

October 2015

Together We Are The Church

## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter



Aloha Kakou,

By the time you read this our Service of Thanksgiving for Thirty-five Years of Word and sacrament ministry as Christ Lutheran Church, Mililani, will be over. Mahalo nui loa to everyone – which was just about everyone – who helped planned, execute and participate in the preparations and worship service itself.

A special thanks to Bishop Murray Finck, of our own Pacifica Synod, for being with us and preaching. Also, special thanks to our own Rev Burke (who's that?) – Pastor Dale! – for presiding at Holy Communion and sharing reflections on the past history of Christ Lutheran Church.

If I mention too many more by names, I'll leave someone out. Forgive me in advance.

I would like us to think of this time of gratitude for thirty-five years as a time of reflection as well as celebration. Celebrations are about identity – who we are, where we have come from, what we are anticipating tomorrow, and most importantly, how those reflections and expectations are having an impact upon our life together today.

Martin Luther once said, “Ecclesia semper reformanda” – the Church is always reforming. Another way I have heard it said is, “Our identity is perpetually under construction.” In other words, there is both continuity and change, at the same time, in people and organizations. We remain the same ... and yet ... somehow, we're different ... at the same time. A paradox – Bam!

This is a time to remember who and whose we are – God's baptized people – and where God might be calling us next. How do we prepare and live into God's future for us in Central Oahu, while firmly resting upon our Lutheran-Christian tradition of Word and sacrament?

I will be asking those questions in different ways throughout the rest of this year and on into 2016. I invite you to listen for those questions – and most importantly, how those around us respond to them.

Blessings to one and all,

*Pastor Keith*

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## ***Blessing of the Animals Oct. 4th***

The Twenty-first Annual PET SUNDAY is being held on October 4, 2015! Bring your pets to worship service and a Special Blessing at 10:45 a.m. Come early, at 9:30 for some Pet Fellowship, Ohana Breakfast, & a Puppet Show. Please have your pet on a leash or in a carrier and under your control at all times.

**Prayers of Remembrance** will be said for pets who have died this past year. Please call the church office 623-9229 or email: [office@clcmililani.org](mailto:office@clcmililani.org) with the names.



## **Sunday Worship**

10:45 a.m.

Service of Holy Communion  
With Children's Message and  
Healing Prayers with Anointing

Professional Keiki care  
provided

Healing Service - 2nd Sundays

Praise Band - every other Sunday

***Sunday school  
9:30 a.m.  
pre-K and up***



This season our Sunday School Offerings are being designated to God's Global Barnyard, the ELCA Good Gifts Program. The students would like to purchase a pig. A pig in the pen is money in the bank. And, they would also like to purchase a Community Fish Farm, which can regularly provide healthy meals for a lifetime. We are helping lives around the world with gifts that keep on giving!

***Don't Miss!***

## ***"The Ultimate Prayer Warrior"***

*Sunday October 4 at CLC  
10:15 a.m.—after Ohana Breakfast*

**Join the PBJ's  
Powered by Jesus  
Puppet Ministry Team**

*Rehearsals now on Sunday mornings  
at 9:15 a.m.*

*Performances 1st Sundays 10:15 a.m. at CLC  
& various dates throughout Oahu.*

***Plug into the power and share God's love  
through puppetry!***





### **OYEA meets Sunday Oct. 4th**

Place: Calvary by the Sea Lutheran

Time: Leadership meeting at 4:30 pm

Event begins at 5 - 7 pm

Calvary will provide a light meal.

Speaker and Topic: Mr. David Schofield, head of Marine Mammal Response of NOAA.

David will talk about "Marine Ecology and Faith."

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/12/16/noaa-whale-freed-fishing-line\\_n\\_6331366.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/12/16/noaa-whale-freed-fishing-line_n_6331366.html)

For Middle and High School kids, friends and family welcome

Please rsvp to 377-5477 or email : [cbts@calvarybythesea.org](mailto:cbts@calvarybythesea.org)

### **Future events to look forward to:**

November 1st @ Christ Lutheran in Mililani. Putting together care packages for Maluhia Lutheran to distribute to the homeless and needy

December: Holley Trolley

January 2016: Whale watching

Dear Congregation of Christ Lutheran Church:

Thank you SO much for the wonderful bags of food. We appreciate you all for how generous you are for our Purple Van Food Program. We were amazed by the pile of food bags in the sanctuary, and Collette was quite helpful by helping us load the van. The food will make our next few food deliveries especially bountiful.

We are looking forward to celebrating with you on Thanksgiving weekend.

Mahalo,

Linda B. Noey and  
All of the Volunteers



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**35th Anniversary  
of  
Christ Lutheran Church**













# Anniversaries

## Wedding Anniversaries

07 Mary Lou & Vern Kimoto  
13 Tony & Sherry Gannon  
22 Dale & Barb Burke  
27 David & Andrea Sikkink

## Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Leslee Ellenson  
01 Gary Laabs  
03 Dylan Imhoff  
04 Amy Ulman  
11 Shane Jampole  
13 Dale Burke  
15 Brant Pia  
17 Tom Ward  
25 Maxwell Gunter  
25 Olivia Gunter  
27 Chieko Higuchi  
27 Mitch McClain  
28 John Clere  
31 Caitlynn Buchman



## Happy Birthday

05 Pam Lanas  
06 Susan Weinhardt  
09 Marion Thompson  
11 Richard Larson  
13 Kimo Collins  
13 Billy Morgan  
14 Kyle Kino  
15 Matthew Fulton  
15 Kaia Pham  
17 Elaine Vidmar (in memory)  
18 Dick Crislip  
20 Tina Cox  
21 Rick Myers  
21 Annette Brown  
22 Alexander Copeland  
23 Linda Santos  
23 Allington Brown  
23 Alyssa Brown  
24 Autumn Maginot  
26 Adam Burke  
26 Nickolas Copeland

The Handbell Choir has  
moved to Wednesdays  
at 7 PM  
It's easy & fun to learn!  
Won't you join us.





EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON  
OCTOBER 31, 2015 - Reformation Day!

# Freed & RENEWED in Christ 500 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ACTION

## Grace Gathering Aug. 10-13, 2016 • New Orleans, La.

The Grace Gathering in 2016 provides an opportunity for all ELCA members to experience the same inspiring worship, Bible study, service learning activities, fellowship and other experiences that voting members have when they attend the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans. All are welcome to register to participate in Grace Gathering, to be held Aug. 10-13, the last four days of the assembly.

A special feature of Grace Gathering will be an opportunity to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation which will take place in 2017. The Grace Gathering will also offer workshops and presentations that equip congregational leaders and synod planning teams to prepare for observing the 500th anniversary in their communities.

### WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE GRACE GATHERING?

- Anyone who wants to be an active participant in worship, learning, community, service and celebration.
- Lay and rostered leaders who have not previously attended a churchwide assembly.
- Synodical and congregational leaders, council members and staff, communicators and event planners who are leading 500th anniversary activities.
- Family and friends of voting members attending the assembly.

### WHAT WILL GRACE GATHERING PARTICIPANTS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO?

- Participate in faith-inspiring worship, Bible study, a service and learning activity and fellowship.
- Observe and participate in churchwide assembly-related activities.
- Attend workshops and presentations, including a report from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.
- Be introduced to resources that assist in preparing for local and regional observances of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE	DATE	GRACE GATHERING	CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY
	Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016	Grace Gathering opening session	
	Thursday, Aug. 11, 2016	Plenary session with report from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Worship with communion Experiential learning	
	Friday, Aug. 12, 2016	Workshops	Plenary session*
		Worship with communion Lunch Bible Study Keynote	
		Workshops	Plenary session*
		Dinner and celebration	
	Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016	Closing session	Plenary session*

☐ Joint events ☒ Separate events

\*Plenary sessions may include officer reports, elections, synodical memorials and greetings from special guests.

For details and updates on this event,  
please visit [www.ELCA500.org](http://www.ELCA500.org) or the  
ELCA Reformation 500 Facebook page.



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