



Together We Are The Church

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Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

Last month I talked about the impending clergy shortage in the ELCA, asking what is a pastor, what is the priesthood of all believers, and who can afford a pastor.

This week I saw part of the sanctuary ceiling on the floor, where it had come crashing down. Lots of people said something like, "Thank God no one was hurt!" I thought about this response because in terms of timing, the sanctuary is used about five percent of the week at the most. So, the odds of someone getting hurt was slim to none.

That being said, we do have to ask, "What next?" I know nothing about stucco ceilings, but I am wondering how secure the rest of the ceiling is. Could it come crashing down during the five percent of the time people are in the sanctuary?

We were going to start a capital campaign to finish the refurbishment of the offices and establish a gathering place for us to use, even when preschool is in session. Now, we need to look at the scope of the risk in the sanctuary, too, and its costs.

The good news is that we have done this twice before during my thirteen years with you. We have done some major capital improvements over the years, paid off the debt, and even continued to pay the mortgage down.

Let us continue to ask what is Church? What is a pastor, who is a priest, and how do we be Church for each other and the world around us. Even as we pray for the Spirit's guidance, I suspect we will be having those conversations quite a bit through the next few weeks and months.

Stay tuned!

Blessings,

Pr Keith





Welcome ~ E Komo Mai!



*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.**



The Next IHS Ministry is Sat. Oct. 4th

Our IHS ministry volunteers **Mark Johnson, Chieko Higuchi & Adam Palmer** served **325** hungry people on Saturday, August 2nd. We are grateful to you for helping CLC carry out this vital ministry.

IHS needs two volunteers each month to serve supper from 5:45 to approx. 6:30pm. If you have previously volunteered, please text or email Adam Palmer to confirm if you want to serve again. If you have NOT previously volunteered, you are very welcome to join us! If you are new, please text or call Adam at 808-222-8670. Adam will provide you with the details on what is required to volunteer and location.

You can also help by donating cookies! Just leave cookies in the church kitchen by Saturday morning, August 2nd or drop off to the church office during business hours.



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	Esther Mohrmann

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

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

Wedding Anniversaries

September 17	Jefery & Amanda Spangler
September 21	Carrie Nelson & Jackie Pang
September 22	Eric & Rose Melin

Mahalo Mary Lou!

A huge Mahalo to Mary Lou Kimoto who has officially retired as Head Teller for CLC.

Mary Lou has served on the Teller Team for 20 years!

What an amazing blessing you are and have been to our congregation!

We truly appreciate your service and the many Sunday's you stayed to do God's Work!



Potluck & Variety Show!

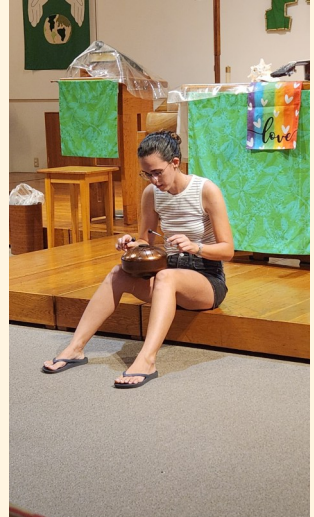


Fun was had by all at the CLC Potluck and Variety Show held on August 16th, 2025.

For a video of the performances, visit <https://youtu.be/58WJfRCJu8>

Mahalo to Roy and Chieko Higuchi for the wonderful video!

Photos provided by Steve Peterson





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>* Not a CLC Event: Please contact Al Anon or AA for further information.</p>						
	<p>1</p> <p>Give Aloha Begins</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Labor Day Holiday</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p> <p>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm</p> <p>*AA 7:30pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>
	<p>8</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p> <p>Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>Rise & Shine Cafe 7:30am</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p> <p>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm</p> <p>*AA 7:30pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>
<p>7 13th Sun after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am In-person Worship & by Facebook Live</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship & Loaded to Youtube</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p> <p>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm</p> <p>* AA 7:30pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>
<p>14 14th Sun after Pentecost</p> <p>**Healing Sunday</p> <p>8 am In-person Worship & by Facebook Live</p> <p>9:15am Keiki Church</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship & Loaded to Youtube</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p> <p>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm</p> <p>* AA 7:30pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>
<p>21 15th Sun after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am In-person Worship& by Facebook Live</p> <p>9:15 am Keiki Church</p> <p>9:15am Sunday Brunch</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship & Loaded to Youtube</p> <p>11:30 am Chrch.Council Mtg.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p> <p>Last Day for Give Aloha</p>				
<p>28 16th Sun after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am In-person Worship& by Facebook Live</p> <p>9:15 am Keiki Church</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship & Loaded to Youtube</p>						

Don't Miss CLC Pet Blessing Sunday!

October 5th, 2025



*We ask that you please have your pet on a leash or in a carrier and under your control at all times.

Bring your pets to Worship to receive an individual blessing from Pastor Keith!

Prayers of Remembrance will also be said for pets who have died this past year. You may sign up beginning Sept. 14th on the clipboard located on the welcome table in the Sanctuary or contact the church office at 623-9229; office@clcmililani.org with the name of your departed pet by Monday, September 29th.

Men's Prayer Breakfast



All are welcome to join the next CLC men's breakfast, **7:30am at the Rise & Shine Cafe in Mililani on September 11th, 2025.**

Come for some quick Christian fellowship to start your day.

If you have questions, please contact Adam Palmer at 808-222-867: adamppalmer@gmail.com or the Church Office at 808-623- 9229; office@clcmililani.org



Sunday School Is Back!

Late September

We are looking forward to learning all about God's goodness and love with our Pre-K through 6th grade Church Members and Non-Members.

Bring a friend! Tell your neighbors!



Give Aloha Begins 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

The 8 am service is offered live
on Facebook & the 10am service
is posted on Youtube later
Sunday Afternoon.

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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