



Together We Are The Church

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## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakahiaka,

Ever go looking for your keys and can't find them? You look half a dozen times in the spot where you always leave them and they aren't there. Then, you look in secondary spots - nada. Now, your annoyed. Now you're looking all over. Where are they?

Suddenly, there they are - right where you left them. Sometimes right where you had already looked but hadn't seen them. They were so familiar that you couldn't see them, even when you were intentionally looking for them.

The last two years or so have rendered visible much that was familiar to us but not seen, not recognized – inequities, injustices, ideologies. Suddenly, the car keys – and a few things we hadn't been looking for – are right there in front of us.

Along with seeing, we have learned a lot of new words, learned to speak the language of infectious disease care and prevention, and had the curtain pulled back on some aspects of our personal and public lives that we would perhaps have preferred not to see. We have also seen and heard unexpected acts of kindness in previously unseen persons and professions.

The readings this Sunday, the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, from Amos, Hebrews, and Mark, call us to prophetically render visible that which has become familiar and unseen, to speak a new, unfamiliar language. Not an easy baptismal calling. But there it is – like giving away all that

we have to follow Jesus, like establishing justice in the gate (the ancient “city hall”) or finding ourselves bare naked before the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. We point out grace and justice as well as wrath and injustice. We see, we speak and sometimes it gets us run out of town - or up on a Cross. And there you have it - the Christian narrative for all the world to see.

Please join us online or if vaccinated, in person for worship each Sunday with Holy Communion at both services. Facebook Livestreams at 8am, Zoom at 11am. YouTube is uploaded in the early afternoon.

Stay tuned, also, as talk at the state and county levels about lifting restrictions in the near future continues. For now, though, masks and distancing by household are still required for in-person worship. Safety and reduced risk go hand in hand with loving God by loving our neighbor.

Now, has anyone seen my car keys?

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.*



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## Church Council Meeting September 19, 2021

The Church Council held their September meeting via Zoom. Although no votes were taken, discussion was held on a number of significant issues including:



- ◆ The condition of the current piano and the feasibility of purchasing a new piano for the sanctuary
- ◆ Current COVID restrictions with an eye toward keeping everyone safe
- ◆ The necessity of recruiting members to run for the 2022 Church Council (see page 4)
- ◆ The Midweek article of 9/22/21 publicizing the Aloha Agape Community Garden (if you haven't read it, you can find it at <https://midweek.com/pdf/Central/2021/0922/index.html>)

The next Council meeting will be Sunday, October 17. If you have an item you would like to bring before the Council, please contact Pastor Keith or President Linda Santos.

# Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

## Happy Birthday

October 5	Pam Lantias
October 9	Marion Thompson
October 18	Dick Crislip
October 19	Jackie Pang
October 20	Tina Cox
October 21	Rick Myers
October 23	Linda Santos
October 24	Autumn Maginot
October 26	Adam Burke
October 28	Alice Culpepper
October 31	Michelle Colte

## Baptismal Anniversaries

October 13	Dale Burke
October 23	Mae Norton
October 27	Chieko Higuchi
October 28	John Clere

## Wedding Anniversaries

October 7	Mary Lou & Vern Kimoto
October 22	Dale & Barbara Burke
October 27	David & Andy Sikkink

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

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is breast cancer awareness month, and experts say early detection is key to fighting breast cancer.

The American Society of Breast Surgeons recommends getting a mammogram every year starting at age 40 for a normal risk woman. High risk women, however, are recommended to start getting regular mammograms at age 30. Significant family history of cancer and certain genetic mutations are factors that could allow a woman to be considered high risk.

About 1 in 8 women in the US develop invasive breast cancer. It is the most common cancer in women and the deadliest after lung cancer.

A friend and parishioner has this plea to the women of CLC: *"Please be current in your mammogram screenings. It may save your life as it did me!"*



## Called to Serve in Leadership?

These last two years have been hard on us as a community of faith. But we have persisted and endured, and in some ways thrived and been blessed. Your Church Council has been faithful in regular monthly (and during the shutdown, bi-weekly!) meetings. To provide continuity in this critical time, several council members stayed on an extra year. They provided needed and invaluable leadership to CLC.

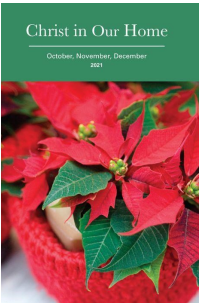


Now, they are ready to step back and let others assume some leadership roles. Mahalo nui loa to Linda Santos, President; Bud Jenkins, Vice President; and Joel Hamaguchi, Treasurer. Their executive positions are open beginning next January 2022. Also, we have five or six "at-large" positions open - up to fifteen, including the executive officers.

If you feel moved, that the Spirit might be calling you to serve in a leadership capacity here at CLC, please contact Linda, Bud, Joel, or Pr Keith and they would be happy to help you explore this exciting opportunity to serve our Lord and his congregation.

Mahalo!

### *Christ in Our Home*



A limited number of copies of *Christ in Our Home*, a daily devotional booklet, for the months of October, November and December are available from the church office or at the Sunday worship service. If you would like a copy mailed to you or reserved for pick up, please contact the office.

### Mahalo Nui Loa

to all the **Cookie Bakers** for your contribution to the 286 meals that were served by our IHS volunteers to the homeless at the Institute for Human Services on October 2, 2021.

to **Roy Helms** for filling in as the "interim interim" administrator during Carolyn's extended vacation. He did a great job and things went smoothly under his guidance.

# OCTOBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 <b>Healing Sunday</b> <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</i>	11 <b>Indigenous Peoples Day</b>	12	13	14	15	16
17 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</i> <b>Church Council</b> <i>In person or via Zoom</i>	18	19	20	21	22 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	23
24 <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 <b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b> <b>Wear Red!</b> <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</i>						

## Special Sundays Coming

October 31 - The Celebration of the Reformation (wear red)

November 7 - All Saints Sunday (wear white)

Please send the names of those who have passed away that you wish to remember by email or snail mail to Pastor Keith or Carolyn in the office no later than October 25.

## Daily Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer continues with scripture, prayer, and blessing. You can find it on our YouTube channel (CLCMililani).

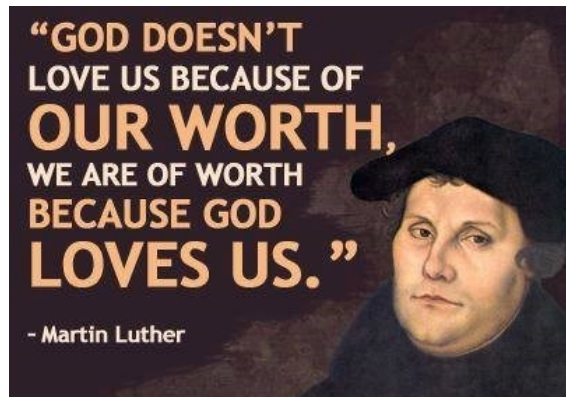
I invite any of you to join me in this endeavor. We can record Morning Prayer any day or time prior to publishing.

You can reach the Daily Prayer playlist by going to:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLy\\_mAJHZkrrAJIkGawjUdBlPVsBjdVg8S](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLy_mAJHZkrrAJIkGawjUdBlPVsBjdVg8S)

Blessings,

Pr Keith  
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## Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021





## Martin Luther, writing during the Bubonic plague of the 1500's:

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I will fumigate, purify the air, administer medicine, and take medicine. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order to not become contaminated, and thus perchance inflict and pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me. But, I have done what he has expected of me, and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person, but will go freely. This is a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy, and does not tempt God." - Martin Luther



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## October 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.

**Sunday, October 31**

Reformation Sunday - Wear red!

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All Saints Sunday - Wear white!

**October - Breast Cancer  
Awareness Month**

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