

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

I'm sitting here at my desk in my home office, on my "day off", trying to overcome my writer's block. I've been stuck since Saturday morning when I first heard the news of the eleven Jewish worshipers who were brutally and wickedly gunned down while attending services at Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. How can this be? I am at a loss for explanatory words.

So, I've made myself a cup of coffee, put my feet up so that they become my laptop "desk", and started typing. It's how I get "unstuck." Usually, I think the process is as important as the substance, but today the substance takes precedence. How can this be? This act of evil, perpetrated in a house of God?

This much I know: the Jews are the chosen People of God. Jesus was a Jew (which, of course, means he definitely was not white). Anti-Semitism, hatred of the Jews, has persisted for centuries, millenia; and acts of anti-Semitism have since 2016 increased in the United States by a staggering fifty-seven percent. So have acts of violence against others because of their race, religion, gender, gender identity, immigrant status and sexual orientation, just to name a few of the most traditional categories of discrimination. There are more.

And as I finish my cup of joe, I realize that I have had it. I have been dancing the dance, walking the line, tip-toeing through the tulips so as not to offend anyone in these divided times. Maybe to avoid conflict and its attendant messiness ... maybe to perpetuate a shallow, false sense of harmony and call it "luv."

I am done with that. I am done with making excuses for the increasingly vituperative rhetoric of hate and violence that has been spewing out of the mouths of religious, political and social leaders of this country these last few years.

Words matter. And the demagogic words that divide by fear-mongering, dehumanizing and belittling others must be openly called out for what they truly are: hate-speech. That speech has no place in our democratic republic. Nor in religion. When it comes from our leaders, it incites those on the fringes to violence. It moves the fringe to the mainstream. Now, we are reaping the whirlwind of hate and violence.

I don't exactly know what, when and how I'm going to be speaking up, but I feel now more than ever that to keep silent is wrong, sinful, and shameful. Enough is enough. Time to take my cross.

I'm tired of offering "thoughts and prayers" for victims of hate. If you are reading this, and you agree, please, please, please, let me know. Let's talk story. Let's plot, and plan. Let's do something. Together, as People of God, followers of Jesus, we can make a difference. Only together, humbly and vocally carrying our crosses, will we make a difference.

Blessings,

Pr Keith

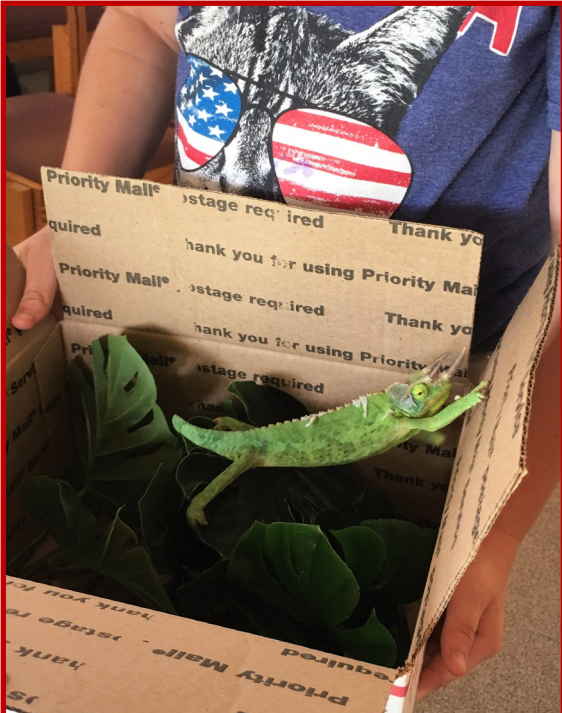


**Dogs
Rule!**



**Blessing of
the
Animals
Oct. 7,
2018**





Lei Makers Needed - no experience required

Yarn lei are needed for the 2018 Mililani Christmas Parade, which is held on the first Saturday of December. **The time to get started is now!** We will need at least 1,000 lei to handout during the parade. The lei are such a hit and have become a tradition. We always run out before the end of the parade. Attached to each lei is a business card extending an invitation to CLC's Christmas services. Please help by donating your time. (This can be done while watching T.V.) We have the patterns and will give personal instructions if needed, or you can also find visual instructions on You Tube. If you're not the lei making type you can still help by donating red or green yarn. MidWeek magazine subscribers: Ben Franklin Crafts periodically prints a coupon for 40% off one item. This is a great opportunity to buy a huge skein of yarn for a really good price. If you do not use this coupon, could you cut it out and place the coupon on our information table, it could save lots of \$\$.

Mahalo for your support!

2017 Parade Participants →

Catch the Spirit

Whether spectator or participant,
the **Mililani Christmas Parade**
is sure to get you into the
Christmas Spirit.
Saturday December 4 at 9 AM

Interested in participating?
We need Lei Makers and
Walkers, 1 Truck w/Driver &
Puppeteers.

Join the fun and help support
CLC!



Angel Tree Time

Each year we receive a list of 100 needy children on the island from the (PACT) Parents And Children Together organization. You can **be an angel** and pick a tag or two from our Angel Tree (on the lanai) & purchase a Christmas gift. (no toy guns of any kind please) Please bring the unwrapped gift with the tag attached to CLC by pick-up date, Dec. 12th. Many Thanks!



Keiki Church

Big Mahalo to Kathy & Andrew Jans for running our Keiki Church!



We are looking for more adults to help assist or lead during the 2nd service. If you are interested please let us know.



All Saints Sunday
is November 4th

On All Saints Sunday we remember those who have passed on in the last year. If you would like to include your loved ones in our special prayers on all Saints Sunday, please enter their names in our purple "Book of Remembrance" on the information table, or on the November 4^h worship bulletin insert card.



Puppet Team Performs

Our PBJ's performed "Name That Commandment" on October 7 during the 2nd service for the keiki and young at heart. Mahalo to our puppeteers—Nolan & Landon Acosta, Peter, Lauren, Sam, & Anya Broberg, Kaimana Higa, & Mae Norton!

Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday Dec. 16 where they will be performing their annual Christmas program at the 10 a.m. service.

In Memory Of...



John Edward Newton
July 20, 1931-September 9, 2018

There will be a memorial service on November 23, 2018 at Punchbowl Cemetery where John will be laid to rest next to his wife Pat, followed by refreshments at Christ Lutheran at 3:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

John and Pat were founding members of Christ Lutheran Church. John retired in Hawaii after serving 23 years in the Navy as an aviator and officer. During his retirement he volunteered with the church, the Lions Club, Pearl Harbor Memorial, & the Honolulu Chorale. He celebrated his final years with his children and grandchildren in California.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

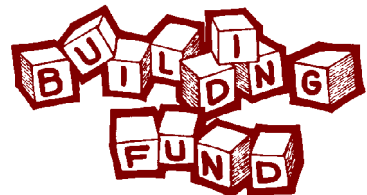
Your Building Committee continues to meet monthly and most of the items in the original plan, as well as a few smaller ones that came up during painting and repair, have been completed. Many thanks to members: Russ Kino, Paul Herr, Rhiannon Guevara, Bud Jenkins, Collette Wiedemann, Sally Little, Linda Santos and Pastor Keith.

We are very pleased that the building repairs, roofing and painting were completed with minimal disruption to the Preschool or to Church functions. We are extremely grateful to Sally Little who very effectively managed many of the contracts and the actual work. She met regularly with the contractors and assured that their work was thoroughly completed.

A few small projects, such as the sign over the entry to the church complex are being completed. However, several projects have not yet begun. These include paving the parking lot and renovations to the office. Unfortunately, the Building Fund has been depleted. The Building Committee will be working with Church Council to develop additional funding. Please help as you are able!

Mahalo

Linda Santos.





Hukilau Assembly October 2018

Thirty –five people attended the Hukilau Semi-annual Assembly of Oct. 6th at Christ Lutheran. Opening Communion Service was led by Pastor Keith and members of CLC followed by the Bishop Gathering with Bishop Andy Taylor, where people talked story about church issues near and dear to them.

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Christ Lutheran Church when you shop at
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#StartWithaSmile

NEW WORSHIP TIME

**Beginning Nov. 4th
our 10:45 Sunday morning
service will move to
10:00 a.m.**

Got Food?

Our annual canned food drive takes place here at CLC during the month of November to support needy families of **Central & North Shore Oahu through The Private Sector Hawaii**, an all-volunteer non-profit organization that provides food, shelter, and other goods and services to the needy. During the holiday season, every food box contains a turkey/ham and trimmings to provide a feast for hungry people. As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, they are finding that there is an ever-increasing demand for what they have to offer, and they can use more help than usual in filling requests for assistance. The PSH is a 501c3 charity, and all donations are tax-deductible. Because they are an all-volunteer organization with minimal operating expenses, all monies and goods donated go directly to those people who can use them the most. *You can help by donating nonperishable food items to the church throughout the month. You may drop them off in the office or the sanctuary.* Your gifts and their intended recipients will receive a blessing at the altar, as the food bank's staff will be with us on **Sunday, November 18** to pick up the donations.



Volunteers with the Institute for Human Services



Mahalo to those who volunteer every other month with I.H.S. to cook and serve meals to Hawaii's homeless. (from left to right— Amanda and Jeffrey Spangler, Eric Melin, Sarah Chong, Eileen Ward, Ele Clere, Jean McMann, Marilyn Lee, and Chieko Higuchi. We are very thankful for all CLC volunteers who donate cookies, make coleslaw, prepare chicken, and serve dinners at I.H.S. The ELCA helped to donate the T shirts. Amanda and Jeffrey Spangler have volunteered to be our new leaders in this on going outreach, replacing long time volunteer Dick Crislip. We thank Dick for his many years of service in this outreach representing CLC.



(Photo left) Joe and Beverly Murphy, Amanda and Jeffrey Spangler, and Chieko Higuchi preparing chicken to be baked at I.H.S. We'd also like to acknowledge other volunteers, but not pictured: Bud Jenkins, Becky Gustafson, Naomi Halvorson, Barbara Burk, Kathy, Autumn, & Ashley Maginot, Shirley Momiyama, & Mary Lou Kimoto. And, the many others who have donated food.

New Gentle Yoga & Yoga Flow offered at CLC on Sundays

Gentle Yoga

Sundays at 4pm, \$10 per class

Improve strength, flexibility, range of motion and balance with low impact yoga. Gentle Yoga focuses on standing and chair based poses, introducing exercises and techniques at a slower pace with more time for modifications. Perfect for beginners, those recovering from injuries or with limited mobility. Chairs will be provided; please bring your own mat and any yoga props you would like to use for this practice.



Yoga Flow

Sundays at 5:30pm, \$10 per class

Developed over 5,000 years ago, remains one of the most popular workout formats of today. Designed to relax, stretch, and strengthen the body, Yoga is rejuvenating, an experience like none other. Learn a variety of asanas (poses) and pranayama (breathing) techniques that promote good circulation and positive energy. Please bring your own mat and any yoga props you would like to use for this practice.

Congregational Meeting



Our Annual Congregational Meeting
will be held on Sunday,
Nov. 25 at 11:30 am.

On the agenda we'll be discussing new
council members, our constitution,
and the budget for 2019.



give aloha

Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

Mahalo

to all who contributed to the

Give Aloha Program!

\$ 1853.31	Customer Donations
\$ 339.82	Foodland Gift
\$ <u>66.05</u>	Western Union Gift
\$2259.18	Grand Total

Happy Birthday

04 Jason Forbes
07 Dominic Turinetti
09 Logan Chong
09 Amanda Spangler
12 Victoria Sondall
17 Naomi Carrington-Hockman
22 Kanoa Lanias
23 Johanna Jans
24 Chieko Higuchi
24 Kristen Kino
27 Nick Jans
30 Rose Melin
30 Logan Riehle

Anniversaries



Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Alena Walley
01 Benjamin Walley
07 Ele Clere
19 Landon Acosta
25 Rick Myers

Wedding Anniversaries

27 Cliff & Pam Lanias

Prayer Recipients and Prayer Providers

If you are in need of prayer, let us know and we'll send your requests to our prayer chain. If you like to pray for others, let us know & we'll add you among our prayer providers.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday November 21, 7:00 PM

At CLC

With Pastor Keith Wolter

Our Love & Prayers



Our love & prayers go out to the Newton family on the death of John. Healing to Helen and peace to her family as she recovers from a stroke. God's presence to Sherlie, Jack, Nicholas, Jayden, Sierra, Mia, Betsy & Daniel, Hershey, Bob & family, for Nesi, Marjorie, Florentina, Dino, George, Eric, Rose, Mari, Naomi, Mike, Michael, Lisa, Joan, Colin, Cecil, Shane, Mark, & Brenda. Godspeed to Pastor Tim. God's blessings to Pastor Keith. We pray for all dealing with cancer, anxiety, and old age. We pray in thanksgiving for our pets, present and past. And, we pray for our dear departed loved ones.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Yoga has moved to Sundays Gentle Yoga 4:00 p.m. Yoga Flow 5:30 p.m.				1	2	3
4 All Saint's Sunday 7am Contemplative Service w/communion 9am PBJ's 10:00am Worship w/Communion	5	6 Election Day 	7 6:30pm Catechism	8	9	10
11 7am Contemplative Service w/Healing 9am PBJ's 10:00am Communion Worship & Healing Service	12 	13	14 6:30pm Catechism	15	16 4:30 p.m. council Meeting	17
18 7am Contemplative Service w/communion 9am PBJ's 10:00am Communion Worship Service	19	20	21 6:30pm Catechism	22 	23 Office Closed	24 9a
25 7am Contemplative Service w/communion 8:00am Cong. Meeting 9am PBJ's 10:00am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Cong. Meeting	26	27 #GivingTuesday 	28 6:30pm Catechism Newsletter Deadline	29	30	

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Sunday Worship

7:00 a.m.

Contemplative Communion Service

9:00 a.m. Puppet Ministry

NEW TIMES

10:00 a.m.

Service of Holy Communion
And Keiki Church
with children's message

Healing Service - 2nd Sundays

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