

August 2020

Together We Are The Church

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

And here we are in August! Where has the time gone?

Don't answer that. We know.

Mahalo again to all of you for your prayers and good wishes in regard to the tumor behind my left eardrum. A few days ago, the surgeon gave me a clean bill of health. Looks like he got it all. Thanks be to God.

So, I'm feeling somewhat rejuvenated and ready to have at things as we move into late summer and early fall. And here's what I'm having at ...

- ◆ We are going to continue to hold in-person worship services on Sunday mornings, keeping the groups small, masked, and physically distant;
- ◆ We are going to resume Holy Communion starting August 2nd;
- ◆ Because there is no semblance of a coordinated national strategy of prevention and care, this pandemic is not only persisting but roaring along. And because of that we are also going to offer Holy Communion to those of you choosing to worship from afar. We will do communion through the Internet. More on that in a separate email. Do know that we have been thinking this through very carefully, consulting with clergy colleagues, bishops, and public health experts;
- ◆ We are also looking at expanding our online worship times. Currently, we are considering Sunday and Wednesday evenings, with study and worship. We are also thinking about a weekday afternoon book club. For now, these will all be via Zoom;
- ◆ Finally, in terms of subject matter we are considering a study on racism and the Church; an Epistle of the New Testament, or a book with a religious topic – there are already a couple of good books on faith and the COVID19 pandemic.

So, if you have any particular thoughts on these matters, do let me know. My aim is to start in mid/late August.

Remember - We're in this together. And God goes with us.

Blessings,



Pr Keith



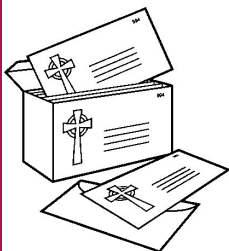
*You are welcome at the table
found at Christ Lutheran Church.*

*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.*



We Need You!

Would you like to
OFFER your
assistance in counting
our **OFFERING** once
a month? It's easy to
learn and you meet new friends along
the way. For more information or to
throw your hat in the ring, please call
Mary Lou Kimoto at 623-2389.

Voting is a
privilege
and a duty
as citizens
of a free
country. If
you are a

registered voter, you should have
received your ballot in the mail.
Make sure you complete it and
send it back so it is received by
the August 8 deadline.



**In-person Worship times as of August 2:
8 am (note the change) & 11 am**



Highlights from the July 19 Church Council meeting

- Voted to resume in-person Communion, starting August 2nd
- Voted to begin “virtual” communion, starting August 2nd
- Voted to purchase a new PC for the office manager
- Voted to accept a bid to install new lighting for the front of the church building, facing Meheula Pkwy, illuminating the new church sign and cross
- Voted to accept a bid to clean out the birds’ nest atop the front of the sanctuary
- Noted that we are in a pretty decent financial position
- Discussed pastor’s vacation challenges in these challenging times
- Reviewed the Pacifica Synod Council’s Statement on Racism and commended it to the congregation for review and conversation per Pr Keith’s development of small group gatherings online and/or in-person

Next meeting: August 16th @ 2:30pm.

Kokua Hui - Coming August 12th!

Our very own seminarian, Sena Norton, will be leading us in a weekly online (Zoom) gathering for study and reflection, prayer and mutual support, beginning Wednesday, August 12th, starting at 7pm.

The first three weeks will be looking at “Awe & Wonder.” Bring you Bibles, your thoughts and feelings, and all those faith-questions that have been piling up these last few months, if not, these last few years.

We look forward to seeing you!



Mahalo Nui Loa

To... our property volunteers **Russ Kino, Paul Herr, and Eli Vonberg** for keeping the property clean and neat.

To...**Collette Wiedemann** for all the preparation she did to help get our Interim Administrator off to a good start (and a huge Congratulations! on your retirement).

To...**Mary Lou Kimoto** and her crew of offering counters for their faithful commitment to this vital ministry (be sure to see her plea for additional help on page 2).

To...**Kathy and Andrea Jans** for their presence and technical assistance with the on-line worship services.



Happy Birthday

06 Anne Myers
06 Maddyn Robinson-Sato
06 Phionah Spangler
07 Michael Walley
09 Bev Murphy
11 Alena Walley
11 Benjamin Walley
13 Benjamin Hamaguchi
14 Jana Norton
15 Collette Wiedemann
22 Jia Spangler
23 Joe Murphy
24 Andy Sikkink
28 Charlie Smith

Anniversaries



Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Connie Omo
04 Logan Stanford
11 Logan Riehle
11 Trenton Riehle
25 Dale Koenig

Wedding Anniversaries

23 – Bill Belcher & Linda
Kohlstaedt

**We pray to God who some call Mystery,
beyond all definition, that
When in the midst of uncertainty
– may we know faith.
When in the midst of anxiety
– may we know serenity.
When in the midst of stress
– may we know calm.
When in the midst of fear
– may we know trust.
When in the midst of bewilderment
– may we know assurance.
When in the midst of confusion
– may we know confidence.
When in the midst of pandemic
– may we know peace.
When in the midst of whatever
– may we know love.**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8 Voting Deadline
9 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	10	11	12 7 pm Study w/ Seminarian Sena Norton via Zoom	13	14	15
16 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i> 2:30 pm Council Meeting on Zoom	17	18	19 7 pm Study w/ Seminarian Sena Norton via Zoom	20	21 <i>Statehood Day</i> Newsletter Deadline	22
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GIVE ALOHA AT FOODLAND TO HELP US RAISE FUNDS!

Christ Lutheran is once again participating in *Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program*. This program honors Foodland's founder, Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan, and continues his legacy of giving back to the community.

How It Works

From **September 1-30**, customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 to participating Hawaii non-profit organizations at checkout. Donations are accepted at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms checkout. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation. Individuals must use their own Maika'i number to make a donation. Donations made without a Maika'i number will not be matched.

How to Donate

At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide your number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to **Christ Lutheran Church**, code number **77769**. If you do not have a Maika'i card/number, you may request to establish one. Your donation will be added to your grocery purchase total. You may donate up to \$249 per organization; any portion exceeding \$249 will not be matched. The amount you donate and the name of our organization will appear on your receipt. Donations must be payable to Foodland or Sack N Save.

Acknowledgement of Your Donation

Donor names will not be released to our organization. Therefore, if you would like to us to know of your gift, please contact us directly so that we may properly acknowledge your gift. You may ask the cashier for a duplicate receipt to submit to us.

Are These Contributions Tax Deductible?

These contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Please save your store receipt for tax purposes since it will be the only record you will have of your donation(s).

Matching Gift

Matching gifts will be determined at the end of the program. Our organization will receive 100% of all customer donations given to us, plus each donation made with a Maika'i card, will be partially matched by a gift from Foodland and the Western Union Foundation.

Questions?

Please contact Community Relations at Foodland at (808) 732-0791 ext. 7388 if you have any additional questions.



Welcome Myla Louise Yanagida Blow!

Jane and John Yanagida are happy to announce the arrival of their granddaughter on July 7, in Bedford, Texas! She was 19" long and weighed 5 lb. 14 oz. Parents Lisa and Vincent are thoroughly enjoying their little bundle of joy, and learning to sleep whenever possible!!

In addition to the above announcement, Jane sent the following message to us:

“Hi there. Life is different here, but good. We are in an airbnb 5 minutes from our new granddaughter, and see her almost daily via videochat and glass front door! We've been looking hard for a house, and might be lucky this time, but nothing in stone yet. Anyway, I did want to let our CLC ohana know about Myla... Jane and John”

CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

Thank God for church ladies (and men?) with computers. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services (these have been around a while but humor in the time of a pandemic is always welcome). This is a partial list. Watch for more in the coming months.

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water.
The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.



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August Worship

Beginning August 2 we will offer in-person worship with Communion at **8 am** and **11 am**. In addition, the 11 am service will be offered on Zoom with “virtual” Communion. You may also later view and hear the worship service at CLCMililani on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and SoundCloud.

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