plan to spend one hour or less per your assigned Sunday. Please see Mary

Lou Kimoto after church or contact her at 808-623-2389.



Sunday Brunch

The next **Sunday brunch** will take place on Sunday, October 23rd between services (approximately 9:15-10:30). Bring whatever you'd like to share or just bring your appetite. All are welcome to this monthly time of fellowship and fun.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 IHS Ministry
2 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Healing Sunday 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Chaplain Mark Presiding 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship &	17 Intl. Day for the Eradication of Poverty	18	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22
23 8 am In-person Worship 9:15am Sunday Brunch 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation 12:30 pm Church Council	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Reformation Sunday 8 am In-person Worship 11 am in person Worship & by Zoom Invitation	31 Reformation Day Happy Halloween!					



Check out our New Logo!

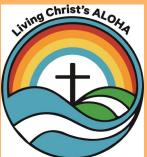
It seemed fitting to the Church Council that after enduring what we have endured the last few years and as we "re-orient" ourselves to new realities both within and without our congregation, a new logo would be appropriate.

With lots of commentary from council, members, and me, Nolan Acosta worked on this logo for over a year. We came up with several iterations of this, some with verbiage, some without. Depending on which social media platform, bulletin, newsletter, or stationary (yup, we still used stationary!) we use, we can easily adapt this logo. We can also add "Living Christ's Aloha", "Christ Lutheran Church", and our location in, with, under and around it.

I really like this logo as have most who have seen it. We see anew our faith with the Cross at its center, immersed deeply in God's creation – earth, air, sky, and water, supported and held together by the firmament, and blessed by the rainbow of Hawaii and the wonderful diversity of our human community. I have uploaded it to most of our social media so that you can check it out.

Blessings, Pr Keith





Covid Bivalent Booster Vaccine Now Available!



Sign up to get the COVID Bivalent Booster vaccine (either Pfizer or Moderna Bivalent Booster vaccine) Go to the website: https://www.vaccines.gov to sign up and get your COVID Bivalent Booster vaccine at your nearest pharmacy. Anyone who is 12 years and above can get the Pfizer Bivalent Booster vaccine, FREE. Anyone who is 18 years and older can get the Moderna Bivalent Booster vaccine FREE. Those who have Kaiser Medical Insurance, please

call Kaiser for further details.



October Worship

Sunday Worship 8 am and 11 am

Masks not required but encouraged

The 8 am service is offered on Facebook and the 11 am service is offered on Zoom.

Both feature on-line Communion.

The Liturgy of Healing is included in each service on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

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