



Together We Are The Church

September, 2022

## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Blessings,

As you read through this newsletter, seeing what has transpired in August and what will be happening in September, you will possibly note that things are picking up here for the first time in a long time. Pr Dale's anniversary celebration, Keiki Story down front, fence staining, choir revival, the newly-elected bishop coming to visit, a new Parish Administrator coming on board, Hukilau Assembly in-person here at CLC, new volunteers stepping up to serve in various capacities.

I don't know if this means "things are getting back to normal" or not. I suspect it is both at the same time. We shall have at it and revive some ministries and programs that we had to close down because we had little to no protection from the coronavirus. Like choir, Keiki Church, and "real communion bread." We have acquired some new ways of doing things around here, too, especially around worship and communion, public hygiene, and in-person meetings. We will probably be Zooming and making greater use of YouTube videos than ever before.

We do want to take a good look at a comprehensive youth ministry, to ask how we might fulfill the baptismal promises we made as parents, sponsors, and congregation to the baptized, whether babies, youth, or adults.

How might we aid and abet a complete spiritual formation of our children and youth? I mean, how can we prepare them spiritually and religiously for life in a world that is not particularly prone to live by grace, by love of God and love of neighbor? How can we instill in them a desire to follow Jesus in the Way of the Cross, the Way of Life?

As we slowly "reopen," I invite you to join me in poking and probing old ways and new, by asking questions and taking chances. The signs are in the air and the time is ripe for ministry to be resurrected.

Blessings,

Pr Keith

### Another "New" Thing

Our newest fellowship activity - the **3rd Sunday brunch** - will begin on Sunday, September 18. It will take place between services (approximately 9:15-10:30). Bring whatever you'd like to share or just bring your appetite. All are welcome to this monthly time of fellowship and fun.



*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.*



## **Mahalo Nui Loa!**

To **all of you** who contributed to Ryan McMann's Eagle Scout project with your gifts of first aid supplies and toiletries which were then donated to Helping Hands Hawaii (see photos on pg 7).

To **Pua Good** for her years of service to CLC as an offering counter (teller) and to **Jean McMann** who has stepped in to fill the 4th Sunday slot vacated by Pua. What a blessing both of these ladies are to the CLC `ohana.

To **everyone** who joined the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Pastor Dale's ordination. And to those who brought all the wonderful food! It was truly a special day. (See Pastor Dale's mahalo letter on page 7.)

To **Chieko Higuchi** who took lots of pictures at Pastor Dale's celebration brunch and to her husband **Roy** for putting her photos into a video with music. Many of Cheiko's photos are on page 6 and Roy's video can be seen on our YouTube page at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=PILm7te0Rgo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PILm7te0Rgo)

To **all of you** who donated your time and effort to staining our fences. Your efforts mean the fences will last a lot longer. And they look great!!

# *Celebrations - Blessings to All of You*

## *Happy Birthday*

September 10 Vern Kimoto  
September 13 Andrew Zaffke  
September 14 Otto Vonberg  
September 18 Ritter Zaffke  
September 19 Leif Vonberg  
September 24 Dale Burke  
September 29 Tom Koenig

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

September 17 Jef & Amanda Spangler  
September 21 Carrie Nelson & Jackie Pang  
September 22 Eric & Rose Melin

## *Baptismal Anniversaries*

September 1 Gary Ward  
September 3 Sally Little  
September 10 Sally Kino  
September 11 Zella Zaffke  
September 14 Meadow Spangler  
September 24 Paulette Collins  
September 27 A J Striffler  
September 28 Brian Burke



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

## **Make a Joyful Noise**



The Bible says “Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord.” Tom Koenig would like to lead the CLC Choir back into service soon and plans to help them make many “Joyful Noises” to enhance our worship services. If you are interested in exercising your vocal skills in this way, please contact Tom by email or text at [koenig@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:koenig@hawaii.rr.com) or 808-781-1471. Prior choir members and non-choir members are

welcome. Please get in touch with Tom as it’s important for him to have a sense of who’s interested. More details will be announced as they are available.

## **IHS Ministry**

Our next IHS ministry date is Saturday, October 1. Please sign up to help with serving or donating cookies at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4EA9AA28A5FE3-ihsoctober>



# Give Aloha Returns September 1

CLC organization code: 77769



Once again CLC is registered to participate in the annual Give Aloha program, sponsored by Foodland/Western Union.

## *How It Works*

From **September 1-30**, customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 to participating Hawaii non-profit organizations at checkout. Donations are accepted at any Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms checkout. Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match a portion of each donation. Individuals must use their own Maika'i number to make a donation. Donations made without a Maika'i number will not be matched.

## *How to Donate*

At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide your number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to **Christ Lutheran Church**, code number **77769**. If you do not have a Maika'i card/number, you may request to establish one. Your donation will be added to your grocery purchase total. You may donate up to \$249 per organization; any portion exceeding \$249 will not be matched. The amount you donate and the name of our organization will appear on your receipt. Donations must be payable to Foodland or Sack N Save.

## *Acknowledgement of Your Donation*

Donor names will not be released to our organization. **Therefore, if you would like to us to know of your gift, (and include it on your quarterly statement for tax purposes), please contact us directly so that we may properly acknowledge your gift. You may ask the cashier for a duplicate receipt to submit to us.** These gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Keep your receipt for tax purposes.

## *Matching Gift*

CLC will receive 100% of all customer donations given to us, plus each donation made with a Maika'I membership will be partially matched by a gift from Foodland and the Western Union Foundation. Matching gifts will be determined at the end of the program.

## **The Bishop is Coming (and Others)!**



The annual assembly of the Hawaii Hukilau (all the ELCA churches in Hawaii) will be held here at CLC on **Saturday, September 17** beginning at 9 am. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other Lutherans from around Hawaii and learn about activities happening elsewhere and share what CLC is doing in ministry. Our new Synod Bishop, Rev. David Nagler, will also be in attendance. All are welcome.

# SEPTEMBER, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Give Aloha Begins	2	3
4 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	5 Labor Day Holiday	6	7	8	9	10
11 Healing Sunday 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	12	13	14	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17 9 am Hukilau Assembly
18 8 am In-person Worship 9:15am 3rd Sunday Brunch 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation 1:30 pm Church Council mtg	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 8 am In-person Worship 11 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1 IHS Ministry



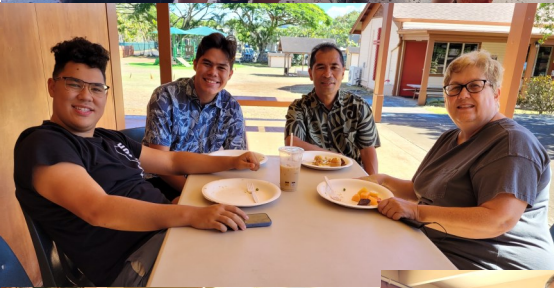
# Parish Photos



50th  
Ann'y  
Of  
Pastor  
Dale's  
Ordination



Aug 17  
2022



## More Parish Photos



**Right:** CLC members gathered LOTS of basic first aid supplies & toiletries for Ryan McMann which he put into kits and donated to Helping Hands Hawaii for his Eagle Scout project.



Aloha Members and Friends of CLC,

What a great surprise it was as you celebrated with me 50 years of ordained ministry on Sunday, August 14! Your leis, kind words and a table full of great food was a day I will not soon forget. Christ Lutheran has been a part of my family's life since 1979 and the relationships and friendships that have been formed over those years have added great flavor, strength and joy to those many years of ministry. Thank you all for being a part of my ministry. Thank you Barb, Brian and Adam for all your sacrifice and support during this time and thank you Pastor Keith for welcoming me back into the parish and being a good friend over the years! May the Lord continue to guide and bless Christ Lutheran through these days of covid and into the blessed future that lies ahead.

God's blessing be with you all!  
Aloha in Christ!

Pastor Dale



**Above:** Parishioners gathered on Saturday, August 28, to stain the new fences around the church and garden.

*Photos by Will Harrelson*



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## September 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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Saturday, September 17  
9 am Hukilau Assembly  
(see pg 4 for more details)

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