#### Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

Last month I said something about feeling like a fool in uncertain times. Today, I don't feel much different. And yet life home alone is becoming more patterned, routinized, and habituated to the uncertainty. Going with the flow? Spontaneity, improvisation, and practical wisdom seem to be the order of the day. A poised resourcefulness that we can call upon in our daily lives.

With that in mind, people are talking about opening back up. The economy, businesses, churches.

People are also talking about how opening too soon could be problematic. Second and third waves of infection, surges, will happen.

When will churches reopen? That FAQ is being asked in clergy and council conversations. Answer: We have no idea. Most politicians are putting "large religious gatherings" at the bottom of their list of organizations they will permit to reopen. So, it could be a while.

Meanwhile, Zoom and Facebook, YouTube and Sound Cloud will continue. And when we do re-gather "in the flesh" for worship and praise, I suspect we will be gathering in multiple groups of ten or less for contemplative, quiet, under-an-hour worship. But we're not going to rush it. To help guide and protect us, we are working on a Time-Limited Small Group Gathering Policy for ten or less. That policy will aid us in how to be with each other safely in worship.

If you think about it, we've been practicing for this "re-opening" for a few years now. Especially at the 7am Contemplative Communion Service. How we can simply and reflectively access the means of God's grace in Christ, how we can hear the Word and share the sacraments.

I urge you to think carefully about this. About caring for each other, praying for each other. About gathering with two or three other families on the church campus or perhaps in other venues, outdoors perhaps – in our backyards, at parks, on the beaches, maybe even on the church lanai. Quiet worship, contemplative and reflective. Being still and listening to the Spirit of Jesus blow among us.

The world has changed. Church has changed. Where the Spirit is leading us remains to be seen.

I miss you all. I pray for you all each and every day. Be safe, be still. Listen for God. We will see each other again.

On Hill



# 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.



#### **Pledge Drive**

Our Pledge Drive has been extended indefinitely. We are still accepting offerings in the mail and on-line. For your convenience and safety, you can set up automatic giving through your bank or check out our other giving options available on our website at www.clcmililani.org

Simply Giving

Tithe.ly

PayPal

For more information email the church office at <a href="mailto:office@clcmililani.org">office@clcmililani.org</a>

## CLC Service of the Word Live 10 a.m. Sundays

Pr Keith Wolter is inviting you to worship.

Aloha Kakou,

I think we have the security figured out. We are only inviting those of you on our email e-list and a few others known to us with absolute certainty.

You may email the office to request the link, ID and password to our Zoom account for viewing. If you need help with the Zoom connection you may email Andrea@jans.org or call 824-9531 and she will be more than happy to help you.

Please, do NOT share the link, Meeting ID or password with others unless you are absolutely certain their contact info is secure.

Please, do NOT post online on to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram for all to see.

If in doubt, do NOT share.

We will have a Waiting Room that you will join. Our Administrator will then screen and allow you to join.

You may also later view and hear the worship service at CLCMililani on our YouTube channel and SoundCloud.

Mahalo nui loa for your patience, understanding and support. Our prayers are with you and your families.

Blessings,

Pr Keith prkeith@clcmililani.org



## Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday

07 Kathy Maginot

09 Bekki Zaffke

10 Cliff Lanias

11 Jane Yanagida

12 Brian Burke

17 Gary Ward

21 Hunter Spangler

23 Bill Little

23 Jefery Spangler

31 Mary Lou Kimoto

Wednesdays at Noon
Responsive Prayers
with Pastor Keith

Check out & "like" our Facebook page, "Christ Lutheran Church of Mililani" for live streaming



#### Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Kaimana Higa 18 Janet Ward Riehle 26 Milla Hill



#### **New Arrival**

Congratulations Eli & Machell Vonberg on the arrival of their new baby girl! Charlotte was born on April 25, 2020 Let you little light shine Charlotte!



#### God of life -

Show redemption to all who watch and wait with eager expectation: those longing for wars to cease, those waiting for immigration paperwork to finalize, those seeking election, and those in dire need of humanitarian relief especially those afflicted socially, physically, emotionally and mentally by the coronavirus. Come quickly with your hope. Amen

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 10am Service of The Word on Zoom					1	2
3 10am Service of The Word on Zoom 1pm Council Meet- ing on Zoom	4	5	6 12pm Re- sponsive Prayers w/ Pr Keith on Facebook	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day 10am Service of The Word on Zoom	11	12	13 12pm Re- sponsive Prayers w/ Pr Keith on Facebook	14	15	16
17 10am Service of The Word on Zoom 1pm Council Meeting on Zoom	18	19	20 12pm Re- sponsive Prayers w/ Pr Keith on Facebook	21	22	23
24 10am Service of The Word on Zoom	25 Memorial Day	26 Newsletter Deadline	27 12pm Re- sponsive Prayers w/ Pr Keith on Facebook	28	29	30



#### **Staying Connected**

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