



Together We Are The Church

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Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

I opened up a blank Word document to write this message and at the top of the page were all sorts of Artificial Intelligence suggestions on what to write. None of them had anything to do with this newsletter. One suggested a blog about hiking through Yellowstone National Park (which I have hiked through). Another suggested an essay on sail boating (which I have not done). The third one proposed an outline of an engineering project (nope!). So much for AI.

What I want to share with you is something I shared with the Church Council at our June meeting. The Covid pandemic brought massive shifts to Christian churches throughout the United States. Compared to other congregations, CLC has done fairly well. Our attendance remains steady and the financials look good. We have new worshipers joining us and we have had some good fellowship, too.

One change, however, that could affect CLC is my coming retirement. Especially since in the next five years, forty percent of ELCA clergy are retiring (and I probably will be somewhere in that cohort but not today). Another way it was put to me is that for every eight Lutheran pastors retiring, only one is being ordained. And finally, forty-five percent of ELCA congregations cannot afford a full-time pastor, much of it having to do with the cost of housing and healthcare.

You can currently afford me full-time because I am on Social Security and Medicare and I don't have dependents. And, your ace-in-the-hole is your parsonage. You have housing.

How do we think about all of this? We think in terms of the "priesthood of all believers," our Lutheran and Protestant understanding that we are all priests. As one of my professors was fond of saying, "Baptism is our ordination into the priesthood!" We are all ministers of Word and sacrament ... I and my clergy colleagues are functional "priests" ... for the sake of good order, as someone once said a long time ago.

But now, that order has shifted, and we have to think about the who, what, when, where, and why of Church. Please ponder these things in your hearts, pray about them, and then, let us discuss. As Bishop Dave has noted, "We are in a New Boat!"

Blessings,

Pr Keith





Welcome ~ E Komo Mai!



*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.**



OUT OF OFFICE NOTICE

Pastor Keith will be on vacation from
August 11th through August 26th, 2025.

Please welcome **Pastor Margrethe Kleiber** who will be our guest Pastor for the services on **Sunday, August 17th** and **Pastor Christina Mauntel** for the services on Sunday, **August 24th** 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.**
- **There will be no Morning Prayer from August 11th through August 31st. Prayer videos will resume again on September 1st.**

Celebrations - Blessings to All of You



Happy Birthday

August 6	Anne Myers Maddyn Robinson-Sato Phionah Spangler
August 8	A.J. Striffler
August 9	Bev Murphy
August 13	Benjamin Hamaguchi
August 14	Jana Norton
August 15	Collette Wiedemann Levi Vonberg
August 22	Jia Spangler
August 23	Joe Murphy
August 24	Andy Sikkink

Baptismal Anniversaries

August 1	Connie Omo
August 4	Logan Stanford
August 11	Logan Riehle Trenton Riehle



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



IHS Ministry

Our next ministry date is
Saturday, August 2nd.

Cookie Drop Off Reminder!

Leave cookies in the church kitchen by mid morning on **Saturday, August 2nd** or drop off to the church office during business hours.





2025 CLC Potluck & Variety Show!

Saturday, August 16th,

Potluck to begin at 5:30pm
followed by the show at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Sign up to share your special talents. Last years event was a huge success! Some acts from the past have been singing, dancing, instruments, skits, a dog act, comedy acts & more!

Registration forms are located on the Welcome Table in the Sanctuary. Please return completed forms back to the clipboard. Any questions? Contact Sally Kino at 808-224-5161 or kinos001@hawaii.rr.com.



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 August 14th, 2025.**



Come for some quick Christian fellowship to start your day. If you have questions, please contact Adam Palmer at 808-222-8670; adamppalmer@gmail.com or the Church Office at 808-623-9229; office@clcmililani.org.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Not a CLC Event: Please contact Al Anon, LDT or AA for further information.</i></p> <p><i>*Keiki Church on summer break.</i></p>					<p>1 Morning Prayer</p> <p>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm</p> <p>*AA 7:30pm</p>	<p>2 Morning Prayer</p> <p>IHS Ministry</p>
<p>3 8th Sun after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am In-person Worship & via Facebook Live</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship & loaded later to Youtube</p>	4	5	6	7	<p>8 Morning Prayer</p> <p>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm</p> <p>*AA 7:30pm</p>	<p>9 Morning Prayer</p>
<p>10 9th Sun after Pentecost</p> <p>**Healing Sunday</p> <p>8 am In-person Worship & via Facebook Live</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship & loaded later to Youtube</p> <p><i>*Morning Prayer will return on September 1st</i></p>	11	12	13	<p>14 Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>7:30am</p> <p>Rise & Shine Cafe</p>	<p>15 Office Closed Holiday</p> <p>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm</p> <p>*AA 7:30pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8am-Noon Leeward Dog Registration</p> <p>CLC Potluck & Variety Show</p> <p>5:30pm</p>
<div>Pastor Keith Out of Office</div>						
<p>17 10th Sun after Pentecost</p> <p><i>* Pastor Margrethe Kleiber</i></p> <p>8 am In-person Worship</p> <p>9:15am Sunday Brunch</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship</p> <p>11:30am Chrch.Cncl.Mtg</p>	18	19	20	21	<p>22</p> <p>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm</p> <p>* AA 7:30pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8am-Noon Leeward Dog Registration</p>
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<p>24 11th Sun after Pentecost</p> <p><i>* Pastor Christina Mauntel</i></p> <p>8 am In-person Worship</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship</p>	25	26	27	28	<p>29</p> <p>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm</p> <p>* AA 7:30pm</p>	30
<div>Pastor Keith Out of Office</div>						
<p>31 12th Sun after Pentecost</p> <p>8 am In-person Worship & via Facebook Live</p> <p>10 am In-person Worship & loaded later to Youtube</p>						

Monthly Sunday Brunch

Sunday brunch will be on
Sunday, August 17th between services
(approximately 9:15-9:45am).

All are welcome to this monthly time of fellowship and



Lutheran Disaster Response

Give Now to Respond to Flooding in Texas!



Our hearts break anew with each update about the catastrophic flash floods in South Central Texas. We join the Rev. Sue Briner, bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod, in her call to “pray, pray, pray for those who are still lost as well as the families of those who are lost, who have died, or who have experienced loss of home or property.” Merciful God, hear our prayer.

As ever and with your support, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, stands ready to walk with our neighbors in the Texas hill country as the floodwaters recede and communities begin to navigate life on the other side of this horrific flood. May we be bearers of the hope found in Christ alone and help shoulder the burden for those who grieve unimaginable loss. Thank you to those who have already joined us through your prayers and support for this work.

Ways to give

To give by phone, call 800-638-3522. Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Central time.

Checks or money orders can be mailed to Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

Or use the QR Code





Church Tellers Needed!

We happily welcome Betty Koki into our Teller Ohana. She surely is an asset to our team!

We still need three more tellers, so please consider donating your time (roughly 1 to 1 1/2 hours) after the second worship service.

Volunteering for this important position, enables us to continue God's work.

Also, many thanks to Jean McMann for being such a big help as our newest teller, so obliging and willing to be of assistance to our lead tellers.

What great teams we have! Come join us!

Mahalo,
Mary Lou Kimoto



OFFERING
COUNTERS





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August Worship



Sunday Worship

8:00 am

In person and Facebook Live

10 :00 am

In person and Loaded to Youtube
later Sunday Afternoon

Both feature Communion.

The Liturgy of Healing is
included in each service on
the 2nd Sunday of the month.

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