

November 2019

Together We Are The Church

## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

I want to take this moment to thank everyone for the warm wishes and kindnesses you offered me upon the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination. And all of that delicious food! A shared meal always tastes better. As I have said before, lots of ups and downs, ins and outs, in my ministry. And as I said in the sermon last Sunday, lots of Awful, Wonderful and Maybe. Depends on time and circumstance.

What has amazed and humbled me is how over the years of my “Ministry of Maybe,” how much I have been loved by people, both in and out of church, more than I could ever have imagined or hoped for. Or that I ever felt I deserved.

It’s how I was formed, deformed and reformed (a la my Reformation Sunday reflections in my sermon). I’m also reflecting on two other sets of paradoxical words: identification, disidentification and reidentification. And orienting, disorienting and reorienting. All three seem to be happening at once.

All at once. Simultaneously. At the same time. Lots of paradox. I am both a saint and sinner in the same moment. We all are.

So, we live by grace and forgiveness. Amazing grace from the Cross of Christ.

And all I can say about this amazing grace is “Thanks be to God!” No maybe’s about that.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Keith". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Pr Keith

**Proposed Reconciling in Christ Statement  
Draft to Congregation  
Christ Lutheran Church**

Aloha,

Over this past year, a group of CLC members have been meeting to discuss how to be more welcoming of the LGBTQIA+ communities in our midst, in our local community and on our island. We have had good conversation with many of you who are members and participants of CLC. In response to these many, many discussions and to take next steps in our collective conversation, we have drafted a welcoming statement for your consideration.

We invite you to prayerfully and thoughtfully review it, talk with each other, including those who have been part of the Core Committee, and then join us for a Talk Story Session at our semi-annual congregational meeting on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:00am worship service. We of the Core Committee will also be available after both morning services, and during the week as our schedules permit. While Pastor Keith has offered to be a resource person himself, we want this to be a conversation with our entire faith community. Your thoughts and reflections matter!

Mahalo for your consideration.

**The Draft Welcoming Statement:**

**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.**

October 16, 2019

**Congregational  
Meeting**



**Annual Congregational Meeting  
Nov. 24, 11 a.m.**

## Got Food?

**Our** annual canned food drive takes place here at CLC during the month of November to support needy families of **Central & North Shore Oahu through The Private Sector Hawaii**, an all-volunteer non-profit

organization that provides food, shelter, and other goods and services to the needy. During the holiday season, every food box contains a turkey/ham and trimmings to provide a feast for hungry people. As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, they are finding that there is an ever-increasing demand for what they have to offer, and they can use more help than usual in filling requests for assistance. The PSH is a 501c3 charity, and all donations are tax-deductible. Because they are an all-volunteer organization with minimal operating expenses, all monies and goods donated go directly to those people who can use them the most. *You can help by donating nonperishable food items to the church throughout the month. You may drop them off in the office or the sanctuary.* Your gifts and their intended recipients will receive a blessing at the altar, as the food bank's staff will be with us on **Sunday, November 17** to pick up the donations. Mahalo for your support!



On All Saints Sunday we remember those who have passed on in the last year. If you would like to include your loved ones in our special prayers on all Saints Sunday, please enter their names in our purple "Book of Remembrance" on the information table, or on the **November 3rd** worship bulletin insert card.

## **SPRUCE UP DAY**

*We are having a Spruce Up Day  
NEXT SATURDAY, November 9,  
starting at 7 a.m.*



We need folks to help paint the fence, fill sand bags, and do other projects around the property.

*Hope you can join us!*

*25th Annual Blessing of the Animals  
October 20, 2019*









Several Dogs, 5 caterpillars, 3 cats, 2 guinea pigs, and a parrot were blessed along with prayers of remembrance said by Pastor Keith at our 25th Annual Animal Blessing Day.



**Childcare Now Available**  
We now offer child care during the 10 a.m. Sunday services. The nursery is located in the classroom next to the church office. We welcome our new childcare providers, Leia Seguancia & Kaliko Herrera to our staff.



## Lei Makers Needed - no experience required

Yarn lei are needed for the 2019 Mililani Christmas Parade, which is held on the first Saturday of December. **The time to get started is now!** We will need at least 1,000 lei to handout during the parade. The lei are such a hit and have become a tradition. We always run out before the end of the parade. Attached to each lei is a business card extending an invitation to CLC's Christmas services. Please help by donating your time. (This can be done while watching T.V.) We have the patterns and will give personal instructions if needed, or you can also find visual instructions on You Tube. Donations of red or green yarn are much appreciated!

### Catch the Spirit

Whether spectator or participant, the **Mililani Christmas Parade** is sure to get you into the Christmas Spirit.  
Saturday December 7 at 9 a.m.

We are looking for folks who will represent CLC by walking in the parade and hand out lei to the spectators.

Meet at the line up or come early to the church and help decorate our truck.

Join the fun and help support CLC!

### Be an Angel

Each year we receive 100 ornament tags of needy children on the island from PACT (the Parents and Children Together Organization). We place those tags on our "Angel Tree", which will be up after Thanksgiving. This year **we have only 2 weeks** to purchase gifts for those needy children so that they may receive them in time for Christmas. You can **be an angel** and pick a tag or two from our Angel Tree to purchase a gift/gifts. (No toy guns of any kind please.) We ask that you bring the un-wrapped gift with the tag attached to CLC by pick-up date, Dec. 16th.



Many Thanks!

# Anniversaries

## Wedding Anniversaries

27 Cliff & Pam Lanas

## Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Alena Walley  
01 Benjamin Walley  
07 Ele Clere  
19 Landon Acosta  
25 Rick Myers

## Prayer Recipients and Prayer Providers

If you are in need of prayer, let us know and we'll send your requests to our prayer chain. If you like to pray for others, let us know & we'll add you among our prayer providers.

## Happy Birthday

09 Logan Chong  
09 Amanda Spangler  
12 Victoria Sondall  
22 Kanoa Lanas  
23 Johanna Jans  
24 Chieko Higuchi  
24 Kristen Kino  
27 Nick Jans  
30 Rose Melin  
30 Logan Riehle

## We pray for...

Healing for Tom & Dick.  
Victims of the fires in California.  
Those touched by recent tornadoes & floods.  
Healing for those dealing with mental health issues.  
Victims and survivors of gun violence.  
Compassion for the homeless.  
Support for our military.  
Bless and govern the nations, uniting all humankind in seeking justice and peace.  
Fashion our hearts and guide our deeds in love.



Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer



# NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>FOOD DRIVE</b>						1	2
<b>3 All Saints Day</b> 7am Contemplative Service w/communion  10:00am Communion Worship Service w/Keiki Church	4	<b>5</b> 7:30pm Choir	6	7	8	<b>9 7am</b> 	
<b>10</b> 7am Contemplative Healing Service  10am Healing Service w/Keiki Church		<b>12</b> 7:30pm Choir	13	14	<b>15</b> 4:30pm Council Meeting	16	
<b>17</b> 7am Contemplative Service w/communion  <b>Food Drive Private sector Pick up</b>	18	<b>19</b> 7:30pm Choir	20	21	22	23	
<b>24</b> 7am Contemplative Service w/communion  10am Communion Worship Service w/Keiki Church  <b>11am Annual Congregation Meeting</b>	25	<b>26</b> 7:30pm Choir	<b>27</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>28</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>29</b> Office closed	30	



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### **Sunday Worship**

7:00 a.m.

Contemplative Communion Service

10:00 a.m.

Service of Holy Communion

And Keiki Church

with children's message

Nursery care also available.

Healing Service - 2nd Sundays

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