



Together We Are The Church

December 2021

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

December, 2021

Aloha Kakou,

I am thinking a couple of things as we move into December:

First, while we may be tired of the coronavirus, the coronavirus is not tired of us. Variants with multiple mutations will continue to arise and move among us. While I am not going into a panic about the omicron variant, it is a variant of concern. Therefore, we at CLC are going to continue to do what we scientifically know is best when it comes to protecting our neighbor:

- Wash our hands
- Wear masks
- Keep our distance
- Get vaxxed and boosted

Even while at worship we continue to:

- Share shakas at the Aloha and Peace
- “Smize” with our eyes
- Sing
- Socially and spiritually connect.

Second, none of us are safe until all of us are safe. If the coronavirus has shown us anything, we are deeply connected to each other. The social dogma of individualism has utterly failed us. It’s all about relationship, near and far. We are social beings, in body, mind, and spirit. To that end,

- Let us continue to protect our neighbors by hand-washing, masking, and distancing
- Let us lovingly urge our neighbors to do the same
- Let us – adults and children alike - get vaxxed and boosted

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Finally, December 1st is World AIDS Day. Forty years ago the world first heard of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Forty years later it persists. Millions have died. On this Wednesday let us pause for a moment to commend to God our family, friends, and neighbors near and far who succumbed. And by the power of the Spirit let us also take courage and persist.

Blessings,

Pr Keith



Blue Christmas Service



Not everyone is joyful at this time of year. So on Tuesday, December 21 (the winter solstice), at 7 pm we will have a service of comfort and encouragement for those who are feeling blue - of hope in the midst of despair. It will be an in-person-only service to protect confidentiality. All are welcome.



*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.*



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Christmas Worship



Christmas Eve we will offer a service of candle-lighting and carol singing at 7 pm and on Christmas Day we will have a service of Holy Communion and carol singing at 10 am. How wonderful to be able to lift our voices in caroling once again!

Sunday, December 26, we will have our usual Sunday services.

Christmas Poinsettias

We would love to have the sanctuary full of flowers to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. If you would like to purchase (or lend us) a poinsettia to help fulfill this wish, please bring them to the church the week of December 20. If you would like your poinsettia to be given in honor or in memory of someone special, call or email Carolyn in the office with the name(s) by Wednesday, December 22.



Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

Happy Birthday

December 3 Bill Kriese
December 6 June Imperial
December 9 Jiao Chen
Russ Kino
Mae Norton
Keith Wolter
December 20 Christy Sondall
December 24 Keegan Rosetter
December 28 David Sikkink
December 30 Kaimana Higa



Baptismal Anniversaries

December 1 Andrew Zaffke
December 3 Anna Sikkink
December 7 Mary Lou Kimoto
December 9 Jiao Chen
December 11 Jim Sondall
December 27 Ritter Zaffke
December 28 Mattie Sikkink
December 30 Keith Wolter



Wedding Anniversaries

December 1 Rick & Anne Myers
December 13 Joel & Anna Hamaguchi
December 27 Bill & Gayle Kriese
December 30 John & Ele Clere
December 30 John & Jane Yanagida

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



IHS Outreach



Our next IHS ministry date is this Saturday, December 4. If you would like to help out with cooking, serving, or providing cookies, please sign up by logging in to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4EA9AA28A5FE3-christ1> or contact Jef or Amanda Spangler. As of this morning, we still needed 2 cooks, 3 servers, and a few more cookie providers. What a great way to put your thanksgiving into action.



Christ Lutheran Church Angel Tree

Last month we began shopping and collecting gifts for 106 children with the PACT organization. (Parents and Children Together). **All the names we were given have been adopted by our generous parishioners.**

Now we simply need you to drop them off at the church. Someone will be here on Saturdays, December 4 and December 11, between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm and on Sunday, December 5, between 8 am and 11 am. If you plan to come on one of the Saturdays, please call DeAnn Acosta at 808-371-7708 to let her know approximately when you will drop by.

Please do not wrap the gifts but do include batteries if the gift requires them and remove all price tags. Name tags will be provided when you drop off the gifts.

Mahalo to DeAnn for organizing this project and to all of you who made it such a great success!



Congratulations!

At the semi-annual congregation meeting on November 28, the following officers were elected unanimously by acclamation. Kathy Jans continues as the secretary for another year.

- Steve Peterson, President
- David Rosetter, VP
- Anna Hamaguchi, Treasurer

Congratulations and mahalo for your commitment to CLC.

The 2022 budget and proposed by-law revisions were also presented at the meeting. If you would like a copy of either of these sent to you by email or snail mail, please contact the church office. Both these items will be voted on at the next congregation meeting in January.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 2nd Sunday in Advent <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Healing Sunday <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 4th Sunday in Advent <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i> <i>Church Council</i> <i>In person or via Zoom</i>	20	7 p.m. Blue Christmas service	22	Newsletter Deadline	7 p.m. Christmas Eve Svc of candlelight & carols	10 a.m. Christmas Day Svc w/ communion
26 1st Sun after Christmas <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	

Our Annual Food Drive Success!



Once again CLC members and Rainbow Preschoolers have shown their generosity and filled the chancel of the church with food that will be shared with needy families of central and north shore Oahu through *The Private Sector*, an all-volunteer organization that provides food, shelter, and other goods to the needy. The food was blessed by Pastor Keith and then taken by representatives of *The Private Sector* on Sunday, November 28. Mahalo to all of you for your charity.

The Holidays are Near!

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support CLC every time you shop, at no additional cost to you. When you shop *AmazonSmile*, you'll find the exact same low prices and vast selections and *AmazonSmile* will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to CLC.

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Year End Contributions

Mahalo nui loa for your gifts and your dedication to Christ Lutheran Church during 2021. As we approach the end of the calendar year, please note that all donations must be postmarked or received in the office by December 31 to be included in your 2021 contribution statement (for tax purposes). Thank you and God bless you for your generous support of CLC so that we may continue to be good stewards of what God has given us. Please contact Carolyn in the church office (office@clcmililani.org or 808-623-9229) if you have any questions.

Parking Lot Repaving is Complete!



Top two rows clockwise from top left: First the Kidney Foundation pod had to be removed; then the BIG equipment came in and took off all the old asphalt; then came the equipment to pour and roll out the new asphalt

Left: Then it was time for striping the parking spaces

Below: The final product. How sweet it is!



More photos are on our Facebook page.



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December Worship

Tuesday, December 21

7 pm Blue Christmas Service

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve

7 pm service of candle-lighting
and carol singing

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day

10 am service of Holy Communion
and more carol singing

Sunday, December 26

Regular worship services

Sunday worship - 8 am and 11 am

Both in-person services abide by
pandemic guidelines.

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

The Liturgy of Healing is included
in each service on the 2nd Sunday
of the month.

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