

October 2016

Together We Are The Church

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

My sister reminded me that this Thursday, September 22nd is the first day of fall. What happened to summer? For that matter, what happened to spring?

It's true, "Time like an ever flowing stream soon bears us away." And not just "us," but all things, including the seasons.

Some of you have asked what I have read – or like to read. Here's some thoughts. I am currently getting into a fascinating book, the End of White Christian America, by Robert Jenkins, which details through statistics and demographics the amazing decline of white mainline and evangelical Protestantism in America. While this is written from a cultural and political perspective as much, if not more so, than a religious perspective, it is certainly giving me pause as I reflect upon the local situations of the two congregations I serve in Central Oahu.

One statistical theme: White Protestants, mainline and evangelical combined, only comprise 32% of the US population, whereas only a few decades ago they had dominated the cultural, political and religious landscape.

What implications lie in this? Not just numbers, which can often tell us whatever we want to know; not just culture and politics, which are becoming increasingly strident and unpredictable, but in terms of the American mythos, our very identity, that is, who we are and what our loyalties and commitments are, who is 'established' and who is 'outsider.' All are now in question if not deep dispute.

What does this mean, perhaps, for our two little congregations? That who, how and what we are may be in for a few more years of a wild ride on the rapids of the river of life.

Our National Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, tweeted yesterday: "Neither culture nor behavior define what is distinctive about the #Lutheran movement. It's our understanding of the gospel." I like that.

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GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS . . .

This year's God's Work, Our Hands project was chosen to show our appreciation to the First Responders in the Mililani and Schofield areas. We did this by delivering a hot meal of chicken, rice, salad, corn, and cookies, along with a bottle of cool water for each of 95 first responders on duty at the lunch hour. In addition to these meals delivered, for those fire fighters who were not able to receive meals, we delivered a thank you poster and cookies.

Thank you so much to Becky Gustafson for coming up with this terrific idea, and for coordinating the logistics involved in contacting the Wheeler & Schofield Fire Stations, the Wahiawa HPD station, the two Mililani fire stations, the Wahiawa fire station, and the EMT station in Waipahu.

A big Mahalo to Jane Yanagida for running point person on this event, and to Joanna Forbes for suggesting and helping arrange the contacts with the military stations. A big Mahalo to each of you who participated by cooking, donating monetary, creating the thank you posters, supplies, and/or meal ingredients, helping on the assembly line to scoop, box, and bag the food, to do set-up and clean-up. A special Mahalo to those delivering the meals and thank you posters that signed by the CLC ohana. Well done to each and every one of you! It was a very large effort that all came together incredibly well on September 11.

- Eileen Ward

Highlights of July 19th, 2016 Council Meeting

Vice-President's Report: Met with Pastor & Collette & achieved success at modifying the Newsletter based on the survey.

Committee Reports:

Outreach & Evangelism – Ideal for GWOH was discussed – serving lunch for First Responders. Details to be worked out.

Property – Rain gutters at house were unclogged by Russ Kino, Pastor and Tenant

Pastor will get a contract with Ace Towing

PV's Contract Accepted and will be signed

Worship & Music – Jane Yanagida's last meeting and the piano tech taught Jane how to get better sound from our piano.

- Becky Gustafson



*Some of the many volunteers-
Chieko Higuchi, Becky Gustafson,
Kathy Maginot, Jane Yanagida,
Barb Burk, & John Yanagida
getting a head start on the food
preparations for our much appreci-
ated First Responders.*

GWOH Sunday 2016

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And that gospel of Jesus Christ says that we are deeply, deeply loved by God, even – especially! – when time like an ever-rolling (ever-roiling?) stream soon bears us – and everything around us – all away.

The unconditional love of God in Christ rolls and roils with us. In that I take comfort and find meaning.

Blessings,

Pastor Keith

Pr Keith

By the grace of God
the Reverend Andrew A. Taylor
is called as the third bishop
of the
Pacifica Synod
of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

He will be installed
at a festive service of Holy Communion
Sunday, October 23, 2016
at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Hope Lutheran Church
45900 Portola Avenue
Palm Desert, California 92260

the Reverend Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
will preside.

Your prayers and presence are requested.
Reception at the church immediately following the service.
Please gather to vest at 3:00 p.m.

Looking ahead:

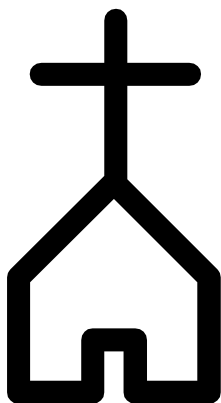
NOVEMBER OUTREACH will be our annual **Food Drive**, in partnership with Rainbow School and the Private Sector North Shore Foodbank. During November we'll be gathering donations at church, until Sunday morning, November 27, when they'll be picked up at CLC.

DECEMBER OUTREACH includes the **Mililani Hometown Holiday Parade**, Saturday, December 3 (We'll need vehicles, drivers, float decorators, and plenty of yarn leis) and our **Angel Tree** giving project to provide gifts for 100 children whose families are helped through PACT (Parents and Children Together).

YARN LEI MAKING is in progress for the Holiday Parade, Saturday. Additional lei makers are always needed. We give out over 1000 yarn leis annually (Our Christmas Eve worship info is on the tag). We have samples, and lei making instruction sheets, and Marilyn Bisquera and others at church to teach you how to make them. If you can donate yarn (any color), you may leave it on the information table that is out on Sundays; lei makers can take it from there. Contact eileenward@mac.com if you need more yarn, lei tags, or instructions.

Mahalo to each of you for reaching out to others in our community. May you be blessed as you bless others, while doing God's Work with Our Hands.

- Eileen Ward, Outreach chair



Beginning Sunday, October 9th, CLC will hold an early 7:00 a.m. service of Holy Communion. This service will be simple, without much music, but with plenty of quiet time for reflection. This service will be tried out through December, on a weekly basis, and then, evaluated in January. We look forward to seeing you!

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



1
IHS

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10:45am
Pet Blessing
Service

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5
7pm Hand-
bells

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9 7am Wor-
ship Service
9:30am PBJ's
10:45am
Healing Service

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12
7pm Hand-
bells

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16 7am Wor-
ship Service
9:30am PBJ's
10:45am
Communion
Worship

17

18

19
7pm Hand-
bells

20

7pm Council
Meeting

21

22

23 7am Wor-
ship Service
9:30am PBJ's
10:45am
Communion
Worship

24

25

26
7pm Hand-
bells

27

28
Newsletter
Deadline

29

10am OPOH

30 7am Wor-
ship Service
9:30am PBJ's
10:45am
Communion
Worship

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October is National Breast
Cancer Awareness Month.

Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

02 Regan Brady
05 Pam Lantias
06 Susan Weinhardt
09 Marion Thompson
11 Richard Larson
14 Kyle Kino
15 Matthew Fulton
17 Elaine Vidmar (in memory)
18 Dick Crislip
20 Tina Cox
21 Rick Myers
23 Linda Santos
24 Autumn Maginot
26 Adam Burke



Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Gary Laabs
03 Dylan Imhoff
11 Shane Jampole
13 Dale Burke
15 Anela Pia
15 Brant Pia
17 Tom Ward
25 TJ Bernard
25 Maxwell Gunter
25 Olivia Gunter
27 Chieko Higuchi
28 John Clerc
31 Caitlynn Buchman

Blessing of the Animals Oct. 2nd

The 22nd Annual PET SUNDAY is being held on October 2, 2016. Bring your pets to worship service and a Special Blessing at 10:45 a.m. Please have your pet on a leash or in a carrier and under your control at all times. **Prayers of Remembrance** will be said for pets who have died this past year. Please call the church office 623-9229 or email: office@clcmililani.org with the names.



Wedding Anniversaries

07 Mary Lou & Vern Kimoto
22 Dale & Barb Burke
27 David & Andrea Sikkink

Birth Announcement

Congratulations

*David & Ally Niblick
on the birth of their
son Luke Niblick*





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95-1361 Meheula Parkway
Mililani, HI 96789



Sunday Worship

7:00 a.m.

Service of Holy Communion

9:30 a.m.

PBJ's Puppet Team

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

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