

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

As I write this, Thanksgiving Day has passed and Advent/Christmas Seasons are soon upon us. Already, even more so than before, people have been confiding in me regarding their difficult feelings about this (supposedly) Hap-Hap-Happiest Time of the Year:

It's the most wonderful time of the year
With the kids jingle belling
And everyone telling you be of good cheer
It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Yeah, right. Mahalo, Andy Williams.

Those feelings can include grief, loss, sadness, depression, anxiety, panic, and a general melancholia. They often tend to intensify during holidays when you are expected to be happy and gay. And that's just the problem – how can I be happy and gay when that is what I can't seem to conjure up? In our cheery, cheesy, officially optimistic culture, how do I get by? How do we cope when we seem to have no language to even express how we feel? Well, no language that is officially accepted.

It's time for a Blue Christmas at Christ Lutheran Church. No, not the Elvis Presley song but the Christian liturgy of hope in the midst of despair, of a little light in the middle of a great big darkness, of a little, bitty baby, vulnerable and at-risk in a world of hyper-steroided adults whooping, hollering and screaming.

So, on Sunday, December 23rd at 7:00pm here at Christ Lutheran Church, we will gather quietly, pray and reflect, listen to scripture and sing softly. We will use the liturgy of healing. We will light candles to console us in the great big dark (just a few – enough to find our way around).

Maybe that will get us through. I invite you to join us. If you would like to know more – or just chat with the pastor, feel free to contact me.

A blessed Advent to you all!

Pr Keith

Catch the Spirit

Whether spectator or participant, the **Mililani Christmas Parade** is sure to get you into the Christmas Spirit.

Don't miss Saturday
December 4 at 9 AM

We are looking for folks to walk in the parade and help distribute all the beautiful handmade lei.

Join the fun and help support CLC!



Hui help needed
for
Christmas Eve
Services

6:00 & 8:00 p.m.

Please see the sign up sheet

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. 23, 2018** for recording and depositing. No guarantees after the 23rd. 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 \$10-\$15 Christmas gift. (no toy guns of any kind please) Please bring the un-wrapped gift with the tag attached to CLC by pick-up date, Dec. 12th. Many Thanks!



Christmas Tree Decorating

*Please join us in decorating
our Church Christmas Tree*

Sunday Dec. 16

11:00 a.m.



Keiki Church

Big Mahalo to
Kathy Jans for running our
Keiki Church!

We are looking for more adults
to help assist or lead during
the 2nd service. If you are in-
terested please let us know.

Puppet Team Performs

"Mary Did You Know?"

Sunday Dec. 16

10 a.m.



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*



Happy Birthday

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



Anniversaries

Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Tullia Salboro
03 Anna Sikkink
07 Mary Lou Kimoto
09 Jiao Chen
22 Matthew Fulton
28 Marta Sikkink
30 Keith Wolter

Prayer Recipients and Prayer Providers

*If you are in need of prayer, let us know and we'll send your requests to our prayer chain.
If you like to pray for others, let us know & we'll add you among our prayer providers.*

Wedding Anniversaries

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



Our Love & Prayers

God's presence to Sherlie, Jack, Nicholas, Jayden, Sierra, Mia, Betsy & Daniel, Hershey, Bob & family, for Nesi, Marjorie, Florentina, Dino, George, Eric, Rose, Mari, Naomi, Mike, Michael, Lisa, Joan, Colin, Cecil, Shane, Mark, & Brenda.



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

DECEMBER 2018

1
9am Christ-
mas Parade

I.H.S. Serv-
ing Home-
less

2 7am Contemplative
Service w/communion

9am PBJ's

10:00am Worship
w/Communion

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6:30pm
Catechism

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9 7am Contemplative
Service w/Healing

9am PBJ's

10:00am Communion
Worship & Healing
Service

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6:30pm
Catechism

13 Angel
Tree pick-up



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16 7am Contemplative
Service w/communion

9am PBJ's

10:00am Communion
Worship Service
w/PBJ's

11am Christmas Tree
Decorating

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6:30pm
Catechism

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4:30pm
Council
Meeting

22

23 Pledge Sunday

7am Contemplative
Service w/communion

10:00am Communion
Worship Service

7pm Blue Christmas
Service

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6 & 8 PM
Christmas
Eve
Services

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Office
Closed

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Newsletter
Deadline

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7am Contemplative
Service w/communion

10:00am Communion
Worship Service

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New Year's
Eve





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Sunday Worship

7:00 a.m.
Contemplative Communion Service

9:00 a.m. Puppet Ministry

10:00 a.m.
Service of Holy Communion
And Keiki Church
with children's message

Healing Service - 2nd Sundays

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