

**Together We Are The Church**

January 2015



## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

As we move into the New Year, I am still trying to discern if anyone is reading this. I know many a congregation has already discontinued its newsletter and I am seriously giving it thought. Our Office Manager, Collette, spends many hours putting this together, and if only a few of you are reading it, then, it's just not worth her time and effort to continue to put it out.

Instead, I am thinking we will publish it online and/or via email – perhaps on a weekly basis rather than monthly, which will allow you to keep abreast of goings-on as they are unfolding.

That may just be one of my New Year's resolutions. It may be my only one, since I tend not to make any. That way I don't feel badly later when I realize I'm not keeping them anyway. Saves on guilt and shame.

Since we as Lutheran Christians declare – in theory, at least – that we do not live by law and fear, but rather grace and faith, we have little time or place for guilt and shame. Like I said, at least in theory. In reality, we have our own challenges when it comes to guilt and shame, don't we?

Nevertheless, what I have appreciated – and enjoyed – in my time with you here at Christ Lutheran Church, is your sense of joy, of faith and of calm in the midst of a turbulent and anxiety-producing world. We are hardly perfect, but we seem to know that and to not be too worried about it.

That's what people of grace and faith do, or rather are – calm in the midst of anxiety, trusting in a situation of fear, and joyful among the despondent. "Joy to the World" is an Advent hymn we sing right through the Christmas Season, right on up to Epiphany, the coming of the Magi to worship the Christ Child and bring him gifts.

As we move together into the calendar year 2015, my prayer for all of you is that we continue in joy, in faith and in calm disposition. Joy to the word, my sisters and brothers! Christ has come to us!

Blessings,

*Pastor Fred*

## Sundays at Christ Lutheran Worship & Study

January 4

Second Sunday of Christmas

John 1:1-18

*John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.*

January 11

Baptism of our Lord

Mark 1:4-11

*Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.*

January 18

Second Sunday after Epiphany

John 1:43-51

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

January 25

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 1:14-20

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

### Join the Breakfast Club

1st Sundays  
9:30 a.m.



### Annual Congregational Meeting

January 18, 2015

9:00 a.m.

### Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

### Ladies Bible Study

Every third Sunday

9:15 a.m.


### Healing Services

every 2nd Sunday

**THANK YOU!**  
**Christ Lutheran Church's 2014 Collection**  
raised:  
**\$158,127 food items and 13 lbs. of food**

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

**February 2, 2014**

 [tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)

*Clara B. Cooper*  
**Clara Cooper**  
President and CEO  
Souper Bowl of Caring

### Souper Bowl of Caring

Souper Bowl of Caring is dedicated to tackling all of the issues that exist in your communities, including poverty, hunger and homelessness.

Did you know?

Nearly 50 million Americans live in poverty?

1 in 6 Americans face hunger every day?

More than 630,000 people in the United States are homeless?

23% of those struggling went to college?

Or that 16 million children live in food insecure households?

Christ Lutheran will again offer the opportunity to have fun doing a **Food Drive** as we cheer for our favorite Super Bowl team. Look for the laundry baskets in a couple of weeks with the team names. Bring your non perishable food donations (and or dollars) on or before **Super Bowl Sunday, February 1, 2015.**

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be held in the sanctuary on January 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. We will be voting on the proposed 2015 budget. We'd like to welcome our newly elected council chair positions of President - **Bill Belcher**, Vice President - **Linda Santos**, Secretary - **Brooke Bailey**, and Treasurer - **Andrea Sikkink**. We'd also like to welcome aboard our new Property Chair - **Becky Gustafson**, and Stewardship - **Amy Ulman**. We ask that you continue to support and pray for them as well as our continued council members, **Eileen Ward** - Evangelism/Outreach, **Ian Colte** - Learning Ministry, **Jerry Omo** - Fellowship, & **Jane Yanagida** - Worship & Music. If you would like to know more about serving as part of a committee please let us know. We'd like to give a special shout out to those leaving council, **Dick Crislip** - President, and **Rick Myers** - Property! They both served many years on the council to which we are very, very grateful!!

Keegan Salborro posing with Pastor Keith after receiving his first Holy Communion on Nov. 30, 2014 along with Avery Bishop, Natalie Bishop, Jacob Bishop, and Shayna Espinoza.

## CLC OHANA

Our website, Facebook, & You Tube channel are constantly being updated with new articles, photos and videos of people & church activities. Please check us out! If you do not wish to have your picture/video on the internet please let the church office know.



## Angel Tree



100 needy children from PACT (Parents and children Together) will get at least ONE Christmas present this year, thanks to your generous efforts! Thank you all for supporting our Angel Tree efforts! Special thanks to a sweet member of ours donating 13 toys' worth—special blessings to you, BS! Receipts available if I bought the gift for you— see Mary Lou.

## Choices in Giving

As you contemplate donations this Holiday Season and into the New Year, consider electronic giving. *Simply Giving*<sup>®</sup>, a reliable, easy, & safe way to move your stewardship plan into action. Your offerings are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal (at your frequency) from your bank account or credit card. You can also donate at our website through *Paypal* at [www.clcmililani.org](http://www.clcmililani.org). If you are not yet and would like to receive a book of *offering envelopes* for 2015 please let us know. The use of envelopes helps us provide an accurate giving statement for your tax purposes. Your contributions are needed for everything from special programs to basic operating expenses. More information and sign up sheets please visit the information table. Mahalo for your gifts.



*We keep in our prayers...*

*We pray for God's peace for Dave and his family, for Judy, the Fulton family, Scott, and Marilynn. We pray for continued healing to Carol, Connie, Jim, Paulette, Kirk, Harold, & Mary. We continue to pray for Keri, Vicenta, Loretta, Delores, Amy, Shui-cho, Marcie, Maria, Vivian, Doug, Frank, Georgiana, Paulette, Eric, Rose, Mia, Jim and Pepper. We pray for world peace and for God's safety & protection for our military and their families. For Pastor Keith, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Murray Finck, we pray God's love & grace. God of love, hear our prayers.*

### Worship and Music Committee

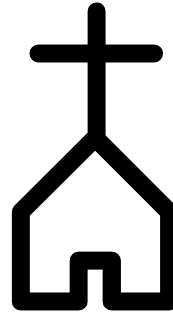
It definitely takes a village... or a congregation! CLC enjoyed a blessed Advent and Christmas time thanks to all of US! Our talented Handbell Choir gave us the "Carol of the Bells". The Sunday School/PBJ ministry was a winning combination for our Sunday School Program. Emily, our now 8:00 and 10:30 pianist continued to dazzle us with her skills and musicianship. Praise Team members continued to lead without a pianist. The whole congregation pitched in to fill the "pukas" in hui assignments. Members of the Worship and Music Committee led the way in several activities that helped to keep us mindful of others during the holiday season: the Angel Tree; the folks who shared Advent candle readings with us weekly; the Windward Wounded Warrior Project; poinsettias honoring loved ones and beautifying the sanctuary. And, of course, Pastor Keith for leading us on the Advent journey. Mahalo to all.

The Worship and Music Committee continues to meet monthly on the second Thursday, at 6:00 pm. We welcome your input and attendance!

Jane Yanagida

### Godspeed

Prayers of Godspeed were given to the Lilyquist family in December. They were active members in the 10:30 Hui as readers and ushers, and also Jen was a Sunday School Teacher. The Navy has sent them to Rhode Island. We wish them well and hope they come back and visit!



### Teller News

After 27 years of faithful service, Bill Little is "retiring" his teller duties as of December 14<sup>th</sup>. Well done, Bill! We were pleased to have you on our team! Dick Crislip takes his place come January 11, 2015. Welcome back Dick!

Happy Birthday  
Hau'oli La Hanau to:



- 01 Bud Jenkins
- 01 Alex Belcher
- 02 Ashley Maginot
- 02 Ellie Stanford
- 03 John McCague
- 06 Dori Hertzberg
- 10 Nancy Pham
- 20 Jim Collins Jr.
- 21 Pua Good
- 22 Amber Wiedemann
- 22 Adam Larson
- 29 Joshua Bishop

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 05 Russell Kino
- 07 Logan Chong
- 13 Tyson Nakashima



Wedding Anniversaries

Hau'oli La Ho'omana'o to:



- 21 Credo (in memory) & Marilyn Bisquera
- 28 Collette & Neil Wiedemann



Confirmation Classes (6:00 p.m.)  
& Puppet Ministry (7:00 p.m.)  
starting up again on Wednesday  
January 7, 2015

HUI 8 AM	January 4, 2014	January 11, 2014	January 18, 2014	January 25, 2014
Set-Up (2)	Gary Laabs	Pam & Cliff Lanias		Burke, Gustafson
Greeters				
Assisting Minister				
Prayer Station				
Communion Assistants (2)	Gary Laabs	Pam Lanias, Carol Larson, Collette Wiedemann	Gary Laabs	
Reader				Becky Gustafson
Ushers		Gary Laabs	Pam & Cliff Lanias	Burke
Comm. Bread	Jane Yanagida	Eileen Ward	Jane Yanagida	Eileen Ward
Sound System	Anna Sikkink, Joel Sikkink			Scott Weaver
Tellers	Mary Lou Kimoto, Kathy Maginot	Dick Crislip, Anne Myers	Chieko Higuchi, Barbara Springer	Brooke Bailey, Amy Ulman
Aloha Baker				
Acolytes				
Aloha Visitor	Eileen Ward	Eileen Ward	Eileen Ward	Eileen Ward
Altar Guild				



HUI 10:30	January 4, 2014	January 11, 2014	January 18, 2014	January 25, 2014
Greeters		Chieko Higuchi		
Assisting Minister	Connie Omo	Rob McClain	Marilynn Bisquera	Rob McClain
Prayer Station	Connie Omo			
Communion Assistants (3)	Chieko Higuchi, Bev & Joe Murphy	Amy Ulman, Chieko Higuchi	Amy Ulman	Amy Ulman
Reader			Scott Copeland	
Ushers (2)	Mary Lou Kimoto,	Mary Lou Kimoto,		
Comm. Bread	Jane Yanagida	Eileen Ward	Jane Yanagida	Eileen Ward
Sound System	Collette Wiedemann	Scott Copeland	Nolan Acosta, Nelson Acosta	Jerry Omo
Tellers	Mary Lou Kimoto, Kathy	Dick Crislip, Anne Myers	Chieko Higuchi, Barbara	Brooke Bailey, Amy Ulman
Aloha Baker				
Acolytes				
Clean-up (2)			Mary Lou Kimoto,	
Aloha Visitor	Eileen Ward	Eileen Ward	Eileen Ward	Eileen Ward
Altar Guild				

## **Annual Mililani Christmas Parade was a success!**

To all of you who had a hand, a big Mahalo!!

Handbell Choir - Connie Laumann, Andrea Sikkink, Anna Sikkink, Marta Sikkink, and  
Linda Kohlstaedt

PBJs - Joel Sikkink, Nolan Acosta, Landon Acosta, Avery Bishop, Natalie Bishop, and  
Megan Ulman

Drivers - Bill Belcher and Jane Yanagida

Walkers – Chieko Higuchi, June Imperial, Eric Melin, Nelson Acosta, and  
Collette Wiedemann

and the CLC Elves - those who donated yarn, tags, and made all those leis!



**Attention Lei Makers:**

Our handbells, puppets, and leis have become an annual community favorite of Christmas parade-goers. Last year we made and gave away about 600 leis, and could have used two to three times that many.

We've decided to make Lei Making a year-round opportunity. Mahalo to June Imperial and her mom who inspired the ideas to go year-round. **Donations of yarn** are needed anytime. (Red and green, and also any bright colored yarn is welcome.) Drop at CLC office.



**Instructions for lei makers:** Please make the end strings 6"-7" long, knot the ends together with no gap, and leave bow untied until later in the year. When we are certain of the time of Christmas Eve services, I'll get the tags to you to slip on before doing the final bow and knot; or, you can bring them to CLC with the bow not yet tied, and someone else will put on the tags.

**Additional Lei Makers Needed:** The instruction sheet for making the finger-woven yarn lei are available on the Information Table. If you need help getting started, contact me on Sunday or at [eileen-ward@mac.com](mailto:eileen-ward@mac.com). I'll point you to someone who can show you.



Mahalo, Eileen



### Sunday School Christmas Program was a Hit!

Great job Sunday school teachers Sarah Salboro, Brooke Bailey, & Jen Lilyquist! The Sunday school children were adorable with their little Angel sock puppets. Also Mahalo to the puppet team and directors Anna Sikkink, Amy Ulman, & Collette Wiedemann. Your hours of practice paid off. Thanks for sharing the Christmas gift "The Manger Zone" with the congregation and the community at the Mililani Town Center. And a shout out to photographers/videographers, Jerry Omo & Nelson Acosta!





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## JANUARY OAHU YOUTH GATHERING

**St. Clement's Episcopal Church**  
**4pm-6pm** (note time change)

Come join us for worship, dinner, and discussion about forgiveness. Start your new year off right by joining other youth on the first Sunday of each month at our monthly youth gatherings at different churches all over the island!

**[YOUTHDIRECTOR@EPISCOPALHAWAII.ORG](mailto:YOUTHDIRECTOR@EPISCOPALHAWAII.ORG)**

**Sun****Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9am Property Work Party
4 9:30am Ohana Breakfast 4pm OYG @ St. Clement's Episcopal	5	6	7 6pm Confirmation 7pm PBJ	8 6pm Worship & Music Meeting 6:30pm Praise Team 7pm Council Meeting	9	10
11 Healing Services 9:15am Sunday School 11:45am Handbells	12	13	14 6pm Confirmation 7pm PBJ	15 6:30pm Praise Team	16	17 9am Property Work Party
18 9am Annual Congregational Meeting 9:15am Sunday School / Ladies Bible Study	19 Office Closed	20	21 6pm Confirmation 7pm PBJ	22 6:30pm Praise Team	23	24
25 9:15am Sunday School 11:45am Handbells	26	27	28 6pm Confirmation 7pm PBJ	29 6:30pm Praise Team	30	31 10am OPOH @ Maluhia



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*Return Services Requested*



## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Communion Worship Services

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Professional Keiki care

During the 10:30 service

Children's Message and  
Healing Prayers with Anointing  
offered at each service

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