

June 2017

Together We Are The Church

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

Is it June already? Tempus fugit, or as that wonderful old hymn, "Oh, God, Our Help in Ages Past," says, "Time like an ever-flowing stream soon bears us all away ..."

What I am pondering this afternoon as I sit in my over-heated parsonage home office is how time flies (Latin: tempus fugit). And these days, seeing how busy, busy, busy people are in their personal and family lives, I suspect it flies even faster for some of you than it does for me.

I need down time, reflective time, or I tend to lose myself in the busy-ness of running a church or two or three. Okay, only two, as far as I know.

I thought that after Easter there might be a breather, but there really hasn't been. I find that fascinating in a weird sort of way.

So, this summer, as I wing my way about Europe and then, the continent far to the east of Mainland Hawaii, known as North America, I intend to read a book that I just downloaded onto Kindle by my fav Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann. It's called Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now. In the book Brueggemann talks about the importance of "rest" on the seventh day, of the Third Commandment, "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy." Rest is a part of what it means to be human before and with our loving God.

God rested. Humans are called to rest. But do we? Can we, in our culture of restless consumption? In our search for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, where do we look? Do we ever stop long enough to ponder what we are doing and asking if it is really, truly working out well for us?

I don't have clear responses to those questions ... yet I suspect I've a notion how Brueggemann may respond. I think I realize over and over that the Cross of Jesus invites, calls and beckons us to sabbath rest. Maybe I'll have a clearer grip on things after I read the book.

Unless, of course, I find my summer doldrums too busy to get to it.

Blessings,



Pr Keith

Congratulations Graduate Class of 2017



Joel Sikkink

Joel graduated magna cum laude from Mililani High School with a 3.83 GPA. He was awarded a UH Manoa Academic Merit scholarship and will be attending in the Fall pursuing a Computer Science degree. Joel works part-time at Jamba Juice in Mililani. He has been a part of CLC since 2005 and a member of the PBJ's and in the past, the Bell Choir.

Lizzy Gustafson

Elizabeth Gustafson graduated from the University of Hawaii - West Oahu (UHWO) on May 6th, 2017, with a Bachelors Degree in Secondary Education - Social Studies. She represented the student body as Treasurer of the Associated Students of UHWO for the past 18 months and served as Membership Chairperson in the founding of the Hawaii Charter of the International Education Society -- Kappa Delta Pi. She completed over 650 hours of community service while at UHWO and earned the Service Learning cord. In addition, she earned admission into the International Education Honor Society and the Golden Key International Honour Society, which recognizes academic achievement among university students in all disciplines. Most recently, she was selected as the Hawaii State Runner Up/Alternate in the James Madison Memorial Junior Fellowship, which would provide her the support and funding to become an "outstanding teacher of the American Constitution at the secondary school level".



This summer, Elizabeth, who was chosen as one of two interns nationwide, will be participating in the National History Day Program at the University of Maryland, which will service over 400,000 participants. Finishing her internship, she will return to Hawaii to begin teaching on July 3rd at Kapolei Middle School, as a 7th grade Social Studies teacher. While at Kapolei Middle School she is excited to be starting an After-School Program for students who want to participate in Hawaii History Day.

Congratulations Graduate Class of 2017

Anna Sikkink

Anna graduated from UH Manoa with a degree in Computer Science and a minor in Astronomy. She was a finalist for UH Employee of the Year for her 5 years of work as a Senior Specialist at Res-Net, which provides wired Internet access for UHM Student Housing residents. Anna was the Treasurer for ACM (Association for Computing Machinery- Manoa Chapter) and a member of the ICS Grey Hats (Cyber-security) Organization. Through LAVA (Laboratory for Advanced Visualization and Applications), Anna was, along with two other students, awarded a grant to research how Polynesian myths could be translated into virtual reality (VR) experiences. Anna has also been a research assistant with other grants through the Astronomy department. After graduating, Anna plans to continue working on campus and attend graduate school at UH next year. Anna has been a member of CLC since 2005 and was a long time member of the PBJ's and Bell Choir.



Matthew Fulton

Graduate of Hanalani School and Eagle Scout. Matthew was on the school track team and loves to play his cello. His favorite bible quote is from 1 Peter:24-25 "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. The grass dies and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord will live forever." Matthew has received a full scholarship for Gordon College in Wenham, MA.



Pacifica Synod Assembly 2017

**Dick Crislip,
Pastor Keith,
& Linda Santos**



Recap of the Final Review from the Bishop's office -

The 30th Annual Pacifica Synod Assembly was held at the beautiful Town & Country Resort in San Diego. The ELCA's Churchwide Representative for this assembly was Mr. Keith Mundy, Pro-gram Director for Stewardship, ELCA. Southwest California Synod Bishop, the Rev. Dr. R. Guy Er-win and the Rev. Dr. Chris Alexander, Associate Minister, Countryside Community Church, Omaha, Nebraska were our keynote speakers.

Throughout the assembly, we were given the opportunity to hear the many stories of God's faithful people from across our synod. Greetings were shared from ecumenical partners and organizations. Business of the assembly was conducted through elections and resolutions. Re-ports were shared, grant recipients celebrated and candidates lifted up. We were blessed to experience two inspiring worship services. Friday afternoon provided opportunities to attend both onsite workshops or off-site experiential learning opportunities. We had the chance to relax, laugh, sing and enjoy a wonderful meal at our Friday evening banquet hosted by Lutheran Retreats, Camps & Conferences.

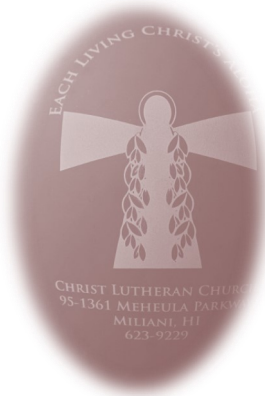


Nineteen congregations were recognized for having received Warner Trust Grants for youth and education programs in the past year. (Our CLC PBJ puppet team was one of them).

Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

02 Sara Osborn
02 Amy Ulman
07 Trenton Riehle
09 Scott Weaver
10 Charles Osborn
10 Ruth Ann Fulton (in memory)
13 Megan Ulman
13 John Yanagida
14 Richard Salboro
15 John Clere
20 Amanda Wally
20 Kanani Lanias
20 Sherylann Momiyama
20 Amanda Walley
23 Marta Sikkink
28 Sue Weaver



Baptismal Anniversaries

01 Bill Paulus
04 Marilyn Bisquera
09 Naja Hahn
12 Andrew Brabazon
12 Johnathan Brabazon
16 Christian Halvorson
13 Joel Sikkink
14 Noah McMann
15 Alex Belcher
16 Nolan Acosta
19 Kaia Pham
23 Pam Lanias

Refinancing Current Mortgage Loan

Mission Investment Fund is helping Christ Lutheran Church in Mililani, Hawaii with a \$500,000 refinance of their current loan. The church was founded in 1980 in the central Oahu town of Mililani, and is located in the center of town. The church plans to use funds from the loan to pay for facility repairs such as a new roof, repaving the parking lot, and other needed repairs. The past 37 years have seen the church involved in many community activities, including performances of the Powered By Jesus puppet ministry and the handbell choir, serving meals to the community's homeless, community clean-up projects, and food bank drives.

Connie Omo, Treasurer

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 I.H.S. Day Serving the Homeless
4 Pentecost Sunday 7am Contemplative, Communion Service 9:30am PBJ's 10:45am Communion Service	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Holy Trinity Sunday 7am Contemplative, Communion, Healing Service 9:30am PBJ's 10:45am Communion & Healing Service	12 King Kame- hameha Day <i>Office Closed</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18 Father's Day 7am Contemplative, Communion Service 10:45am Communion Service	19	20	21	22	23	24 10am OPOH
25 7am Contemplative, Communion Service 9:30am PBJ's 10:45am Communion Worship Service	26	27	28 Newsletter Deadline	29	30	

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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



June 4th is Pentecost Sunday
Don't forget to wear your RED!



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