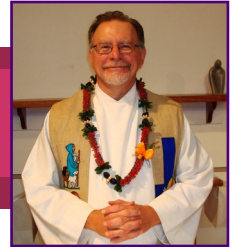


May 2016

Together We Are The Church

## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter



Aloha Kakou,

In my sermons and newsletter articles I've been talking about the "theology of the Cross," in which we as Lutheran-Christians (and various stripes and shades of L-Cs!) discern a spirit and method, a dynamic at work:

- The Cross is about **God's initiative in Jesus**, the Christ/Messiah;
- it is about **God's grace**, that is, divine, unconditional love for us and all the "cosmos" (see John 3:16) made incarnate, that is, "fleshly" and human in Jesus;
- and it is about God in Christ's **suffering love** (think "Cross") for the Other, the one different from me, the one on the edge of things, the one who is not necessarily loveable, which in God's eyes makes them oddly enough, the most loveable.

Note well, please, the subject in all of these bullet points: **God**. The theology of the Cross begins with God's compassion and suffering love for us (Martin Luther: pro nobis! For us!) We are the object-subject of God's initiatives. God acts, God moves, God makes all things new.

That's where we begin and that's where we end all things – with God. In love.

As we wind down the "busy seasons" of the Church year, let's keep in mind the theology of the Cross – God through Jesus loves, acts, dies and rises that we might experience the divine forgiveness, life and salvation.

FYI – please keep the Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in your prayers. This year we meet in Irvine, California, May 5-7, to elect a new bishop and honor Bishop Murray Finck for his eighteen years of service as bishop.

FYI – the fans are up and running. They felt great! Should make a difference this summer.

FYI – it does look as if I'll be moving to Mililani by the end of May. I may need some help with moving – boxes, backs, trucks, etc. I'll let you know.

I'm still am not sure if anyone is reading this newsletter. Please, let me know.

Curiously yours,

Handwritten signature of Pastor Keith.

Pr Keith



*Baptism of  
Anne-Marie Alcorn  
April 17, 2016*

*Let your light so shine before  
others that they may see  
your good works and glorify  
your father in heaven!*





*Godspeed to Rob & Judi McClain*

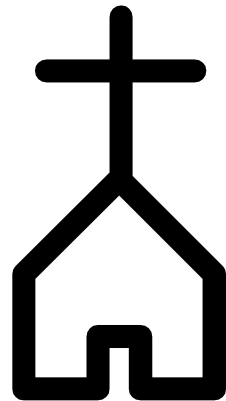
We welcome new members received April 17, 2016

Robert, Alice-Anne, Stephen, & Anne-Marie Alcorn

Joel, Anna, & Sam Hamaguchi

And

Marilyn Lee



## SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

This season our Sunday School Offerings have been designated to God's Global Barnyard, the ELCA Good Gifts Program. Our students will be purchasing a pig and a community fish farm, which can regularly provide healthy meals for a lifetime. There is still time to contribute to this worthy cause, just note "For ELCA Good Gifts" with your donation. We are helping lives around the world with gifts that keep on giving! The Sunday School's last day for the season is May 22nd. **We'd like to thank our teachers, Brooke Bailey, Sarah Salboro, & Sarah Chong for all their talents and treasures shared with our Keiki!!!**



### Hinei Ma Tov (Behold How Good)



PBJ's  
Powered by Jesus  
Puppet Performance  
May 22, 2016 10:00 a.m.  
Christ Lutheran Church  
[www.clcmililani.org](http://www.clcmililani.org)

### Sunday Calendar

9:15 a.m.  
PBJ's

9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School

**9:00 a.m.**  
**Ladies Bible Study - May 22nd**

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

# Anniversaries

## *Baptismal Anniversaries*

01 Kaimana Higa  
05 Carol Larson  
14 Jamey Lilyquist  
17 Deason Green  
18 McKenna James  
18 Janet Ward Riehle  
19 Brooke Nelson  
21 Ava Alova  
22 Kailee Zealley  
23 Tanalee Paguyo  
24 Lindsay Epling  
24 Nicole Wiedemann  
25 Jonathan Benesh  
27 Sina Andrews



## *Happy Birthday*

01 Karen Nelson  
07 Kathy Maginot  
10 Cliff Lanius  
11 Jane Yanagida  
12 Brian Burke  
17 Gary Ward  
18 Judi McClain  
23 Bill Little  
28 Sarah Salboro  
29 Gini Gustafson  
31 Mary Lou Kimoto



**The Institute for Human Services**  
Ending the Cycle of Homelessness

Mahalo to all who helped serve the homeless at the Institute of Human Services on April 2, 2016!!!

Thanks to Chieko Higuchi and Bev and Joe Murphy for cooking the chicken. Of course, thanks to Becky Gustafson, Barbara Burke and Judy Halvorson who always prepare the cole slaw.

Mahalo for donation of cookies from Kathy Maginot, Bev Murphy, Mary Lou Kimoto, Eileen Ward, Chieko Higuchi, Marilyn Lee, Judi McClain and Sally Kino.

We will be serving the homeless again on June 4, 2016 so please sign up to help. It is a great experience and so very much needed and appreciated!

Dick Crislip



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