Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

On this coming Sunday, it will be a full two months since I began serving as pastor to both Christ and Joy of Christ Lutheran churches. We've had good turn outs at everyone's worship services. I sensed a (re)newed energy level amongst both long term members and newer worshipers. I, too, have felt a personal/ professional sense of renewal, as well. I am praying that this is God's Holy Spirit blowing refreshment and resurrection life through our gatherings around Word and sacrament, prayer and praise.

Ascension Day, the day when Jesus "went to the Father," is Thursday, May 14th. It's always forty days after Easter Sunday, which means it is always on a Thursday. Pentecost Sunday, the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the followers of Jesus and the Church came into being, is ten days later, on May 24th. Hence, the name "Pentecost," which comes from the ancient Greek word for "fifty," meaning fifty days after Easter.

These are times for reflecting upon our congregational missions, purposes and directions. Such reflecting is even more appropriate for us as we ponder our own new situations as partnered congregations.

How shall we as followers of Jesus in this particular time and place, in 2015, in Central Oahu, ascend to the Father?

How shall we perceive the Holy Spirit coming upon us?

How shall we be Church with each other and with those around us?

These are key questions in complex, changing and uncertain times. These are questions to pray about, think about, and talk about with each other.

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Some things about the partnership are exciting. Some things we already know are a challenge. Other things, both exciting and challenging, foreseen and unforeseen, will continue to arise. I look forward to these times of discernment with you in the next few months.

Ke Akua me ke Aloha,

Pr Keith

CALLING ALL YOUTH

The last Oahu Youth Gathering of the school year is Sunday, May 3rd, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wahiawa. We will be taking a guided tour of Kukaniloko — The Birthing Stones -one of the most sacred places in Hawaii. Dinner follows at the church. Contact Ian Colte if you need to carpool from CLC at 3:30.

HUI PU SUMMER CAMP

Attention youth and parents! Looking for a memorable church summer camp experience? Hui Pu at Camp Mokule'ia is back! June 26-28th: Ahe Camp weekend (completed 3-5 grade) June 28-July 3rd: Lokahi Camp (completed 6-8 grade) July 5-10th: 'Opio Camp (completed 9-12 grade) Details and registration info on CLC's Facebook page and this web page: <u>http://episcopalyouthofhawaii.weebly.com/hui-pu-summer-camp-for-youth.html</u> Deadline is June 3rd. See you there!



YARN LEIS STILL NEEDED

We are still making yarn leis for next December's Mililani Christmas parade. Check "the table" for red, green, and white yarn that you make take for free to make these fingermade leis. (Making red and white and green and white leis stretches out the skeins of red and green that we have.) The leis are such a hit and have become such a tradition that we can hand out many, many of them. Attached to each lei is a business card extending an invitation to CLC's Christmas services. Help is needed. How many can we make?

Marilynn Bisquera



SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

Puppet Performance & Ohana Breakfast - 1st Sundays 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 Praise Band every other Sunday

REPRESENT CLC AT THE PSA

CLC still needs one representative to represent our church at the Pacifica Synod Assembly in Riverside, CA from May 28-30, 2015. If you are interested in being a voting representative for our church to the Pacifica Synod, please notify the church office.



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