



Together We Are The Church

August 2021

## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

I may have been too optimistic last month when I wrote that we seemed to be moving past the worst of the pandemic in our country. I forgot about the Fourth of July gatherings, especially among the young people. And I didn't take seriously enough the diminishing rates of people getting vaccinated.

That being noted, I am taking Lt Gov Josh Green's advice and laying low for the next couple of weeks – you will find me at the church and community garden, the grocery store and doctor's office (if necessary) ... oh, and maybe on the outdoor lanai of my fav pub ... once a week or less. No beaches, no trips to town, or around the island.

I'll say more about that in my CLC Blog and on YouTube and Facebook.

For here, know that the Church Council at my recommendation changed the Group Behavior Policy During the Pandemic to permit, among other things, soft singing behind masks during worship. Yes, behind masks, distanced by household, and none too loud. No belting out "A Might Fortress". But singing nevertheless.

Medical, public health, and ecumenical choral groups that I have consulted all said that singing behind masks is low risk. And I add "soft" because as we tried singing last Sunday a bit, I found that I couldn't take a full breath behind my mask to sing any more than "softly."

I could hear a few of you and it sounded glorious. And in my heart, mind, and body I felt safe. Worship felt safe.

What I urged last week on video, I want to urge again here. If you are vaccinated by two weeks, come and worship in-person. It is safe to do so. If you are not vaccinated, please love your neighbor by worshipping from home via social media – Zoom, FB, YouTube or Sound Cloud.

I know this is wearying, but by the grace of God, we will find our way about and through this.

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.*



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## Church Council Meeting July 18, 2021

Highlights include:

- ◆ Adopted updated Worship Guidance policy which includes
  - Groups capped at 60 in sanctuary and/or on lanai courtyard
  - Groups in other rooms on campus capped at 8
  - Maximum number in kitchen at one time is 3
  - Limited elbow and fist-bumps are now allowed
  - Limited drinks and food may be shared on lanai
  - Singing behind masks is allowed
- ◆ Approved resumption of Martial Arts class on Tuesday nights
- ◆ Affirmed Keegan Rosetter's Affirmation of Baptism for July 25
- ◆ Noted necessity of searching for new Church Council members



Next Council meeting: August 15 @ 1 pm. in person at the church

# Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

## Happy Birthday

Aug 6 Anne Myers  
Aug 6 Maddyn Robinson-Sato  
Aug 6 Phionah Spangler  
Aug 7 Michael Walley  
Aug 9 Bev Murphy  
Aug 11 Alena Walley  
Aug 11 Benjamin Walley  
Aug 13 Benjamin Hamaguchi  
Aug 14 Jana Norton  
Aug 15 Collette Wiedemann  
Aug 15 Levi Vonberg  
Aug 22 Jia Spangler  
Aug 23 Joe Murphy  
Aug 24 Andy Sikkink  
Aug 28 Charlie Smith

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

## Baptismal Anniversaries

Aug 1 Connie Omo  
Aug 4 Logan Stanford  
Aug 11 Logan Riehle  
Aug 11 Trenton Riehle  
Aug 25 Dale Koenig



## Wedding Anniversaries

Aug 3 Bill & Marion Thompson  
Aug 23 Bill Belcher & Linda Kohlstaedt

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## IHS Outreach

Our next IHS outreach will happen on **Saturday, August 7**. The Spangler family served 298 meals in June and would really appreciate your assistance. To sign up to help with cooking, serving, or providing cookies, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4EA9AA28A5FE3-clcaugst> or speak with Amanda Spangler at 808-728-9156.





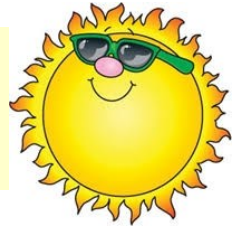
## Aloha Agape Garden Is Finished!

Mahalo nui loa to Hunter, his Scouts, and family and volunteers for making this happen! We now have just over 20 beds to offer to you, your friends, and the community. The cost is \$60/year to help defray the cost of water. Copies of the Policies and Procedures governing the Garden are available from Pastor Keith if you are interested or would like to reserve a space.

See page 6 for photos from our recent harvests.



# AUGUST 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7 IHS Outreach
8 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Healing Sunday <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</i> 1 pm Church Council <i>In person</i>	16	17	18	19	20 Statehood Day Holiday Newsletter Deadline	21 1:30 pm Dog Training Registration on lanai
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**New Community Garden in Mililani!**  
~ plots available now ~



**Top:** Anya Nebl, one of our gardeners, put together this mini-flyer showing her with one of her sunflowers and fruits of her labors and this message, “If you're interested in becoming part of this good work addressing food sustainability, do let us know! We'd be glad to have you join our community of gardeners at Christ Lutheran Church of Mililani.”

**Left:** Fifteen pounds of fresh veggies from our Aloha Agape Community Garden went to [#AlohaHarvest](#) on Sunday, July 25, to help feed the hungry. Good job, gardeners!





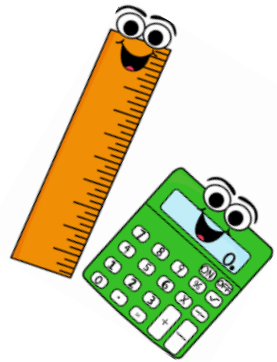
On Sunday, August 25, Keegan Rosetter affirmed his Baptismal faith in front of the 8 am congregation. His family joined the celebration (L-R: Keene, David, Fia, Keegan, and Pastor Keith). Congratulations and blessings, Keegan, from all the CLC ohana.

## Back-To-School Prayer

Loving God,  
Watch over our children as  
they begin their new school  
year. Bless them with joy at  
seeing friends, excitement at  
new experiences, and a love  
of learning.

Guide and protect all who  
learn, replacing fear with joy,  
anxiety with peace, and  
tiredness with energy.  
Give wisdom, patience, and joy  
to teachers as they serve  
their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.





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## August Worship

### Sunday worship - 8 am and 11 am

Both in-person services abide by strict pandemic guidelines.

The 8 am service is offered on Facebook and the 11 am service is offered on Zoom. Both feature on-line Communion.

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