



Together We Are The Church

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Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

Years ago, in the mid-1990s, I believe, I read that more words had been penned about Martin Luther, than anyone else in history except Jesus. I was impressed. Remember, this was when personal computers and the Internet were in their infancy. That was a lot of books, magazine articles, and academic papers.

Then, a few years ago, in the 20-teens, I read that more words had been typed on social media and blogs since 2004 than had been written in all of previous human history. Martin Luther was nowhere mentioned, and even Jesus received only a nod. Now, that is a lot of social media comments and blogging!

More recently, I have been listening online to a lot more people arguing about what the "Word of God" means. More words. Lots of words. Lots of angry words. "Repent!" and "Heretic!" were two of the more common words. People seem to have a great deal invested in their positions, especially those who shout the loudest about the Bible being the Word of God.

Allow me to share with you a few observations that have been with the orthodox Lutheran Movement for centuries:

- The Bible is the manger and swaddling clothes of Christ (Luther).
- The Bible was written by a large number of people, writing for different reasons.
- The Bible is the canonical scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

- The Bible is the word of God and reveals the Word of God, Jesus Christ.
- Jesus Christ is the lens through whom we read the Bible.
- The proclamation of Law and Gospel is the word of God.
- The Bible is inspired by God.
- Some people read the Bible as literal and inerrant. Some people read the Bible as an interesting ancient text, but not as scripture. Lutherans, and many other Christians, read the bible as a Living Word, using the tools of Biblical criticism.
- For any presentation of a Bible text, it's important to ask whether it reveals the God of love.

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That is probably enough words for one month's newsletter article. Enjoy the bulleted observations, and if you have any questions, feel free to send them my way. I will reply kindly and not call anyone a heretic who needs to repent. I promise. That's what Jesus would do.

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.*



**Please Join us Every
Wednesday evening at 6pm beginning
February 21st through March 20th for
CLC's Midweek Lenten Service
& Soup Supper**

**Starting February 21st, we will gather between 6pm and 6:30pm for
a light, soup supper potluck. We will follow that at 7pm with a
short Bible study and worship using Responsive Prayer.**

Feel free to show up for any or all of the above. Let
Pastor Keith know if you are interested in attending!



Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

Happy Birthday

February 4 Bryan DePowell
February 5 William Belcher
February 11 Ethan Chong
February 12 Carolyn Koehler
February 13 Emily Stanford
February 15 Sally Kino
February 20 Noah McMann
February 21 Keene Rosetter
February 28 Barbara Burke



Wedding Anniversaries

February 10 Russ & Sally Kino

Baptismal Anniversaries

February 2 Ellie Stanford

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



OUT OF OFFICE NOTICE

Pastor Keith will be on vacation from **January 29th through February 13th, 2024** and will also be attending the Synod Dean's Retreat in San Diego from **February 21st through February 23rd**.

Please welcome Pastor Margrethe Kleiber, who will be our guest Pastor for the services on Sunday, Feb.4th & Feb.11th in his absence.

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Dale at 808-561-8765.

- **During P. Keith's absence, the 8am Service will not be livestreamed on FB, please join us at 10am on zoom or check CLC's youtube channel.**
- **There will be no Morning Prayer from January 29th through February 25th, Prayer videos will resume again on February 26th.**



IHS Ministry

IMPORTANT NOTICE



The February 3rd ministry will be rescheduled to a later date. Stay tuned for details. In the meantime, you can still sign up to help with serving the meal or donating cookies at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844ABAC2CA7FBC25-46935707-ihscookie> or contact Adam Palmer at 808-222-8670, adamppalmer@gmail.com.

Sunday Brunch



The next **Sunday Brunch** will take place on **Sunday, February 18th** between services (approximately 9:15-9:45am). Bring whatever you'd like to share or just bring your appetite. All are welcome to this monthly time of fellowship and fun.

Please Join us
for
Ash Wednesday
February 14th at 7pm



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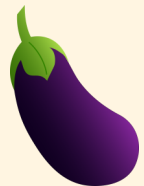
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>** Not a CLC Event: Please contact AI Anon or AA for further information.</p> <p>*** Pastor Keith on vacation from January 29th—Feb13th.</p> <p>***Pastor Keith attending Synod Dean's Retreat from Feb. 21st- Feb 23rd.</p>				1 No Confirmation Class	2 *AI-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	3 IHS Ministry Cancelled
<p>4 5th Sun. after Epiphany <i>Pastor Margrethe Kleiber-Preaching</i></p> <p>8 am In-person Worship 9:15am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</p>	5	6	7	8 No Confirmation Class	9 *AI-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	10
<p>11 Transfiguration Sunday **Healing Sunday <i>Pastor Margrethe Kleiber Preaching</i></p> <p>8 am In-person Worship 9:15 am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</p>	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday * 7 PM Service	15 Confirmation Class 7:00pm Newsletter Deadline	16 *AI-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	17
<p>18 1st Sun in Lent</p> <p>8 am In-person Worship 9:15am Sunday Brunch 9:15 am Keiki Church 11:30am Church Council Mtg. 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</p>	19 President's Day *Church Office Closed	20	21 Lenten Service & Soup Supper 6:00 pm	22 No Confirmation Class	23 *AI-Anon 7:30 pm * AA 7:30pm	24
<p>25 2nd Sun in Lent</p> <p>8 am In-person Worship 9:15 am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</p>	26 Morning Prayer	27 Morning Prayer	28 Morning Prayer Lenten Service & Soup Supper 6:00 pm	29 Morning Prayer Confirmation Class 7:00pm		

GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE NOW

**Aloha Agape Community Garden
at Christ Lutheran Church**

**95-1361 Mehe'ula Pkwy, Mililani, HI 96782
across from Mililani Town Center**

- 8ft x 4ft raised bed garden plots are available now
- Email office@clcmililani.org or call (808) 623-9229 to reserve your plot
- \$60 per plot per year to cover water costs
- Everyone is welcome!



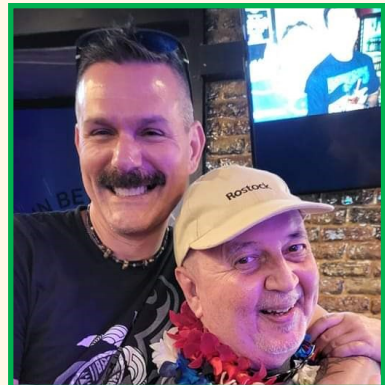
Farewell Pastor A.J.!



It is with a sad heart that we bid farewell to Pastor A.J.

We thank him for his service to CLC and wish him well as he accepts a call to St. Michaels Lutheran Church in Wellington, Florida

Mahalo Nui Loa & A Hui Hou!





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February Worship

Sunday Worship
8 am and 10 am

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th
7 pm

**Midweek Lenten
Soup Supper & Service**
Wednesdays, Feb. 21st & 28th
6pm

The 8 am service is offered on
Facebook and the 10 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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