

The Breadfruit

Lihue Christian Church
 www.lihuechristianchurch.org
 2943 Kress Street, Lihue, HI 96766
 Office: (808) 245-2348
 E-mail:
 lihuechristianchurch@gmail.com

Next Breadfruit Deadline: October 15



October Calendar

Worship services are held every Sunday in the Lihue Christian Church sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. Kids Klub meets from 8:30-9:15 a.m. Breakfast on the lanai begins at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

- October 5** **LCC Bazaar 9-11 a.m. Social Hall.**
- October 6** **Communion Sunday**
Donations of non-perishable food items and hygiene products may be left in designated boxes in the sanctuary.

Kids Klub: Cross/Diagonal Stitch
- October 10** **Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting 4 p.m. LCC7**
- October 13** **Blessing of Pets during worship.**
- October 20** **30 Minutes with Pastor Cheri: Becoming an ONA Congregation- What does this mean? 10:45 a.m. (following worship) LCC sanctuary**

Kids Klub: Sushi Rolling
- October 27** **Kids Klub: Sign Language**

Becoming an ONA Congregation – What does this mean?

Date: Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024
Time: 10:45a.m. (shortly after worship)

Lihue Christian Church is a congregation of the United Church of Christ (UCC). The UCC at a national level is an Open and Affirming (ONA) denomination but each individual congregation can decide for itself whether to write and sign an Open and Affirming Covenant.

Please join us on Sunday, October 20, 2024, after worship, for a 30-minute discussion time about what it means to be ONA and why it's important. A video produced in 2016 by Irvine United Congregational Church (Irvine, CA) will be shared. At that time, IUCC was celebrating the 25th anniversary of their becoming an ONA church. This video will answer some of the questions the team has been asking.

Looking forward to sharing with you.

LCC ONA Team,
Susan Miura, Penni Taketa, Joey Tanaka, Pat White, and Pastor Cheri Dennis

Pastor's Message

You Shall Try....

Author and journalist Jake Halpern's opinion piece in the September 8, 2024, *New York Times* caught my attention with the title: **"My Teenage Son Thinks the World Is Falling Apart. I've Changed How I Talk to Him About It"** In the article, Halpern describes Lucian, his 15-year-old son, as having a fatalistic streak. Lucian looks at the world as completely falling apart but Halpern has a different point of view. The entire article can be read in the link below. For me it was an interesting article but one paragraph stood out. The words in the paragraph reminded me of what I often hear Christians (and many others) say when we are asked to be part of God's work in repairing the breach in our broken world.

"The real problem with my approach, however, is that I was robbing my kids of a sense of urgency, a sense that the situation, in much of the world, is dire and that it demands their attention. So I've embraced the Iron Curtain response: Yes the world is broken, which is why you need to fix it. Lucian's response to this, of course, is: We didn't break it. You did. Touché. He also reminds us: If you can't fix things, what makes you think I can? And I can only reply: **Maybe you can't, but you still have to try.**"*

"Maybe you can't, but you still have to try." What do you think of this statement? Is it true? Do we, specifically Christians, have a responsibility to try to make the world a better place even when we know our influence is small and cannot possibly cure all that is wrong in our world?

I think we do and this is why. When Jesus was asked, "What commandment is the greatest?", he answered, "You shall love God. You shall love your neighbor." He didn't answer, "The greatest commandment is..." but instead answered with "You shall love..." In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the Greek word translated as "You shall love," agapēseis, is a future indicative active verb. This verb is understood as a verb denoting an action which, in the mind of the speaker, will occur in the future. As humans, we can't (don't) love God or love neighbor but "We still have to try." For it is in loving God and loving neighbor that we can repair the breach in our broken world one person at a time. Amen.

Blessings & God's peace,

Pastor Cheri

***Iron Curtain response** is described in the full article: (https://www.nytimes.com/2024/09/08/opinion/kids-world-parents-doom.html?unlocked_article_code=1.LE4.dTcN.4hI0-yXd4n0c&smid=url-share)

ʻAe Kamali`i Preschool
Pam and Penni, Co-Directors

Grandparents' Day Celebration

Happy Grandparents' Day! Our Grandparents' Day celebration was held on Monday, September 9, 2024, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. More than 50 grandparents joined us for a morning of games, activities and crafts. The children loved sharing their classroom with our very special guests. Leading up to our celebration, the children worked very hard at making their gifts.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our celebration!



It was a morning filled with fun, games and crafts! Everyone enjoyed their morning together.

Alaka'i Hale Pule

Church Council
Harold Tavares, Moderator

October is here and children anxiously anticipate dressing up in costumes and “trick-o-treating” on Halloween night. I enjoy sitting out on the porch greeting neighbors and passing out candies.

At LCC, we continue plans for constructing a lanai roof to help deal with inclement weather and for overflow guests on special occasions and Sunday breakfasts. We recently polled breakfast goers and found most of them preferred the intimacy and convenience of having breakfast on the church lanai instead of in the social hall. Noreen and I don't mind setting up the lanai each Sunday—no problem!

Let's give a SHOUT OUT to Rachel Furutani for her hard work and expertise in developing a *Safe Church Policy* for LCC. She shared her research with the Council regarding a Volunteer Application and Disclosure Form to vet everyone meeting our children in Kids Klub. More information will be shared with the congregation when discussion and revisions are complete.

Thank you to Noreen Tavares for organizing the first annual First Aid/CPR/AED training session on Saturday, August 24, 2024. Eleven participants enjoyed the two-hour session with Dr. Arnie Serota, a volunteer with the American Red Cross and the Department of Health.

We are blessed to have super generous church members Daphne McClure and Clare and Glenn Morishige who donated AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) for the sanctuary and preschool. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Joel Acevedo, Operations Manager for the AED Institute of Honolulu, for giving LCC a \$400 discount and free Narcan sprays for drug overdoses. Each AED has a yearly maintenance program. We are now better prepared for health emergencies than we have ever been in the past.

This month's featured member of LCC is everyone's favorite person Erica Tabalba. Her fun-loving Christian spirit can be clearly heard above the noise of the crowd each Sunday. We all love her organ and piano playing during Sunday worship. On occasion, she shares her voice in song which is awesome.

Important Announcement: **Change Is Here: *The Breadfruit*** Noreen Tavares

In keeping up with the technological age and to reduce postal costs, *The Breadfruit*, Lihue Christian Church's monthly newsletter is now available on the LCC's website:

www.lihuechristianchurch.org

To read the monthly newsletter, use the above link and enter the church's website. Next, click on “The Breadfruit” at the top of the page. This will allow you to read the newsletter.

If you do not have access to the internet or prefer to receive *The Breadfruit* in the mail, please call Karen Nakamura at the church office, (808) 245-2348 and let her know your preference.



A lover of all things furry, Erica leads the way in pet blessings and fundraising for animal shelters. A former dental hygienist, she now works as an assistant pharmacist to care for those of the human persuasion as well.

Thank you, Erica, for being an important member in our church family!

Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 13, 2024

In memory of St. Francis of Assisi, Pastor Cheri will bless our beloved pets, during worship, on Sunday, October 13, 2024. Feel free to bring your “well-behaved” pet with you to worship. If you are unable to bring your pet, bring a picture of him/her so he/she can be included in the blessing.

We will have treats for pets and humans after worship.

“If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.”

— Francis Of Assisi

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

We Believe

Mary Luti

October 20, 2023

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before God; for [the day] is coming... – Psalm 96:11-13 (NRSV, adapted)

We believe the day is coming

when God's grace will change the human heart,

and we will live as one with every living thing.

We believe the day is coming

when Christ's compassion will fill the earth,

and no one will do harm, be hurt, or feel alone.

We believe the day is coming

when the Spirit's freedom will unbind our souls,

and we will live generous lives for each other

with a joy no circumstance can alter.

We believe the day is coming,

and we wait and work for it with steadfast hope,

for God has promised it, and God is faithful.

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

2024 LCC Church Picnic

Joan Fujimura

God is not only good! He's great! He directed us to reserve and hold this year's annual church picnic at Lydgate Park Pavilion instead of at Niumalu Park far in advance of the unexpected closing of the Niumalu bridge. And that's not all. On the morning of the event, there was a sudden downpour of rain, but the showers stopped as quickly as it had started and revealed a gentle rainbow peeking through the gray clouds. If that wasn't enough, He sent a kind stranger to assist with unlocking the chain that provided easy access to the pavilion so our supplies could be easily unloaded. His wonders never cease!



It turned out to be a cool beautiful day. We sang, worshipped, ate and played a whole bunch of games that enlisted everyone's ingenuity, vocabulary, creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills. We even expanded our knowledge with Bible trivia. When points were tabulated to determine the winning team, Pastor Phyllis cleverly mused if we had not play by Jesus' rules meaning that "many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first" (Matthew 19:30)

A great big mahalo to: Clifton Kukino, our grill master and bingo caller extraordinaire, David Iha, Rodney Munar, Roy Miyake, members of the Praise Team Ensemble, Pastor Cheri; Karen Nakamura; Calvin and Gail Murashige, shave ice pros and game advisors, Deacons (past and present), Beth Salling, Lisa Jeffery, Mary Starr, Marlene Morimoto and Michelle Valenciano, all who contributed side dishes, desserts, and prizes, as well as all attendees including Damien Loo who was celebrating his birthday! We had a great time! Save the date for next year!

Kids Klub

Rachel Furutani

We continue working on our goal of Building Relationships from 8:30-9:15 a.m. each Sunday. The children have learned Pickle Ball, Chess, Bon Dancing, and *Konane* (a Hawaiian board game). Both, adults and children have shared precious moments and have learned each other's names.

<u>Date and Class</u>	<u>Leader</u>
October 6 Cross/Diagonal Stitch	Mary Starr
October 13 TBD	
October 20 Rolling Sushi	Sanae Morita Joan Fujimura
October 27 Sign Language	Shelly Cassler

Anyone may volunteer to teach a class and support Building Relationships. Contact Rachel (652-0166) to volunteer. Everyone is welcome to participate and learn with the children.

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL SPONSORSHIP

Joan Fujimura

A Letter from Festus "Kweku" Adjei of Ghana, Africa



Birthdate: April 27, 2005
LCC Sponsorship since November 10, 2010

Kweku is 19 years old and is in Junior High 3 which is equivalent to USA 9th grade. Kwekucurrently enjoys learning carpentry skills.

Festus lives in the forested community of Breman Benin, about 63 kilometers northeast of Cape Coast, Ghana, home to approximately 1,600 residents. Typical houses are constructed of cement floors, brick walls and tin roofs. The primary ethnic group is Breman and the most commonly spoken language is Fante.

Our sponsorship of Festus allows the staff of Good Shepherd Child Development Center to provide Festus with Bible teaching, health screenings, malaria prevention education, community service opportunities, school fees, educational materials and handicraft skills training.

It costs \$43.00 per month to sponsor Festus. To donate to LCC's Compassion Ministry, please write a check to Lihue Christian Church and indicate "Compassion Ministry" in the memo.

Date 22nd July 2024

Letter to my sponsor

Dear Friends

- 1. Thank you message for sponsor** I love hearing from you all the time. May God bless you boundlessly. Thank you so much for the wonderful gift sent.
- 2. Child's new experiences at project / home / school / community, etc.** I take much being with my mates at the workplace to talk about God's love.
- 3. Child's response to sponsor questions** Please the gift was given to me in cash. Myself and my family are very grateful. Thank you for your words of encouragement and love. God bless you.
- 4. Prayer request from child** Please pray that God will continue to keep me and my family under his shadows.
- 5. Prayer for my sponsor** Please it is my prayer that the good Lord will continue to bless you and shower you with long life and prosperity.
- 6. Memory verse** Isajah 63:7 I will tell of the kindness of the Lord the deeds for which he is to be praised according to all the Lord has done for us.

Name of person writing (if not child) _____ Verified by Richard K. Obodai

GHANA

Compassion International
LCC (Lihue Christian Church)

TD: GH-E-4501-1

Chancel Decorators:

October 6 Tina Cox, Faith Matsumura
October 13 Corliss Shimabukuro, Robert Tamura
October 20 Placido Valenciano
October 27 Joy Koerte, Sara Miura
November 3 Shelly Cassler, Rachel Furutani

Lay Readers:

October 6 Margaret Chow
October 13 Mary Starr
October 20 JoAnn Yukimura
October 27 Pat White
November 3 Samantha Tominaga

Financial Secretaries:

October 6 Noreen Tavares, Jolynne Uyesono
October 13 Penni Taketa, Joey Tanaka
October 20 Kimberly Inouye, Erin Wada
October 27 Susan Fujii, Crystal Fujikawa
November 3 Gale Domingsel, Faith Matsumura

Greeters/Ushers:

October 6 Calvin and Gail Murashige
October 13 Russell and Becky Wada
October 20 Penni Taketa, Joey Tanaka
October 27 Harold and Noreen Tavares
November 3 Lisa Jeffery, Pat White

Lihue Christian Church
2943 Kress Street
Lihue, HI 96766

U.S. Postage
PAID
Lihue, Hawaii
Permit No. 52
Non-Profit Org.

