



Together We Are The Church

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## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

I found this poem the other day that in my pastoral role I think speaks not only to me but to many of you.

### BALANCING

I am trying  
to be happy

& pay attention  
to the world  
around me

I do not  
know if it is  
possible

to do both  
at the same  
time

*by Blythe Baird, a spoken word poet*

Quite apart from my critique of “happiness” as opposed to “joy,” just run with it. In my sermons and conversations I have observed how traumatized many of us feel these days and how much has gone wrong in the world just in the last few years. I told someone just the other day, “I don’t know which to be most concerned about – Christian Nationalism or Climate Catastrophe.” Or where to put my energy.

I follow a God who rescues us from sin, death, and evil. I follow a God who raised Jesus from the dead, and in the power of the Spirit comes to me with nail-scarred hands and feet and a body all out of joint from hanging on a cross for hours. Talk about a balancing act.

We practice balance one day at a time, even one hour, or minute, at a time. We are not alone. We have each other and through each other we have the crucified and risen one standing, sitting, even lying down with us.

And it is enough.

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.*



## **Meet Our New Administrator**

Shelby Yuu will be taking over for me as the new Office Administrator at the end of August. She will be in the office a few days this month to learn the ins and outs of working with and for you and Pastor Keith. Following a vacation in September, I will continue on a limited basis to take care of some of the bookkeeping duties. I am convinced that Shelby is the right fit for CLC.

I am grateful for the support and encouragement you have given me over the past 2+ years. *Carolyn*

Aloha,

I am a local girl born and raised on the Island of Oahu, I currently reside in the Pearl City area with my husband, Jayson of 14 years and my 12 year old son Jaycob.

I have previously worked at the University of Hawaii for over 10 years in budgeting and clerical work.

In 2007, I went on to serve as Parish Assistant and as Parish Administrator for Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church where I stayed for the next 10 years.

I love to bake, cook, crochet, travel and most of all spend time with my family and friends.

I look forward to building relationships with all of you and am so grateful to be called on to serve Christ Lutheran Church, Pastor Keith, and most of all God!



# Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

## Happy Birthday

August 6 Anne Myers  
August 6 Maddyn Robinson-Sato  
August 6 Phionah Spangler  
August 8 A J Striffler  
August 9 Bev Murphy  
August 13 Benjamin Hamaguchi  
August 14 Jana Norton  
August 15 Collette Wiedemann  
August 15 Levi Vonberg  
August 22 Jian Spangler  
August 23 Joe Murphy  
August 24 Andy Sikkink



## Baptismal Anniversaries

August 1 Connie Omo  
August 4 Logan Stanford  
August 11 Logan Riehle  
August 11 Trenton Riehle  
August 25 Dale Koenig

## Wedding Anniversaries

August 23 Bill Belcher & Linda  
Kohlstaedt

If we missed your special day, please let the office know (office@clcmilani.org)

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## Lutheranism 101 Is Happening



Pastor Keith will be leading a session of "Lutheranism 101" on Saturday, August 13th at 1:30 pm in the church. He will discuss what Lutheranism is, what are the core teachings of our movement, why we do what we do and talk like we talk in worship, and answer your questions.

If you would like to know more, or refresh what you once knew, or you want to take this as an adult step toward membership at CLC, or you just have questions, plan now to be here on the 13th of August. No advance reservations are needed and everyone is welcome.

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## One More Chance

The last Sunday of collections for Ryan McMann's Eagle Scout project will be Sunday, August 7th. Bring your donations of basic first aid supplies & toiletries to the church and place them in the box by the table at the back of the church. Mahalo for your contributions to this effort.

## Still Searching!



We are in need of one more **offering counter** (known as a **Teller**). The commitment would be for approximately one hour after the second service on the 4th Sunday of the month. No special talent is needed. We will provide

the training. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Mary Lou Kimoto at 808-623-2389 or talk to Pastor Keith.

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In addition, we are still looking for a few more **Assisting Ministers/Lectors** for both services (in- person only for 8 am; in-person or online for 11 am). We don't want to wear out the faithful few we have now so please consider this and talk to Pastor Keith if you have questions or are interested.

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## Coming in September



The annual assembly of the Hawaii Hukilau (all the ELCA churches in Hawaii) will be held here at CLC on Saturday, September 17 beginning at 9 am. This

is a great opportunity for you to meet other Lutherans from around Hawaii and learn about activities happening elsewhere and share what CLC is doing in ministry. Our new Synod Bishop, Rev. David Nagler, will also be in attendance. All are welcome.

## Church Council Wrap Up

The Church Council met on July 24. Here is a summary of that meeting:

- ◆ Discussion was held regarding several up-coming projects at CLC and the top three were prioritized as follows:
  - #1 - Fence staining (see notice on page 6)
  - #2 - Turning the sand box into a Gazebo for use as an additional small group & meeting spot
  - #3 - Moving the dirt pile
- ◆ The Council will be getting bids for tree trimming
- ◆ Another project being worked on by the Council is the refurbishing of the offices
- ◆ It was decided to hold a **surprise pot luck brunch between services on August 14th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Pastor Dale's ordination**
- ◆ A follow-up discussion was held on whether CLC should register as a congregation for the Pride Parade set for October and how to gauge people's interest in participating
- ◆ Approved a compensation packet for Shelby Yuu, who will be taking over the duties of Office Administrator at the end of August (see her introduction on page 2)

The next Church Council meeting will be on Sunday, August 21, at 1:30 pm.



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# August

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 IHS Ministry
7 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	8	9	10	11	12	13 9:30 am-12:30 pm Dog Training reg. 1:30 pm Lutheranism 101
14 Healing Sunday 8 am In-person Worship 9:15 Pot Luck brunch 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	15	16	17	18	19 Statehood Day holiday	20 8:30 am-12:30 pm Dog Training reg
21 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation 1:30 pm Church Council	22	23	24	25 Newsletter Deadline	26	27 8 am-11 am Fence Painting
28 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation 2 pm Student piano recital	29	30	31			

## IHS Ministry

Our next ministry date is **Saturday, August 6**. You can sign up to help with serving the meal or donating cookies at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4EA9AA28A5FE3-clcaugust1> or contact Amanda Spangler at 808-7258-9156. The photos below are from some of our past ministry dates.



## Fence Painting Day!

Come and Have Fun  
Painting Our Fences!

**Saturday, August 27th**

**8 am to 11 am (or until we are finished)**

**Many Hands Make Light Work!**

**Please bring painting supplies if you have them.**



*Below is an excerpt from Bishop Andy Taylor's farewell message. Please note that new Bishop Dave Nagler will be at CLC on Saturday, September 17 as a guest of the Hukilau which will be meeting here at 9 am.*

Dear Members and Friends of the Pacifica Synod,

This Sunday, July 31, will be my final day of serving as your bishop. I want to thank you for the honor of serving in this call. Thank you for the many prayers that I know were said on my behalf, both during services of worship and at times of private devotion. I relied on them, and they were helpful in doing my task. Thank you for the ministry that you have accomplished, for the ways you have shared the love of God with each other, your neighborhood, the surrounding community, and the world. Thank you proclaiming Christ crucified and risen from the dead for the sake of the world.

As I leave, I would encourage you to do the following: preach the gospel, share the good news of the unconditional love of God for all creation. love one another, showing the world how you can speak the truth in love with one another in order to embody the love we have received from Christ Jesus our Lord. Serve your Neighbor, trusting that the Holy Spirit is already at work outside the walls of the church, and as we serve our neighbors, we will catch glimpses of Jesus reaching back to us through them.

Finally, thank you for praying for Bishop Dave Nagler as you have prayed for me. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be with him as he uses his gifts and skills to further the proclamation of the gospel and God's call for justice. He is greatly qualified for this work, and I am looking forward to seeing how the Synod grows in faith and love through his leadership. I can't wait to see the results.

Thank you again for the honor of serving you this last six years. My prayer for all in the synod is that God will continue to guide us as we share God's hope and help with a world in need.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Bishop Emeritus Andy Taylor  
Pacifica Synod, ELCA



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## **August Worship**

**Sunday worship -  
8 am and 11 am**

Masks not required  
but encouraged

The 8 am service is offered on  
Facebook and the 11 am  
service is offered on Zoom.

Both feature  
on-line Communion.

The Liturgy of Healing is  
included in each service on the  
2nd Sunday of the month.

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