



Together We Are The Church

September, 2023

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

Last month I talked about how it is okay for us to love ourselves just as we are, right where we are, without condition. We live by grace, by the unconditional love of God in Christ. As Christians, we love because God first loved us (1 John 4:19).

Since then, the fires on Maui have left many of us devastated. Too many people died. Too many are missing. Too many are houseless. Too many pets and other animals died and went missing, too. So much was lost.

Too many people I know and love have died this year. I am writing this note to you on what would have been my late sister Paula's 59th birthday (August 30th). So I am feeling sad all the way round.

I heard recently that grief is love that has lost its object of love, the beloved Other. The relationship has been broken. The beloved Other has gone missing. That Other can be a person, a place, a thing ... even a sacred site, like a church burnt to the ground and with it all its history.

A few years ago as we were in the throes of the pandemic, I preached a sermon about how it would be important to grieve everyone and everything we have lost. After the Great Influenza of 1918-20 faded away, everyone stopped talking about it. They pretended that the flu pandemic never happened. Even the great writers of the Roaring Twenties never mentioned it again. They acted as if it never happened. And they paid the mental, emotional, and spiritual price for forgetting it.

We cannot do that. We cannot forget, whether it be a pandemic, a fire, or a loved one. To forget is to stop loving ourselves, our loved ones, the creation, and even God.

We love because God first loved us. It is okay to be sad, to grieve, because that is the way of love.

Much love,

Pr Keith





*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.*



It's time for us to update our Church Directory!

If you would like to be added, have a change of address or contact info, please notify Shelby in the Church Office at 808-623-9229 or office@clcmililani.org. by **Sept. 22nd.**

Copies of the Directory will be available for your review beginning Sunday, September 3rd on the back table in the Church.



IHS Ministry

Our next ministry date is **Saturday, October 7th.** You can sign up to help with serving the meal or donating cookies at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4EA9AA28A5FE3-clcoctober> or contact Jefery Spangler at 808-728-9144.

Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

Happy Birthday

September 10	Vern Kimoto
September 13	Andrew Zaffke
September 14	Otto Vonberg
September 18	Ritter Zaffke
September 19	Leif Vonberg
September 24	Dale Burke
September 29	Tom Koenig

Baptismal Anniversaries

September 1	Gary Ward
September 3	Sally Little
September 10	Sally Kino
September 11	Zella Zaffke
September 14	Meadow Spangler
September 24	Paulette Collins
September 27	A.J. Striffler
September 28	Brian Burke



If we missed your special day, please let the office know (office@clcmililani.org)



Important Solar Update & notice from the CLC Council

The CLC council will meet on Sept 17 at 11:10am to vote on the solar proposal from Haleakala Solar and any other proposal we receive by that date.

If the council votes to take the proposal to the Church Congregation, the Congregational meeting will take place on **October 1st at 9:15 am.**

Please mark your calendars for this tentative Congregational meeting. MAHALO!

Sunday School Rally Day

September 17, 2023

CONNECT

9:00 AM

(in between the two services)

HO!Y
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BIBLE BROUGHT
TO LIFE

Please join us as we kick off the
2023-2024 Sunday School Year!
We are looking forward to learning
all about God's goodness and love
with all our Pre-K through 6th grade
church members and non-members.
Bring a friend! Tell your neighbors!

**Pastor Keith will be out of the office from
September 11th through September 26th.**

Chaplain A.J. Striffler will be presiding at the
September 17th and 24th Worship Services in
his absence.



****Morning Prayer will be on hiatus while Pastor Keith is away and will
resume on October 4th.**



SEPTEMBER, 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Not a CLC Event: Please contact Al Anon or AA for further information.						
<p><i>Pastor Keith Out of Office September 11th -26th</i></p> <hr style="border: 2px solid blue;"/> <p><i>Morning Prayer will be on hiatus while Pastor Keith is away and will return on October 4th.</i></p>					<p>1 Morning Prayer Give Aloha Begins *Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm</p>	<p>2 Morning Prayer</p>
<p>3 14th Sun after Pentecost 8 am In-person Worship</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</p>	<p>4 Morning Prayer</p> <p>Office Closed Labor Day Holiday</p>	<p>5 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>6 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>7 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>8 Morning Prayer</p> <p>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm</p>	<p>9 Morning Prayer</p>
<p>10 15th Sun after Pentecost</p> <p>**Healing Sunday</p> <p>8 am In-person Worship</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</p>	11	12	13	14	<p>15</p> <p>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm * AA 7:30pm</p>	16
<p>17 16th Sun after Pentecost</p> <p>Pastor AJ Presiding 8 am In-person Worship 9:00am Sun School Rally Day 9:15am Sunday Brunch 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation 11:10am Council Solar Mtg.</p>	18	19	20	21	<p>22</p> <p>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm * AA 7:30pm</p>	23
<p>24 17th Sun after Pentecost</p> <p>Pastor AJ Presiding 8 am In-person Worship 9:15 am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</p>	25	26	27	28	<p>29</p> <p>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm * AA 7:30pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Last Day for Give Aloha</p>



PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

As the sun rises to bring in the new day:

We remember those who descend into the earth, their work begins in darkness, pulling from the earth, the resources we steward.

We remember those who work inside a building away from the light and brightness of the day.

We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of our world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes.

We remember those who do not have a job to go to, who are struggling to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.

As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest:
We remember those who work in the night.

We remember those who are trying to recover from their labor and toils of the day.

We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work.

We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work.

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Give Aloha Returns September 1st

CLC organization code: 77769

Once again CLC is registered to participate in the annual Give Aloha program, sponsored by Foodland/Western Union.

How It Works

From **September 1-30**, customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 to participating Hawaii non-profit organizations at checkout. Donations are accepted at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms checkout. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation. Individuals must use their own Maika'i number to make a donation. Donations made without a Maika'i number will not be matched.

How to Donate

At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide your number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to **Christ Lutheran Church**, code number **77769**. If you do not have a Maika'i card/number, you may request to establish one. Your donation will be added to your grocery purchase total. You may donate up to \$249 per organization; any portion exceeding \$249 will not be matched. The amount you donate and the name of our organization will appear on your receipt. Donations must be payable to Foodland or Sack N Save.

Acknowledgement of Your Donation

Donor names will not be released to our organization. **Therefore, if you would like to us to know of your gift, (and include it on your quarterly statement for tax purposes), please contact us directly so that we may properly acknowledge your gift & ask the cashier for a duplicate receipt to submit to us.** These gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Keep your receipt for tax purposes.

Matching Gift

CLC will receive 100% of all customer donations given to us, plus each donation made with a Maika'i membership will be partially matched by a gift from Foodland and the Western Union Foundation. Matching gifts will be determined at the end of the program.



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September Worship

**Sunday Worship
8 am and 10 am**

Masks not required
but encouraged

The 8 am service is offered on
Facebook and the 10 am
service is offered on Zoom.

Both feature
on-line Communion.

The Liturgy of Healing is
included in each service on the 2nd
Sunday of the month.

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