

## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

I want to take a moment to plug some upcoming events at Christ Lutheran Church and throughout Oahu. Most of them have to do with the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, marked by Martin Luther's October 31, 1517 nailing of the 95 Theses to the Wittenberg Church Door.

These were ninety-five academic proposals for debate, regarding certain reforms of the medieval Roman Catholic Church, of which Dr Luther was a monk, priest and professor. He was probably a little naïve in the beginning, thinking they would remain in academic discussion. They didn't.

Martin Luther was also probably a little naïve, thinking that they would be readily accepted by Church leadership without any resistance. They weren't.

So, came the Reformation, in which Luther, foremost amongst many, insisted, less and less naively, that we humans are put right, made righteous, before God by grace alone (sola gratia) through faith alone (sola fide) by Christ alone (sola Christe). Here is meaning for our life together here on earth.

This justification by grace through faith is accomplished through the crucifixion of Jesus. It is channeled to us by the Means of Grace, by Word and sacrament, those sacraments being Baptism, the sacred ritual of initiation into the life of Christ in the Church, and Communion (also known as Eucharist), the sacred ritual of sustenance, or nourishment in bread and wine, body and blood of Christ.

A sacrament is defined by Command and Promise of Jesus. First, Jesus says, "Do this." A command. Then, he offers through this command, benefits of grace: forgiveness, life, and salvation. A promise.

Everything else we do flows from this simple yet profound elaboration of biblical, Christian and Lutheran faith and doctrine. Einfach, ja? Simple, yeah? And yet, so deep, divine and human at the same time.

Please take note of what is coming in late September and October. Like combining Christmas and Easter into one big, once-in-500-years celebration. I'm looking forward to it. Hoping you are, too.

Blessings,



Pr Keith

# CLC is once again participating in *Give Aloha*, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program.

## ***How It Works***

From September 1-30, customers are invited to make donations up to \$249 (per organization, per person) to participating Hawaii non-profit organizations at checkout. Individuals must use their own Maika'i card to make a donation. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation made with a Maika'i card.

## ***How to Donate***

At checkout, present your Maika'i card and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to **Christ Lutheran Church**. The name of our organization and the amount you donate will appear on your receipt. Donor names will not be released to our organization. You may donate up to \$249 per organization over the course of several store visits.

## ***Are These Donations Tax Deductible?***

Give Aloha donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Please save your store receipt for tax purposes. Since your donation is made out to Foodland and they in turn cut a check to CLC, your tax credit would come from Foodland, not CLC.

## ***How Will My Donation be Matched?***

The actual matching gifts will be calculated at the end of the program. Organizations will receive 100% of all customer donations given to their organization, plus their % of Foodland and the Western Union Foundation's \$300,000 matching gift. The portion of the matching gift that each organization will receive will be based on the total dollar amount of customer donations designated to that organization as a % of all customer donations received for all organizations.

**MAHALO FOR SUPPORTING CLC!**



**give aloha**

Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

**“Teaching kids to count is fine,  
but teaching them what counts is best.”**

We are looking for Keiki & Youth Educators of God’s Word and Grace. We know time is a commodity. And what greater value is there than the precious quality time spent with our youth. Whether it be weekly, monthly, Sunday school, children’s church, bible study, day time, night time, or any time, we’ll take your time. We have lots of material available. If you would like to share God’s love with our next generation, please contact Pastor Keith.



*Psalm 78:5-7*

*...he commanded our ancestors to teach their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, but keep his commandments...*



## **Join the PBJ’s Powered by Jesus Puppet Ministry Team**

Open to all entering 5th grade and up, (including grown-ups). Join the fun! Something for all talents! We need puppeteers, stage hands, prop makers, costume designers, drivers, video tech., choreographers, & director’s assistants. No experience required, just a willingness to have lots of fun sharing God’s love through puppetry. Performances for the church & in the community. Practice on Sunday mornings at 9:30 beginning September 10th. Contact Collette Wiedemann, 623-9229, [office@clcmililani.org](mailto:office@clcmililani.org) for more information.

**Plug into the power & share God’s love through puppetry.**



## In Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

***Must see on September 23rd!***

### **Rick Steves' Luther and the Reformation Video**

*Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther kicked off the Protestant Reformation, which contributed to the birth of our modern age. In this one hour special — filmed on location in Europe — Rick Steves tells the story of a humble monk who lived a dramatic life. Christ Lutheran Church will be showing this video followed by discussion on Sat. September 23, 7-9 p.m. Come early for pupus at 6 p.m.*

### **INSTITUTE OF HUMAN SERVICES**

Mahalo to all who helped serve the homeless at the Institute of Human Services on August 5, 2017!!!

Thanks to Naomi Halvorson, Pua Good and Chieko Higuchi for cooking the chicken. Of course, thanks to Becky Gustafson, Barbara Burke and Judy Halvorson who always prepare the coleslaw.

Mahalo for donation of cookies from Mary Lou Kimoto, Chieko Higuchi, Marilyn Lee, Sally Kino, Karen and Bill Paulus, Alissa Niblick, Kathy Jans, Kathy Maginot, Emily Stanford and Barbara Springer.

Additional thanks goes to those who went and served the food: The Brady family, Kathy Maginot and Andrew and Karen Ausel.

We will be serving the homeless again on October 7, 2017 so please sign up to help. It is a great experience and so very much needed and appreciated!

Dick Crislip



### **EXTRA HELP NEEDED!**

Saturday, September 9th, our friends at Joy of Christ Lutheran Church are scheduled to serve their regular lunch to I.H.S. (Institute of Human Services) Due to extenuating circumstances, they need some help preparing and serving the lunch. We gather at 9:45 a.m. If you can help, please let Pastor Keith know.

# In Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation



**Coming in October!**

## **Luther (the movie)**

*With Joseph Fiennes as Martin Luther &  
Peter Ustinov as Frederick the Wise*

at Christ Lutheran Church

Sat. October 7, 7-9 p.m.

Pupus at 6PM

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## **Hukilau Reformation Worship (followed by reception)**

at The Cathedral of St. Andrew

229 Queen Emma Square, Honolulu

Sat. October 14 at 3 p.m.

*This worship service is for ALL congregations. They are in need of 2 people from each congregation to help with the worship service (usher/greet/etc.)*

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## **Educational Opportunity for Everyone!**

Speaker Rev. Dr. David Lose, also pastor, past seminary president,  
and author of several books, will be offering a lecture at

Tenney Theatre at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Sun. October 15, 2-4 p.m.

*Dr. Lose will talk about the Reformation: it's historical importance, how it helped us get to where we are today, and what it means for us moving into the future. There will also be time for questions and discussions. This is free...and all are welcome.*

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## **NAVE Reformation 500 Concert**

at Lutheran Church of Honolulu

1731 Punahou St. Honolulu

Sat. October 21, 7:30pm-9:30pm (with intermission)

LAST CHANCE TO SEE  
The LAST DAYS of **JUDAS** ISCARIOT

*A Play By Stephen Adly Guirgis*

*(Take a close look at characters Sister Glenna, Mary Magdalene, and Soldier #2.  
they are all played by CLC member **Anna Hamaguchi**)*

**Friday, September 1 at 7 PM**  
**Saturday, September 2 at 2 PM & 7:30 PM**  
**Sunday, September 3 at 2 PM**

UH Manoa Kennedy Theater, Earle Ernst Lab Theatre  
1770 East-West Road, Honolulu

**For Tickets Visit [judasinhawaii.com](http://judasinhawaii.com)**

Hailed by *Time* magazine and *Entertainment Weekly* as among the best plays of the year, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Stephen Adly Guirgis unleashes his incendiary language and style upon Judas Iscariot, the Bible's most notorious sinner. Presented as a riveting and riotous courtroom drama in the depths of purgatory, *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* is an irresistible examination of human free will and divine mercy. *Judas* features a wild cast of characters – Mother Teresa, Pontius Pilate, Sigmund Freud, even Satan himself – to ask the question, "What happened to Judas Iscariot?" This fiercely ambitious work explores the consequences of faith, guilt and despair, alongside the boundaries of forgiveness and grace.

Contains strong adult language

**August 6, 2017**

**Welcome to our newest members**

**Malia, Robert and Hope Halvorson**

**&**

**Kathy, Johanna, Nick and Andrew Jans,**

**Joining CLC by way of Affirmation of Baptism.**



**New website launching soon!**

**[www.clcmililani.org](http://www.clcmililani.org)**

**Our new website will be launched sometime in September**

**Keep checking**

## **Building Committee Update**

The CLC Building Committee met again on August 16th with Linda Santos, Russ Kino, Paul Herr, Rhiannon Guevara, April Smith, Rick Myers, Collette Wiedemann, & Pr Keith Wolter.



**The mission** of the BC continues to ensure repairs and modifications to CLC are completed using available funding.

**We strive** to be transparent and communicative with the congregation; to work with both Rainbow School and CLC schedules; to work together with the vendors and contractors, showing respect, and patience with all.

**Priorities** remain the same with safety projects accomplished first, followed by gravity projects second. Work from the top down. For instance, replace the roof before painting the exterior of the buildings.

### **Accomplished so far -**

- Monies are starting to come in from CLC members to help cover extra costs.
- Debris of clutter behind the shed is being cleared away by Paul Herr and Russ Kino
- Quotes are coming in

### **Happening now—(top 6)**

- Repair of railings, step, and deck at the parsonage will be started before this newsletter article goes out to print.
- Scheduling Parking lot lights – retrofit current & replace.
- Scheduling Shed door replacements
- Purchasing a refrigerator for the church kitchen

Getting quotes now for the remaining—

- Remove Banyan tree on playground; it's diseased and at risk of toppling over.
- Roofing; getting specs and bid updates

### **Still needed -**

- About \$30,000 more to complete refurbishments and renovations. Stay tuned for the capital campaign, coming in the fall of 2017!
- Or just write us a check for \$30,000 and the campaign is “accomplished”!

**Mahalo to all involved, physically & monetarily!**



# Anniversaries

## *Baptismal Anniversaries*

01 Gary Ward  
03 Sally Little  
07 Kaleb Kino  
09 Megan Ulman  
09 Joanna Forbes  
10 Sally Kino  
12 Christopher Lantias  
14 Meadow Spangler  
24 Paulette Collins  
28 Brian Burke



## *Happy Birthday*

01 Becky Gustafson  
04 Gary Laabs  
06 Joyce Stewart (in memory)  
08 Luke Niblick  
10 Doug Stewart  
10 Vern Kimoto  
24 Dale Burke

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

17 Jefery & Amanda Spangler  
21 Carrie Nelson & Jackie Pang  
22 Eric & Rose Melin



*Please continue to  
pray for good health  
to Rose,*

*for peace and  
comfort to the Hind  
family,*

*and blessings to Justine, Karen, & Andy.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>GIVE ALOHA MONTH</b>					1	2
<b>3</b> 7am Contemplative, Communion Service 10:45am Communion Service	<b>4</b> <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 4:30pm CLC Council Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:45sm preparing & serving lunch to I.H.S w/JOC
<b>10</b> <b>Grandparents Day</b> 7am Contemplative, Communion, Healing Service 9:30am PBJs 10:45am Communion & Healing Service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 7am Contemplative, Communion Service 10:45am Communion Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6pm Pupus 7pm Luther & Reformation Video & Discussion
<b>24</b> 7am Contemplative, Communion Service 9:30am PBJs 10:45am Communion Worship Service	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10am OPOH

# SEPTEMBER

# 2017

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## Sunday Worship

7:00 a.m.

Contemplative Communion Service

9:30 a.m.

PBJ's Puppet Team

10:45 a.m.

Service of Holy Communion  
With Children's Message and  
Healing Prayers with Anointing  
Professional Keiki care  
Provided

Healing Service - 2nd Sundays

### BE A PART OF SUNDAY'S SERVICES

The HUI sign up sheet for our 10:45 worship service is on the information table & posted on the bulletin board across from the water fountain. Due to vacations and moving, summer months are hard to fill. If you can help fill the void we'd appreciate it. A BIG MAHALO to all our regulars!



**Be it Usher, Assisting Minister, Communion Assistant, Reader, Greeter,  
Set-up, Clean-up, Altar Guild, Children's Church, or Sound System,  
there's a place for you!**

**See the sign up sheet on the information table and we'll contact you for training.**



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