



Together We Are The Church

May, 2023

## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

As I write this, I am also preparing to head off to our annual Synod Assembly in Palm Desert, California. As I flip through the Assembly packet, I am not seeing anything earth-shaking happening. Grateful for that this year. We have had enough “earth-shaking” events the last few years, haven’t we?

I have been reflecting upon the many words and phrases that I have used over the last few years – “radical uncertainty,” “social acceleration,” “complexity,” and even “chaotic whizzing.”

I think early on I was using in my sermons and elsewhere a phrase that I cannot quite recall – “The Three (or was it Four?) P’s – Pandemic, Politics, and ....? I am drawing a blank. Does anyone remember what those three (or four?) P’s were? I suspect they are buried deep in one or more of my sermons, but I haven’t found them. If you remember, please, let me know!

Now, I have happened upon another – “permacrisis,” which I mentioned in my latest Weekly Announcement missive last Wednesday. It was the 2022 Word of the Year for Collins Dictionary. A portmanteau of two words – “permanent” and “crisis.” It refers to a sense that

our difficulties and challenges are going to continue for a good long time. Not a fun word.

So, I think I am going to ponder one that has been floating around my brain for a bit, but that I have not mentioned much until recently – “resonance.” It’s a happier word. It means being moved, gripped, convicted by something/someone unexpected. There are “vibes,” a sense of connection that is good, right, and beautiful.

Sort of like “resurrection.” Another “re-“ word, with joyful overtones. Yes, let us ponder resonance for a time, taking encouragement, hope and delight from it, so that, even then, in the midst of a permacrisis, we can find life, love, and creativity.

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.*



## **A Special Message from the Murphy Family - In Appreciation**



We are humbled and blessed by all that the congregation and staff contributed to Bryan's beautiful memorial service on

April 23, 2023. Your compassionate time and effort relieved us of all of the preparation during what has been and continues to be a traumatic time in our lives. No one can ever be prepared for the loss of a child. Many of you attended the service and have reached out to us in many caring ways. The CLC `Ohana is special. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

With much aloha always,  
Bev, Joe, Kevin and Shannon Murphy



# Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

## Happy Birthday

May 7	Kathy Maginot
May 9	Bekki Zaffke
May 10	Cliff Lantias
May 11	Jane Yanagida
May 12	Brian Burke
May 17	Gary Ward
May 21	Hunter Spangler
May 23	Bill Little
	Jefery Spangler
May 31	Mary Lou Kimoto

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

## Baptismal Anniversaries

May 1	Kaimana Higa
May 18	Janet Riehle



## Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Keith will be attending the Synod Assembly from May 4th-6th in Palm Desert, CA and then will take some much deserved vacation time from May 7th-May 23rd . Chaplain AJ Striffler will be covering the services in his absence. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Dale at 808-561-8765. Enjoy your time off, Pastor Keith, and return to us refreshed and invigorated!



**\* During P. Keith's absence, the 8am Service will not be livestreamed on FB, please join us at 10am on zoom or check CLC's youtube channel.**

**\* There will be no Morning Prayer during the month of May, Prayer videos will resume again in June.**



*Congratulations*  
Graduates



## *Congratulations to the Class of 2023!*

**Landon Acosta - Mililani High School**

**Anya Holmen - Island Pacific Academy**

**Ryan McMann– Mid Pacific Academy**

**Keene Rosetter - Waipahu High School**

**Hunter Spangler - Leilehua High School**

**Meadow Spangler– Leilehua High School**

## **Sunday Brunch**



The next **Sunday Brunch** will take place on **Sunday, May 21st** between services (approximately 9:15-9:45am). Bring whatever you'd like to share or just bring your appetite. All are welcome to this monthly time of fellowship and fun.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>** Not a CLC Event: Please contact Al Anon or AA for further information.</b>		<b>**8 am worship will not be livestreamed on FB while P. Keith is away, Please check CLC's youtube channel or join us on zoom at 10 am.</b>				
<b>**SYNOD ASSEMBLY</b> Hope Lutheran Church Palm Desert, CA  <b>**PASTOR KEITH OUT OF OFFICE**</b>  <b>**There will be no Morning Prayer for the month of May</b>	1	2	3	4 Pastor Keith out of Office	5 SYNOD ASSEMBLY *Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	6 SYNOD ASSEMBLY
<b>7 5th Sun of Easter</b> Guest Pastor AJ Striffler & Preacher Bishop Nagler 8 am In-person Worship 9 am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	8	9	10	11	12 *Al-Anon 7:30 pm  *AA 7:30pm	13
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<b>28 Pentecost Sunday</b> 8 am In-person Worship 9am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation <b>11:30am Chrch. Council Mtg</b>	29 Memorial Day	30	31			<b>Morning Prayer will resume in June.</b>

## IHS Ministry

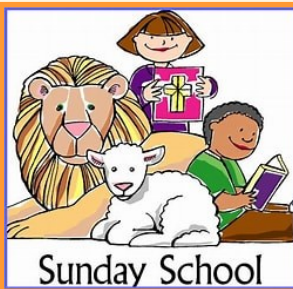


Our next ministry date is **Saturday, June 3rd**. You can sign up to help with serving the meal or donating cookies at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4EA9AA28A5FE3-christ3> or contact Jefery Spangler at 808-728-9144.

Total meals served in April was 330. Thank you to Pua and Adam for coming down and helping to serve!



## Keiki Church is back!



Join us for Keiki Church (Sunday School) every Sunday at 9:15 am between worship services. Open to ages Pre-K through 6th Grade.

## Table Talk Small Groups



We invite you to join us in a small group setting centered around food and faith journeys. From May to July, meeting at least once a month, we will connect with around 6 other people from Church. Couples and Singles are invited to join. Signup Sheets are available near the bulletins and at <https://form.jotform.com/223085236465053>.



## Warm Clothing Drive for Kamaile Academy

At the spring Hukilau Conference, Donna Calarruda, a member of Maluhia

Lutheran Church, mentioned that there is a need in her classroom for kids to have jackets. Many of the kids at Kamaile Academy come to school in shorts and t-shirts, and, since the classroom is air conditioned, they tuck their arms and legs into their shirts to stay warm. Maybe you have a big long-sleeve shirt to donate? Or a jacket you're not using anymore? Any and all donations are appreciated! Thank you for helping to show God's love and warmth to our keiki on the Waianae Coast.

You can place your donations in the back of the Sanctuary. Look for a box labeled Kamaile Academy. Donations will be accepted during the month of May.



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## **May Worship**

**Sunday Worship  
8 am and 10 am**

Masks not required  
but encouraged

The 8 am service will be in-person  
only 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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