

April 2017

Together We Are The Church

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

As I write, we are in the middle of Lent, the season of contemplative reflection upon the crucifixion of Jesus. Palm Sunday and Holy Week are soon upon us, where we observe Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent betrayal, arrest, torture and death on a cross by the religious and imperial powers that ruled in his day. Resurrection on Easter Sunday is God's vindication of Jesus' way of living and dying – for others, especially those who are depressed, defeated and downtrodden by this world's temporal powers, by the "games people play." That includes us.

We often say that Jesus' ministry, death and resurrection are his victory over the sin, the death, and the evil that so dominate and rule our lives, especially in ways that we hardly even notice. I am more convinced than ever – and I have never much been "unconvinced" – that sin, death and evil, often personified in the notion of an individual devil, are more patently obvious than ever before. Anyone who thinks that evil is just someone's ignorance that needs "educating" is naïve. Evil needs to be resisted.

And that's where it get complicated. Because I also think we too-often in this day and age like to point fingers at others, especially those different from us, not like us in skin color, race, ethnicity, orientation, gender, gender identity and especially faith, and call them "evil." Simply because they are in some way not like "us." They become "enemy" and "evil."

I worry more about our penchant for name-calling and stereotyping those not like us than I do what those others are doing – or trying to do – to us.

So, while I subscribe to the notion of sin, death, and evil's deep reality, I am reluctant to go running around pointing it out in any specific persons, ideologies or movements, religious, political or otherwise. We need a dose of humility even as we contemplate sin, death, and evil in our world and lives.

Jesus' Cross and the empty tomb come into play here – I resist and I persist, not because I have sin, death and evil all figured out, but because the promise of Cross and resurrection tells me that God in Christ is with me, with us, as we struggle in a bitterly divided, angry, hostile and violent world to come to grips with sin and forgiveness, death and resurrection, evil and redemption.

My prayers are for us together to continue to ponder these things in our hearts, to follow Jesus on the Way of the Cross, and to hope in his resurrection.

Pastor Paul



HOLY WEEK

April 9 Palm Sunday
Contemplative Service 7:45 AM
Procession of the Palms Service 10:45 AM

April 13 Maundy Thursday Service
7 PM @ JOC

April 14 Prayer Vigil 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Good Friday Service 7 PM

April 16 Easter Sunday
7:00 AM Easter Contemplative Service
10:45 AM Easter Celebration Service



ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL

Friday, April 14, 6:30 AM-6:30 PM

A time for quiet prayer in the CLC sanctuary. Prayer resources will be provided. Sign up for 1/2 hour or longer time slots. If you are not sure when you can commit, feel free to come at any time, and stay as long as you like. Sign up on Sunday or with Eileen: 623-6236, or eileenward@mac.com.



Please keep in your prayers -

Britt & Victor, Paul, Tom & Jennie.

Also requesting prayers of healing for

Janet and guidance for Seth.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

April 23rd

7:45 a.m. & 12 Noon

(choose your time)

A congregational meeting will be held to approve a Mission Investment Fund Refinance & Renovation loan.

Stay tuned for more details.



LEND US YOUR PALMS

Calling all folks with palm branches to spare and potted palm plants: We would love your palms to decorate the sanctuary and give to church goers on Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday. If you have palm branches to donate please let us know. We'll need your branches on **Saturday, April 8** - when we hope you all - whether you donate palms or not - can join us to decorate the sanctuary at 10:00 am. Mahalo!

Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

03 Anuhea Lantias
08 Paulette Collins
09 Alexander Kriese
11 Georgiana Kolpin
12 Shirley Momiyama
15 Alana Yanagida
20 Gayle Kriese
21 Marilyn Bisquera
22 Credo Bisquera (in memory)
22 Christopher Santos
23 Meadow Spangler
26 Nolan Acosta
26 Joel Hamaguchi
29 Sue Jones
30 Linda Kohlstaedt



Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Barbara Burke
01 Eric Melin
01 Linda Santos
02 Tina Cox
09 Ethan Chong
11 David Sikkink
21 Nancy Pham
23 Gui Rong Xu-Peterson
23 Jerry Omo
26 Joel Hamaguchi
28 Keanu Laabs
28 Adam Larson

Congratulations to our Puppet Ministry Team on receiving a \$700 Grant Award from the Warner Trust Fund to further Youth Christian Education.

Thank you PBJ's, for your dedication and faithful service!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
APRIL						1 I.H.S. Day Serving the Homeless
2 7am Contemplative, Communion Service 9:30am PBJ's 10:45am Communion Service	3	4	5 6pm Lenten Soup Supper 7pm Bible Study & Responsive	6 7pm Handbells	7	8
9 7am Contemplative, Communion, Healing Service 9:30am PBJ's 10:45am Palm Sunday Service	Holy Week			13 Happy 37th Anniversary CLC 7pm Maundy Thursday Service @	14 6:30am – 6:30pm Prayer Vigil 7pm Good Friday Service @ CLC	15
16 7:00am Contemplative Easter Service 9:30am PBJ Easter Party 10:45am Easter Celebration Service	17	18	19	20 7pm Handbells	21	22
23 7am Contemplative, Communion Service 7:45am Congregational Meeting 9:30am PBJ's 10:45am Communion Worship Service 12pm Congregational Meeting	24	25	26	27 7pm Handbells	28 Newsletter Deadline	29
30 7am Contemplative, Communion Service 9:30am PBJ's 10:45am Communion Service	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

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