



Together We Are The Church

November 2021

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakahiaka,

Last month I wrote about losing car keys when they were right in front of you. Since the several of you - right in front of me! - have lost your car keys or worse yet, locked them in your vehicle. I guess you could blame me, but I do have to admit that I am finding this a wee bit amusing, too.

A few things to note before I lose track - we are working on the sound system for the 11 am service. Since my original headset fell apart, we have bought and returned the only set on island because it didn't work. Then, we ordered a new headset that didn't plug in properly. Next, a certain giant online company that sells just about anything told us a mic system had been sent when it hadn't been. Three weeks later the seller told us it had not been sent because it was out of stock. The most recent set of microphones arrived in two days! And while we had trouble with feedback last Sunday, we think we can work it out by this Sunday. Stay tuned.

Speaking of tunes - we have gone back to in-person singing and it was wonderful to hear! Even behind masks I could hear some beautiful voices. Since most of us are self-reporting that we are vaccinated, I don't see too much increased risk with singing. And quite honestly, it's going to take a lot for me to ever go back to humming a joyful noise.

Finally, before I forget for the third time, we have introduced grape juice as an option during communion. A number of young people have asked several times and because I didn't immediately write it down, I kept forgetting. My bad. But we have grape juice now served up in the inner ring of the communion tray. I bought yellow grape juice so it would be easy to distinguish from the wine.

There! I think I remembered everything. Stay tuned for more announcements of upcoming events as we emerge yet again from a pandemic surge.

Blessings,

Pr Keith

See page 7 for
information on our
special holiday services.



*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

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

Baptismal Anniversaries

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

Wedding Anniversaries

November 7	Jiao Chen & ZhiQiang Zhou
November 27	Cliff and Pam Lania

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

Church Council Meeting October 17, 2021

The Church Council held their October meeting via Zoom. Highlights include:

- A report from our piano tuner that it would not be cost effective to repair the current piano and a request for Emily, Tom, and Pastor to explore the purchase of a new piano.
- Approval of bids for the new backflow, paving of the parking lot, and new fencing along the parking lot and Hokuwelowelo to be paid from the proceeds of the mortgage re-financing which were received in mid-October
- Tabled bids for replacement/repair of the office flooring, walls, and blinds
- Voted to approve Tom Poole's letter of transfer from Calvary-by-the-Sea Lutheran
- Joyfully approved the return of singing to our in-person services
- Increased the monthly donation amount from the Kidney Foundation

The next Council meeting will be Sunday, November 21. If you have an item you would like to bring before the Council, please contact Pastor Keith or President Linda Santos.



Got Food?

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 and their intended recipients will receive a blessing at the altar, as the staff of The Private Sector will be with us on **Sunday, November 28** to pick up the donations. Mahalo for your support!*



The CLC Semi-Annual Meeting



is scheduled for Sunday, **November 28, at 10:30 am**, immediately preceding the 11:00am worship service. **Note that the change to before the service is different from last year's meeting.** For those of you worshipping via Zoom, please log in early. We may have enough people "in-person" to constitute a quorum which is 15 (20% of our 75 voting members), but we want to also Zoom the meeting so that those of you not yet feeling up to being here "in the flesh" can also participate.

The two major issues to address are:

- Presentation of the 2022 budget
 - Election of officers

As you know, we have had the same budget and Council members for the past 2 years, although additional members were added this year. The terms of some members continue into 2022 and we will be voting to elect officers whose terms have come to an end.

The 2022 budget will be presented at this meeting but will not be adopted until the January meeting. That will give everyone a chance to look it over and ask questions beforehand as well as at the January meeting.

Please plan to attend this very important meeting on November 28 either in person or via Zoom. We are all together in this ministry called Christ Lutheran Church and we need everyone's participation as we continue to spread the Gospel both within the congregation and without, to those near and far.



Remember - meeting is at 10:30 am 11/28/21.

New Projects About to Begin

The funds from the mortgage refinancing have arrived. At their meeting in October, the Church Council approved bids for new fencing, the back flow, and repaving the parking lot. Watch for these projects to be happening soon.





NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 All Saints Sunday Wear White <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	8	9	10	Veterans Day	12	13
14 Healing Sunday <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Christ the King Sunday <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>	22	23	24	Thanksgiving Day 11 am Service of the Word	26	27
28 1st Sunday in Advent <i>8 am In-person Worship</i> 10:30 am Cong. Meeting <i>11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation</i>	29	30				

Special in November

November 7 - All Saints Sunday (**wear white**)

We will again read the names of the saints who have gone before us. Please send or call in the names of your loved ones who have died that you would like to have remembered to the office (office@clcmililani.org; 808-623-9229) no later than November 2

November 25 - Thanksgiving Day Service of the Word - 11 am

November 28 - CLC Semi-Annual Meeting (see pg 4) - 10:30 am

Mahalo Nui Loa

To all of you who contributed to CLC through the Give Aloha program in September. You gave a total of \$1,042 to CLC which resulted in a donation from Foodland and Western Union Foundation of \$251.37 for a grand total of \$1,293.37. We appreciate your generosity and commitment to the mission and ministry of CLC.



The Holidays are Coming!

The experts are suggesting that people do their holiday shopping extra-early this year. 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.

So, the next time you go shopping at Amazon, don't log in to Amazon.com but use the website below. Then a portion of your purchase will benefit CLC without you even trying.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/99-0226575>



Thanksgiving and Christmas Worship



For the second year in a row we will hold a Thanksgiving Day Service of the Word at 11 am. Dinner will not be served but prayer, praise, and thanksgiving to God for all that we have been given

will be offered up. The service will be in-person as well as via Zoom.

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.

Garden Seed Box

The Aloha Agape Community Garden has a new addition. We have installed a “Seed box.” This is a box meant for the sharing of seeds with each other. If you would like seeds to plant in your AACG plot (or at home) or have seeds that you aren’t going to use, look for the “Seed Box” just inside the fence at the ewa end of the garden.



Christ Lutheran Church Angel Tree



Can you believe Christmas is only 55 days away? It’s also time for Christ Lutheran to start shopping and collecting gifts for 110 children with the PACT organization. (Parents and Children Together). We are planning to do a virtual Angel tree again this year. Due to the shortage of toys and shipping issues, we have to start shopping earlier. This year, the organization needs all the gifts **no later than December 10th.**

Be watching the weekly announcements for the signup link and drop-off dates. We have not received the names of the children yet, but hope to have them soon. Please consider purchasing a **\$10.00-\$15** gift(s), shopping online for the gift(s) and sending them to the church, or donating money for someone to shop for your gifts this Holiday season. If the toy needs batteries, please include the batteries with the toy.

If you have questions or would like to assist with this wonderful project, please contact DeAnn Acosta at 808 371-7708 or email her at: alohad50@hotmail.com



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November Worship

Sunday, November 7

All Saints Sunday - Wear white!

Thursday, November 25

11 am Thanksgiving Day worship

Sunday, November 28

1st Sunday of Advent

10:30 am Semi-Annual Meeting

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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