



Together We Are The Church

February, 2022

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

As I write this newsletter article, it occurs to me that as of last Sunday – January 30 - I have completed nine full years of Word and sacrament ministry with you.* I have also had three calls to serve you – which may be a record number of calls for a pastor serving the same congregation.

For two years I was called as your Interim Pastor. Then, I was term-called to serve jointly as your and Joy of Christ's pastor. That lasted about three and a half years. Finally, I was called to serve solely as your pastor in a regular, open-ended ministry. The first year and a half was "normal," that is, BC (Before Coronavirus); we were getting settled, organized and ready to expand our programs and services when Covid-19 hit. That was February 2020 - two years – and a lifetime - ago.

And there you have a summary of the last nine years. What gives me pause for reflection is that my anniversary with you and the anniversary of the coronavirus has more or less the same date. Weird. What does that mean? If anything?

And what's next?

As I have occasionally noted in other venues, our direction, our mission, if you will, arises out of the interplay of all our intentions for Christ Lutheran Church, no matter how well-formed or vague they are. Our purpose is discerned in reflection upon our patterns, themes, and habits, noted in the past, lived in the present, and anticipated for our future. Out of this complex and oft-bewildering interplay comes something totally new and different that not one of us could manipulate, much more predict. That's innovation. And real innovation is not something we can control – it's wild and unpredictable. It's what I like to call "the Surprise of the Spirit!"

So, what do the past patterns, themes and habits of CLC tell us? What's next? Who knows!

I shall be on vacation for the next two weeks – my first vacation since February 2020. I'll be back in office on February 16th. The rest of the month I'll be playing catchup. In the meantime talk story with yourself and each other. Linger and await the Surprise of the Spirit. March 2nd is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of

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*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.*



Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

Happy Birthday

February 4 Bryan DePowell
February 5 Bill Belcher
February 11 Ethan Chong
February 12 Carolyn Koehler
February 13 Emily Stanford
February 15 Sally Kino
February 20 Noah McMann
February 21 Keene Rosetter
February 28 Barbara Burke

*And to Naomi Halvorson whom we
missed last month (Jan 26).*



Baptismal Anniversaries

February 2 Ellie Stanford

Wedding Anniversaries

February 10 Russ & Sally Kino

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

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***Pastor's message continued

Lent. Perhaps for our Lenten discipline we can gather together online and/or in-person to ponder these last few years, try to discern some patterns or themes, and then, ask ourselves, "How are we doing?" and "What's one thing I would like to see us try next?"



That's the Surprise of the Spirit coming upon us. I think it could be a very interesting time. I invite you to join me.

Blessings,

Pr Keith

*It also means that Emily, our pianist, has been with us nine years and a couple of months. For a pianist to hang in there with us as she has, especially these past two years, is wonderful. Make sure to thank her for her talent and commitment.



Welcome, Chaplains Mark and A.J.

Chaplain Mark Weathers will be our guest preacher on Sunday, February 6, and Chaplain A.J. will serve as the president.

Sunday, February 13, Chaplain A.J. will serve as both president and guest preacher.

Please be sure to give them a great CLC welcome (as much as is possible keeping safety protocols in mind).

Mahalos

From Mary Lou Kimoto:

I'm so very grateful for our dedicated "Teller O'hana." Everyone is always so accommodating to trade Sundays with each other when the need arises. Thank you all - **Kathy Maginot, Tom Koenig, DeAnn Acosta, Chieko Higuchi, Dale Koenig, Ele Clere, and Pua Good.** What cooperating teamwork! I'm proud to be a part of this group who pride themselves on their devotion to the Lord's work.

With much aloha and cheers to another great year, Mary Lou

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From Tess Reyes of PACT (Parents and Children Together), responding to DeAnn Acosta who headed up our Angel Tree project before Christmas:

Happy New Year, DeAnn and to your congregation!

The families and children in our program are thankful for the generous gifts, gift cards and candy canes.

Please extend our appreciation to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree. Love the pictures!

IHS Ministry - Saturday!

Our next ministry date at IHS is this Saturday, February 5, and will be a bit different than in the past. The Spangler family who has been heading up this ministry for quite a while will be off island so they have purchased and delivered the food to IHS in advance (see photo below) and IHS will take care of cooking and serving. CLC members will provide cookies which will be delivered to IHS to go with the meals. **Please bring them to the church by noon on Saturday** after which Chieko will deliver them to IHS.



Ever consider contributing to the newsletter?

Please send anything you would like included - announcements, pictures, mahalos, humor, or articles of general interest - to the office. Your input will be greatly appreciated.



FEBRUARY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Note: No Facebook livestream of 8 am service on 2/6 or 2/13. FB link to YT posted in afternoon.</i></p>		1	2	3	4	5 Noon - IHS cookie deadline
6 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Healing Sunday 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	14 Valentines Day	15	16	17 Newsletter Deadline	18	19
20 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation 1 pm Church Council In person or via Zoom	21 Presidents Day Holiday	22	23	24	25	26
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Ever wonder about the holidays we celebrate in February?

On these 2 pages are some history about St. Valentine and quotations from the two presidents who were both born this month and are the reason for the Presidents Day holiday.

Ready to make someone smile this Valentine's Day?



Give honeybees (\$20), a fruit-tree seedling (\$10) or a piglet (\$30) in honor of your valentine and help someone in our world overcome hunger and poverty. Each gift provides a sustainable source of food, income, or both to help a family in need. This Valentine's Day, you can share the love of Christ far and wide!

These gifts are available from the **ELCA Good Gifts** catalog at <https://goodgifts.elca.org/>

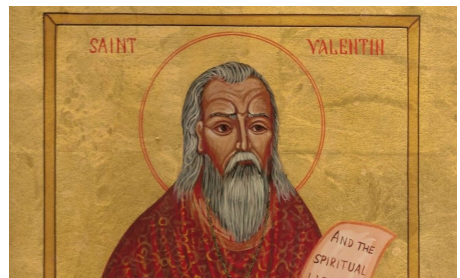
Donate now and print or email one of their limited-edition cards to let your loved one know about your sweet gift. Card options are available after checkout.

Saint Valentine (Italian: *San Valentino*; Latin: *Valentinus*) was a 3rd-century Roman saint, commemorated in Western Christianity on February 14 and in Eastern Orthodoxy on July 6. From the High Middle Ages his Saints' Day has been associated with a tradition of courtly love.

Saint Valentine was a clergyman – either a priest or a bishop – in the Roman Empire who ministered to persecuted Christians. He was martyred and his body buried at a Christian cemetery on the Via Flaminia on February 14, which has been observed as the Feast of Saint Valentine (Saint Valentine's Day) since 496.

St. Valentine's holy duties are not limited to interceding in loving couples and marriages. He is also the patron saint of beekeepers, epilepsy, plague, fainting, and travelling.

At one time, Valentine was arrested for evangelizing and sent to Claudius II. The emperor was said to have taken a liking to him, until Valentine tried to persuade him to embrace Christianity. Claudius refused and condemned the clergyman to death, commanding that Valentine either renounce his faith or face death. On the day of his execution, he wrote a note to judge Asterius' daughter – a child he had healed from blindness and befriended. According to legend, he signed the letter “from your Valentine.”



Quotations from Abraham Lincoln

2/12/1809-4/15/1865



“My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.”

“Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?”

“Folks are usually about as happy as they make their minds up to be.”

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”

“There are no bad pictures; that's just how your face looks sometimes.”

“I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how a man could look up into the heavens and say there is no God.”

“I leave you, hoping that the lamp of liberty will burn in your bosoms until there shall no longer be a doubt that all men are created free and equal.”

“You must remember that some things legally right are not morally right.”

“We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses.”

Behind the cloud the sun is still shining.

Quotations from George Washington

2/22/1732-12/14/1799



“Human happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected.”

“If freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.”

“It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one.”

“I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.”

“Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism.”

“A sensible woman can never be happy with a fool.”

“Happiness depends more upon the internal frame of a person's own mind, than on the externals in the world.”

“When one side of a story is heard and often repeated, the human mind becomes impressed with it insensibly.”

“Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains taken to bring it to light.”

“It is impossible to reason without arriving at a Supreme Being.”

“Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all.”



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February Worship

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.

February 6 - Guest preacher
Chaplain Mark Weathers

February 13 - Guest preacher
Chaplain A. J. Striffler

Chaplain Striffler will be presider for both Sundays.

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