

## **Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter**

May, 2024

Aloha Kakou,

As I write, I realize wet, soggy April is almost past us. Where did it go?

The Aloha-Agape Community Garden is blooming, keiki church and catechism continue, and worship services on Sunday morning are clipping along after a really big Easter turnout.

Let me add my thanks to all the mahalos in this newsletter to all the people who made Lent, Holy Week and the ongoing season of Easter into something special. I think we were able to convey the joy of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus to those around us.

This month we will continue our journey through Easter by attending to Ascension Day on Thursday, May 9. Ascension is always forty days after Easter, and is the day that Jesus "ascended" to the Father. People often asked, "Where did Jesus go?" Martin Luther would get annoyed with this question, because people wanted a physical, rational explanation for the story. But there is none. Luther's response always was, "To the Father. Jesus went to the Father." In other words where God is, there Jesus is. And where is God among us. Here. Now. Present in our midst, in Word and sacrament, in creation. With family, friends, and loved ones. Then, on Sunday, May 19, comes Pentecost, derived from the Greek word meaning "fifty." Pentecost is always fifty days after Easter. In Luke/Acts this is the day the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus' disciples and they are empowered to preach the Gospel of Jesus to any and all who would listen. We often mark it as the beginning of the Church.

Well, that is some of what is coming in May – more Resurrection, Ascension, and the Holy Spirit. Probably a few other more mundane things, too, but I'll save those for the weekly announcements and invites.

Blessings,

Pr Keith





Welcome ~ E Komo Mai!





**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.

#### Looking for A Few Good Ministers!

Are you available to serve as an Assistant Minister at the **8am Sunday Worship Service**?

If so, please sign-up in the HUI Binder located on the Welcome table in the Sanctuary or click on the link located on the front page of CLC's website at www.clcmililani.org. Links are available for the months of May through July.



Pictured; Sunday 10am Assistant Ministry Team members, Adam Palmer, Pua Good, Marilyn Lee, Elaine Schwilk and Sarah Chong. (photo submitted by Chieko Higuchi)

Mahalo Nui Loa, We thank you for your continued and faithful service!

Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

#### Happy Birthday



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

Baptismal Anniversaries

May 1 May 18 Kaimana Higa Janet Riehle





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



Happy Happy Birthday Tom!

A very special Hau'oli La Hanau to our very own Tom Poole who celebrated his Birthday this past April 22nd, 2024. May the Lord continue to bless you in the many years to come!

Pictured; Pastor Keith Wolter with Tom Poole at the 8am service on Sunday, April 21st., 2024.

Photo submitted by Steve Peterson

## Mahalo Altar Guild Members!

A message from Altar Guild Leader, Chieko Higuchi.

I am so grateful for all of my altar guild helpers from the 10:00am service, who help to set up, wash the altar plates, and trays, and put away all the altar guild supplies.

Thank you to Naomi Halvorson, Elaine Schwilk and Chieko Higuchi who bake the communion bread and to those who help to set up the altar for the 8:00am service as well.

Mahalo for all that you do!

Pictured;

Members of the Altar Guild, Sarah Chong, Naomi Halvorson, Elaine Schwilk and Chieko Higuchi. (left)

Pua Good (right) Photos submitted by Chieko Higuchi.



# **Sunday Brunch**



The next **Sunday Brunch** will take place on **Sunday, May 19th** 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.

	MAY,		2024		**	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
** Not a CLC Event: Please contact Al Anon or AA for further information.						
			1 Morning Prayer	2 Morning Prayer Confirmation Class 7pm	3 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	4 Morning Prayer
5 6th Sun of Easter 8 am In-person Worship 9:15 am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	6 Morning Prayer	7 Morning Prayer	8 Morning Prayer	9 Morning Prayer Confirmation Class 7pm	10 Morning Prayer *AI-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	11 Morning Prayer
12 Ascension Sunday Liturgy of Healing Happy Mother's Day! 8 am In-person Worship 9:15 am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	13 Morning Prayer	14 Morning Prayer	15 Morning Prayer	16 Morning Prayer Confirmation Class 7pm	17 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	18 Morning Prayer
<ul> <li>19 Pentecost Sunday</li> <li>8 am In-person Worship</li> <li>9:15 am Keiki Church</li> <li>9:15am Sunday Brunch</li> <li>10 am In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</li> <li>11:30am Chrch. Council Mtg</li> </ul>	20 Morning Prayer	21 Morning Prayer	22 Morning Prayer	23 Morning Prayer Confirmation Class 7pm	24 Morning Prayer *AI-Anon 7:30 pm * AA 7:30pm	25 Morning Prayer
26 1st Sun after Pentecost 8 am In-person Worship 9:15 am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	27 Morning Prayer *Office Closed Memorial Day	28 Morning Prayer	29 Morning Prayer	30 Morning Prayer Confirmation Class 7pm	31 Morning Prayer *AI-Anon 7:30 pm * AA 7:30pm	

#### Men's Prayer Breakfast

All are welcome to join the next CLC men's breakfast, **7:30am at the Rise & Shine Cafe In Mililani on June 6th, 2024.** 



Come for some quick Christian fellowship to start your day. You can sign up by contacting Adam Palmer at 808-222-8670; adamppalmer@gmail.com or the Church Office at 808-623-9229; office@clcmililani.org.



## Pacifica Synod Assembly 2024

## **Regional Gatherings**

#### Deadline is May 18th to Register!

In-person Regional Gatherings will occur on four Saturdays between May 4 and June 1, all held from 10 AM to 2 PM, with lunch provided. **All are invited to the Regional Gatherings: rostered persons, lay persons, voting members, and non-voting members.** The cost for attendance is \$20 per person. Registration for each gathering closes two weeks prior to the event.

#### Hawaii Area: Saturday, June 1st, 10am-2pm

#### at Lutheran Church of Honolulu, (Register by May 18)



You can register by using the QR code or visiting the link below.

https://reg.learningstream.com/reg/event\_page.aspx?ek=0017-0011-ea218204dec1424a8f6bc7f8ad4a18c9

### **IHS Ministry**

251 meals were served at IHS on April 6th along with vegetable donations from our Aloha Agape Garden! Mahalo to our IHS Ministry Team!



Our next ministry date is **Saturday, June 1st**. You can sign up to help with serving the meal or donating cookies **at** 

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844ABAC2CA7FBC25-49262782

<u>-ihsministry</u> or contact Adam Palmer at 808-222-8670; adamppalmer@gmail.com.

Pictured here; Adam Palmer (IHS Ministry Leader) & Mark Johnson (IHS Team Member) at the April 6th, 2024 IHS Serving.





#### 2024 Easter Egg Hunt

Mahalo Nui Loa to all those who helped to make CLC's 2024 Easter Egg Hunt a Success. With over 250 eggs to find, lots of fun was had by all!





Pictured; Children and parents get their baskets ready for CLC's Easter Egg hunt between services on Easter Sunday, March 31st, 2024.

Photo submitted by Elaine Schwilk.



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#### May Worship

Sunday Worship 8 am and 10 am

**8 am service** In-person & Facebook livestream

> **10 am service** In-person & 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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