

December 2016

Together We Are The Church

## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

I was cheered yesterday by the amount of food we and the young students of the Rainbow School donated to the Private Sector, the food charity we have supported over the years on the North Shore. What a plentiful supply that surrounded the Lord's Table in our sanctuary that first Sunday of the liturgical new year, 1 Advent!

I was also heartened when I asked that those of you with "good backs" (unlike mine these days) would help carry the food out to the waiting van. So many of you – young, old and in-between – stepped up and helped. It only took minutes to empty the sanctuary.

As our new bishop, Andy Taylor, noted in his letter to us, "We live in a divided nation." We need to find ways to connect again. I was thinking about that as I watched everyone carrying food out of the sanctuary. "Joint action" one thinker that I like calls it – things we do together without worrying about ideologies, politics or even religion. We don't "think" about it – we just go ahead and do it.

Divisions will remain, but perhaps in some of these "joint actions" – even, especially, the simple actions of carrying food to those who hunger – can become places for building trust, giving us the patience and courage to explore differences together, and find our way about these challenging times.

As we await the advent of God in the birth of a child, one we often describe as "God deep in human flesh," we can wage holy wars over history, reason and dogma. Or we can take up our crosses, feed the hungry, heal the sick, and be hospitable to those living on the edge of our holy wars. Which is what Jesus came to do. Which he did admirably and scandalously. And for which he paid the price. Thinking, acting, praying the faith differently, critically. Daring to love the unlovable and unacceptable. That is what the Advent of our God and the Theology of the Cross is all about.

Mele kalikimaka,



Pr Keith



## New Text Message Service Available at CLC

Ever skip an email from an organization – like say, your church – because, well, you’ve been just too busy to pay attention – and they all seem to be endless? I certainly have. I still do. Regularly.

Ever miss something important because you did? Me, too.

Ever start reading those emails because you missed something? Nope, me, either.

Ever skip a text message from someone? Nope, me, either. I read them all.

So ... in an effort to get the really important news and reminders to you without cluttering up your life, we here at Christ Lutheran Church will be beta-testing some text message services.

You won’t get signed up to something you don’t want. We will be inviting you to try out this service on an “opt-in” basis. You will have the choice whether to join us or not.

We also intend to keep these text messages to a minimum – at most four or five reminders a month in the busy season and even fewer in the slow season of the church.

If you would like to help us test this communications effort out, let Collette know at the church office (623-9229) and she’ll send you an invite. We appreciate your feedback as we work to keep the communications flowing.

Pr Keith

### End of Year Giving Deadline

We will be out of office between Christmas & New Years. All year end pledges, offerings, & donations need to be in **by Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016** for recording and depositing. No guarantees after the 25th. Mahalo for your giving!

# Stay in-touch through Social Media.

Email: [office@clcmililani.org](mailto:office@clcmililani.org)

[prkeith@clcmililani.org](mailto:prkeith@clcmililani.org)

Check out our website & Google calendar

[www.clcmililani.org](http://www.clcmililani.org)

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Also on Instagram @ clcmililani

Tweet us on Twitter

@ clcmililani

@ Pr\_Keith

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Mon

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Fri

Sat



1  
7pm Handbells

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3 9am Mililani  
Christmas Pa-  
rade  
  
I.H.S. Day -  
Serving the  
Homeless

4 **2nd Sunday of  
Advent**  
  
7am Contemplative  
Service  
  
9:30am PBJ's  
  
10:45am  
Worship Service

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7  
  
7pm Midweek  
Advent Bible  
Study & Pray-  
er Service

8  
7pm Handbells

9 **Happy  
Birthday  
Pastor Keith**



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11 **3rd Sunday of  
Advent**  
  
7am Contemplative  
Service  
  
9:30am PBJ's  
  
10:45am Healing Ser-  
vice

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14  
  
7pm Midweek  
Advent Bible  
Study & Pray-  
er Service

15 7pm Hand-  
bells



Angel Tree Pick-  
up

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18 **4th Sunday of  
Advent**  
  
7am Contemplative  
Service  
  
**10am PBJ's Christmas  
Program & Cookies**  
  
10:45am  
Worship Service  
  
11:45am Christmas  
Tree Decorating

19

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21  
  
7pm Midweek  
Advent Bible  
Study & Pray-  
er Service

22  
7pm Council  
Meeting

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24  
  
**6pm & 8pm  
Christmas Eve  
Services**



25 **Christmas Day**  
  
7am Contemplative  
Service  
  
10:45am  
Worship Service

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Newsletter  
Deadline

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10am OPOH @  
Maluhia



## Advent Readings

*Our Advent Season has begun and Becky Gustafson has once again graciously offered to provide readings to go along with the traditional lighting of the Advent wreath candles during the Sunday worship services. Please contact her at [becky.gus@gmail.com](mailto:becky.gus@gmail.com) if you and/or your family are interested in reading.*



### Midweek Advent Services

A mid-week **Advent Contemplative Bible Study and Responsive Prayer Service** will begin on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm, and run through Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>; we will meet in the sanctuary and use the “lectio divina” approach that we used last Lent. We will reflect upon Advent and Christmas scripture passages, relevant to the season. Bring your Bibles.



### Christmas Poinsettias

Honor a loved one with a beautiful poinsettia plant for our Christmas celebration! More information on the information table or contact Marilyn Bisquera. Your name and your loved one's name will be printed in our Christmas Eve program. The plants are larger, fresher, & more beautiful than what you can find elsewhere because we buy direct from the grower. This year we have varieties to choose from with large plants ranging from \$10-\$12 and small plants for \$6. Mele Kalikimaka!

Don't Miss!

**PBJ's**  
**Christmas Program**  
"Was He a Boy Like Me?"



Sunday December 18  
At CLC 10 a.m.

Bring your favorite Christmas  
Cookies to share after the show

Christmas Eve Services  
Saturday December 24  
6 & 8 PM



***Mahalo to Becky Yoza for her Handbell Solo  
on All Saints Sunday***

*Yes, she did play all those bells by herself!*

*You can see her performance on our Instagram  
page.*

*<https://www.instagram.com/clcmililani/>*



*Holy Baptism*

*Luke Oliver Kiblick*

*November 6, 2016*

*We welcome you into the body of Christ*





**INSTITUTE**  
**FOR HUMAN**  
**SERVICES**

We will be serving the homeless again on December 3, 2016 so please sign up to help. It is a great experience and so very much needed and appreciated!



**Come to the Mililani Hometown  
Holiday Parade**

**Presented by the  
Mililani Lions Club**

Participate or Spectate  
SATURDAY December 3  
9 a.m.

We need yarn lei,  
and walkers to hand them out.

This year, in coordination with the Hawaii Foodbank, they are asking for donations of canned or boxed foods. Most wanted are canned meats, fruits, vegetables, and soups. You can drop your donations off at CLC and the parade participants will bring them to the check in on Dec. 3 at the Mililani High School Stadium.

## Angel Tree Time

Each year we receive a list of 100 needy children on the island from the (PACT) Parents And Children Together organization. You can **be an angel** and pick a tag from our Angel Tree (on the lanai) & purchase a Christmas gift for (approx. \$10.00). Please bring the unwrapped gift with the tag attached to CLC by pick-up date, Thursday, Dec. 15th.



***Mahalo for your food donations to the  
Private Sector Hawaii!***

*You can donate by check or Paypal to:  
The Private Sector Hawaii,  
PO Box 1109  
Haleiwa, HI 96712,  
[www.privatesectorhawaii.org](http://www.privatesectorhawaii.org)*

*Thanks Eileen Ward for another successful  
food drive!*



# Anniversaries

## *Happy Birthday*

01 Tullia Salboro  
01 Rob McClain  
03 Marian Crislip  
03 Bill Kriese  
08 Marissa Wiedemann  
09 Jiao Chen  
09 Russ Kino  
09 Keith Wolter  
12 Mano Myers (In memory)  
20 Brooke Bailey  
28 David Sikkink  
28 Robert Alcorn  
30 Kaimana Higa

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

01 Rick & Anne Myers  
12 Jerry & Connie Omo  
13 Joel & Anna Hamaguchi  
27 Bill & Gayle Kriese  
30 John & Ele Clere  
30 John & Jane Yanagida



## *Baptismal Anniversaries*

01 Tullia Salboro  
01 James Lary  
02 Roxy Rabang  
03 Anna Sikkink  
07 Mary Lou Kimoto  
08 Victoria Sondall  
09 Jiao Chen  
13 Natalie Benson  
22 Matthew Fulton  
25 Nicholas Kotouc  
25 Sam Kotouc  
28 Josephine Lilyquist  
28 Marta Sikkink  
30 Keith Wolter  
31 Alex Gustafson

**Hui help needed**  
**for**  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
**6:00 & 8:00 p.m.**  
**Please see the sign up sheet**  
**on the information table.**



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### **Sunday Worship**

7:00 a.m.

Contemplative Communion Service

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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