



Together We Are The Church

July 2021

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

July, 2021

Aloha Kakou,

Can you believe the year 2021 is half over?
Whew! Where did it go? (I should put the rest of this note in parentheses, because like many of you I've been saying "Where did it go?" monthly or more for well over a year now

How are we doing? What have we learned?
What's coming next? What are our next steps?
Been asking those FAQs, too. As we approach the Fourth of July on a Sunday, I ask myself – and now you – about the direction of our country. What hopes, dreams, aspirations do we have after so much brokenness has been laid bare these past few years ... How do we now find our way about?

While rejoicing that we seem to be moving past the worst of the pandemic in our country, I pray for much of the rest of the world where vaccination rates are even lower than in the American Deep South and where the Delta Variant rages among less privileged peoples.

I think the summer – the Green Season of Ordinary Time – will be a time for questions, for reflection, and even sustained contemplation. Perhaps even the question of the Cross – "Oh, really? Could it be otherwise?" "Might we try things differently?"

I am enjoying seeing more and more of you in worship. Including some new faces. I think people are asking questions, about life, meaning, and direction. Some will seek that out in church, study, and worship. Others may go elsewhere. So be it. Church certainly doesn't have all the answers these days.

But for those of you "in church" I invite you to join me in conversation, reflection, and prayer. Before the summer is out and we ask, "Where did it go?")

Blessings,

Pr Keith





*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.*



Special Congregation Meeting

Sunday, July 11

10:30 am in person & via Zoom

To approve refinancing mortgage in
order to obtain funds to
repave the parking lot and up-date the
office space

Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

Happy Birthday

July 1	Zella Zaffke
July 4	Landon Acosta
July 6	Patrick Riehle
July 7	Andrea Jans
July 7	Eileen Ward
July 9	Anna Sikkink
July 13	Ethan Pang
July 18	Jim Sondall
July 19	Eric Melin
July 21	Anna Hamaguchi
July 22	Sally Little
July 24	Leia Seguancia
July 25	Sam Hamaguchi
July 28	Paul Herr
July 29	Janet Riehle
July 29	Fia Rosetter
July 30	Kaliko Herrera
July 31	Ele Clere



Baptismal Anniversaries

July 3	Anne Myers
July 3	Hunter Spangler
July 12	Bill Little
July 16	Ethan Pang
July 27	Eileen Ward

If we missed your special day, please let the office know (office@clcmililani.org)

Ways for You to Help

- 1) Russ, Paul, and Eli have been doing a bang up job this past pandemic year and our hats are off to them! Now, they could use a little help with weeding, raking, and general cleanup. If you have time of a Saturday morning between nine and noon, give us a call or just stop by. Even if it's just an hour, it would make a big difference. Oh, and btw, coffee and donuts faithfully at ten!
- 2) Come help finish the Community Garden on Saturday, July 10 and Saturday, July 17. See details on page 7.
- 3) The Spangler family has been doing yeoman's duty with our IHS ministry. They'd love to have your help cooking, serving, or providing cookies for our next meal on August 7. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4EA9AA28A5FE3-clcaugust> or contact Amanda Spangler at 808-728-9156.



Left: Sophia Holmen, daughter of Rachel & John Holman, graduate of Island Pacific Academy; to attend UH -Manoa

Right: Alex Belcher, son of Linda Kohlstaedt & Bill Belcher, graduate of Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA with BA in Philosophy.



Below: Logan Riehle, son of Janet & Patrick Riehle, graduate of Mililani Middle School, will be attending Mililani High School.

We offered congratulations to graduates in the June newsletter but later found that we had missed a couple of them. So here's another go at it, this time with photos!

Joel Sikkink
No photo available
Graduated from the University of Hawaii with degree in computer sciences.

Zella Zaffke
No photo available
Graduated from Tiny Tots Preschool; will be attending Olive Place Academy





JULY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	5 Independence Day Holiday	6	7	8	9	10 9-4 Garden project work
11 Healing Sunday <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> 10:30 am Congregation Mtg <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i> 1pm Council Meeting in Person at church	12	13	14	15	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 9-4 Garden project work
18 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	18	19	20	21	22	23 24
25 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	26	27	28	29	30	31



3 photos on left: The Spangler family served 298 meals to the needy at the 6 IHS shelters in June.

Above: CLC was included in the 2021 “Best of Mililani” awards.

Below: During one of the June wind blasts, there was major damage to the kukui nut tree on the Meheula side of the playground. After consulting with an Arborist, it was taken down completely.



Parish Photos



Hunter Spangler's Community Garden Project



Act 2

As you know, our Aloha Agape Community Garden began as the Eagle Scout project of Hunter Spangler. We were able to complete only about 2/3 of it in February due to the cell tower project. Now there are 14 more garden beds to be built, placed, and filled with dirt so two more project days have been scheduled (see below). We are hopeful that we will only need July 10th to finish up the project. We will use July 17th as a fallback plan because we all know this project has had its fair share of setbacks. **Everyone is welcome** to come and help finish this final leg.

Location: Christ Lutheran Church, 95-1361 Meheula Pkwy, Mililani HI
Dates: **July 10th 9 am-4 pm**
July 17th 9 am-4 pm

*If you have any of the following tools, please bring them to support my project: **Drills, Hammers, Wheelbarrows, and Gloves.**

The garden has been bearing fruit! Well, okay, more like vegetables, but you get what I'm saying. Zucchini, cantaloupe, spinach, snow peas, cucumbers, basil, tomatoes, kale, lettuce, and so much more. We still have half a dozen beds available with another fourteen ready at the end of July. Please check with Pr Keith or Carolyn if you or someone you know would like to join the "community" and "garden"!



Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.
Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed
the responsibility of government and leadership
in the nations of the world.
Give to them the vision of truth and justice,
that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.
Give to the people of our country
zeal for justice and strength of forbearance,
that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.
Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;
purify our hearts to see and love the truth.
We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(ANDY LANGFORD, U.S.A., 20TH CENT.)



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July Worship

**Sunday worship -
8 am and 11 am**

Both in-person services abide by strict pandemic guidelines.

The 8 am service is offered on Facebook and the 11 am service is offered on Zoom. Both feature on-line Communion.

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(see page 2 for more details)

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