

## Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

Aloha Kakou,

These are turbulent times. We are swimming in stories and living in languages that are religious, psychological, cultural, and social all mixed together. And political. Yes, that, too. As this last week in September has so ably demonstrated to us. And we are divided. I want to stay away from politics because it has become so divisive, but how can I? Problems, plans, solutions - it seems that everything, religious as well as secular, has become politicized these past few years – or decades. Conflicted, at the very least.

Our life together has become intertwined in ways that we cannot seem to “untwine.” The origins of these challenges seem mysterious. There are many stakeholders in how the problem is diagnosed as well as “solved.” Every solution seems to bring new problems. There appear to be no right answers.

That could get us very discouraged, especially if we are looking for any sort of endpoint, a final fix, if you will. Well, the fix is in and it’s not turning out too well. I see people all around me losing heart, getting cynical and retreating from public life and social problems to the privacy of their jobs, homes and family. “How,” they ask me, “do we keep what matters most to us from unraveling?”

How indeed. A good question. How do we keep our lives and families from unraveling, while untangling the wicked problems that beset our public lives and world, including our congregations? How do we keep our faith alive?

These have been called “Wicked Problems” by a sociologist, Horst Rittel, who wrote about them in the 1990s and whose thinking I find intriguing. By “wicked” he does not mean evil in a moral sense but mind-boggling difficult to sort out, nearly impossible to solve. Like “wicked vicious circles.” It’s comforting to know that someone has been thinking about what I’ve been wondering about a lot longer than I have and has put a name to it. That gives me some sense of hope.

It also reminds me that Martin Luther talked about the “Church-Always-Reforming, the Church always on the way, shaping and being shaped by the ways of the world and the ways of the Spirit at the same time. While we don’t have to solve all our problems, we do need to develop what another thinker I admire called a “poised resourcefulness,” with which to find our way about amongst these wicked problems.

We Christians might describe this resourcefulness as “discipleship.” An ability to focus on the story and language of God in Christ, redeeming our world, untangling the wicked problem of sin, death and evil. What I might also call “taking up our Cross and following Jesus.”

A comforting thought in challenging times. I hope. Crosses, we confess, do lead to resurrections.

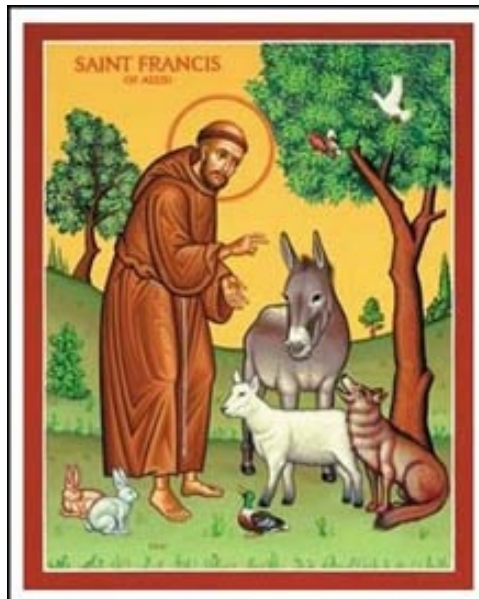
Blessings,

Pr Keith

## ***Blessing of the Animals***

The 24th Annual Blessing of the Animals is Sunday,  
The Feast Day of St. Francis, (October 7, 2018.)

Bring your pets to the 10:45 a.m. worship service  
and they will each receive an individual blessing  
from Pastor Keith.



We ask that you please have your pet on a leash or in a  
carrier and under your control at all times.

**Prayers of Remembrance** will also be said  
for pets who have died this past year.  
You may call the church office 623-9229 or  
email: [office@clcmililani.org](mailto:office@clcmililani.org)  
with the name of your departed pet.

## Hukilau Assembly

October 6, 9am—2pm

At Christ Lutheran Church

All congregation members and friends are welcome to this Bishop's Gathering. We are looking for NEW ministry ideas and ways we can help one another! (Bible Study, Prayers, Fellowship, Outreach, Youth, etc.) Does your congregation have a need that another church can help with? Or, are you now actively engaged in a ministry (in-reach or outreach) that is helping to grow in faith or make a difference in the lives of others? We are interested! Feel free to bring any visuals (photos, flyers, etc.) Let us know if you will be attending so that we can plan for lunch and snacks. Cost is \$10 for lunch.

### NEW WORSHIP TIME

Beginning Nov. 4th our  
10:45 Sunday morning  
service will move to  
10:00 a.m.

#### All Saints Sunday is November 4th

*On All Saints Sunday we remember those who have passed on in the last year. If you would like to include your loved ones in our special prayers on all Saints Sunday, please enter their names in our purple "Book of Remembrance" on the information table, or on the November 4<sup>th</sup> worship bulletin insert card.*

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through  
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**The Building Campaign** is busy planning, repairing, and modifying the grounds at CLC using your donations and funding from the Mission Investment Fund. Thanks to you, our donations are growing, unfortunately so is our "need to repair" list. We have made a dent and are now working on **office refurbishment**. If you'd like to help monetarily to the Building Fund, please note this designation with your donation so that it will be distributed to this cause. Our next meeting is October 3 at 1:30 p.m.





BUILDING  
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**New Paint for the  
Parsonage**

**Before & After**

# Anniversaries

## *Happy Birthday*

05 Pam Lanius  
09 Marion Thompson  
13 Kimo Collins  
14 Kyle Kino  
15 Matthew Fulton  
17 Elaine Vidmar (in memory)  
18 Dick Crislip  
19 Jackie Pang  
20 Tina Cox  
21 Rick Myers  
23 Linda Santos  
24 Autumn Maginot  
26 Adam Burke  
29 Moria Nisbet

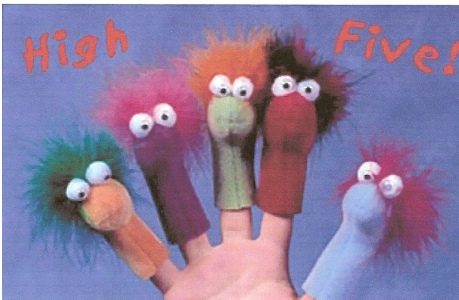


## *Baptismal Anniversaries*

13 Dale Burke  
17 Tom Ward  
27 Chieko Higuchi  
28 John Clere

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

07 Mary Lou & Vern Kimoto  
22 Dale & Barb Burke  
27 David & Andrea Sikkink



**Puppets are just plain fun!  
Join the PBJ's**

**Powered by Jesus)**

**Puppet Ministry Team**

**Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.**

## *Our Love & Prayers*

*Our love & prayers go out to the Newton family on the death of John. To Nicholas, Jayden, Sierra, Mia, Betsy & Daniel, to Hershey, Bob & family, for Nesi, Marjorie, Florentina, Dino, Eric, Rose, Mari, Naomi, Mike, Michael, Lisa, Joan, Colin, Cecil, Shane, Mark, & Brenda. We pray for all dealing with cancer, anxiety, and old age.*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 9am Hukilau Assembly @ CLC  Serving Homeless @ I.H.S.
7 7am Contemplative Service w/communion  9:30am PBJ's  10:45am Blessing of the Animals	8  <b>Discover's Day</b>	9	10 1:30pm Building Committee Meeting  6:30pm Catechism	11	12	13  9am Yoga
14 7am Contemplative Service w/Healing  9:30am PBJ's  10:45am Communion Worship & Healing Service	15	16	17  6:30pm Catechism	18	19	20  9am Yoga
21 7am Contemplative Service w/communion  9:30am PBJ's  10:45am Communion Worship Service	22	23	24  6:30pm Catechism	25	21  4:30pm Council Meeting	22  9am Yoga
23 7am Contemplative Service w/communion  9:30am PBJ's  10:45am Communion Worship Service	24	25	26  6:30pm Catechism	27	28  Newsletter Deadline	29  9am Yoga
30 <b>Reformation Sunday</b>  7am Contemplative Service w/communion  9:30am PBJ's  10:45am Communion Worship Service	31  <b>Halloween</b>	<b>Reformation Sunday</b> <b>October 28</b> <b>Don't forget to wear RED!</b>				

# OCTOBER 2018



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### **Sunday Worship**

7:00 a.m.

Contemplative Communion Service

9:30 a.m. Puppet Ministry

10:45 a.m.

Service of Holy Communion  
And Keiki Church  
with children's message

Healing Service - 2nd Sundays

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