



Together We Are The Church

March, 2023

## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

Welcome to Lent, a time of quiet reflection, focusing on the betrayal and arrest, the torture and execution of Jesus, from the perspective of the resurrection. People smarter than me like to point out that how we understand the past is shaped by how we anticipate the future. And how we anticipate the future is shaped by how we make sense of the past. It is always changing, evolving. To put it in a spiritual context, how we understand the crucifixion of Jesus is shaped by how we understand future resurrection and how we understand resurrection is shaped by the Cross. It is another one of those paradoxes of life that I find so helpful in my everyday life of faith.

And all of that happens in the here and now. We live that past-future paradox in the present, the felt, lived, bodied, expressive, spontaneous present, in the Incarnate Now. The Danish sorta-Lutheran philosopher Soren Kierkegaard was fond of saying: Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards. But enough of my philosophical ruminations.

We had a good turnout for Ash Wednesday. In-person church attendance has been steadily increasing. Catechism has revived with five students. Keiki Church is back between services. The Third Sunday potluck has been growing. Friday night AA and Al-Anon groups have returned to campus.

Many of you are saying you are coming to the Wednesday Lenten Soup Supper and Study. The fairly new parking lot is going to be resealed and

the parking barriers moved back so that we can actually get into and out of the stalls without too much trouble. Garden beds are being rejuvenated and replanted. The offices are going to be refurbished so that we can have a weekday indoor/outdoor meeting space for adult study groups, task force meetings, etc. Much is happening.

Yes, Lent is a time for reflection that comes with renewal. I see signs of both in what we are presently about. So, as we look back on everything that has been disfigured and crucified these past few years, we do so from the perspective of resurrection promise that comes to us in Word and Sacrament. And as we live out the promise of resurrection here and now in the power of the Spirit, we do so out of the challenging and crucifying experiences of past three years of coronaviral crosses.

It's a paradox. It's how we cope and find our way about. It's how God's grace and faith in Christ Crucified sustain us.

A Blessed Lent,

Pr Keith

PS – if you have to read this missive two or three times, that's okay. I had to read it about ten times to see if it made sense!

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*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.*



**Please Join us Every  
Wednesday throughout  
the Month of March for  
Lenten Service  
& Soup Supper**

Starting March 1st, **we will gather between 6pm and 6:30pm for a light, soup supper potluck. We will follow that at 7pm with a short Bible study and worship using Responsive Prayer.** Feel free to show up for any or all of the above. And let Pastor Keith know if you are interested in attending!

# *Celebrations - Blessings to All of You*

## *Happy Birthday*

March 1      Joel Sikkink  
March 5      Dale Koenig  
March 13     Henry Zaffke  
March 17     Steve Peterson  
March 19     Kathy Jans  
March 20     Guirong Xu-Peterson  
March 30     Judy Kaupp

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

March 7      Eileen & Gary Ward  
March 19     Steve & Guirong Peterson

## *Baptismal Anniversaries*

March 14     Adam Burke

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



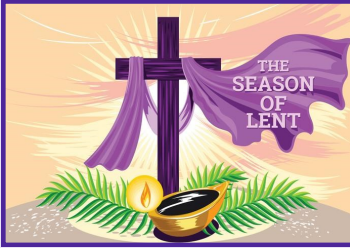
## **Worship Time has changed!**

Sundays 2nd Worship Service has changed  
from 11:00am to **10:00am**

And

Keiki Church has resumed every Sunday from  
**9:00am - 10:00am!**





## A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.

Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.

## Sunday Brunch

The next **Sunday Brunch** will take place on **Sunday, March 19th** 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.





# MARCH, 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
** Not a CLC Event: Please contact Al Anon or AA for further information.			1 Morning Prayer Lenten Service & Soup Supper 6:00 pm	2 Morning Prayer  Confirmation Class 7:00pm	3 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	4 Morning Prayer
5 2nd Sun in Lent  8 am In-person Worship 9 am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	6 Morning Prayer	7 Morning Prayer	8 Morning Prayer Lenten Service & Soup Supper 6:00 pm	9 Morning Prayer  Confirmation Class 7:00pm	10 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm  *AA 7:30pm	11 Morning Prayer
12 3rd Sun in Lent **Healing Sunday 8 am In-person Worship 9am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	13 Morning Prayer	14 Morning Prayer	15 Morning Prayer Lenten Service & Soup Supper 6:00 pm	16 Morning Prayer  Confirmation Class 7:00pm	17 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	18 Morning Prayer
19 4th Sun in Lent 8 am In-person Worship 9 am Keiki Church 9:15am Sunday Brunch 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation 1:30pm Chrch. Council Mtg	20 Morning Prayer	21 Morning Prayer	22 Morning Prayer  Lenten Service & Soup Supper 6:00 pm	23 Morning Prayer  Confirmation Class 7:00pm	24 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm * AA 7:30pm	25 Morning Prayer
26 5th Sun in Lent 8 am In-person Worship 9am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	27 Morning Prayer  Prince Kuhio Day	28 Morning Prayer	29 Morning Prayer Lenten Service & Soup Supper 6:00 pm	30	31	

# ELCA World Hunger's **40** Days OF GIVING



We invite you to **study, pray, reflect** and **give** with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.

These 40 days are a season to reflect and remember, to look forward and ahead. These are not easy times for many of us. We know the challenges our world faces. Yet the season of Lent reminds us that God is not yet through with us or our world. Amid our own dependence on God, we know by faith that God is even now at work, drawing us toward the resurrection and restoration of the world.

ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving invites us to be part of that work and to bear witness to it with partners, companions, friends and neighbors. Will you join us?

Visit <https://elca.org/40days> to learn more!

## IHS Ministry



Our next ministry date is **Saturday, April 1st**. You can sign up to help with serving the meal or donating cookies at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4ea9aa28a5fe3-clcihs3#/> or contact Amanda Spangler at 808-728-9156.







## Teacher and Teacher aides (Full and Part-time)

Rainbow School Mililani, a non-profit preschool, is looking for loving and caring individuals who enjoy working with young children.

Looking for a candidate with a minimum of a High School degree, a Child Development Associate (CDA) or actively working towards a CDA, and experience working in a preschool. Applicants should be flexible with their schedule and able to work as a team member. Registered with the DHS Registry is a requirement.

The primary responsibility involves assisting in the organizing and supervising of one specific program and/or class of the assigned Center. Following the State of Hawaii DHS Licensing requirements, and NAEYC or NECPA Accreditation standards and criteria.

All interested applicants must reply to the ad by submitting your resume.  
Education: · High school or equivalent (Required) · Registered with the DHS Early Childhood Registry meeting all State of Hawaii requirements · Experience working with preschool age children in a classroom setting  
License: · Child Development Associate Certification (Preferred)

Job Type: Full or Part-time Send resume to [mililani@rainbowschools.com](mailto:mililani@rainbowschools.com)

Teacher starting Base: \$17.50/hour  
Aide Starting Base \$13.50/hour



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## **March Worship**

**Sunday Worship  
8 am and 10 am**

**Wed Lenten Soup Supper  
All throughout March  
6:00 pm Soup Supper  
7:00pm Service**

Masks not required  
but encouraged

The 8 am service is offered on  
Facebook 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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