

# The Breadfruit

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*Next Breadfruit Deadline: August 15*

## August Calendar

Worship services are held every Sunday in the Lihue Christian Church sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. Many gather for breakfast on the lanai beginning at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to fellowship together.

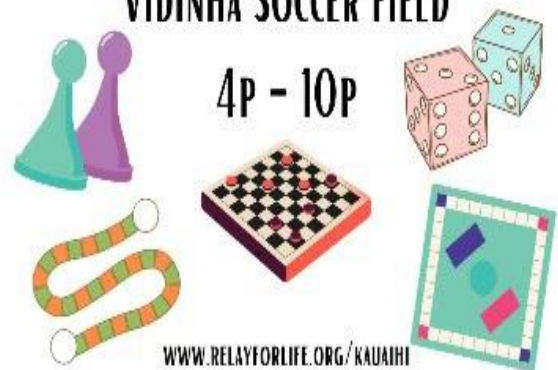
- August 4**      **Kids Klub will be on a camp at Waineke Cabins, Kokee**
  
- Communion Sunday**  
 Donations of nonperishable food, hygiene products, and towels may be left in the boxes at the church entry.
  
- August 8**      **Pastoral Relations Committee meeting      4 p.m.**
  
- August 11**     **Open and Affirming Leadership Meeting 8:30 a.m.    LCC Lanai**
  
- Kids Klub: Pickleball Lesson**  
**8:30 a.m. Social Hall**
  
- August 17**     **LCC Family and Friends Team at the ACS Relay for Life Vidinha Soccer Field 4:00-10:00 p.m.**
  
- August 24**     **Learn CPR/AED/First Aid 9:00-11:00 a.m. Social Hall**



**KNOCK CANCER OFF THE BOARD**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH**

**VIDINHA SOCCER FIELD**

**4P - 10P**



[WWW.RELAYFORLIFE.ORG/KAUAIHI](http://WWW.RELAYFORLIFE.ORG/KAUAIHI)

Everyone is welcome to join the Lihue Christian Church Relay for Life Team. Bring a chair, jacket, a dish to share and your walking shoes. For more information, contact Marlene Morimoto.

## Pastor's Message

### Lost and Found

I think we all know that sick, sinking feeling we get when we realize that we've lost something. There's a pit in the bottom of our stomachs as our minds start racing through possibilities. Where did I have it last? Did I leave it at the restaurant? Did it fall out of my pocket at the beach? Did I lend it to someone? Sometimes it's little things, like the earring I lost a couple of weeks ago. Not monetarily valuable but I'd only bought it a few weeks earlier. Then there's a larger pit when the item is, perhaps, a cell phone. A rather large pit formed in my stomach when I realized I'd left my phone on a public bus in Rostock, Germany and I don't speak German.

Then there's that feeling of utter relief when the lost item is found. I found my earring sweeping the kitchen floor. My phone was turned in to the Lost & Found at one of the bus terminals. I can still feel the relief. Maybe it was the shot of endorphins my brain released as the stress of the loss was replaced by a sense of relief. Whatever the biological cause, it sure felt good!

Sometimes it's not just objects that we lose, but our sense of security. Recently, in conversations with others, I've heard folks talk about the anxiety they're feeling in this election year. The attempted assassination of former President Trump only heightened that anxiety. And the candidates themselves don't help. Both sides have turned debates\* into blame throwing reality TV shows! That's when I press the "Off" button on the remote.

In simply touching that button, I give myself time to remember two things. First, that blame throwing is nothing new. Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the serpent. Cain blamed Abel, and on through history.

Second, that God was present when the blaming started, God has always been present throughout all of history, and God is still present in our time, and still struggling with humans to bring about God's kingdom here and now. A kingdom/kingdom where God's will is "done on earth as it is in heaven." When I remember God's presence, I once again find my sure foundation.

While standing on the sure foundation of God, a God who is still speaking to us, and a God who promises to give us courage in the struggle for justice and peace, those endorphins flood my system with a sense of relief, a sense of peace. May we all find our sure foundation in God, even when the world turns upside down.

Blessings,  
Pastor Cheri

*\*Debate-a formal discussion on a particular topic in a public meeting or legislative assembly, in which opposing arguments are put forward (Oxford Languages)*

## A Pastoral Letter Calling For Peace

The United Church of Christ strongly condemns the violence directed against former President Donald Trump.

Political violence has never been a solution to differing political beliefs and ideologies. As more details emerge regarding the shooting at the political rally for President Trump, we are horrified at the events which unfolded before us. With the former president injured and two dead including the gunman, we mourn this moment where violence is on display in the public square within our political arena.

Today, I join with other voices calling for peace in our political process. This violence is a threat to the democracy we value in this country.

As people of faith, we have the opportunity to be a part of civil discourse as we move through this time leading to another presidential election.

A commitment to peace must be a priority in the days to come. More information will emerge and regardless of that information, peace is possible. We can commit to ensuring peace and civility among us.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” *John 14:27*

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer. O God, we are shocked and appalled at the attempted shooting of former President Trump. We pray for his recovery and pray for the families of those who died as a result of this act of violence.

May those who lost loved ones know the comfort of your embrace. Send your healing spirit upon those whose lives are affected by violence globally.

Let there be peace among your people, O Lord, a deep and abiding peace which brings an end to the glorification of violence and ushers in a just world as you intend for all.

Amen.

Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson,  
General Minister & President  
United Church of Christ

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## Alaka'i Hale Pule

Church Council  
Harold Tavares, Moderator

By now, I trust that everyone has seen our new Lihu'e Christian Church sign out on the curb on Rice Street. Our Church cannot be seen from the main street, so we felt it necessary to spread the news of our location to anyone passing by and to let them know that all are welcome. I can use some help setting up the sign and taking it down after the service. I've forgotten to take it down twice and it's a 15-minute round trip from my house to retrieve it. Does anyone want the job? It comes with a free breakfast!



In an effort to keep our Church safe, we have scheduled a CPR/AED/First Aid training class for Saturday, August 24, 2024. Anyone interested in signing up for the class may contact Harold Tavares at [papaboze2@gmail.com](mailto:papaboze2@gmail.com). The class will run from 9-11am in the Social Hall. The instructor is Arnie Serota, MD Volunteer, American Red Cross and DOH. Learn how to recognize and respond to cardiac arrest and other medical emergencies, perform CPR on mannequins, and learn how to operate an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). The class is free, but you will not receive any type of official certification after the class.

During the pandemic, Church enrollment declined and has been slow to recover. Consequently, LCC finds itself falling on economic hard times. We anticipate an annual budget shortfall of approximately \$50,000. We are fortunate to have received large endowments from the Uyeno and Kawakami estates which have been invested in the Hawai'i Conference Foundation. This investment should help us weather this economic storm. Please consider making an estate endowment to LCC to ensure the financial stability of the Church for future generations.

LCC is also investigating revenue generating ideas for the empty field of grass currently used as a parking lot for LCC functions. To develop this land, the land needs to be rezoned, a process that could take a substantial amount of time. We are taking this initiative to open options in anticipation of future needs. We welcome assistance and ideas in this endeavor. Please contact Harold Tavares at [papaboze2@gmail.com](mailto:papaboze2@gmail.com).

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**Saturday, August 24, 2024**  
**LCC Social Hall**  
**9:00-11:00 a.m.**

Instructor Arnie Serota, MD Volunteer,  
American Red Cross and DOH

Cost: Free

Sign Up with Harold Tavares  
[papaboze2@gmail.com](mailto:papaboze2@gmail.com)

## Dear Lord, Hear Our Prayers For.....

### Friends in Care Facilities:

Ailene Beady, Pacita Jimenez, and John Senda

**Needing Prayer:** John Arzadon, Margaret Chow, Rev. Richard Chun, Jean Hamura, Sonya Kobayashi, Chanelle Quinones, JoAnn Rapozo, Alice Shigeta, Russell Shimazu, Robert Tamura

### Personal Prayer List:

## Worth A Try

Vicki Kemper, Pastor of First  
Congregational, UCC, of Amherst,  
Massachusetts.  
August 10, 2023

*Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other. – Psalm  
85:10 (NRSV)*

A Pollyanna I am not. I know the world is broken in countless places, and that much of the suffering, division, rage, and reaction we're living is reaped from evil, hurt, greed, and fear sown decades and centuries ago. Some days things seem only to be getting worse.

But I am a person of faith. I have walked repeatedly into the belly of the beast to plead prayerfully, if futilely, for fairness. I have agonized, organized, gone to jail, and prayed for my enemy, living as if the arc of history will eventually bend toward justice.

And on occasion I have witnessed the transformative power of faithful humility, apology, and hope. This time of year I remember the Sunday when several Japanese scholars visited our church.

The elder of the group rose to speak. He would say a few sentences in Japanese, and then another scholar would translate. Excruciatingly long minutes passed. And then he spoke two words in English: Pearl Harbor.

The translation went something like this: "It is with great sorrow and pain that we ask your forgiveness for our nation's attack on Pearl Harbor."

We gasped as one. And then the tears began to flow. I extended our forgiveness, adding that we needed to ask their pardon—for Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and the unfathomable suffering of the Japanese people. Could they ever forgive *us*? They could, and they did.

Our simple offerings of apology and forgiveness did not change the world, but they created space for healing and relationship. When so much of our justice work feels fruitless, isn't faithfulness also worth a try?

**Chancel Decorators:**

August 4 Joann Tanaka and Jolynne Uyesono  
August 11 April Oyadomari  
August 18 Susan and Doug Fujii  
August 25 Gail Murashige  
September 1 Margaret Chow

**Lay Readers:**

August 4 Samantha Tominaga  
August 11 Malie Miyazaki  
August 18 Joy Koerte  
August 25 Pacita Jiminez  
September 1 Lisa Jeffery

**Financial Secretaries:**

August 4 Noreen Tavares, Jolynne Uyesono  
August 11 Penni Taketa, JoAnn Tanaka  
August 18 Kimberly Inouye, Erin Wada  
August 25 Susan Fujii, Crystal Fujikawa  
September 1 Gale Domingel, Faith Matsumura

**Greeters/Ushers:**

August 4 Harold and Noreen Tavares  
August 11 Lisa Jeffery, Pat White  
August 18 Calvin and Jolynne Uyesono  
August 25 Faith Matsumura, Sam Shirai  
September 1 Norman Seki, Steven Yamashita,  
Larry Yasuda, Peter Yukimura

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