

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

I just reread my February newsletter article, where I said, "God is good." I noted we've some challenges, like re-doing the parking lot and the offices. There's lots to be done in worship, stewardship, outreach, education, etc.

Since I wrote that, we have been blessed by a major island asphalt company that intends to re-do our parking lot at little to no cost for us! Totally unlooked for, out-of-the-blue! God is good.

On top of that we have had a successful pledge drive, volunteers for Keiki Church, a new and wise church council, worshipers seeking to learn more about Christ Lutheran and possibly become members, and seven First Communion young people. I think that's doing pretty good, that God is good.

Now, as we enter into the season of Lent, I invite you to join us for our traditional Lenten Soup Suppers and Study. The details you will find elsewhere in the newsletter. Here let me emphasize that we will be studying Martin Luther's classic piece of writing, The Small Catechism. Luther wrote it five hundred years ago so that lay people, seeking to understand the basics of the Christian faith would have something readily at hand to read, memorize or otherwise make a key part of their faith.

Luther once noted that what we cling to in time of crisis, that is our god. Jackson Browne, the famous folk-rocker of the Seventies, would sing, "Now, everyone must have some thought, that is going to pull them through, somehow." You have heard me say (borrowed from someone I can't recall), "We live in language and swim in story. Story defines us, makes us who we are." A famous and influential Christian thinker, George Lindbeck once wrote, "To become a Christian involves learning the story of Israel and of Jesus well enough to interpret and experience oneself and one's world in its terms." ([The Nature of Doctrine](#), page 20)

So, we will look at the Small Catechism and its five parts over five weeks. We'll listen to the story/stories behind those five parts. And we'll look to see if there might not be some thoughts there, some stories, to cling to, to live and swim in, that will pull us through, somehow. Perhaps by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone?

Perhaps. God is good.

Blessings,

Pr Keith

Reconciling in Christ

There will be a meeting to initiate a conversation for Christ Lutheran Church on exploring if we want to deepen and expand our journey of inclusion, celebration, and advocacy with the LGBTQ community. The Lutheran organization Reconciling Works has a step-by-step process for communities who are interested in such a journey – the end of which results in joining other “Reconciling in Christ” churches who publicly and actively welcome the LGBTQ community. You are welcome to join our next meeting which will take place **on Sunday, March 3rd** after the 10am service. Contact Anna Hamaguchi if you are interested at

anna.hamaguchi@gmail.com. Others already involved are: Linda Santos, Bill Belcher, Ele Clere, Marilyn Lee, Kathy & Andrew Jans, and Joel & Anna Hamaguchi.

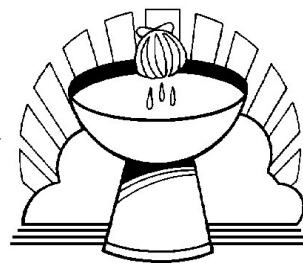


Lent begins

*We begin the season of Lent on Wednesday, **March 6th**. We hope you can partake in our Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 7 p.m. with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. The following five Wednesdays, (up to Holy Week) we will meet at 6 p.m. for our traditional pot-luck soup suppers and 7 p.m. for study, reflection, and discussion, this year on Martin Luther's Small Catechism: Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, & Holy Communion.*

New Members & Baptism Class Coming Up

*There will be a New Members/Baptism Class on Saturday, **March 9th** at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Keith. If you are interested in joining CLC or would like to know more about baptism please contact Pastor Keith 623-9229 or email prkeith@clcmililani.org*



Mahalo to our I.H.S. Volunteers

Pua Good, Elle Clere, Amanda Spangler, Jef Spangler,
Caryn Westergaard, Dan Westergaard, & Chieko Higuchi.

Our volunteers served chicken dinners to 70 women and 170 men at the IHS shelter in Iwilei on Feb. 2nd. Thank you to all those who brought the cookies and to Naomi Halvorson, and Jefery Spangler who also helped to prepare the chicken for cooking.



Ladies of CLC:

*Come one, come all! We'll be at Ruby Tuesday's on Monday, **March 18** at 5:00 pm, for an evening of fun and fellowship! Please email/phone Jane Yanagida if you are able to join us. janeyana@hotmail.com or (808) 277-5787.*

Hope to see you there!



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The PBJ team, Peter Broberg, Nolan Acosta, Lauren Broberg, Sam Broberg, Landon Acosta, and Anya Broberg, performed "It's A Miracle" for Keiki Time on Feb.24th.





Above: Pastor Keith and Assisting Minister, Joe Murphy, presented lei to those receiving 1st communion — Hayden Westergaard, Ellie Stanford, Evan Westergaard, Allie Witsberger, Jia Spanler, Logan Riehle, and Mae Norton.

Right: Sena Norton with students of 1st communion class making the communion bread for worship service on February 24th.



Happy Birthday

01 Joel Sikkink
02 Christopher Lanas
03 Lisa Yanagida
04 Frank Vidmar
09 Keola Lanas
16 Barbara Springer
17 Steve Peterson
17 Carol Larson (in memory)
19 Kathy Jans
20 Guirong Xu-Peterson
20 Keri Stenerson
26 Jerry Omo
29 Hannah Lanas
29 Heidi Lanas
30 Judy Kaupp
30 Justin Sondal

Anniversaries



Baptismal Anniversaries

14 Adam Burke
18 Michael Walley

Wedding Anniversaries

07 Gary & Eileen Ward
19 Steve & Giu Rong Peterson



KEEPING IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for - God's presence to Rina, Nick & Cal, Audrey, Sherlie, Jack, Nicholas, Jayden, Sierra, Mia, Betsy & Daniel, Hershey, Bob & family, for Nesi, Marjorie, Florentina, Dino, George, Eric, Rose, Mari, Michael, Lisa, Joan, Colin, Cecil, Shane, Mark, & Brenda. Healing for Bobby, Mike, & Naomi.

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3 7am Contemplative Service w/Communion
9am PBJ's
10:00am Communion Worship Service

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7pm Ash Wednesday Service

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10am New Members & Baptism Class

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Newsletter Deadline

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Prince Kuhio Day

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6pm Soup Supper
7pm Lent – Bible Study

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4:30pm Council Meeting

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7am Contemplative Service w/Communion
10:00am Communion Worship Service



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Sunday Worship

7:00 a.m.

Contemplative Communion Service

9:00 a.m. Puppet Ministry

10:00 a.m.

Service of Holy Communion
And Keiki Church
with children's message

Healing Service - 2nd Sundays

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