



Together We Are The Church

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Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

Last month, in the middle of my newsletter article I asked, “And what’s next?” I was thinking in terms of what we as Christ Lutheran Church might try next. I was pondering Keiki Church, catechism, music and worship, a social hour ...

Little did I think I would be pondering and fearing the possibility of World War Three as I watched aghast the brutal and violent Russian assault on Ukraine these last few days. So sad and unnecessary. I cannot do much as a pastor in Hawaii but pray. Which I am doing. Praying for peace, justice, and the survival of democracy around the world.

I don’t think I’m going to ask “What’s next?” anymore. Something unpleasant keeps surprising me.

Several of you have told me what you would like to see happen at CLC. The overwhelming response was a social hour – coffee and cookies after church at 8am and before or after church at 11am. I think we are missing each other, talking story, being with each other.

Some of us do linger before and after, but only a couple of us. We keep our distances and stay masked, but we haven’t been entirely sure how that fits in our congregation’s gathering policy or in our state/county public health rules. I suspect we’ve been over-cautious and careful. Even if no one stays after, I do – just to keep an eye on everything.

So, let me consult with the Council, check out the public health current best practices, and let’s think about gathering together before or after worship with some food and drink.

Maybe a Wednesday evening Lenten gathering? Soup supper and responsive prayer? Hmm....

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.*



A Prayer for Peace

**Creator of the heavens and the earth,
we come to You seeking peace in the
world. In the wake of several horrific
acts of violence and an incomprehensible
number of precious human lives lost,
we ask for Your comfort and healing
touch for all those affected and for our
families and friends near and far. May
Your consuming love permeate
communities everywhere.
You are forever merciful
and our expectation
resides solely in You.
Thank You for hearing
our cry. Amen.**



Guideposts

Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

Happy Birthday

March 1 Joel Sikkink
March 5 Dale Koenig
March 13 Henry Zaffke
March 17 Steve Peterson
March 19 Kathy Jans
March 20 Guirong Xu-Peterson
March 30 Judy Kaupp

Wedding Anniversaries

March 7 Eileen & Gary Ward
March 19 Steve & Guirong Xu-Peterson

Baptismal Anniversaries

March 14 Adam Burke

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



Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday, March 2, is Ash Wednesday. Our service, which will include the imposition of ashes and communion, will begin at 7 pm. It will be in person and live streamed via Zoom. The Zoom invite will be included in the Wednesday announcements.

Devotions for Lent

We did some cleaning out of cabinets recently and ran across a variety of Lenten devotion booklets. We have a few of each - for kids, teens and young adults, families, and general. We have put them out for the taking on the table at the back of the church. If you can't make it in person but would like to have a booklet, please call Carolyn in the office (808-623-9229) M/W/F between 10 am and 6 pm. She will be happy to send one to you.



Garden Up-date

It's been a year since we first began to build the Aloha Agape Community Garden (AACG). What an amazing year, too! All but 3 of the 35 beds have been rented out to about 14 gardeners (not counting the occasional appearance of spouses and children). A couple have been returned, but only a couple and one of those has been rented. People have commented how beautiful it looks and even the Bishop gave it his stamp of approval. By all accounts this project has been a success. It's not just a garden, but a community garden where people help each other out.

Our thanks go out to all the gardeners and especially to Hunter Spangler, who's vision, foresight, and efforts got everything going. He's been approved and will be receiving his Eagle Scout rank advancement in April.



IHS Ministry Report

Our next ministry date at IHS is Saturday, April 2. We will be going back to cooking and serving at the shelters - and will, of course, be providing cookies as well. The Spangler family has been heading up this ministry for many months (years?) and would love to have some assistance with the cooking and serving. (CLC members are always generous when it comes to providing the cookies.) You can sign up any time at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4EA9AA28A5FE3-clcprill>

On our February ministry date, the Spangler family purchased the food and then delivered it to IHS who did the cooking and serving. CLC members donated many cookies to go with the meals and Cheiko Higuchi delivered them to IHS. A total of 320 meals were served thanks to the gifts of our members.



Ever consider contributing to the newsletter?

Everyone writes - notes, emails, texts, letters, etc. Many people take photos - celebrations, special places, new babies, etc. Almost everyone these days finds things on the internet - humor, blasts from the past, devotions, etc. Any of these would be welcome additions to our newsletter. Please send anything you would like included to the office. It doesn't need to be religious or pertain specifically to CLC. The only requirements are that you think someone else might be interested in your submission and you give Pastor Keith the right to edit your submission. Your input will be greatly appreciated.



MARCH, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ash Wednesday 7 pm Svc	3	4	5
6 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Healing Sunday 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	14	15	16	17  Newsletter Deadline	18	19
20 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation 1 pm Church Council In person or via Zoom	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation 1:30 pm Church Council mtg	28	29	30	31	April 1	April 2 IHS Ministry Day



Lent Begins on Wednesday, March 2

For nearly two years, as the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, we have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests, and longed for the time when we “will hunger no more, and thirst no more ... and God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes” (Revelation 7:16).

You are invited to join the church’s global work to end hunger and poverty during ELCA World Hunger’s 40 Days of Giving, which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2.

For more information or to donate, go to <https://ELCA.org/40Days>.

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2022 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

This summer Camp Mokule‘ia is offering four weeks of Residential Camp programs for children and youth on O‘ahu and one week of Day Camp for children on the Big Island.

Visit www.campmokuleia.org to see dates and more information about the 2022 Summer Camp programs.



Join us for our SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE on April 24th!

Camp Mokule‘ia — a place for rest, recreation, and renewal on the North Shore of Oahu.



Coming Soon - A New Piano

Emily, Tom, and Pastor Keith went shopping last week and found a slightly used Kawai 5' baby grand piano that sounded wonderful when they played it. It had a full, clear sound with a soft edge to it. It has a beautiful, red mahogany finish, a dehumidifier, and a full top-to-floor cover. It will be perfect as the centerpiece of our music ministry and worship.

The piano was bought new last July by Embassy Suites in Kapolei for an evening program that never took off. Since then, it has been well-maintained and barely used. We figure the asking price dropped by \$4-5,000. Then, before we even sat down to play it, the piano tech gave us another 10% off, with free delivery and a free first tune-up. That brought the cost down to \$16,100. In the last few days, as Pastor told people we were buying it, we have received donations totaling \$2,500! So, the cost to CLC is down to \$13,600!

If you would like to help whittle the cost to CLC down some more, feel free to write a check, fire up [tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly), or go to PayPal. We're going to get a plaque, put the names of donors onto it, and attach it to the piano once it gets here. (It may be a few weeks since the piano moving company is booked solid.)

We are all very excited about this. As we find our way about in these tumultuous times and as we "get used to a pandemic" (whatever that means), acquiring a high-quality piano at a discount will enrich our worship in ways we can only begin to contemplate.



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March Worship

Sunday worship - 8 am and 11 am

Both in-person services abide by pandemic guidelines.

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.

March 2 - Ash Wednesday
7 pm Service with
Imposition of Ashes & Communion

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