



Together We Are The Church

January, 2024

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

As the year 2023 races to a close, I find myself a wee bit anxious about what 2024 will bring us. You know the list – conflicts tearing our society and the world apart. War. Climate catastrophe. Refugees. Hunger. Drought. Covid still among us. A contentious presidential election looming over everything.

Some days I say to myself, “What next?” Other days, “Couldn’t it get any weirder, can it?” Then, it does. Now, it is reported that our newest Speaker of the House is flying a Christian Nationalist flag outside his DC District office. So much for the separation of Church and State.

As we move through an extended Advent and Christmas Season, I am taking great comfort in the Gospel – that we are loved, that righteousness will triumph over wickedness, that justice will prevail against evil, and grace will overcome wrath. That is the Good News of the Old Testament prophets and Jesus himself.

In spite of the famine, war, and pestilence, as the Scripture often accurately describes troubled times, in spite of all of the chaos and anxiety, Life, not death will have the last Word. That is the message of Advent and the message of Christmas.

May these seasons of faith bring you peace and hope.

Blessings,

Pr Keith

MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!



*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.*



Annual Meeting

**Sunday,
January 28
at 9:30 am**

Congregational Meeting



**Our primary business will be final approval
of the 2024 budget & election of delegates
to the Synod Assembly (via Zoom).**

Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

Happy Birthday

January 1 Bud Jenkins
Alex Belcher
January 2 Ashley Maginot
Ellie Stanford
January 6 Jean McMann
January 10 Milla Hill
January 12 Vern Lee
January 14 Hagen Zaffke
January 15 Marilyn Lee
January 16 Sena Norton
January 21 Pua Good
January 25 Nelson Acosta
January 26 DeAnn Acosta
Naomi Halvorson

Wedding Anniversaries

January 27 Nelson & DeAnn Acosta
January 28 Collette & Neil Wiedemann

Baptismal Anniversaries

January 1 Whitney DePowell
January 5 Russ Kino
January 10 Maddyn Robinson-Sato
January 13 Logan Chong
January 22 Liam Clauson



The December IHS
Ministry Team served
258 meals!



Our next ministry date is **Saturday, February 3rd**. You can sign up to help with serving the meal or donating cookies at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844ABAC2CA7FBC25-46935707-ihscookie> or contact Adam Palmer at 808-222-8670, adamppalmer@gmail.com.

Thank you to all the volunteers who donate their time, service and yummy cookies. You continue to make this CLC ministry a success!

Mililani Christmas Parade!

**CHRISTMAS
PARADE**

Thank you to the many volunteers who participated and helped to make CLC's participation in the 2023 Mililani Christmas Parade a success!

A special Mahalo to all of our lei makers who handcrafted close to 2,000 leis which were distributed along the parade route!



CLC Coffee & Cocoa Crew



Sunday Potluck Brunch

Please join us for **Sunday Brunch** on **January 21st** between services (beginning approx. 9:15am)

Bring whatever you'd like to share or just come for the fellowship!

Catechism Classes Resume



Catechism

After a break for the Christmas holidays, Catechism class will return Thursday, January 11th at 7pm.

It's not too late to join Us! Anyone from 6th through 12th grade can participate.

If you have any questions, please contact Pr Keith.



JANUARY, 2024



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| *not a CLC event, please contact AA or AI-Anon for further information. | 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! *Church Office Closed | 2 *Church Office Closed | 3 Morning Prayer | 4 Morning Prayer | 5 Morning Prayer *AA 7:00pm *AI-Anon 7:30 pm | 6 Morning Prayer |
| 7 Baptism of Our Lord 8 am In-person Worship 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation | 8 Morning Prayer | 9 Morning Prayer | 10 Morning Prayer | 11 Morning Prayer Confirmation Class 7:00pm | 12 Morning Prayer *AA 7:00pm *AI-Anon 7:30 pm | 13 Morning Prayer |
| 14 2nd Sun after Epiphany **Healing Sunday 8 am In-person Worship 10am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation | 15 Morning Prayer Martin Luther King Jr. Day *Church Office Closed | 16 Morning Prayer Newsletter Deadline | 17 Morning Prayer | 18 Morning Prayer Confirmation Class 7:00pm | 19 Morning Prayer *AA 7:00pm *AI-Anon 7:30 pm | 20 Morning Prayer |
| 21 3rd Sun after Epiphany Pastor A.J. Preaching 8 am In-person Worship 9:15am Sunday Brunch 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation | 22 Morning Prayer | 23 Morning Prayer | 24 Morning Prayer | 25 Morning Prayer Confirmation Class 7:00pm | 26 Morning Prayer *AA 7:00pm *AI-Anon 7:30 pm | 27 Morning Prayer |
| 28 4th Sun after Epiphany 8 am In-person Worship 9:30 am Annual Meeting 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation | 29 Morning Prayer | 30 Morning Prayer | 31 | | | |

2023 CLC Angel Tree



Mahalo for making CLC Angel Tree a huge success!

Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) members once again shared their love and generosity by making Christmas meaningful for 75 **needy children** in our community. The PACT staff members were amazed by the outpouring of generosity from all of you, who donated toys and gift cards for the children.

Just like the Magi brought gifts to Jesus, we brought gifts to children in our community. We especially pray that these gifts will open their hearts and that these children and families learn of Christ's love and grace.

Special Mahalo to CLC for allowing me the honor to shop and work on such a wonderful project. It helped me to prepare for this time of the year. Your generosity has made my life and the lives of so many children brighter.



Additional photos of the 2023 CLC Angel Tree will be featured in the 2023 Annual Report.



IHS Ministry

Mahalo Spangler Family for your many years of service!



2018



2019



2021



2022



2023





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95-1361 Meheula Parkway
Mililani, HI 96789

January 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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