

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

Merry Christmas! And a happy new year!

From my point of view, churchwise, we got through Christmas, at least Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, in good order. No, big crises at the church. Good attendance, good singing, good cheer.

I hope you got through it, even maybe enjoyed it, whether with family, friends or just on your own.

Now, in short order, we are facing a new year. Lots of knowns and unknowns staring us in the face. Some pleasant, ones that we may be looking forward to; others perhaps more troubling, disturbing even.

The national and international news has been one thing after another. Local, state, and church news has also given us a full plate to try to digest. Perhaps your own work, family, and personal news has kept you preoccupied as well.

I've used the word before, and I'll probably use it again, because I find it so apt – **"turbulence"**!

I define this turbulence as *increasing complexity, accelerating change* and *growing uncertainty* about all of the aspects of our lives, especially the ones I mentioned in the previous paragraph. This turbulence is now a fact of our lives. We may or may not like it, but there it is.

Such turbulence leads to a *heightened anxiety* about what is coming next for ourselves, our families, our communities. We often *respond in fear*; sometimes *in trust*.

When the shepherds suddenly saw the angels announcing the good news of Jesus' birth, they experienced their own turbulence, their own anxiety. They were afraid, terrified.

Which is why the angel's first word was, **"Do not be afraid."** Throughout scripture, both Old and New Testament, the word of angels, prophets and disciples is the same – "Do not be afraid."

As we continue through the Twelve Days of Christmas (until January 6) and launch into a new year full of turbulence, my word of encouragement to you and yours is the same – **"Do not be afraid. Trust."** Jesus is here. Through his Holy Spirit, God is present, comforting, guarding, encouraging, caring. That's enough for any stormy sea.

Mele Kalikimaka e Makahiki Hou!

Pr Keith

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the PBJ's



We were entertained on Christmas Eve by the Powered By Jesus (PBJ's) Puppet Ministry Team. They wow'd us with A Christmas Carol Medley of 12 songs! Thank you to our youth involved—Nolan Acosta, Landon Acosta, Hunter Spangler, Peter Broberg, Lauren Broberg, Kaimana Higa, & director Collette Wiedemann.



Assisting Ministers Needed

An Assisting Minister is responsible for assisting the presiding minister (usually the ordained pastor) with the worship service. This may include reading various prayers for the day and assisting the pastor with communion, baptisms, healing liturgies and occasionally reading of the lessons. An Assisting Minister may also, but not necessarily, serve at the prayer stations.

A Prayer Station Minister offers laying on of hands with special prayers to meet individual needs. Prayers are provided for those who prefer them to extemporaneous prayer. If you'd like to volunteer as an Assisting Minister and/or a Prayer Station Minister please let us know.

Catechism Classes

Catechism is beginning! Classes will be held on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm starting January 10th. We will run through May 2018 and then, start up again in the Fall. We will be studying the Old and New Testaments, especially the stories of Israel and of Jesus. Martin Luther's Small Catechism will be used to emphasize the key aspects of our faith, including Word and the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. Please contact Pr Keith at 623-9229 (office) or 281-1050 (cell) if you or your child are interested. You can also email him at prkeith@clcmililani.org



First Communion Class

For our keiki, who are interested in starting to take Holy Communion. There will be an instruction class to prepare and teach youth about the origins, practice, and meaning of Holy Communion. Please contact Pr Keith at 623-9229 (office) or 281-1050 (cell) if you or your child are interested. You can also email him at prkeith@clcmililani.org

Acolytes

Acolyte – “follower” and “helper.” Our supply of Acolytes is dwindling. Any member of CLC at any age can be an Acolyte. The acolyte is responsible for lighting & extinguishing the candles, carrying the cross, distributing the offering bowls, and assisting with Holy Communion and Baptisms. The Acolyte's duties begin 15 minutes prior to the service.

If you are interested in being an acolyte please let us know. Pastor Keith will be training acolytes as interests are forth coming.

Looking for Altar Guild helpers

Altar guild helpers are needed for 2018 (2nd service). If anyone is interested in helping please see Chieko Higuchi after the 2nd service or call at: 623-1153.

We want to thank our 2017 7:00am Service Altar Guild Helpers: Gayle Kriese, Linda Kohlstaedt, Pam Lantias, Sally Kino and Linda Santos (not in photo). Jane Yanagida was one of our communion bread makers. At the 10:45am service we wanted to acknowledge the following acolytes: Standing w/Pastor Keith in row 1: Jia Spangler & Hunter Spangler, Row 2: Landon Acosta, and Logan Chong. Communion Altar Guild helpers: Marilyn Bisquera, Chieko Higuchi, and Pua Good (not in photo). Eileen Ward helps to bake the communion bread. Our two 10:45am musicians: Eric Melin and Jason Forbes accompany our talented pianist Emily Stanford (not in photo).

Congregational Meeting



January 28, 2017
11:45 a.m.

Annual Reports
will be ready for
reading the
Sunday prior.



10:45 AM Volunteers



7 AM Altar Guild Team



Karen and Andy Ausel help to put up the CLC banners and have been very active in starting the 2017 Keiki Church.



Our Keiki enjoying Children's Church, creating shoes for Santa to fill.



Mililani Christmas Parade

Mahalo to our Angel Tree Shoppers

Thank you 100 CLC "angels" who happily provided gifts to children who perhaps received the only Christmas present this year. God bless you all! Special thanks for our special "angel" who happily shopped for you (and me!) - DeAnn Acosta!! Well done dear one!

Great gifts from all!



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

Mission Accomplished

Many thanks to everyone involved in the Christmas Care Packages to our Troops in Germany! To all those who donated goods, who baked homemade brownies, who contributed to the shipping costs, who packed and addressed the boxes, and to those who delivered the 29 boxes to the post office!

Job well done!!



Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

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



Baptismal Anniversaries

05 Russ Kino
10 Maddyn Robinson-Sato
07 Logan Chong

Wedding Anniversaries

21 Credo (in memory) & Marilynn Bisquera
28 Collette & Neil Wiedemann

Keeping in Our Prayers

Rose, Florencia, Eric, & all
those traveling.
Blessings to the Toys for Tots
Christmas organization & to
our elderly.
Good health to Doug.
Godspeed to Chaplin Tom &
Jennie Bingol
and to the Niblick family,
who moved to Indiana.
We'll miss you!

Giving Options

The 2018 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. 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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		2	3 1:30pm Building Committee Meeting	4	5 4:30pm Council Meeting	6
7 7am Contemplative Service w/communion 9:30am PBJ's 10:45am Communion Worship Service	8	9	10 6pm Catechism	11	12	13
14 7am Contemplative Healing Service 9:30am PBJ's 10:45am Healing Ser- vice	15 Martin Luther King Jr Day	16	17 6pm Catechism	18	19	20
21 7am Contemplative Service 9:30am PBJ's 10:45am Worship Service	22	23	24 6pm Catechism	25	26	27
28 7am Contempla- tive Service w/communion 10:45am Communion Worship Service 11:45am Congrega- tional Meeting	29 Newsletter Deadline	30	31 6pm Catechism			

JANUARY 2018



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Sunday Worship

7:00 a.m.

Contemplative Communion Service

9:30 a.m.

PBJ's Puppet Team

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

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