



Joy News

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Joyfully sharing God's Love in Christ"

IMPORTANT DATES

March 4th
Noisy Offering
March 10th
IHS Service - 9:45 am
March 11th
Healing Service
March 22nd
Church Council Meeting
10:15 am
March 25th
Passion / Palm Sunday
March 29th
Maundy Thursday
March 30th
Good Friday
April 1st
Easter Sunday
Noisy Offering
April 8th
Healing Service
April 14th
IHS Service - 9:45 am
April 26th
Church Council Meeting
10:15 am
April 29th
Prayer Shawl Blessing
May 6th
Noisy Offering
May 12th
IHS Service - 9:45 am
May 13th
Healing Service
May 18-19th
Synod Assembly
May 31st
Church Council Meeting
10:15 am

Holy Week Opportunities

Palm Sunday—March 25th

Joy of Christ Lutheran Church
784 Kamehameha Hwy, Pearl City
Worship Service: 9:00am

Maundy Thursday—March 29th

Joy of Christ Lutheran Church
784 Kamehameha Hwy, Pearl City
Worship Service 7:00pm

Good Friday—March 30th

Christ Lutheran Church at Mililani
Prayer Vigil 6:30am—6:30pm

Joy of Christ Lutheran Church
784 Kamehameha Hwy, Pearl City
Worship Service 12:00 noon

Christ Lutheran Church at Mililani
95-1361 Meheula Pkwy, Mililani
Worship Service 7:00pm

Easter Sunday—April 1st

Joy of Christ Lutheran Church
784 Kamehameha Hwy, Pearl City
Worship Service 9:00am
Easter Brunch and Fellowship to Follow



Aloha Kakou,

Welcome to the first issue of our revived newsletter.

We are now deep into the “busy” seasons of the Church year. Advent, Christmas and Epiphany have come and gone. We are well into Lent. Soon, Passion Week, Easter and Pentecost will be upon us.

We have switched to the Narrative Lectionary, a four-year cycle of readings, designed to help us grasp, experience and live out of the core of the Gospel – God’s rescue of Israel from Egypt and God’s raising the Crucified Jesus from the dead. I am hoping this will help us comprehend more clearly the overarching stories of faith that drive scripture and shape our lives.

IHS monthly luncheons for the homeless and hungry continues. The Living Lutheran Study Group persists on the first Thursday of every month. And, of course, our chief work of prayer, praise and thanksgiving remains, with worship at 9:00am every Sunday morning.

And oddly enough, Easter is on April Fool’s Day (April 1st)! Maybe that day we should shout out: “He is risen! No foolin’!” instead of “Jesus is risen! Alleluia!” Maybe not.

Ash Wednesday was on Valentine’s Day and we got through that okay. After the fact, I thought we should have said at the imposition of ashes, “You are dust and to dust you shall return, but Jesus loves you.” That actually doesn’t sound too bad.

In and through all of this – the busy-ness, the ironic humor, and perhaps even some down time, some quiet time –with this full schedule called Life, let us always remember that the point: the God of Israel and the Church is God-with-us, God-deeply-loving-us, God-Crucified, God resurrecting. That is the meaning of God with Israel in the Old Testament and with Jesus in the New.

Now, following several congregational gatherings on visioning, we will be meeting regularly to flesh out some ideas, do some strategizing and planning. Stay tuned!

Peace,
Pr Keith

Pastor Keith

Highlights of the December 28, 2017 Council Meeting (Approved Minutes)

Concerning the Annual Congregational Meeting

- Set the Annual Congregational Meeting date for Sunday, January 21, 2018.
- Approved a budget to be presented
- Determined the reports to be presented.
- Included an review of the “Envisioning Our Future” Meetings
- Proposed a new mission statement for approval by the congregation
- And included the need to ratify the updated constitution approved at the 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting

Approved monthly reports from Pastor, Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

Our fund balance per our bank accounts at the end of November 2018 was \$135,807.80



Our Income for November, 2018 was \$13,509.11
Our Expenses for November, 2018 were \$14,819.30

Other News

Voted to begin a quarterly newsletter in March (to include March, April, May).
Dee Schiemer to design a Church Directory to be available at the Annual Meeting.
We continued to discuss (and move forward) exterior painting of the Church building and to rebuild the sign on Kamehameha (which needs follow-up with zoning).

VISION GROUP MEETING

The Visioning Group met on March 3rd and began the work of determining the next steps for Joy of Christ as we bring our vision of Joy of Christ to life. We will meet again on Saturday, April 7th at 12:30pm. All are invited.

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Those We Keep in Our Prayers.....

Prayer is an important part of our life together as Christians. Each week, we list in our bulletin those friends and family that we pray for both individually and as a community of faith. If you wish to add someone to our prayer list, please speak with Dee Schiemer or call her at 808-696-1306.

For those dealing with health issues.

Chronic Health Issues - Ron Griffin, Ray Comacho, Margaret Thompson, Quinn, Kimberly Dangerfield, Merrill Matsuda, Diane M. Taketa, Deb Whipple, Bob Cherochak, Connie Thayer

Cancer - Kalau, Debra Ross, Roxie Lopez, Mike, Julie Akey, John Sabatini

Recovering from Health Issues –Tom Grimmett, Randy Thayer

Scheduling Surgery - Robert Schiemer

For caregivers. Sue Griffin, Rose Garcia, Renee Grimmett

For Families that have lost loved ones, those we hear about through news and those closer to our hearts. Everett H. Goins, Jean Jenison, Gulston “Gus” Spragling, Emily Fernandez, Eric Garcia, Scott Weaver, Rev. Paul Valentiner, Clinton Hilton, Tom Rose, Dick Smith, Judy Peterson.

For New Lives. Logan Tomoichi Summers, Huxyn Royce Tulp, Kiona Sialo Defenbaugh Iese, Danny Michael Morton, Scarlett Sunnie Morris

For victims of natural disasters, man-made disasters and violence in faraway places of strife and closer to home in domestic situations.

Those impacted in Parkland, Florida

MEET OUR NEWEST EMPLOYEE — Shane Phillips / Property Manager

Aloha, my name is Shane Phillips. I was born and raised in Waianae, Hawaii. I am married to my wife Jodie Phillips and we have 3 girls and a son. My favorite hobbies are fishing, going to the beach, watching our son, Shay play baseball and spending quality time with my family. I work full-time with the State of Hawaii as an irrigation specialist and work part-time here at Joy of Christ church. I enjoy working here at the church and feel blessed daily to be the Property Manager. I am thankful and honored and blessed to be a part of this church. I want to bring happiness and joy to all that attend Joy of Christ church by making everyone feel at home and inviting by giving my love and aloha to all that I meet.



Mahalo Nui Loa, Shane Phillips

FEEDING BODY AND SOUL

The next three months, we'll be serving at I.H.S. on **Saturdays, March 10th, April 14th and May 12th.**

Can you help cook? Be there by 9:45 am.

Only have time to help serve? We'll meet you at 11:45!

Questions? Talk to Lloyd Puckett!



ADULT CLASS

Our adult class meet every Sunday after worship and fellowship time (approximately (10:30am). We continue to find great lecture series on Religion, Christianity and Jesus.

Our current series is titled:

Jesus and the Gospels

Taught by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson

Jesus and the Gospels is a far-ranging course. It examines not only the canonical Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John familiar to us from the New Testament, but also the many other, apocryphal narratives and literary works that have contributed to our perceptions of Jesus, Mary, and Christianity. All of these works are encompassed by the word "Gospel."

Professor Luke Timothy Johnson attempts to show us the human Jesus underlying the many portraits we have. He approaches the Gospels and our perceptions of Jesus from a different perspective than the popular quest for the "historical Jesus."

Professor Johnson asserts that the portrait of Jesus addressed by such an approach, legitimate and compelling though such an approach may be, leads to questions that are virtually "impossible to answer satisfactorily" through proper historical methods.

"It is, after all, as literature that the Gospels influenced history. And it is through literature that present-day readers can continue to encounter Jesus," he says.

LIVING LUTHERAN DINNER GROUP

Our monthly dinner group continues to meet the first Thursday of the month at Zippy's Restaurant in Waiiau at 6:30pm. We meet for a meal, fellowship and to discuss various articles in the latest Living Lutheran Magazine. All are invited to join us when you can. If you are interested in more information, please call Dee Schiemer at 696-1306.



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Easter Brunch



In celebration of our Risen Lord, the congregational members and visitors are invited to gather for a pot-luck brunch in the Library after worship.

Easter Sunday, April 1st.