

January 2017

Together We Are The Church

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

2017? Already? I was just getting used to writing 2016.

But since for many of us 2016 was fraught with change, some good, some not-so-good, and some for which the jury is still out, I'm kind of ready for a new year. No doubt many of you are, too.

For me, the biggest event (yes, bigger than the election!) was moving from Makiki to Mililani. A good move, no doubt about that, but as in all moves stressful. Just the anxiety of not always knowing what's coming next creates stress, some of it good, some of it not-so-good, and some of it not-so-clear just yet.

I've been reading the papers and magazines and listening to the radio newscasts where the pundits, experts and know-it-alls have been reviewing the big picture events of 2016 in great, mind-numbing detail. Fascinating stuff...to an extent...so, I'll refrain from going over all those momentous changes one more time with you here.

Change – it still be a-coming this next year, but hopefully not in such overwhelming doses. What's that cynical saying – “The more things change, the more they stay the same.”

Perhaps there's some truth in that, but I have been noodling on something similar but not quite so cynical that I heard earlier last year (2016!): “We have to change in order to stay the same.” I like that better. Not a cheery, cheesy optimism, the kind of contrived sentiment that drives me nuts, but neither the cynical attitude that masks hopeless despair.

Change to stay the same? Yes. These past few years I had to change my eating habits in order to stay the healthy person I've been blessed to be throughout my life. I changed my address from Makiki to Mililani to stay your pastor in an effective and faithful manner. We added a 7:00am contemplative communion service in order to continue living Christ's aloha with each other and our community. I even had to create a new folder for my 2017 newsletter articles in order to stay organized. Finally, I had to keep breathing (change!) as I turned sixty (big change!!!) in order to stay alive (serious continuity!).

Ahh, the mysterious paradox of life and death, disorder and order, change and continuity. While I am looking forward to a more “settled” 2017, I am curious to see how God will lead us through more change, so that we might continue – each and every one of us – to live Christ's aloha here in Central Oahu.

Blessings,
Pr Keith



*Mahalo
for your gifts!*



Birthay Thank You from Pastor Keith

My humble thanks to everyone at both Christ and Joy of Christ Lutheran Churches for your kindnesses, good wishes and gifts surrounding my sixtieth birthday earlier in December. When my slightly off-hand remark that a reduced mortgage principle would be the best birthday gift, you raised \$5,000 and threw a great after-church potluck.

Now, that's a birthday gift! Mahalo nui loa.

In a year that's been an emotional wringer for many of us - and in so many ways large and small - that effort struck me as a very bright spot where all of us could celebrate our work together in Christ.

Let's keep that work together going into 2017

Gratefully,

Pr Keith

INSTITUTE for HUMAN SERVICES

Mahalo to all who helped serve the homeless at the Institute of Human Services on December 3, 2016!!!

Thanks to Bev and Joe Murphy and Chieko Higuchi for cooking the chicken. Of course, thanks to Becky Gustafson, Barbara Burke and Judy Halvorson who always prepare the coleslaw.

Mahalo for donation of cookies from Mary Lou Kimoto, Chieko Higuchi, Marilyn Lee, Sarah Chong, Shirley Momiyama, Bev Murphy, Sally Kino, Nick and Ally George, and Karen and Bill Paulus.

Additional thanks to those who went and served the food: Hal and Naomi Halvorson and family and Jef and Amanda Springer.

We will be serving the homeless again on February 4, 2017 so please sign up to help. It is a great experience and so very much needed and appreciated!

Dick Crislip



From Chieko Higuchi -

Thank you to CLC's Altar Guild helpers during 2016.

The Altar Guild Team has helped to set up and clean up the altar communion intinction containers; clean the altar, set up the altar linen and get the communion bread and gluten free wafers ready for the services. Mahalo for the following for all your participation and cooperation and assistance with the altar guild duties for 2016: Linda Santos, Pam Lantias, Becky Gustafson, Sally Kino, Pua Good, Barbara Springer, Linda Kolsteadt, Gayle Kriese, Judi McClain, Marilyn Bisquera, and Chieko Higuchi. Special thank you to Pam Lantias, and Marilyn Bisquera who have been washing the white linen. Finally, a big Mahalo to the bakers of the communion bread for 2016: Jane Yanagida, Eileen Ward, Gayle Kriese and Chieko Higuchi.

Giving Options

The 2017 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.



January 29, 2017

11:45 a.m.

Annual Reports will be ready for reading the Sunday prior.



*Barb Springer, Marilyn Bisquera, Becky Gustafson,
Chieko Higuchi, & Eileen Ward*

Altar Guild Team 2016

*Pua Good, Pam Lantias, Linda Kohlstaedt,
Gayle Kriese, Linda Santos, & Sally Kino*



Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a successful New Year!!
Wishing you Joy and Peace

We appreciate your recent participation in another successful Annual Mililani Holiday Parade. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Congratulations to the parade winners:

· In the marching category:

First Place: Pas De Deux Hawaii

Second Place: Christ Lutheran Church

Third Place: Leeward Training Club

· In the vehicle category:

First Place: TLC Realty

Second Place: Mililani Baptist

Third Place: Rolling Metal TC



We wish you the Happiest of Holidays this year - filled with Joy and Peace. Please stay safe and plan to join the parade again next year!

Your Mililani Holiday Parade Team,
Mililani Lions Club, Presenter
Mililani Shopping Center, Sponsor



*Christmas Cheers from
The Handbell Choirs
&
Lei Distributors*





*The Plaza @
Mililani Assisted
Living Center*

PBJ's Annual Christmas
Program delighted all hearts
with
"Was He a Boy Like Me"





Christmas 2016



Santa's Elf cutting our grass

Mahalo Russ Kino



**Mele Mai Paki Lima
Community Handbell Ensemble
Holiday Concert**

**Sunday, January 8, 2017
at 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM @ CLC**

**This will be an amazing show!
Don't miss this fantastic Bell Choir!**



This is their last Holiday Concert for our 2016 Christmas season. They are asking if you can, to donate paper product plates, cups, napkins, paper towels to Fisher House. Fisher House is a Military housing for families or individuals that are recovering or going through medical issues. It serves Hawaii, Guam and South Pacific Islands. It is like a military Ronald McDonald House but not just for kids. They did a concert there in December and want to give back.

Angel Tree Mahalo

Many thanks for all your generous support in our Angel Tree efforts; in some cases your gift will be the only Christmas present your "child" will receive this year. GREAT bike! Love that large stuffed dog...would have wanted it for myself! Ha! Special "kudos" for the two especially generous gifts. Sure had fun spending every penny! Ha!

To you all, a very Merry Christmas and THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

Gratefully, Mary Lou



Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

01 Bud Jenkins
01 Alex Belcher
02 Ashley Maginot
06 Dori Hertzberg
06 Jean McMann
08 Dallas Wood (In Memory)
10 Nancy Pham
15 Marilyn Lee
20 Jim Collins Jr.
21 Pua Good
22 Amber Hind
25 Nelson Acosta
26 DeAnn Acosta



Baptismal Anniversaries

05 Russ Kino
10 Maddyn Robinson-Sato
07 Logan Chong
19 Coleman Nelson
23 Dori Hertzberg

Wedding Anniversaries

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

Hukilau Conference



Please Join Us

On

Saturday, January 21st

from

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

At the Lutheran Church of Honolulu
1730 Punahou Street in Honolulu



This is a great chance to hear from the Pacifica Synod's new Bishop, Andy Taylor, who was elected last May at the Synod Assembly and was installed October 23rd. In addition, we will be sharing some important news about our Conference life and have a chance to hear from each other about anything happening in the life of our Congregations.

Cost: \$10.00 per person, which will pay for lunch

Register by emailing lch@lchwelcome.org by January 15, 2017

Important Note: The Hukilau Treasury will pay the airfare for at least the Pastor and two lay people from each neighbor island congregation to attend the meeting.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year 7am Contemplative Service 10:45am Communion, Worship Service	2 Office Closed	3	4	5 7pm Hand-bells	6	7
8 7am Contemplative, Healing Service 9:30am PBJ's 10:45am Communion, Healing Service 6:30pm Handbell Concert	9	10	11	12 7pm Hand bells	13	14
15 7am Contemplative Service 9:30am PBJ's 10:45am Communion Worship Service	16 Office Closed <i>Martin Luther King Jr Day</i>	17	18	19 7pm Hand-bells	20	21 4pm Council Meeting
22 7am Contemplative Service 9:30am PBJ's 10:45am Communion Worship Service	23	24	25 7pm Mid-week Bible Study	26 7pm Hand-bells	27	28 Newsletter Deadline 10am OPOH @ Maluhia
29 7am Contemplative Service 10:45am Communion Worship Service 11:45 Annual Congregational Meeting	30	31				



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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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