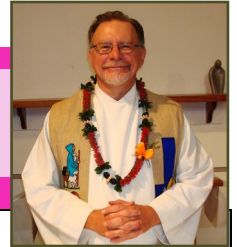


February 2015

**Together We Are The Church**



## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

The Council Presidents of Christ Lutheran and Joy of Christ Lutheran Churches have asked me to report out to you regarding our meeting last night (Wednesday, January 28) regarding the potential partnering for Word and sacrament ministry (the formal definition of what an ordained Lutheran pastor “does”).

The negotiated proposal that the leadership are bringing to their respective congregations is to partner for such ministry, with yours truly, being called to serve in that pastoral capacity.

Such a partnering always involves adjustments in the way everyone does things, and this partnership is no different. How much the pastor gets paid, who pays for how much of the pastor’s defined compensation and benefits, whether and how administrative responsibilities are merged (or not), what shared and distinct potential ministries are possible, maintenance of each congregation’s unique identity in these activities – all these areas of concern were discussed. And, it almost but not quite goes without saying – who worships at what time on Sunday, or for that matter any other day of the week.

Leadership explored a number of Sunday morning worship schedules, with advantages and disadvantages. Rev Tim Philips, Director of Evangelical Mission for the Pacifica Synod, attended and added helpful insights and ideas.

Here is the proposal as it emerged from the meeting:

Pastor Keith to be called to a full time position of Word and sacrament ministry

CLC to pay 60% of Pr Keith’s defined compensation and benefits

JoC to pay 40% of Pr Keith’s defined compensation and benefits

JoC to hold Sunday morning services at 9:00am

CLC to hold Sunday School at 9:15am

CLC to hold Sunday morning services at 10:45am

Pr Keith to preach and preside at both services

No supply pastors to be rotated in and out weekly

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There is a good rationale for every bullet point in this summary, but time and space will not allow me to expound on them here. However, our goal is to be as transparent as possible, so that everyone who wishes may have opportunity to respond. AND until a congregational vote is taken and all of the interested parties, including you, the Bishop and me, sign off on this, nothing is set in concrete.

Timeline for this to happen, is March 1<sup>st</sup>. To make that work, CLC is having a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15am. JoC has its annual meeting on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pr Keith will be in attendance at both meetings.

Please, pray for our churches as we make some critical decisions regarding our work, worship and witness to Christ in our world.

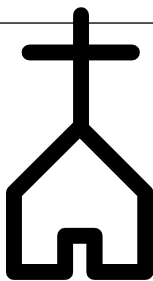
Blessings,

Pr Keith

## Super Bowl O'Hana Breakfast

**Feb. 1, 9:25 a.m.**

- 1) Choose your breakfast offering from the place where YOUR favorite team comes from. (Yes even Cleaveland)
- 2) Put it in a "Super Bowl" or pan or something that reflects your teams colors. OK anything really.
- 3) Sport your team colors, jersey, etc.
- 4) EAT! Talk Football & root for your favorite dish (winner will receive a prize) and must be present to win/vote :)



### Worship and Music Committee

Change is in the air!

I know we're all curious about where the future of CLC is taking us. With the Lord's guidance, we know good decisions will be made that will only enhance our worship. It's a good time to remember and be thankful for some of the little things that make us a strong congregation. Our Christmas sanctuary was beautiful! And the Christmas decorations were removed and stored again by willing hands. We're thankful. We all enjoyed the poinsettias, and appreciate the memories of those loved ones whom the plants represented. We're thankful. Our pianist, Emily Lee Stanford, has provided music for us at both services whenever needed. We're thankful. Our Praise Band is going strong in spite of the loss of their leader; another leader has stepped up. We're thankful. Super Bowl Sunday is nearly here! Two baskets were creatively decorated and await your donations. We're thankful. The Worship and Music Committee has met regularly to plan and oversee our worship life for 2 years! We're thankful, and confident in what lies ahead.

*Jane Yanagida*



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

Christ Lutheran will again offer the opportunity to have fun doing a **Food Drive** as we cheer for our favorite Super Bowl team. Vote for your favorite team (Seattle Seahawks or New England Patriots) by bringing in a monetary gift or non-perishable food donation on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 1 and placing it in the team's donation box or basket by the sanctuary. Donations will be going to the Private Sector Hawaii food bank.

*Eileen Ward*

### REPRESENT CLC AT THE PSA

CLC will need one male and one female to represent our church at the Pacifica Synod Assembly in Riverside, CA from May 28-30, 2015. If you are interested in being a voting representative for our church to the Pacifica Synod, please notify the church office.



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*Return Services Requested*



### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Communion Worship Services

Healing Services - 2nd Sundays

Professional Keiki care  
During the 10:30 service

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

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School  
Ladies Bible Study - 3rd Sundays

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