

December 2019

Together We Are The Church

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

The liturgical church year just ended last Sunday, with Christ the King as the closing festival. Christ rules in grace and forgiveness from a Cross. Hallelujah!

It's Thanksgiving in a couple of days. I'm pondering everything I'm thankful for. So much! For you, for this community of faith, for beautiful Hawaii and the opportunity to live here. For family and friends.

Then, comes Advent and we start all over again with reflection and contemplation of the birth of the Christ Child. During these next four Sundays, we will hear of preparing for Jesus' coming, John the Baptizer's prophecy, Mary's deep faith and the birth of Jesus according to Matthew. All of this will culminate with a shout of joy to the world on a silent night, Christmas Eve, and the birth of Jesus according to Luke. Then, the twelve days of Christmas and God-made-flesh, Emmanuel come among us.

We could use God among us these days. I am so deeply grateful and so deeply anxious at the same time. Perhaps some of the deep divisions that have split our country and our world will be mended at Christmas. Perhaps there can be some healing. I pray especially that it be so for you and yours in the coming seasons.

Feel free to join us for any and all of our worship times together.

Advent Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Keith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K".

Pr Keith

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) To walk in the parade and hand out lei to the spectators.

Meet at the line up (we are #49) or come early to the church and help decorate our truck.



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". 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 and purchase a gift/gifts. (No toy guns of any kind please.) We ask that you bring the age appropriate unwrapped gift, (for approx. \$15) with the tag attached & price tag removed to CLC by pick-up date, Dec. 16th.

Many Thanks!



CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE for the Women of CLC



Sunday, December 8
3 - 5 pm

At the home of Barbara Burke
95-108 Mahoa Place, Mililani

Please bring 2 dozen cookies or candies to share
AND

a container to take some home!

Cookies or candies may be homemade or store bought (no stress).

Please RSVP by email, text or voicemail.
(barbara40888@gmail.com or 808-371-8566)

Note: Mahoa Place is a cul-de-sac with very limited parking.
Additional parking on Wekiu Street. Consider carpooling from CLC.



**Mahalo for your gifts of food to
Private Sector Hawaii!**



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



Blue Christmas

December 22

7 PM

For those feeling blue.

A liturgy of hope.

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 Monday, Dec. 23, 2019** for recording and depositing. No guarantees after the 23rd.

Mahalo for your giving!

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.

Mahalo

to all who contributed to the

Give Aloha Program!

\$ 1191.00	Customer Donations
\$ <u>277.38</u>	Matching Gift
\$ 1468.38	Total



give aloha

Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

Anniversaries

Wedding Anniversaries

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

Baptismal Anniversaries

03 Anna Sikkink
07 Mary Lou Kimoto
23 Tori Sondall
09 Jiao Chen
11 James Sondall
28 Marta Sikkink
30 Keith Wolter

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

03 Bill Kriese
08 Marissa Wiedemann
09 Jiao Chen
09 Russ Kino
09 Keith Wolter
09 Mae Norton
12 Mano Myers (In memory)
20 Jeffery King
20 Mitzi Ludwig
20 Christy Sondall
28 David Sikkink
30 Kaimana Higa

We pray for...

Healing for Tom, Dick, and Mari's mom.
Good health to Eric, Rose, George, & Mari.



We pray for those who are poor and unemployed, those who seek refuge, those who suffer from addiction, and all who are sick.

Grant rest and peace to our faithful veterans, and give wisdom and courage to government officials who lead, serve, and protect.

Give us joy in knowing that our Redeemer lives, and that we will be united with the faithful in a resurrection like his.


*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Advent 7am Contemplative Service w/communion 10:00am Communion Worship Service w/Keiki Church	2	3 7:30pm Choir	4	5	6	7 9am Mililani Christmas Parade I.H.S. Serving Homeless
8 2nd Advent 7am Contemplative Healing Service 10am Healing Service w/Communion & Keiki Church	9	10 7:30pm Choir	11	12	13	14
15 3rd Advent 7am Contemplative Service w/communion 10am Communion Worship Service w/Keiki Church 11am Christmas Tree Decorating	16 Angel Tree Pick up	17 7:30pm Choir	18	19	20 4:30pm Council Meeting	21
22 4th Advent 7am Contemplative Service w/communion 10am Communion Worship Service w/Keiki Church 7pm Blue Christmas	23 Newsletter Deadline	24 Christmas Eve Service 6 & 8pm	25 	26	27	28
29 7am Contemplative Service w/communion 10am Communion Worship Service w/Keiki Church	30	31				



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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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