



Together We Are The Church

February, 2023

## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

This is the time of year when I sit back and ponder our congregation's direction, purpose, and strategy. Actually, I think about it all the time but more so in January/February.

What has struck me this past year is that many people my age and younger have grown up in a so-called "Christian culture" that I am totally unfamiliar with. Call it what you will - fundamentalism, evangelicalism, "Christian" - many people have been born into, enculturated, and disciplined into a type of Christianity that I know little to nothing about. And I think I know a lot! Their music, theology, worship, ethics, and faith-training are profoundly different from what I was raised in and what I now live with.

What I do know is that many of these Christian people have become disenchanted with their form of immersive Christianity and are looking for something different, something new. As I look around, our somewhat traditional Protestant faith is totally unknown to the majority of young Christians. What we have to offer has become mind-boggling to the #exvangelicals (the Ex-Evangelicals) who have abandoned their churches en masse, often due to the stridency of their denominations regarding issues in the culture wars, pastoral/elder abuse, and stunning forms of public shaming.

The pandemic and the climate catastrophes have changed everything, both in church and culture. What they have not changed is our core, the Gospel of Jesus - in Christ God has drawn near to us, loved us, forgiven us, rescued us. Through Word and sacrament the Holy Spirit restores us, nourishes us, and gives us the courage to speak loving truth to power.

If you meet an #Exvangelical discouraged or wounded by their church, who thinks they may have lost their faith and state of grace, be kind to them. Listen to their pain. And maybe, when the time is right, invite them to join us in worship.

CLC is a safe place, a comforting and encouraging gathering of good people trying to understand what following Jesus means, a communion of saints and sinners alike. I think we need to let people know there are alternatives to their experience of church. And that we are that alternative.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pr Keith', written in a cursive style.

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.*



## **Worship & Sunday School Changes!**

The 11:00 am Sunday Worship  
Service will be changing to **10:00am**  
beginning **Sunday, February 5th.**

And

**Keiki Church Resumes on  
February 5th, from 9:00am—10:00am!**

Please be sure to mark your calendars of the change.

**Mahalo for Worshiping with CLC!**

# Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

## Happy Birthday

February 4 Bryan DePowell  
February 5 William 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

## Wedding Anniversaries

February 10 Russ & Sally Kino

## Baptismal Anniversaries

February 2 Ellie Stanford

If we missed your special day, please let the office know ([office@clcmilani.org](mailto:office@clcmilani.org))



## AN EPIPHANY PRAYER

May we each day open the window of our worlds, inviting the fresh Light of Epiphany to flood us with hope, to bring us fresh insight and to fill us with grateful joy. May we see the world around us with new creation eyes, filled with potential and brimming with promise. May our lives be a continuous unfolding into God's grace, revealing new vistas that expand our faith horizons. In Jesus' name we pray, and by his name we are saved. Amen.



## Farewell Chaplain Mark!

On Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, we said farewell and Godspeed to Chaplain Mark Weathers who took up his new duties at Camp Pendleton in California. Chaplain Mark worshiped with us over the pandemic years, usually at 8am. He often preached for Pr Keith when he was away and even when he was around. We shall miss his eloquent preaching and his dry sense of humor. Come back anytime, Chaplain Mark, and visit! Blessings on your new adventure with the Marines!

## Sunday Brunch



The next **Sunday Brunch** will take place on **Sunday, February 19th** 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.

Please Join us  
for  
**Ash Wednesday Service**  
February 22nd at 7pm



# FEBRUARY, 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><b>** Not a CLC Event: Please contact Al Anon or AA for further information.</b></p>				<p><b>Morning Prayer</b>  <b>Sign Choir 6:00pm</b>  <b>Confirmation Class 7:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Morning Prayer</b>  <b>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm</b>  <b>*AA 7:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Morning Prayer</b></p>
<p><b>5 5th Sun. after Epiphany</b>  <b>8 am In-person Worship</b>  <b>10 am In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</b></p>	<p><b>6 Morning Prayer</b></p>	<p><b>7 Morning Prayer</b></p>	<p><b>8 Morning Prayer</b></p>	<p><b>9 Morning Prayer</b>  <b>Sign Choir 6:00pm</b>  <b>Confirmation Class 7:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>10 Morning Prayer</b>  <b>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm</b>  <b>*AA 7:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>11 Morning Prayer</b></p>
<p><b>12 6th Sun after Epiphany</b>  <b>**Healing Sunday</b>  <b>8 am In-person Worship</b>  <b>10 am In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</b></p>	<p><b>13 Morning Prayer</b></p>	<p><b>14 Morning Prayer</b></p>	<p><b>15 Morning Prayer</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p>	<p><b>16 Morning Prayer</b>  <b>Sign Choir 6:00pm</b>  <b>Confirmation Class 7:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>17 Morning Prayer</b>  <b>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm</b>  <b>*AA 7:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>18 Morning Prayer</b></p>
<p><b>19 Transfiguration Sunday</b>  <b>8 am In-person Worship</b>  <b>9:15am Sunday Brunch</b>  <b>10 am In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</b>  <b>1:30pm Chrch. Council Mtg</b></p>	<p><b>20 Morning Prayer</b>  <b>President's Day</b></p>	<p><b>21 Morning Prayer</b></p>	<p><b>22 Morning Prayer</b>  <b>ASH Wednesday 7PM Service</b></p>	<p><b>23 Morning Prayer</b>  <b>Sign Choir 6:00pm</b>  <b>Confirmation Class 7:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>24 Morning Prayer</b>  <b>*Al-Anon 7:30 pm</b>  <b>* AA 7:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>25 Morning Prayer</b></p>
<p><b>26 1st Sun in Lent</b>  <b>8 am In-person Worship</b>  <b>10 am In-person Worship &amp; by Zoom invitation</b></p>	<p><b>27 Morning Prayer</b></p>	<p><b>28 Morning Prayer</b></p>				



## Join the Sign Choir!

Come learn to praise God in a new way! Join the Sign Choir directed by Elaine Schwilk. Practices will take place on Thursdays when Catechism class is held from 6:00pm to 6:30pm. Ages 8 & up welcome.

## IHS Ministry

## THIS SATURDAY!

Our next ministry date is **Saturday, February 3rd**. You can sign up to help with serving the meal or donating cookies at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4EA9AA28A5FE3-clcfebruary1> or contact Amanda Spangler at 808-7258-9156.



## Mahalo Tellers!

Thank you once again for our team effort for a successful 2022. All of us gladly trading dates when requested to help out a fellow counter, including Kathy Maginot, Dale & Tom Koenig, DeAnn Acosta, Chieko Higuchi and Jean McMann.

We are still hoping to fill the “open slot” for a teller after the 10:00am service for approximately one hour once a month. “Welcome Aboard” if you are a CLC member, no experience necessary. Come and see me after the later service if you have any questions.

Gratefully,  
Mary Lou Kimoto, (808) 623-2389

# Thank You Angels!

## Mahalo for Making Community Children Smile in our Community!

Mahalo to the 24 individuals or families at Christ Lutheran Church, who made 53 community children\* smile at Christmas this year. How do we begin to tell you how all of you have blessed others this year? What may have seemed like you fulfilling a request to buy a gift for a child is really much more. You provided love in a tangible way to children/families who might be going through difficult times or are stressed. Your caring attitude helped lighted the load and make them smile during this time of the year. I'm sure the recipients felt blessed that someone cared and were willing to give them a little joy. Thank you each for paying it forward and being a blessing to others.

Thank you also to Mary Lou Kimoto, Sally Kino, Naomi Halvorson, and the Acosta boys who helped assist me with this project. I could never have done it without your help.

May 2023 bring you and yours many moments of grace and kindness.

Sincerely,  
DeAnn Acosta

\*The children/youth are part of the Parents and Children Together (PACT) program.





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## February Worship

**Sunday Worship  
8 am and 10 am**

Masks not required  
but encouraged

The 8 am service is offered on  
Facebook and the 10 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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