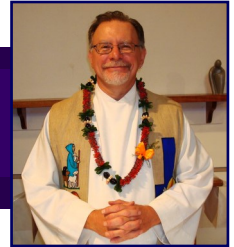


March 2016

Together We Are The Church



Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

The last few weeks I have been talking about a number of themes that are important to me in my own faith:

- ***Theology of the Cross*** - which is not a metaphysical theory of atonement but a way of seeing our whole world: by suffering love or defensive displays of overt power, by divine grace or human glory, by God's initiative or human effort?
- ***How we think the faith*** – what is the place of insight and intuition as well as reason and logic? How do we think about what we think and do? (I know, this can get thick, but it's important to entertain this question. So, please, don't give up on me yet!)
- ***How we profess the faith*** – what do we publicly declare as the “meditative core” of our faith? What scriptures, traditions and historic struggles, personal, familial, religious and communal have shaped and influenced the following: How do we think of God? What does it mean to be human? What do we mean when we profess Jesus as the Crucified Christ? What does it mean to be “saved”?
- ***How we confess the faith*** – how does faith meet life on a daily basis? Where does text meet context? How do we live out the Gospel of God's unconditional love for us and this creation as we experience it in Jesus the Crucified Christ?

It's the season of Lent. I start thinking like this, reflecting intensely on my own personal faith in the context of how I was raised, was educated, worked, played, reflected and acted in my own personal and professional life.

None of this “stuff” is easy. Nor is it logical in a clean, linear sort of way. It can lead to the questioning of everything in my life. Often, it does.

In a world where the historic Protestant faith in general and our Lutheran confessional faith in particular is rapidly disappearing, not only in Hawaii but just about everywhere, it's important for us to ponder who we are, whose we are and who is welcome. It's another way of asking what I wrote in my annual report:

“What is church, anyway?”

A Blessed Lent,

Handwritten signature of Pastor Keith.

Pr Keith

PS – Still wondering if anyone is reading this ...

Sunday Calendar

9:15 a.m.
PBJ's

9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

9:45 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study - 3rd Sundays

10:45 a.m.
Service of Holy Communion
With Children's Message and
Healing Prayers with Anointing

Professional Keiki care
provided

Healing Service - 2nd Sundays

HOLY WEEK

March 20 Palm Sunday Service at 10:45 AM

March 24 Maundy Thursday Service
at 7 PM @ JOC

March 25 Prayer Vigil 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Good Friday Service at 7 PM

March 27 Easter Sunday
6:30 AM Sunrise Service
9:30 AM Breakfast
10:00 AM Keiki Easter Egg Hunt
10:45 AM Worship Service



LEND US YOUR PALMS

Calling all folks with palm branches to spare and potted palm plants: We would love your palms to decorate the sanctuary and give to church goers on **Sunday, March 20 - Palm Sunday**. If you have palm branches or plants (plants for loan only; to be picked up after service on Sunday), please contact Jane Yanagida. We'll need your branches on Saturday, March 19 - when we hope you all - whether you donate palms or not - can join us to decorate the sanctuary at 10:00 am. Mahalo!

Anniversaries

Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Kendon Albers
01 Frank Vidmar
03 Amber Hind
09 Caleb Pia
13 Quinlyn Peacock
14 Adam Burke
18 Michael Walley
31 Avery Bishop
31 Paul Jampole



Happy Birthday

01 Sabrina Gustafson
01 Joel Sikkink
02 Christopher Lantias
03 Lisa Yanagida
04 Frank Vidmar
09 Nicole Wiedemann
09 Keola Lantias
16 Barbara Springer
17 Steve Peterson
17 Carol Larson
17 Kai Omo
20 Gui Rong Xu-Peterson
20 Keri Stenerson
26 Jerry Omo
29 Hannah Lantias
29 Heidi Lantias
30 Judy Kaupp
31 Calista Bianchi

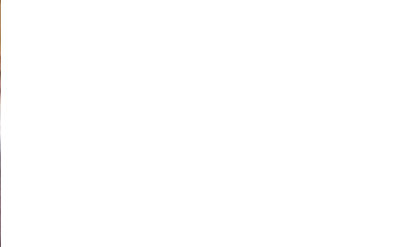
Wedding Anniversaries

07 Gary & Eileen Ward
14 Tom & Jennifer Ward
19 Steve & Giu Rong Peterson



2016 Annual Variety Show







ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL

Friday, March 25, 2016, 6:30 AM-6:30 PM

A time for quiet prayer in the CLC sanctuary. Prayer resources will be provided. Sign up for 1/2 hour or longer time slots. If you are not sure when you can commit, feel free to come at any time, and stay as long as you like. Sign up on Sunday or with Eileen: 623-6236, or eileenward@mac.com.



Soup Suppers are back!

Bring your favorite pot of soup to share! Join us during this Lent Season on Wednesday evenings through March 16 at 6:00 p.m. for fellowship and Soup Suppers.

Prayer Request

Prayers of good health are requested for Rose.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2016

Mahalo to everyone who participated in our annual Souper Bowl of Caring! Broncos and Panthers fans donated a total of 105 food items (a dozen more than last year). In addition our CLC ohana also contributed \$225 in cash donations (surpassing last year by \$100). The Private Sector North Shore Food Bank picked up the donations for distribution to local people in need.

Nice going, sports fans and caring neighbors!

Mahalo, Eileen

Lenten Bible Study

Are you interested in learning more about the Lutheran understanding of the Christian faith?

Would you like to refresh and/or deepen your faith?

Are you searching, that is, looking for something of substance in the religious world that often descends into little more than clichés, slogans, and formulaic doctrines?

Then join our Lenten Wednesday evening study at 7 PM,

Baptized, We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life, by Daniel Erlander.

A Way of Hearing— March 2

A Way of Teaching – March 9

A Way of Following – March 16

There is plenty of Bible, tradition, reason and experience involved. Opinions are respected, and views are challenged, probed and encouraged. Conversation and questions are welcome.

At the completion of the series, those of you who would like to consider becoming official members Christ Lutheran Church can have that conversation with Pastor Keith. On the Sunday after Easter (or thereabouts) we would then have the Rite of Reception (of New Members).

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Keith. Also, if you are interested in the class but Wednesday evenings are not good for you, please let us know. Opening a second class on another day, including Saturday mornings and/or Sunday after church is a possibility.





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