

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

Can it be December already? The older I get, the faster it goes. Whoosh!

So much is going on in our world(s), too. Big picture stuff that leaves us often gasping in wonder, amazement and, these days, disbelief. Small kine stuff that can leave us worried, anxious and disbelieving.

This I do believe: Jesus is coming. In fact, he is already here. Among us. With us. Around us. He is coming and he is here. Something of a paradox – two seemingly contradictory statements being true at the same time. In professional religious circles they call it “The Already/Not Yet.”

Jesus is *already* present with us; Jesus is *not yet* present among us.

So, in Advent Season, as we prepare for the ritual celebration of the birth of Jesus, we anticipate his coming. And we live as if he were already here. Because in Word and sacrament we believe he already is here, loving us, redeeming us, bringing order to our chaotic, anxious lives.

That may be small kine stuff in this big picture world. But it is in the small kine stuff that we respond to the gasping-in-disbelief that plagues our big, old world. Little things turn into big things. Like Jesus not yet here. Like Jesus already here.

Who knows how this big world of ours is going to turn out. I sure don't. This I do know: Jesus-already-but-not-yet-here is a good thing. My, our, deepest hope.

And so, in spite of it all, I shall live “joyfully ever after.” No matter what happens next.

Blessings to you in this Advent and Christmas Season.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pr Keith". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Pr Keith

Christmas Eve Services

Sunday December 24

6 & 8 PM



Don't Miss!
PBJ's
Christmas Carol Medley



Sunday December 23
At CLC 10 a.m.

Let's all have Figgy Pudding
& Eggnog after the show!

Christmas Poinsettias

Honor a loved one with a beautiful poinsettia plant to be placed in the church sanctuary for our Christmas services! We invite you to purchase a poinsettia on your own or through our grower. See the sign-up sheet on the information table or contact Marilyn Bisquera at mjbisquera@hotmail.com. Your name and/or your loved one's name will be printed in our Christmas Eve program. The plants available for purchase from our grower are larger, fresher, & more beautiful than what you can find elsewhere because we buy direct. Prices for the poinsettias are: \$12 for 6 1/2" pots; \$6 for 5 1/2" pots. Variety choices include the following: red, red with yellow, & cream with pink. Orders must be made by Dec. 3. If you are purchasing on your own, please bring your plant in on Saturday morning, Dec. 23rd when we will be decorating the church.



Mele Kalikimaka!

Keiki Church Starts December 3rd!





**Come to the Mililani Hometown
Holiday Parade**

**Presented by the
Mililani Lions Club**

Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m.



Participate or Spectate
We need Lei Distributors and Puppeteers

This year, in coordination with the Hawaii Foodbank, they are asking for donations of canned or boxed foods. Most wanted are canned meats, fruits, vegetables, and soups. You can drop your donations off at CLC and the parade participants will bring them to the check in on Dec. 2 at the Mililani High School Kauinana Stadium.

CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGES FOR PASTOR JOANNA'S TROOPS

Must be mailed by Dec 6

Lets show our appreciation by putting together some care packages to send to our troops on deployment in Germany and Poland.

Requesting but not limited to:

Cookies or brownies. They would really appreciate **homebaked**. These will make it if individually wrapped then placed in a Gladware container. **Nuts. Sunflower seeds.** They are getting MREs for lunch and some can afford to buy food more than others, so **Ramen, microwave soups, microwave pastas** and other meal-like foods are good options. **Candy.** M&Ms, Nerds, Laughy Taffy, Jolly Ranchers are all good options. But they're not terribly picky, either, so any candy is fine. **Chewing gum. Hot chocolate.** Since they will be doing gunnery, **baby wipes, razors. Tooth brushes** are always good since people can drop them. **Small games, cards, goofy fun items** are nice too.

Pack in USPS flat rate boxes packed tightly with bubble wrap and plenty of heavy shipping tape.

The boxes need to be addressed as follows:

CH(CPT) Forbes,Joanna
HHC,2-70AR,2ABCT,1ID
Unit 93105
APO AE09016

Or, bring in the items & we'll do the packing.

*We are taking monetary donations as well to cover shipping costs.
Each large USPS flat rate box cost \$15.55 to ship to an APO address.*

Want to help pack? Come to CLC on Tuesday Dec. 5th at 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGES

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

1. Animal products

All meat products - smoked, cured, vacuum-packed, canned, dried or otherwise -are strictly prohibited by German Customs. This also includes pet food and temperature-sensitive dairy products, such as soft cheeses and eggs, and untreated animal products, including game figurines, furs and bone or wood ornaments.

2. Perishable items

Foods that easily spoil and perishable biological substances, including ready-to-eat meals, wild mushrooms, vegetables and kimchi, are forbidden. Nonperishable food items, such as candy and chocolate are allowed.

3. Plant products

4. Coffee, alcohol & tobacco products

5. Kinder Surprise Eggs

6. Nutritional supplements

7. Prescription medication & recreational drugs

8. Firearms

9. Explosives, aerosols & flammable liquids

10. Counterfeit products

11. Endangered species

12. Items intended for resale or home-based business





The holidays are approaching and you're running out of shopping days. If you find yourself ordering on-line, check out smile.amazon.com.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to CLC or any charitable organization you choose that is registered with them.



INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES

We will be serving the homeless again on December 2, 2017 so please sign up to help. It is a great experience and so very much needed and appreciated!



End of Year Giving Deadline

We will be out of office between Christmas & New Years. All year end pledges, offerings, & donations need to be in **by Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017** for recording and depositing. No guarantees after the 24th. Mahalo for your giving!

Angel Tree Time

Each year we receive a list of 100 needy children on the island from the (PACT) Parents And Children Together organization. You can **be an angel** and pick a tag or two from our Angel Tree (on the lanai) & purchase a Christmas gift. Please bring the unwrapped gift with the tag attached to CLC by pick-up date, Friday, Dec. 15th. Please remove the price tag and limit your purchase to \$10—\$15 per child. Many Thanks!



Hui help needed
for
Christmas Eve Services
6:00 & 8:00 p.m.
Please see the sign up sheet
on the information table.



Mahalo for your food donations to the Private Sector Hawaii!

*If you missed the deadline, you can still donate by check or Paypal to:
The Private Sector Hawaii,
PO Box 1109
Haleiwa, HI 96712,
www.privatesectorhawaii.org*

Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

03 Marian Crislip
03 Bill Kriese
08 Marissa Wiedemann
09 Jiao Chen
09 Russ Kino
09 Keith Wolter
12 Mano Myers (In memory)
20 Jeffery King
22 Alisha Hockman
28 David Sikkink
30 Kaimana Higa

Wedding Anniversaries

01 Rick & Anne Myers
12 Jerry & Connie Omo
13 Joel & Anna Hamaguchi
27 Bill & Gayle Kriese
30 John & Ele Clere
30 John & Jane Yanagida



Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Tullia Salboro
01 James Lary
02 Roxy Rabang
03 Anna Sikkink
07 Mary Lou Kimoto
09 Jiao Chen
13 Natalie Benson
22 Matthew Fulton
25 Nicholas Kotouc
25 Sam Kotouc
28 Josephine Lilyquist
28 Marta Sikkink
30 Keith Wolter
31 Alex Gustafson



Honoring our Veterans!

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2 9am Mililani Christmas Parade
I.H.S. Day - Serving the Homeless

DECEMBER 2017

3 7am Contemplative Service w/communion
9:30am PBJ's
10:45am Communion Worship Service

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10 7am Contemplative Service
9:30am PBJ's
10:45am Healing Service

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Angel Tree Pick-up

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17 7am Contemplative Service
10:45am Worship Service
11:45am Christmas Tree Decorating

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24 9:30am PBJ's
10am PBJ's Christmas Carols & Figgy Pudding
10:45am Worship Service
6 & 8pm Christmas Eve Services

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Newsletter Deadline

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10am OPOH @ Maluhia

31 7am Contemplative Service
10:45am Worship Service





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95-1361 Meheula Parkway
Mililani, HI 96789



Sunday Worship

7:00 a.m.

Contemplative Communion Service

9:30 a.m.

PBJ's Puppet Team

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

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