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July 23, 2015

As I sit here pondering the meaning of life, Collette tells me I have to write a newsletter article. As many of you know via email, church and Facebook, Fr Fritz has an inoperable, malignant tumor on his heart. That is never a happy diagnosis to receive, whether human or canine.

I am wondering many things in regard to this discouraging news:

- The contradiction of a "maligned" heart, especially on an animal renowned for unconditional love;
- Why man's (sic) best friend is a scavenger and a girl's (sic) best friend is a diamond;
- Given the above, why men think they're smarter than women;
- Why ancient Cynics poor, itinerant preachers and wandering sages of the Greco-Roman world had the name of their movement, "Cynicism," derived from the Greek word for "dog" (probably because they regarded begging as the next best thing to a sacrament);
- Why according to urban legend, Martin Luther on his deathbed reportedly cried out, "Wir sind Bettlar. Das ist wahr!" and then, died ("We are beggars, this is true!");
- Why one popular Christian theologian described evangelism as "one beggar telling other beggars where the bread is";
- Why Jesus fed the beggarly poor the untouchables of his day and age and dined with the rich and powerful as well as the socially unacceptable, the impure and unrighteous;
- Why Jesus refused to heal a Gentile woman's daughter, until she challenged him with the words "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs from the master's table."

So much to wonder about – beggarliness, diamonds, malign hearts, sexism, cynicism ancient and modern, Luther's "Beggar Theology" and Jesus welcoming of all beggars – untouchable, powerful, outcast and impure and pure alike.

Makes me think that God's grace is truly unconditional love in action through the words, prayers and actions of all those around me.

Blessings,

Pastor full

Pr Keith



SUPPORT

Christ Lutheran Church

at Foodland, Sack N Save & Foodland Farms

to Help Us Raise Funds!

(more information on pg. 6)

Coming soon: 35th Anniversary of CLC: Sunday, September 27

Jerry Omo and your Worship and Music Committee welcome your ideas and help!! Let's make this an extra special event. We'll have a combined Worship and Music and Anniversary planning meeting at CLC on **Thursday, August 13, at 6:00 pm.** Please join us!!

Summer 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



There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, August 2nd at 11:45 a.m. to vote on the purchase of ceiling fans for the church sanctuary.



Gods Work, Our Hands Sunday, September 13, 2015

FILL A BAG!

The CLC Ohana is invited to:

1. Donate filled bag(s) of non-perishable food items (in Sept. up until 9/13)

and/or

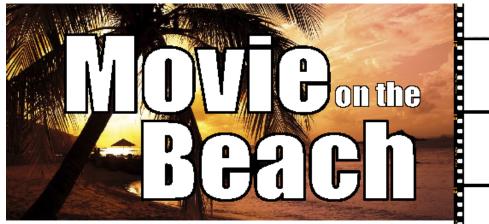
2. Sign up to collect food donations outside of Times Market before worship on Sept. 13.

and/or

3. Fill (and dispose of) bags of trash that you've removed from the streets of your own neighborhood (anytime the first two weeks of Sept) or go out before worship on Sunday the 13th with others of the CLC ohana to pick up trash from the streets immediately surrounding Christ Lutheran Church.

We plan to give all collected food to the Private Sector FoodBank for distribution to needy people on the North Shore of O'ahu.

Mahalo for your participation in some or all of these ways as we celebrate God's Work, Our Hands 2015 with nationwide congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).



OYEA Presents a teen movie night for 6th to 12th graders!

Sunday, August 2, 2015 Calvary by the Sea Ocean front lawn 5339 Kalanianaole Hwy. Honolulu 96821 6:00 p.m. Dinner | 7:00 p.m. Movie

We will be watching

The Five People You

Meet in Heaven

*Please bring your own beach matt, blanket, or chair to sit on.

For the young & the young at heart!



Sundays in August, 9:15 a.m.

ages 6 - 60

Learn basic and advance techniques to puppetry, puppet aerobics, voice-overs, choreography, make your own sock puppets.

Performing

"Pharaoh's Persuasive Plagues"

Sunday September 6 at CLC

After Ohana Breakfast 10:15 a.m.



SIGN UP NOW!



CLC is once again participating in *Give Aloha*, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program.

How It Works

From September 1-30, customers are invited to make donations up to \$249 (per organization, per person) to participating Hawaii non-profit organizations at checkout. Individuals must use their own Maika'i card to make a donation. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation made with a Maika'i card.

How to Donate

At checkout, present your Maika'i card and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to **Christ Lutheran Church**. The name of our organization and the amount you donate will appear on your receipt. Donor names will <u>not</u> be released to our organization. You may donate up to \$249 per organization over the course of several store visits.

Are These Donations Tax Deductible?

Give Aloha donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Please save your store receipt for tax purposes. Since your donation is made out to Foodland and they in turn cut a check to CLC, your tax credit would come from Foodland, not CLC.

How Will My Donation be Matched?

The actual matching gifts will be calculated at the end of the program. Organizations will receive 100% of all customer donations given to their organization, plus their % of Foodland and the Western Union Foundation's \$300,000 matching gift. The portion of the matching gift that each organization will receive will be based on the total dollar amount of customer donations designated to that organization as a % of all customer donations.

Happy Birthday

01 Lizzy Gustafson 02 Jebson Brown 03 Alex Gustafson 05 Jacob Weinhardt 06 Mandy Smith 06 Anne Myers 07 Michael Walley 07 Irene Adams (in memory) 09 Beverly Murphy **13 Sharon Bourbonnais** 16 Scott Copeland 17 Rene Chinen 22 Keegan Salboro 23 Tom Ward 23 Joe Murphy 24 Andrea Sikkink

Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Connie Omo 11 Logan Riehle 11 Trenton Riehle 23 Hannah Lanias 23 Heidi Lanias 24 Sabrina Gustafson



Wedding Anniversaries

03 Bill & Marion Thompson
08 Nancy & Tri Pham
17 Dan & Karen Nelson (25)
20 Frank & Elaine (in memory) Vidmar
23 Bill Belcher & Linda Kohlstaedt

Prayer Requests

Prayers of healing are requested for Rudy who has cancer.

Prayers for good health & well-being are requested for Jack, Vicenta, Loretta, Dolores, Marcie, Amy, Shui-cho, Douglas, Violet, Romeo, Josephine, Carolyn, & Winnie.

Praying for a successful surgery for Lynne.

Pray for recovery in the Philippines from the recent typhoon.

Bless Dakota & Henry in their marriage.

God of mercy, hear our prayers.



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