



Together We Are The Church

September 2020

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

The most important item of note for the newsletter is this: The Council and I have decided to continue with plans for our Fortieth Anniversary Celebration on September 20th. Before the first shutdown we had invited Bishop Andy Taylor to come out and lead us in that celebration. Now he's going to Zoom out (bad pun intended) and join us via the internet.

We are also going to invite all of our former pastors to join us, too. We'll ask each one to say a few words as part of the service. And there might be a founding member or two who will be brave enough to speak, as well. We will have a Service of the Word for that Sunday so that all those preachers have some time to speak. We'll sing from home and hum in person and rejoice.

We need to celebrate something. The fact that Christ Lutheran Church is still here, despite many ups and downs through the years, despite the coronavirus that is hammering our island, nation and world, ... our fortieth anniversary is something to celebrate. So we are.

Remember again that scripture calls us to celebrate. Joy, as I like to remind everyone, is not happiness. Rather, joy is something deeper, more enduring – it is love, life and creativity even – especially! – in the midst of suffering and tragedy. So plan on joining us on September 20th!

I'm writing this while listening for the mayor's new restrictions on "safer at home," with the governor, lieutenant governor and the US Surgeon General in attendance. At this point church worship in person is still permitted so we shall continue to do so. Our numbers are small and everyone is masked, physically distancing, and washing their hands.

We continue to have a glitch now and again with Zoom and Facebook, often with my voice not being able to be clearly heard. Please know we're working diligently on that. We're trying different mics, different volumes, different masks and shields and even different door/wall openings and closings.

Again, if you have any thoughts, ideas, or questions, don't hesitate to contact me. They didn't teach us about pandemics in seminary, so I'm kinda new at this. Advice is welcome.

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.*



Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

13 Andrew Zaffke
24 Dale Burke

Wedding Anniversaries

17 Jefery & Amanda Spangler
21 Carrie Nelson & Jackie Pang
22 Eric & Rose Melin



Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Gary Ward
03 Sally Little
10 Sally Kino
11 Zella Zaffke
14 Meadow Spangler
24 Paulette Collins
28 Brian Burke

If we missed your birthday,
anniversary, or baptismal
anniversary, please let the office
know (office@clcmililani.org)



Highlights from the August 16 Church Council meeting

- ◆ Finances holding up okay – about \$90K in the bank
- ◆ Pastor Keith is keeping an eye on gov't restrictions for in-person worship
 - * About 5-7 people attending at 8am; 8-10 at 11am;
 - * Everyone is faithfully wearing their masks and religiously keeping their distance
 - * Communion distribution is working well
- ◆ Zoom and Facebook are both being livestreamed
- ◆ The Zoom recording is edited after and uploaded to YouTube and SoundCloud
- ◆ Heard a proposal from Hunter Spangler for an Eagle Scout project, to build a community garden in our vacant space between the parsonage and the parking lot
 - * Will check on insurances liabilities
 - * Management of the garden
 - * Policies and procedures
 - * Costs and funding
 - * Security
- ◆ Linda and Bud are working on updating the By-Laws
- ◆ The IT system for the office is up and running

- ◆ Phone conference with pastor and organ repair-person: recommendation that we sell the organ “as is.”
 - * Organists are few and far between in Hawaii and the nation
 - * Council will mull this over until the next meeting in September
- ◆ The Fortieth Anniversary of CLC is scheduled for September 20th
 - * Council intends to keep that date – Zoom at 11am
 - * Pr Keith will invite the bishop and former pastors to Zoom in and speak
 - * A few founding lay members will also be invited to speak
 - * A Service of the Word will be the order of the day

Next Council meeting:
September 13 @ 2:30pm.

Mahalo Nui Loa

- ★ **To... Chieko Higuchi** for the many things she does for CLC, including serving as a teller to count the offerings and heading up the Altar Guild including providing altar flowers and preparing communion ware (and which Chieko has expanded to include sweeping the church).
- ★ **To... Jef and Amanda Spangler** for coordinating, organizing, and delivering our August meal to IHS and to **the many people** who donated cookies. Thanks to the generosity of the CLC `ohana, a total of 356 dinners were served to men, women, children, and police personnel. Our next donation is scheduled for Saturday, October 3.
- ★ **To... Andrea Jans** for her exceptional help in getting the office IT system up and running (and for saving the sanity of the administrator)

An Easy Way to Increase Your Contribution

Christ Lutheran 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 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. This year, donations can also be made when you place an online grocery order for curbside pickup or delivery at <https://shop.foodland.com/>.



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, (and include it on your quarterly statement for tax purposes), 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.**

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Increasing Your Contribution Easily - Part 2

You've heard it said "you can get anything on Amazon. That's very close to the truth. So if you need anything, you can help out Christ Lutheran Church in Mililani while you shop. AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support CLC every time you shop, at no additional cost to you. When you shop AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices and vast selections and AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to CLC. So, the next time you go shopping at Amazon, don't log in to Amazon.com but use the website below. Then a portion of your purchase will benefit CLC without you even trying.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/99-0226575>



SEPTEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	7 <i>Labor Day holiday—office closed</i>	8	9 7 pm Kokua Hui w/ Seminarian Sena Norton via Zoom	10	11	12
13 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i> 2:30 pm Council Meeting on Zoom	14	15	16 7 pm Kokua Hui w/ Seminarian Sena Norton via Zoom	17	18	19
20 <i>40th Anniversary Celebration!!!</i> <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	21	22	23 7 pm Kokua Hui w/ Seminarian Sena Norton via Zoom	24	25 Newsletter Deadline	26
27 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	28	29	30			

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between preserving
their health or making their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for our
children when their schools close
Remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the
tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country,
let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our
arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to
our neighbours.
Amen.

Cameron Bellm, Seattle, United States

Know Your Status!

The State of Hawaii is conducting surge testing for Covid-19 at no cost through September 8. A full site list is available at doineedacovid19test.com, which is also where you go to preregister for a testing site and time slot and log on to obtain test results.



Many of us have been adversely affected by the current pandemic - jobs lost, fear of losing our homes, worry over



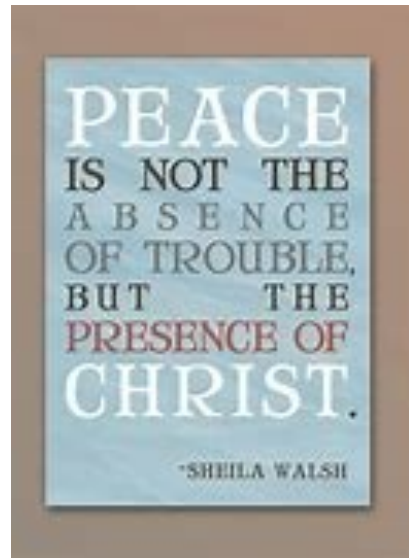
having enough food, and education uncertainty. This is happening across the country. But in California they are facing an additional catastrophe - wild fires....over 500 of them as of this writing. And in Louisiana and Texas people are dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Laura, a powerful category 4 hurricane. Lutheran Disaster Response is coming to the aid of those affected by both disasters. The link below takes you to their web site for more information on what LDR is doing and how you can help.

And please keep those affected by the fires and the hurricane and all of the emergency personnel providing their assistance in your prayers.

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>



Aria, left & Mia right - 2-month old identical twin sisters of 2 yr-old Mattson - grand children of Lynette Sakamoto.





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September Worship

In-person worship with Communion continues at **8 am** and **11 am**. In addition, the 11 am service is offered on Zoom and Facebook with on-line Communion. You may also later view and hear the worship service at CLCMililani on our YouTube channel and SoundCloud. Our 40th anniversary will be celebrated on Sept. 20.

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