



Together We Are The Church

September 2021

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

My how things have turned in these past two months. We resumed singing behind our masks and now, we are back to humming only. Many of you are back Zooming and Facebooking instead of coming to the in-person worship. Record numbers of infections, increasing hospitalizations and rising death counts. All among the unvaccinated. Now, hospital administrators are telling us their systems are stretched to the limit and beyond. The mayor has restricted social gatherings to 10 indoors and 25 outdoors, with religious organizations like churches, temples, and mosques being excepted.

I take exception to the exception. Churches should not be exempt from public health strictures. A healthy relationship between Church and State should include institutional separation and functional interaction. Church and State should be separate, neither one controlling or using the other for their own purposes.

But religion and politics, faith and justice, are all deeply intertwined in complex ways that will never be untangled. Nor should they be. Public health is one of those arenas of tangled, functional interaction. We don't get some sort of "magic shield" when we walk into the sanctuary of Christ Lutheran Church. Germs, bacteria, and viruses don't kick back because we declare our campus to be a "holy place." Jesus is our Messiah, not our Magician. God protects us by giving us knowledge, wisdom, and insight into medical care, public health, and moral behavior. Which is why we ask worshipers to be masked, distanced, and vaccinated.

The best way to honor our Creator, Redeemer, and Guide these days is to wear a mask, wash your hands, keep your distance, and get vaccinated. We love God by loving our neighbor and keeping them safe.

To that end, I will honor the mayor's restrictions in our Sunday worship. Since we are "outdoorsy," no more than twenty-five in the sanctuary. No problem for the 8am service. At 11am, if we hit twenty-five, I'll ask people to take a seat outside in the courtyard. Having looked at our decreasing in-person numbers the last few weeks, I don't think this will be a problem for us.

And remember, if you're not vaccinated, there are plenty of safe ways to worship with the communion of saints known as Christ Lutheran Church. Please join us via Zoom or Facebook Live. Or visit us later on our YouTube Channel or Sound Cloud. And then, please, get vaccinated.

I'm probably preaching to the choir here. So I won't belabor these Sunday morning worship guidelines. Know that wherever you are and however you're feeling, the Holy Spirit of Jesus is with you, with us, and that our Gospel – that Life, not Death, is the Final Word – still is our message of hope and comfort.

Blessings,

Pr Keith



*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.*



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Church Council Meeting August 15, 2021

Due to the increase in Covid cases, it was decided to hold the August 15th meeting via Zoom once again. Highlights include:

- ◆ Approval of the revised by-laws to be presented to congregation for passage
- ◆ Presentation of the estimated costs of projects to be financed through the mortgage re-fi, including repaving the parking lot, replacing the fencing along the Lanikuhana & Hokuwelowelo sides of the big lot, repairing/replacing drywall, flooring, and blinds in the offices, installing a new backflow, and providing fencing around the community garden.
- ◆ Discussion of the purchase of a new piano for the sanctuary
- ◆ Planning for recruiting members willing to run for next year's Church Council



Next Council meeting: September 19 (in person or via Zoom to be determined)

Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

Happy Birthday

- Sept 10 Vern Komoto
- Sept 13 Andrew Zaffke
- Sept 14 Otto Vonberg
- Sept 18 Ritter Zaffke
- Sept 19 Leif Vonberg
- Sept 14 Dale Burke

Baptismal Anniversaries


- Sept 1 Gary Ward
- Sept 3 Sally Little
- Sept 10 Sally Kino
- Sept 11 Zella Zaffke
- Sept 14 Meadow Spangler
- Sept 24 Paulette Collins
- Sept 28 Brian Burke


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

Wedding Anniversaries


- Sept 17 Jefery & Amanda Spangler
- Sept 21 Carrie Nelson & Jackie Pang
- Sept 22 Eric & Rose Melin

Mahalo Nui Loa

 to **Jef, Amanda, Hunter, Meadow, and Jia Spangler** for continuing to spearhead our ministry at IHS. They prepared and served 295 meals to the homeless across 6 shelters on the first Saturday in August.

 to **Riana Prigel** for being the first volunteer since the pandemic began to help the Spanglers with serving the meals at IHS.

 to **all those who provided cookies** to fill out the meals served at IHS.

 to the congregation's **Officers and Church Council** for working diligently to make decisions to keep us safe and being flexible as circumstances change.

Give Aloha Returns September 1!

CLC organization code: 77769

Once again CLC is registered to participate in the annual Give Aloha program, sponsored by Foodland/Western Union.



give aloha
Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

How It Works

From **September 1-30**, customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 to participating Hawaii non-profit organizations at checkout. Donations are accepted at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms checkout. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation. Individuals must use their own Maika'i number to make a donation. Donations made without a Maika'i number will not be matched. This year, donations can also be made when you place an online grocery order for curbside pickup or delivery at <https://shop.foodland.com/>.

How to Donate

At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide your number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to **Christ Lutheran Church**, code number **77769**. If you do not have a Maika'i card/number, you may request to establish one. Your donation will be added to your grocery purchase total. You may donate up to \$249 per organization; any portion exceeding \$249 will not be matched. The amount you donate and the name of our organization will appear on your receipt. Donations must be payable to Foodland or Sack N Save.

Acknowledgement of Your Donation

Donor names will not be released to our organization. **Therefore, if you would like to us to know of your gift, (and include it on your quarterly statement for tax purposes), please contact us directly so that we may properly acknowledge your gift. You may ask the cashier for a duplicate receipt to submit to us.**



Pastor Keith has recorded a short video regarding worship practices at CLC and a prayer for protection for those caring for Persons Struggling with COVID-19. It can be accessed at https://youtu.be/4_xrzEiMRtM. Please check it out.



SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Give Aloha begins!	2	3	4
5 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	
12 Healing Sunday <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	13	14	15	16	17 Newsletter Deadline	18
19 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i> <i>Church Council</i> <i>In person or via Zoom</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	27	28	29	30		

Remembering Queen Lili`uokalani



Lili`uokalani, born September 2, 1838, was the only queen regnant (woman ruling as a “king” and not just a spouse) and the last sovereign monarch of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Lili`uokalani ascended to the throne on January 29, 1891, nine days after her brother's death. During her reign, she attempted to draft a new constitution which would restore the power of the monarchy and the voting rights of the economically disenfranchised. She also staged a valiant though ultimately unsuccessful effort to prevent American annexation of her lands. Threatened by her attempts, pro-American elements in Hawai`i overthrew the monarchy on January 17, 1893.

Lili`uokalani began her musical training at around age seven as part of her schooling. Taught by missionaries, she was an adept sight-singer who developed perfect pitch and was proficient in playing the guitar, piano, organ, autoharp and zither. The song of the lover’s embrace, known as “*Aloha `Oe*,” was published in 1884, and became the best known of Queen Lili`uokalani’s verses, but it’s just one of more than 200 works she composed during her lifetime. She was also the author of a Hawaiian history book, *Hawai`i's Story by Hawai`i's Queen*. Lili`uokalani died at her residence, Washington Place, in Honolulu on November 11, 1917.



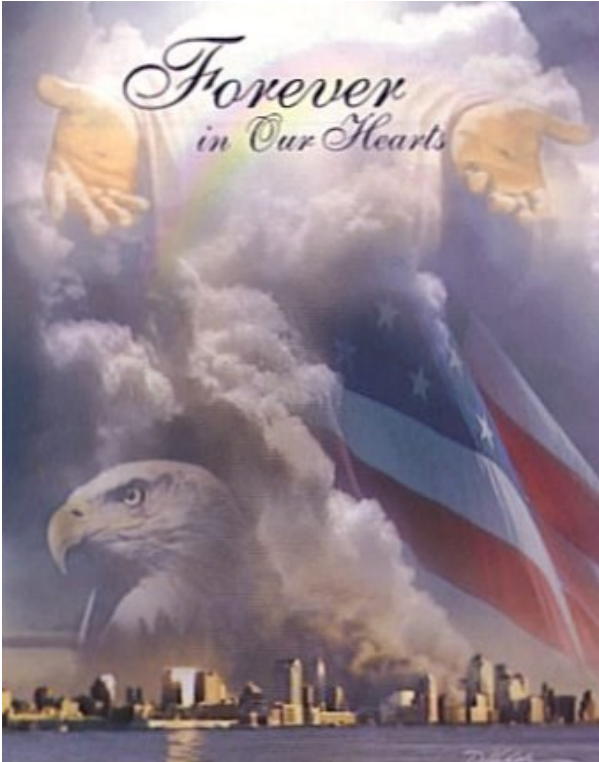
And the Veggies Just Keep on Coming!

This is just a sample of the results of the labors of the gardeners in the Aloha Agape Community Garden (AACP). Wouldn't you like to put some of these on your family's dinner table? We still have plots available for the dirt cheap price of \$60 per year. If interested, please contact Pastor Keith or the church office.

If you call the church office during the month of September, you'll hear a new voice. Roy Helms will be covering during Carolyn's vacation. Mahalo, Roy.



Remembering September 11, 2001



Almighty God,
through Jesus you have taught us to
love one another, to love our
neighbors as ourselves, and even to
love our enemies. Help us to see each
person in light of the love and grace
you have shown us in Christ. Put
away the nightmares of terror and
awaken us to the dawning of your
new creation. Establish among us a
future where peace reigns, justice is
done with mercy, and all are
reconciled. We ask these things in
the name and for the sake of Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen.





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September Worship

Sunday worship - 8 am and 11 am

Both in-person services abide by strict pandemic guidelines.

The 8 am service is offered on Facebook and the 11 am service is offered on Zoom. Both feature on-line Communion.

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