



Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

November, 2025

Aloha Kakou,

We have been using Setting Ten in worship for many months now. We will be switching to Setting Four for our extended Advent. That is the setting in which we chant the Kyrie responsively and sing "This is the Feast." This setting is more contemplative than the others and that is appropriate for Advent.

Speaking of Advent, several of you have asked, and, yes, we will once again be extending it out from four weeks to seven weeks. This extension puts Advent on a par with Lent, which has five Sundays plus Palm Sunday. It also just gives us more time to contemplate the arrival of Jesus into our lives, as he is not "out there" somewhere, but "in, with, under, and around us" here and now.

An extended Advent allows us to focus on the true meaning of the season, and in doing so, challenging the crass commercialization of Christmas. I do not need to tell you that already stores have huge holiday displays up and running.

I have a meme somewhere that if I find it, I will probably repost. It says, "The anxiety you feel will not be soothed by buying more stuff."

So, as we make our advent into Advent, I invite you to join me in considering the Reason for the Season – the birth of Jesus in loving our neighbor in need. As SNAP benefits are being cut and evaporating, a friend sent me this link: wwwfindhelp.org. Type in your zip code – get connected to local food banks, free groceries, and emergency aid. It works in every city. No strings. Just help.

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.**

Congregational Meeting!

The Semi-Annual CLC congregational meeting
will be held on **Sunday, November 23rd, 2025**
at 9:10 am.



If you feel God is calling you to serve in a leadership capacity, please let Council President Anna Hamaguchi and/or Pastor Keith know. We will also be putting together and presenting the 2026 preliminary budget.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Celebrations - Blessings to All of You



Happy Birthday

November 1 Lynette Sakamoto
November 3 Whitney DePowell
November 9 Amanda Spangler
 Logan Chang
November 18 David Rosetter
November 19 Lori Firth
November 20 Sherri Uecke
November 23 Johanna Jans
November 24 Chieko Higuchi
November 27 Nick Jans
November 30 Rose Melin
 Logan Riehle

Baptismal Anniversaries

November 7 Ele Clere
November 19 Landon Acosta
 Eleanor Mohrmann
November 25 Rick Myers



Wedding Anniversaries

November 7 Jiao Chen & ZhiQing Zhou
November 27 Cliff & Pam Lanias

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



Foodland's "Give Aloha" Update

Mahalo Nui Loa for your donations! Thank You so much to all of you who participated in the Give Aloha Campaign at Foodland and Sack n Save during the month of September! You gave a total of **\$1,984.08** to CLC which resulted in a donation from Foodland and the Western Union Foundation of **\$755.00 for a grand total of \$2,739.08** We appreciate your generosity and commitment to the mission and ministry of CLC!



2025 Christ Lutheran Angel Tree

Christ Lutheran Church will once again make Christmas special for **50 children** from the PACT (Parents and Children Together) organization. We are asking individuals to consider **donating gifts and or gift cards** for one or more children. **Starting Sunday, Nov. 16th** you may select the children gift tags after the church services. If you cannot attend a church service and would like to give to the Angel Tree, send email, text or call DeAnn Acosta. Contact information listed below. She can send you tags (She will need to know number of children, age, preference boy or girl that you will give to) or she can shop for your gifts, whatever is most convenient for you.

How much should I spend? When do I return the gifts?

Gifts should cost approximately \$20. Toys are more expensive this year due to Tariffs & these families will probably be impacted due to Government shut-down. Please return the gifts unwrapped, price tags removed and if the toys require batteries, please tape a set of new batteries on the gift. There will be drop boxes at the church for the month of November and early December. We will be giving the gifts to the organization by **Dec. 13, 2025**

What should I buy? Angel Tree Gift Suggestions

Age 0-6 months: Rattles, squeeze toys, teething toys, textured balls, cloth/vinyl books

Age 6-18 months: Floating bath toys, push & pull toys, large blocks, books

Age 2-3 years: Wooden puzzles, Legos/Duplo's, dolls large trucks, pretend play toys

Age 3-5 years: Play animals, Play Dough, puppets, Legos, art supplies pretend

Age 5-10 years: Legos, art supplies/kits, books, dolls, backpacks, games, trucks/cars

Age 10-13 years: Art supplies/kits, backpacks, Legos, sports items like basketballs, footballs, etc.

Age 13-17 years: We ask that you purchase a \$20 gift card at Target, Walmart, or a Movie Theater

Need someone to shop for your gift(s)?

Contact DeAnn Acosta and let her how much you plan to donate and she will reserve slots for you on the Angel tree and be your personal shopper. Cash donations are preferred. The cash/check can be sent to the church, given to DeAnn or arrangements can be made to receive the money during the church services.



Want to help with this project or need more information?

If you would like to help with this project, DeAnn would love to have you join the team. You will be helping to collect incoming gifts, help with sign-up on Sunday mornings, sort the gifts to prepare for delivery, and collect money at services, and if you have any other questions, contact DeAnn by phone or text at 808 371-7708, email: alohad50@hotmail.com

Thank you for your generosity during this Holiday Season!



NOVEMBER, 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>* Not a CLC Event: Please contact Al Anon or AA for further information.</p>						<p>1 Morning Prayer</p>
<p>2 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8 am In-person Worship & Facebook Live 9:15 am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & Loaded later to Youtube</p>	<p>3 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>4 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>5 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>6 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>7 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm</p>	<p>8 Morning Prayer</p>
<p>9 1st Sunday of Advent **Healing Sunday 8 am In-person Worship & Facebook Live 9:15 am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & Loaded later to Youtube</p>	<p>10 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>11 Morning Prayer *Veterans Day Holiday *Office Closed</p>	<p>12 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>13 Morning Prayer Men's Prayer Breakfast Rise N Shine Cafe 7:30am</p>	<p>14 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm * AA 7:30pm</p>	<p>15 Morning Prayer</p>
<p>16 2nd Sunday of Advent 8 am In-person Worship & Facebook Live 9:15 am Keiki Church 9:15 am Sunday Brunch 10 am In-person Worship & Loaded later to Youtube 11:30 am Church Council</p>	<p>17 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>18 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>19 Morning Prayer Hal Halvorson Funeral 9:30am Visitation 10:30am Service</p>	<p>20 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>21 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm * AA 7:30pm</p>	<p>22 Morning Prayer</p>
<p>23 Christ the King Sunday 8 am In-person Worship & Facebook Live 9:10 am Congregation Mtg. 10 am In-person Worship & Loaded later to Youtube</p>	<p>24 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>25 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>26 Morning Prayer</p>	<p>27 Morning Prayer HAPPY THANKS GIVING! *Office Closed</p>	<p>28 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm * AA 7:30pm *Office Closed</p>	<p>29 Morning Prayer</p>
<p>30 4th Sunday of Advent 8 am In-person Worship & Facebook Live 10 am In-person Worship & Loaded later to Youtube</p>			<p>*Angel Tree begins November 16th</p>		<p>*Canned Food Drive Pick -Up December 7th</p>	

CLC's Annual Canned Food Drive

It's time for our Canned Food Drive at CLC. Throughout the month of November, you can support needy families of Central & North Shore Oahu through The Private Sector Hawaii, an all-volunteer non-profit organization that provides food, shelter, and other goods and services to the needy.



During the holiday season, every food box contains a turkey/ham and trimmings to provide a feast for hungry people. As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, they are finding that there is an ever-increasing demand for what they have to offer, and they can use more help than usual in filling requests for assistance. The PSH is a 501(c) 3 charity, and all donations are tax-deductible. Because they are an all-volunteer organization with minimal operating expenses, all monies and goods donated go directly to those people who can use them the most. **You can help by donating nonperishable food items to the church throughout the month of November.**

Look for the drop box in the back of the Sanctuary.



Sunday Brunch

The next **Sunday Brunch** will take place on **Sunday, November 16th at 9:15am** Bring whatever you'd like to share or just bring your appetite. All are welcome to this monthly time of fellowship and fun.

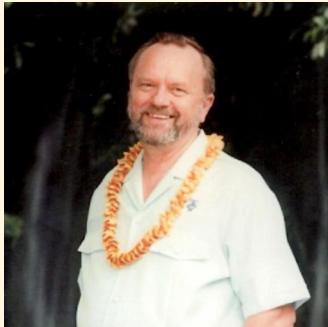
Men's Prayer Breakfast

All are welcome to join the next CLC men's breakfast, **7:30am at the Rise & Shine Cafe in Mililani on November 13th, 2025.**



Come for some quick Christian fellowship to start your day.

If you have questions, please contact Adam Palmer at 808-222-8670; adamppalmer@gmail.com or the Church Office at 808-623-9229; office@clcmililani.org



Memorial Service for Gunnard "Hal" Halvorson

Gunnard Harvey Halvorson, 87, of Kapolei, Hawaii passed away on September 7, 2025. He was born on May 7, 1938 in Fosston, Minnesota

He is survived by his wife, Naomi Halvorson; children, Robert Halvorson (Malia), David Halvorson (Melissa), Cheryl Halvorson, and Sharon Roeder (Matthias); sister, Pearl Petterson; 6 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren.

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Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at Mililani Mortuary Makai Chapel. Visitation begins at 9:30 am and service at 10:30 am.

ATTIRE: Casual FLOWERS: Welcome



October 6th IHS Ministry Serving

IHS Ministry

Mahalo to the IHS Ministry team for serving
215 Meals on October 6th!



Next Serving is Sat. December 6th

IHS needs two volunteers 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 the morning of Dec. 6th or drop off to the church office during business hours.





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November Worship



**Sunday Worship
8 am and 10 am**

November 2 is All Saints Sunday
Please wear **White**

The 8 am service is offered on Facebook Live and the 10 am service is uploaded to YouTube.

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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