



#### Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

January, 2024

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





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.

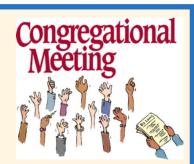
We seek to rejoice, grieve, heal and reconcile together as we gather around Jesus' table, which has been laid out for all.





#### **Annual Meeting**

Sunday, January 28 at 9:30 am



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

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Bud Jenkins
Alex Belcher
Ashley Maginot
Ellie Stanford
Jean McMann
Milla Hill
Vern Lee
Hagen Zaffke
Marilyn Lee
Sena Norton
Pua Good
Nelson Acosta
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
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# 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** <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844ABAC2CA7FBC25-46935707-ihscookie">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844ABAC2CA7FBC25-46935707-ihscookie</a> or contact Adam Palmer at 808-222-8670, <a href="mailto:adamppalmer@gmail.com">adamppalmer@gmail.com</a>.

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!





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



After a break for the Christmas holidays, Catechism class will return Thursday,

Catechism 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
*not a CLC event, please contact AA or Al-Anon for further information.	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! *Church Office Closed	*Church Office Closed	3 Morning Prayer	4 Morning Prayer	5 Morning Prayer *AA 7:00pm *Al-Anon 7:30 pm	6 Morning Prayer
7 Baptism of Our Lord	8 Morning	9 Morning	10 Morning	11 Morning Prayer	12 Morning Praver	13 Morning
8 am In-person Worship 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	Prayer	Prayer	Prayer	Confirmation Class 7:00pm	*AA 7:00pm *Al-Anon 7:30 pm	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	Morning Prayer Confirmation Class 7:00pm	Morning Prayer *AA 7:00pm *Al-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	Morning Prayer	23 Morning Prayer	24 Morning Prayer	25 Morning Prayer Confirmation Class 7:00pm	26 Morning Prayer *AA 7:00pm	27 Morning Prayer
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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	Hay 2	ny New (	Jear

### **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.



# Mahalo Spangler Family for your many years of service!

































#### 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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