

December 2015

Together We Are The Church



Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Thanksgiving Eve.

Aloha Kakou,

In my first parish, in Montana in the 1980s, several of my members were ranchers. One rancher in particular was full of witty remarks, that he loved to toss my way. One of his favorites was, "He's lower than a snake's belly in a wagon rut." Way more meaningful in Montana, where rattlers were frequently found, although rarely in wagon ruts. Perhaps less helpful here in Hawaii, where, technically, we have no snakes. But you do get a vivid image of someone less-than-reputable, don't you?

Being a sheep rancher, the other witticism that kept tripping off his lips was, "Sheep were born to die." If they could find a way to expire and leave this earth, they would, even without the help of the coyotes that were constantly roaming on the edge of their existence. If there was a disease they could get, they would. If there was a ravine or coulee' they could fall into, they would. Sometimes it seemed if they slept too long, they would just never wake up.

Sheep were born to die. I think of that often in Advent and Christmas. It helps me keep the birth of Jesus in perspective. It keeps me from turning the season into a cheesy, sentimental moment.

Jesus was born to die. I recall that Martin Luther once said something like that. Like my sheep rancher.

Incarnate Word. God-in-the-flesh. The Crucified God. This is what Advent in December is all about: anticipating the determinedly loving presence of God in our all-too-human lives from birth to death.

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Sunday Calendar

9:15 a.m. PBJ's

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

Christmas Eve Services
Thursday December 24th
6 & 8 p.m.



Holy Baptism

Olana Rebecca

& Benjamin Mark Walley

November 1, 2015

We welcome you into the body of Christ

Mahalo

to all who contributed to the
Give Aloha Program!

\$ 1755.42	Customer Donations
\$ 299.23	Foodland Gift
\$ 58.18	Western Union Gift
\$2112.83	Grand Total



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Emmanuel, God-with-us: Connecting deeply to our own personal, familial and communal lives. Seeing us with human eyes. Feeling our own joys and sorrows. Touching us with the hands of forgiveness, hope and faith. Healing our wounds with his own, even the wounding unto death. For this Jesus was born. To this Christ Child, born to save me by his death, I will light my Christmas Candle.

A Holy Advent and Blessed Christmas to you all.



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Christmas Poinsettias

Honor a loved one with a beautiful poinsettia plant for our Christmas altar! Fill in the sign-up sheet on the information table or contact Marilyn Bisquera. Your name and your loved one's name will be printed in our Christmas Eve program. Take your poinsettia home to enjoy after the 8:00 service! The plants are larger, fresher, more beautiful than what you can find elsewhere because we buy direct from the grower. This year we have varieties to choose from. Large plants are \$11, small \$5.50. Mele Kalikimaka!

On Saturday, December 19th the **poinsettias** will be arriving at 1:00 p.m. and it's time to deck the sanctuary! Please join us for a holiday-spirited Saturday as we unload and place the poinsettias, decorate the tree, and prepare for the birth of the Christ child.

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
31 Alex Gustafson

Wedding Anniversaries

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



Happy Birthday

01 Tullia Salboro
01 Rob McClain
03 Marian Crislip
03 Bill Kriese
08 Marissa Wiedemann
09 Jiao Chen
09 Russ Kino
09 Keith Wolter
12 Mano Myers
20 Brooke Bailey
28 David Sikkink

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 from our Angel Tree (on the lanai) to purchase a Christmas gift for (approx. \$10.00). Please bring the unwrapped gift with the tag attached, and price tag removed to CLC by pick-up date, Sunday Dec. 13th. Your "personal shopper" Mary Lou is happy to shop for you; just give her \$10 cash (please) and a tag (or two or three-ha!) of your choice. Many Thanks! May we continue to support our Angel Tree efforts 100%!

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Christmas Eve Services

6:00 & 8:00 p.m.

Please see the sign up sheet
on the information table.



Sunday School
Christmas Program
December 13, 9:45 a.m.

“The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever”



Don't Miss!

“Christmas Through the Years”

Puppet Performance

Sunday December 13

At CLC 10:00 a.m.

Catch the Spirit

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

Saturday December 5 at 9 AM

Interested in participating?

We need Lei Makers and Walkers
2 Trucks w/Drivers
Handbell Ringers
& Puppeteers

Join the fun and help support CLC!





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Return Services Requested

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