

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou:

Welcome to 2019! Where did the time go? Well, wherever it went, here we are ... and that, in spite of all the weirdness in the world today, I believe, is a good thing.

Elsewhere in the newsletter it was reported that twenty households have pledged \$46,830 for 2019. We are just over halfway to our goal of \$90,000 before the year has even begun! Mahalo! We are blessed by your response and shall endeavor to be faithful stewards of your pledges.

That has gotten me thinking more about the notion – the theology – of stewardship. Stewardship is more than money pledged or otherwise given to the Church – although that is terribly important if we want to keep the lights on and the pastor and staff paid. Still, stewardship has to do with how we manage the entire household of God that has been given to us.

In Genesis 1 & 2 the first humans were created to steward, that is, to manage, that household of God, the entire Creation, symbolized in Christian theology and art as The Garden of Eden. Among other things, sin was characterized there as failure to be faithful stewards.

In Romans 8:19-25, St Paul says that the entire creation is groaning in labor pangs, awaiting the redemption, not of disembodied human souls, but of the whole person, indeed the whole of God's creation, including the physical, material world. The redemption of our bodies is the fruit of the Spirit. That involves stewardship, care of the world that God is redeeming.

And the last book of the Bible, the one that can be twisted and turned in any number of ways, the Revelation of St John, in the second to last chapter of that last book, chapter 21, verses 1-5, God announces that there comes a new heaven and a new earth, that is, all of creation will be renewed at the fulfillment of time. Heaven is not my home, earth is! Heaven has come down to earth, restoring Eden, so to speak, making this world God's home. Therefore, we are called to be stewards of that onrushing renewal.

We are redeemed to be stewards of God's creation. That does include the physical, material world as the place of the spiritual. That physicality includes being stewards of the mysteries of faith: Word and sacrament – speech and water, bread and wine, physical stuff, from which just about everything else flows.

I'm going to think about this some more. Stay tuned!

Blessings in the new year,

Pr Keith

Congregational Meeting



January 27, 2019 11:00 a.m.

**Annual Reports will be ready for reading
the Sunday prior.**

Pledge Update

As of December 28, 2018 we have a total of 20 people who have turned in a pledge card for 2019 with a total of \$46,830 pledged to CLC in 2019.

Thank you,

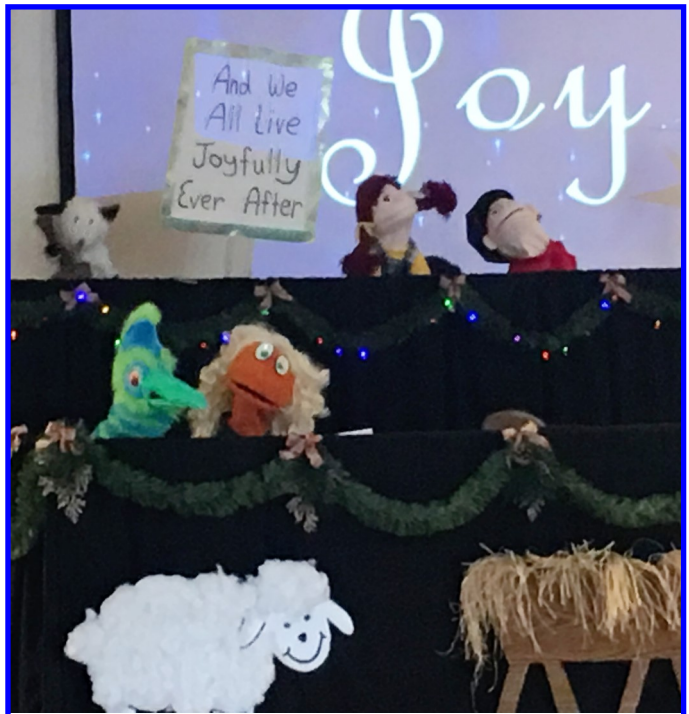
From the Council.

Giving Options

The 2019 Offering envelopes have arrived and are on the information table. If you do not see your name, let us know and we will be glad to assign a package number to you. We also have a Paypal Account if you'd prefer to give on-line through our website. Or, (another option) how about starting the new year by giving through Simply Giving®, a reliable, easy, & safe way to move your stewardship plan into action. Your offerings are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal (at your frequency) from your bank account or credit card. It allows you to share your donations through planned giving and activates your generosity into ongoing stewardship. No more playing "catch-up" at year-end because of missed Sunday offerings. Please stop by the office for member enrollment. Thank you for your support to CLC!



The annual PBJ Christmas program was a delight! Thank you to our youth involved — Nolan Acosta, Landon Acosta, Peter Broberg, Lauren Broberg, Anya Broberg, Sam Broberg, Mae Norton, Kaimana Higa, & director — Collette Wiedemann. The puppeteers are always recruiting. Now is a good time to join! For all ages.





Mililani Christmas Parade

Angel Tree Mahalo

All 100 Angel Tree tags were generously claimed. Your great gifts were distributed to those less-fortunate children who perhaps received only your present for Christmas. God bless you all!

PS. Special thanks to DeAnn Acosta and Kathy Maginot for their eagerness to help throughout this glorious season!

Happy
New Year

*Mahalo to all who made & distributed
the many, many lei in the parade!*



Happy Birthday

01 Bud Jenkins
01 Alex Belcher
02 Ashley Maginot
02 Ellie Stanford
06 Jean McMann
10 Nancy Pham
15 Marilyn Lee
20 Jim Collins Jr.
21 Pua Good
25 Nelson Acosta
26 DeAnn Acosta



Anniversaries

Baptismal Anniversaries

02 Cody Olson
02 Kasey Olson
04 Calista Bianchi
05 Russ Kino
10 Maddyn Robinson-Sato
13 Logan Chong
13 Tyson Nakashima
14 Zachary Fuchs
16 Kayli Beck
17 Alea Vonada
22 Josiah Miskowski
31 Lily Romagnoli

Wedding Anniversaries

21 Credo (in memory) & Marilyn Bisquera

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.

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.



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		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6 7am Contemplative Service w/Communion 9am PBJ's 10:00am Communion Worship & Healing Service	7	8	9 6:30pm Catechism	10	11	12
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20 7am Contemplative Service w/Communion 9am PBJ's 10:00am Communion Worship Service	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23 6:30pm Catechism	24	25	26
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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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