Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

It's April 1st as I sit here. No foolin'. I feel like a fool in a fool's world. Last month's article from me said something about what a week or month it was. Little did I know what this past month would have brought us. I feel foolish.

We live in a stunning time of uncertainty. Uncertainty about a virulent virus, uncertainty about transmission, safety, tests, therapies, cures and vaccines. Uncertainty about the economy, our jobs, our mortgages, our businesses. Uncertainty about our church – when will we see each other again? Pray together? Sing together? Read and reflect on the Word? Commune together? What will our world look like when this is over? Such uncertainty, such foolishness. Where in the world is wisdom?

At today's Noonday Responsive Prayer live-streamed on Facebook, I read the 46th Psalm, where one of my favorite verses is found: "Be still, and know that I am God." In another version it reads, "Cease striving and know" Be still, cease striving. So hard when facing uncertainty. So foolish. Do something!

In the enforced stillness of staying at home, some of you are getting "squirrelly". Cleaning everything in sight. Laundering linens, bedding, clothes. Sorting and donating unused items to charity. Binge-watching movies and TV shows. Eating too much. The Squirrelly List goes on and on.

A suggestion – Be still, cease striving. Stop. Get out of the way. Stop moving. Sit. Take deep breaths. Be quiet. Turn off your electronic devices. Listen for Wisdom. Let it be. In the hour of darkness, Our Lord Jesus is standing right in front of thee, Speaking words of wisdom. Let it be.

Be still. When we find ourselves in times of trouble, the Answerer is coming to thee, Speaking words of wisdom. So, let it be.

Listen for the Answerer.

Even, especially, on April Fools. There is a counterintuitive wisdom in that.

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.



Our Pledge Drive has been extended indefinitely. We are still accepting offerings in the mail and on-line. For your convenience and safety, you can set up automatic giving through your bank or check out our other giving options available on our website at <u>www.clcmililani.org</u>

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For more information email the church office at <u>office@clcmililani.org</u>

CLC Service of the Word Live 10 a.m. Sundays

Pr Keith Wolter is inviting you to worship.

Aloha Kakou,

I think we have the security figured out. We are only inviting those of you on our email e-list and a few others known to us with absolute certainty.

You may email the office to request the link, ID and password to our Zoom account for viewing. If you need help with the Zoom connection you may email Andrea@jans.org or call 824-9531 and she will be more than happy to help you .

Please, do NOT share the link, Meeting ID or password with others unless you are absolutely certain their contact info is secure.

Please, do NOT post online on to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram for all to see.

If in doubt, do NOT share. At least for the April 5th service.

We will have a Waiting Room that you will join. Our Administrator will then screen and allow you to join.

You may also later view and hear the worship service at CLCMililani on our YouTube channel and SoundCloud.

Mahalo nui loa for your patience, understanding and support. Our prayers are with you and your families.

Blessings,

Pr Keith prkeith@clcmililani.org



Weekly Wednesdays at Noon Responsive Prayers with Pastor Keith beginning April 1, 2020

Check out & "like" our Facebook page, "Christ Lutheran Church of Mililani" for live streaming





Due to the coronavirus outbreak our Annual Good Friday Prayer Vigil has been cancelled.

Please consider finding some quiet time at home on Good Friday 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. for prayer and reflection.

God of life,

show redemption to all who watch and wait with eager expectation: those longing for wars to cease, those waiting for immigration paperwork to finalize, those seeking election, and those in dire need of humanitarian relief especially those afflicted socially, physically, emotionally and mentally by the coronavirus. Come quickly with your hope. Amen



Happy Birthday

03 Anuhea Lanias 05 Carrie Nelson 08 Paulette Collins 08 Matthew Momiyama 09 Alexander Kriese 12 Shirley Momiyama 15 Alana Yanagida 20 Gayle Kriese 21 Marilynn Bisquera 22 Credo Bisquera (in memory) 22 Christopher Santos 23 Meadow Spangler 26 Nolan Acosta 26 Joel Hamaguchi 30 ZhiQiang Zhou 30 Linda Kohlstaedt

Wedding Anniversaries

21 Jim & Christy Sondall



Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Barb Burke 01 Eric Melin 07 Hagen Zaffke 08 Valeri Matsuda Porter 08 Thor Porter 08 Charlie Smith 09 Ethan Chong 11 David Sikkink 12 Bryan DePowell 13 Linda Santos 19 Henry Zaffke 21 Nancy Pham 23 Guirong Xu-Peterson 26 Joel Hamaguchi

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Palm Sunday 10am Service of The Word on Zoom 12pm Council Meeting on Zoom	6	7	8 12pm Re- sponsive Prayers w/ Pr Keith on Facebook	9 Maundy Thursday 7pm Bible Study TBA	10 Good Friday 7pm Bible Study TBA	11
12 Easter Sunday 10am Service of The Word on Zoom	13 CLC 40th Anniversary	14	15 12pm Re- sponsive Prayers w/ Pr Keith on Facebook	16	17 4:30pm Council Meeting on Zoom	18
19 10am Service of The Word on Zoom	10	21	22 12pm Re- sponsive Prayers w/ Pr Keith on Facebook	23	24	25
26 10am Service of The Word on Zoom	27	28 Newsletter Deadline	29 12pm Re- sponsive Prayers w/ Pr Keith on Facebook	30		





Staying Connected

Due to the coronavirus outbreak we now offer services, prayers, & bible study audios and videos at CLCMIIilani on SoundCloud, YouTube, & Live on Zoom & Facebook

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