



Together We Are The Church

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Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

Every now and then when I am pondering what to write for the newsletter, I grab my “church notebook” in which I jot down thoughts and ideas about spiritual and organizational life here at CLC and flip through it. That happened for a bit this morning.

My current notebook begins around November 18th of last year. With notes on a pledge drive letter. It then continues with a welter of notes on what seems to be happening in the world, the ELCA, the country, the islands and most of all, Christ Lutheran Church. And what we might try next.

I had an organizational mentor who loved to ask, “What do we do next when we don’t know what’s happening next?” People would just stare at him as he grinned and chuckled at them. He loved tossing uncertainty into people’s plans for their future. He was a big fan of complexity, too.

I have got to admit that it is a good question – what do we do when we don’t know what’s happening next? What can a leader do? How can a pastor or lay church officer lead in such uncertain times? If leaders cannot plan, predict, and control, what is it that leaders can do, should do?

I think my favorite definition of a leader, whether secular or sacred, is someone who can

stand with others and offer them the courage to take next steps into a fast-changing, increasingly complicated, and radically uncertain future, a future full of instability, unpredictability, and unmanageability. I think that should be doubly true for pastors of congregations.

Dr Robert Wicks, one of our two speakers at The Oasis last week, talked about pastors being present with others, with self, and with God. That is the core of what pastors do, he said. “Helping people through the night,” he added.

That jives well with the very serious joke that often surfaces at strategic planning retreats – what does God do when God spies people making plans? God laughs.

As we head into the year’s final two months of busy-ness, from Halloween and Thanksgiving to Christmas and New Year’s, a lot is going to come at us. Let’s remember that God is with us, giving us the courage and the faith to take next steps. And to take them together.

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.*



IHS MINISTRY



Our next ministry date is **Saturday, December 3rd**. You can sign up to help with serving the meal or donating cookies at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4EA9AA28A5FE3-clcdecember>

or contact Amanda Spangler at 808-7258-9156. The photos above are from some of our past ministry dates.

Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

Happy Birthday

November 1 Lynette Sakamoto
November 3 Whitney DePowell
November 9 Logan Chong
November 9 Amanda Spangler
November 18 David Rosetter
November 19 Lori Firth
November 20 Sherri Uecke
November 23 Johanna Jans
November 24 Chieko Higuchi
November 27 Nick Jans
November 30 Rose Melin
November 30 Logan Riehle

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



Wedding Anniversaries

November 7 Jiao Chen & ZhiQing Zhou
November 27 Cliff and Pam Lantias

Baptismal Anniversaries

November 7 Ele Clere
November 19 Landon Acosta
November 25 Rick Myers



Mahalo Nui Loa for your donations!

Thank You so much to all of you who participated in the Give Aloha Campaign at Foodland and Sack n Save during the month of September!

You gave a total of \$1,142 to CLC which resulted in a donation from Foodland and the Western Union Foundation of \$296.27 for a grand total of \$1,438.27. We appreciate your generosity and commitment to the mission and ministry of CLC.

Congregational Meeting!

The Semi-Annual CLC congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20th, 2022 at 9:45am. We will be needing to elect a new Council Secretary, since Kathy Jans is term-limited. Also, we can elect up to another seven (!) council members. So, if you feel God is calling you to serve in a leadership capacity, please let Council President Steve Peterson and/or Pr Keith know. We will also be putting together and presenting the 2023 preliminary budget. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Canned Food Drive



FOOD DRIVE

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 501(c)3 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 will be picked up by the staff of The Private Sector on **Sunday, November 27** at the 11am service. Mahalo for your support!



NOVEMBER, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 All Saints Sunday Wear RED! 8 am <i>In-person Worship</i> 11 am <i>In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	7	8 Election Day	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12
13 Healing Sunday 8 am <i>In-person Worship</i> 11 am <i>In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Christ the King Sunday 8 am <i>In-person Worship</i> 9:15am <i>Sunday Brunch</i> 9:45am Cong. Meeting 11 am <i>In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	21	22	23	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	25	26
27 8 am <i>In-person Worship</i> 11 am <i>In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i> Food Drive Pick-Up at 11am service	28	29	30			

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Honolulu Pride Parade



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Aloha

Mahalo to everyone who represented Christ Lutheran Church by participating in the 2022 Honolulu Pride Parade.





Christ Lutheran Church
in the Honolulu
Pride Parade which
took place on
October 15th, 2022.



Mahalo Carolyn!



Mahalo Carolyn for all that you did and continue to do for CLC.



We thank you for your service. You are truly a blessing!

Photos: Andrea Jans, Steve Peterson & Chieko Higuchi



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On All Saints Sunday, November 6th, we remember those who have passed on in the last year. If you would like to include your loved ones in our special prayers, please enter their names on our

remembrance sheet located on the information table, or you can email your loved one's name to office@clcmililani.org.



Quarterly Statements Now Available!

Third quarter contribution statements are on the table in the back of the church. Please take yours with you and save the parish postage. If you can't find yours, please call the office during the week and we will get one to you. Please check your statement and report any errors to the office as soon as possible. If you are unable to pick yours up at service, statements will be mailed to you. Mahalo for your cooperation.



Sunday Brunch



The next **Sunday brunch** will take place on Sunday, November 20th between services (approximately 9:15-9:45am). Bring whatever you'd like to share or just bring your appetite. All are welcome to this monthly time of fellowship and fun.

Check out our New Gathering Spot!

A huge Mahalo to Steve and Guirong Peterson and everyone who helped make our new space a success! We thank them for their many hours of hard work, sweat and dedication. CLC now has a new gathering place for all groups to meet. It is a beautiful and peaceful place to be. Be sure to check it out if you are on campus!



The new gathering spot/gazebo is completely refurbished with fresh paint, a new deck, a new roof, new astro-turf and brand new furniture!





Pictured above: Steve and Guirong Peterson

Right: newly completed gazebo complete with area rug and new furniture.

Below & left: Church members enjoy the new spot during our Sunday Brunch potluck on Oct. 23,





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November Worship

**Sunday Worship
8 am and 11 am**

Masks not required
but encouraged

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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