



Together We Are The Church

December, 2024

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Aloha Kakou,

Several of you have asked, and, yes, we have once again expanded Advent from four weeks to seven weeks. This longer Advent Season was the practice of the ancient Churches – western European, Eastern Orthodox, Central Asian and Coptic. It is still the practice in Orthodox Churches. This extension puts Advent on a par with Lent, which has five Sundays plus Palm Sunday.

Finally, an extended Advent allows us to focus on the true meaning of the season, which is the fulfillment of the Reign of God. In the Lutheran movement, we like paradox, so we are fond of saying that the Reign of God is “already” here, in the means of grace, that is, through proclaimed Word and sacrament. But we also recognize that it is “not yet” here. Sin, death, and evil remain challenging our faiths, our lives, and the very creation itself.

So, in these busy seasons of Advent and Christmas (the which runs through January 6, not December 25, when it begins), I invite you to join us in worship on Sundays and Blue Christmas, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Let us together contemplate the wondrous mystery of God deep in human flesh and the merciful fulfillment of eternal time.

Blessings,

Pr Keith





Welcome ~ E Komo Mai!



*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.*

Advent Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 1st, 8:00am & 10:00am

Sunday, December 8th, 8:00am & 10:00am

Sunday, December 15th, 8:00am & 10:00am
with **Potluck Brunch** at **9:15am** & **Handbell Concert** at
7:00pm.

Friday, December 20th, Blue Christmas

Evening Service - **7:00pm** In-Person Only

Sunday, December 22nd, 8:00am & 10:00am

Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

Evening Carols & Candle-light Service - **6:00pm & 8:00pm**

Wednesday, December 25th, Christmas Day

Morning Service with Communion – **10:00am**

Sunday, December 29th, 8:00am & 10:00am



Celebrations - Blessings to All of You

Happy Birthday

December 3 Bill Kriese
December 6 June Imperial
December 7 Karl Mohrmann
December 9 Jiao Chen
Russ Kino
Mae Norton
Keith Wolter
December 20 Christy Sondall
December 24 Keegan Rosetter
December 28 David Sikkink
December 30 Kaimana Higa

Baptismal Anniversaries

December 1 Andrew Zaffke
December 3 Anna Sikkink
December 7 Mary Lou Kimoto
December 9 Jiao Chen
December 11 Jim Sondall
December 27 Ritter Zaffke
December 28 Mattie Sikkink
December 30 Keith Wolter

Wedding Anniversaries

December 1 Rick & Anne Myers
December 13 Joel & Anna Hamaguchi
December 27 Bill & Gayle Kriese
December 30 John & Ele Clere
December 30 John & Jane Yanagida



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



Mahalo nui loa for your gifts and your dedication to Christ Lutheran Church during 2024!

As we approach the end of the calendar year, please note that **all donations must be postmarked or received in the office by December 31st to be included in your 2024 contribution statement (for tax purposes).**

Thank you and God bless you for your generous support of CLC so that we may continue to be good stewards of what God has given us.

Please contact Shelby in the church office (office@clcmililani.org or 808-623-9229) if you have any questions.



**Meal
Ministry**
Serving in love in times of need

IHS Ministry
**Saturday,
Dec. 7 th**

IHS needs two volunteers to serve supper from 5:45 to approx. 6:30pm. If you have previously volunteered, please text or email Adam Palmer to confirm if you want to serve again. If you have NOT previously volunteered—you are very welcome to join us! If you are new, please text or call Adam at 808-222-8670. Adam will provide you with the details on what is required to volunteer and location.

You can also help by donating cookies!

Just leave cookies in the church kitchen by end of day **Friday Dec.**

6th or drop off to the church office during business hours.



CLC Will be taking a break from the Angel Tree program this year.

A special Mahalo to DeAnn Acosta and Mary Lou Kimoto for their dedication and faithfulness over the many years of directing and organizing the Angel Tree Gift Drive with PACT!

DeAnn, Mary Lou and many CLC volunteers made the program a huge success. DeAnn spent countless hours, shopping for gifts, organizing and assigning gift tags, composing announcements, setting up on line gift giving, and the list goes on!

They have been an incredible blessing to CLC and to the PACT organization!

Mahalo Nui Loa
De Ann & Mary Lou!

Holiday Sunday Brunch



The next **Sunday Brunch** will take place on **Sunday, December 15th**

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.

Not everyone is joyful this time of year.



So on **Friday, December 20th (the winter solstice), at 7 pm** we will have a service of comfort and encouragement for those who are feeling blue - of hope in the midst of despair. It will be an in-person service with Pr. Keith and Assisting Minister only to protect confidentiality.

All are welcome!





DECEMBER, 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>* Not a CLC Event: Please contact Al Anon or AA for further information.</i>						
1 4th Sunday of Advent 8 am In-person Worship 9:15 am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	2 Morning Prayer	3 Morning Prayer	4 Morning Prayer	5 Morning Prayer Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am	6 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	7 Morning Prayer IHS Ministry Mililani Christmas Parade
8 5th Sunday of Advent **Healing Sunday 8 am In-person Worship 9:15am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation * Canned Food Drive Pick-Up at 10am Service	9 Morning Prayer	10 Morning Prayer	11 Morning Prayer	12 Morning Prayer	13 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm *AA 7:30pm	14 Morning Prayer *Leeward Dog Training Club Reg. 8:30am-12pm
15 6th Sunday of Advent 8 am In-person Worship 9:15 am Keiki Church 9:15am Sunday Brunch 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation 11:30am Chrch.Cncl.Mtg 7:00pm Handbell Concert	16 Morning Prayer	17 Morning Prayer	18 Morning Prayer	19 Morning Prayer	20 Morning Prayer Blue Christmas Service 7 pm <i>In-person only</i>	21 Morning Prayer *Leeward Dog Training Club Reg. 8:30am-12pm
22 7th Sunday of Advent 8 am In-person Worship 9:15 am Keiki Church 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	23 Morning Prayer	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Service 6pm & 8pm	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Worship Service 10 am *Office	26 Morning Prayer *Office Closed	27 Morning Prayer *Al-Anon 7:30 pm * AA 7:30pm	28 Morning Prayer
29 1st Sun of Christmas 8 am In-person Worship 10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation	30	31				



CLC 2025 Pledge Drive



You will be receiving the Annual Pledge Drive Packet from CLC with a cover letter, pledge card, return envelope and a Table of Proportionate Giving. **Please return your envelope sealed pledge cards by January 12th via mail or in the Sunday Offering Plate.**

We will be dedicating our pledges on **Sunday, January 12th**. Pledges will allow us to make final budgetary decisions for presentation at the January Annual Meeting.

Mahalo for your commitment and dedication to CLC!



Men's Prayer Breakfast

All are welcome to join the next CLC men's breakfast, **7:30am at the Rise & Shine Cafe in Mililani on December 5th, 2024.**

Come for some quick Christian fellowship to start your day.

If you have questions, please contact Adam Palmer at 808-222-8670; adamppalmer@gmail.com or the Church Office at 808-623-9229; office@clcmililani.org

Sign up for 2025 Offering Envelopes!



New Subscribers

If you wish to receive offering envelopes for 2025, please contact the church office at 808-623-9229 or email office@clcmililani.org.

Current Subscribers

Members currently receiving offering envelopes for 2024 will automatically be sent envelopes for 2025.



Mahalo for your faithful blessings to CLC!

Christmas Poinsettias

We would love to have the sanctuary full of flowers to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. If you would like to purchase (or lend us) a poinsettia to help fulfill this wish, please **bring them to the church the week of December 22nd.**



Thank You for participating in the CLC Thanksgiving Food Drive!

Once again CLC members and Rainbow Preschoolers have shown their generosity and filled the Sanctuary with food that will be shared with needy families of central and north shore Oahu through *The Private Sector*, an all-volunteer organization that provides food, shelter, and other goods to the needy.

The food will be blessed by Pastor Keith and taken by representatives of *The Private Sector* on Sunday, December 8th.



2024 Mililani Christmas Parade

Volunteers are needed to Pass out Hot Cocoa & Coffee!



Saturday, December 7th from 9:00am-10:30am.

The Sign-Up sheet can be found on the welcome table in the back of the Sanctuary or call into the office at 808-623-9229; office@clcmililani.org

***CLC Will Not be Marching in the Parade This Year**



Handbell Choir Concert

Join Us for a Special Performance by the Mele Mai Paki Lima Community Ensemble!

**Sunday
December 15th at 7:00pm
CLC Sanctuary**



Christ Lutheran Church
95-1361 Meheula Parkway
Mililani, HI 96789

December Worship



**Sunday, December 1st, 8th,
15th, 22nd & 29th**

8 am In-person Worship

10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation

*The 8 am service is offered on Facebook and the
10 am service is offered on Zoom. Both feature
on-line Communion.*

Friday, Dec. 20th -Blue Christmas

7 pm In-person Worship Only

Christmas Eve

6 pm Carols & Candle-light In-Person Worship

8 pm Carols & Candle-light In-person Worship

Christmas Day

10 am In-person Worship & by Zoom invitation

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