



Together We Are The Church

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Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

This coming month, I'll be taking a couple of weeks off for a staycation. Prs Dale, AJ, and Mark will be leading worship on May 8 and 15. They will also be available for pastoral emergencies. After a reflective Lent, contemplative Holy Week, and a joyful Easter Sunday, I am going to take some time, collect myself and clean my house. I have absolutely no desire to travel. I think I am turning into a homebody.

In spite of not wanting to travel, I will be flying (masked!) to Irvine, California for our first in-person Synod Assembly, May 18-21. Since Bishop Andy Taylor has declined to run for a second term, we will be electing a new bishop. Please pray for the delegates, including myself and our lay delegates, Andrea and Kathy Jans, that the Spirit guide us and that we make wise decisions as we cast our votes.

What I also want to do this next month is ask myself, "What's next? What are our next steps at CLC? What might God be calling us to be and do as the pandemic, the climate, and religion, politics, and the economy all shift in complex and often mystifying ways? How close are we to WW3?" What normal can we go back to? What is gone forever? What new possibilities have arisen?

We have been up to a lot these last few years at CLC – in spite of everything else going on. We can

be rightfully proud of that. What more might we entertain in the areas of stewardship, evangelism, education, property, socializing, and youth? We're not starting from scratch, either. What is one thing we might try as a next step? What role might I/we all play in this story of the communion of saints we call Christ Lutheran Church? Many of you have made suggestions to me, to council members, and to each other. Let us continue this conversation.

As a backdrop we are learning to live with this pandemic. We're not taking our eyes off it – it could come roaring back in deadly and virulent ways, or not. But now we know how better to deal with it, with masks, vaccines, and boosters. There may be more ups and downs, but we at CLC are ready.

As you can, please join us for worship this month. Worship is the chief work of a community of faith. Come sit and pray with us, linger, ponder, and reflect. There are Sunday mornings as well as weekday Morning Prayer. Out of that time together, by the grace of God we shall find our way about.

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.*



Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

Happy Birthday

May 7	Kathy Maginot
May 9	Bekki Zaffke
May 10	Cliff Lantias
May 11	Jane Yanagida
May 12	Brian Burke
May 17	Gary Ward
May 21	Hunter Spangler
May 23	Bill Little
May 23	Jef Spangler
May 31	Mary Lou Kimoto



Baptismal Anniversaries

May 1	Kaimana Higa
May 18	Janet Riehle

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



Parish Photos



While searching through our banners (we have quite a collection) Pastor found one that hasn't been used for a time and, after flattening and ironing it, decided it needed to be hung again.



Generous parishioners donated flowers to beautify the sanctuary on Easter, April 17. Mahalo to all our donors. More pictures from our Easter celebration are on pages 6 & 7.

IHS Ministry

April 2 was our most-recent feeding at IHS. The Spangler family and Riana Pregil prepared and served 361 meals at the IHS shelters. Mahalo nui loa to them for their efforts. Also a big mahalo to Sarah Chong, Alice Culpepper, Christina Enoka, Chieko Higuchi, Kathy Jans, Mary Lou Kimoto, Dale & Tom Koenig, Kathy Maginot, Shirley Momiyama, Bev Murphy, Emily Stanford, and Eileen Ward for donating the delicious cookies for dessert. The photos below are from Jef Spangler.

Our next ministry date is Saturday, June 4. You can sign up to help with preparing or serving the meal or donating cookies at www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4EA9AA28A5FE3-christ2



Hunter Spangler is an Eagle Scout!

On April 9, Hunter Spangler officially became an Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor ceremony held at CLC. His Eagle Scout project was the design and construction of our Community Garden so it was a wonderful celebration for Hunter, the entire Spangler family, and all of CLC.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i> <i>1:30 pm Church Council</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
← Pastor Keith on vacation →						
8 Mother's Day <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i> <i>Guest preacher - Chaplain Mark Weathers</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
← Pastor Keith on vacation →						
15 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i> <i>Guest Preacher - Chaplain AJ Striffler</i>	16	17	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 Synod Assembly	21
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22 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	30 Memorial Day	31	1	2	3	4 IHS Ministry

More Parish Photos



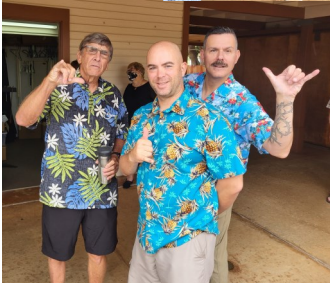
Sunday, April 24 - Dedication and 1st Anniversary of our Community Garden - Top left: our gardeners with the new sign designed and constructed by Jef Spangler and Andrea Jans; **Top right & Center left:** Pastor dedicates the garden; **Center right:** Hannah from Aloha Harvest & Sherry Menor-McNamara, CEO of Hawaii Chamber of Commerce. About 40 people came to share goodies from the garden and spend a lovely afternoon of sunshine, fun, and fellowship.

Below: After worship on Easter our keiki were treated to an Easter Egg Hunt in the big yard. *(Mahalo to Anya Nebl and Amanda Spangler for providing the photos on this page.)*





After 2 years of not being together, Easter 2022 included a wonderful potluck brunch; Barb Burke, DeAnn Acosta, Landon Acosta, Pastor Dale, Jef Spangler, and Chaplain AJ (among many others) enjoyed the fellowship.



A prayer for Mother's Day


Lord, we remember the mothers who have gone before us.
For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank you.

Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture who are a part of our story as we are a part of your story.
For their courage, faith, love and fierceness, we thank you.

Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us, but are mothers to us.
For their gift of themselves that they have given, we thank you.

For the women who struggle with fertility, for those women whom society labels as less in their childlessness, for those women who have lost children.
For their tears, for their strength, for their wisdom, for their lives, we thank you.

In your name we pray. Amen. by Claire Schoepp



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A Memorial Day Prayer

Hear our prayer

FOR THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS, AND ACCEPT THE GIFT OF THEIR SACRIFICE...

HELP US TO SHAPE AND MAKE A WORLD WHERE WE WILL LAY DOWN THE ARMS OF WAR AND WORK TOWARDS CULTIVATING

justice and peace.

AUSTIN FLEMING



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May 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.

Sunday, May 8
Guest Preacher -
Chaplain Mark Weathers

Sunday, May 15
Guest Preacher -
Chaplain A J Striffler

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