

The Breadfruit

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Next Breadfruit Deadline: April 15

April 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!

- April 6** **Communion Sunday**
 Donations of non-perishable food items, hygiene products, and clean towels may be left in the boxes near the entry.

- April 13** **Palm Sunday**

- April 17** **Maundy Thursday Worship Service**
 6 p.m. LCC

- April 18** **Good Friday Worship Service**
 12:00 pm LCC
Movie Night and Easter Egg Hunt Prep
 5:30 pm LCC Social Hall

- April 20** **Easter Sunday**
Sunrise Service 6:30 am LCC
Morning Worship 9:30 am
Egg Hunt following worship

- April 27** **Food, Plant and Craft Sale is postponed**

Please Come and Bring a Friend:

**Movie Night, Pizza and Popcorn
 Easter Egg Hunt Preparation**

Date: Good Friday, April 18, 2025

Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Place: Lihue Christian Church Recreational Hall

Movie: Oddball

(subject to change if unavailable)

Dinner: Pizza, Salad and Popcorn

Bring a friend

R.S.V.P. by Sunday, April 13, 2025

Sign-up on the sheet in the sanctuary or leave a message at the church office, 808-245-2348.

Please indicate the number of adults and children attending.

Contact Joan Fujimura (808-639-4833) if you have questions.



Pastor's Message

Liriope and Grass

The front yard of our house in North Carolina is very shady. Much of it gets less than 4 hours of sunlight a day which limits what can be grown in the small flower garden by the front door. There are a few exceptions. Liriope muscari 'Variegata' (better known as monkey grass), crabgrass, and fescue grass seem to flourish with little sun and little to no human attention. In late summer the liriope produces spikey purple flowers that add color to the mounds of green & yellow leaves of the monkey grass. The flower spikes stick out above the mounds, waving in the breeze as if to say, "Hey, look at us!"



Monkey grass is touted as a good ground cover and weed control. There are 25 or so mounds ringing the garden. Most of the mounds do well but there's one exception. An errant fescue grass seed landed in the middle of it a few years back and there's no controlling this tiny but virile fescue seed. In the midst of the green and yellow leaves of the monkey grass, there are long, skinny, dark green blades of fescue grass, sometimes gone to seed. Hours have been spent attempting to pull them out or cut them out resulting in sore knees and an aching back.

The next remedy was going to be to dig up the entire plant and toss it as the roots of the monkey grass and the fescue are

so entangled, they can't be separated. But that's an old way of looking at this problem. That's seeing the monkey grass as "good" and the fescue as "bad", as a weed. Down on hands and knees and

totally frustrated with the fescue, I took a deep breath and thought maybe they should just grow together. I could reimagine the garden to include both the monkey grass and the fescue. I could even redefine my definition of a weed. So, I let the monkey grass and fescue grow together, their roots entangled, drawing nourishment from the same soil, leaning on each other to survive in my "seldom cared for" garden.

Isn't that God's way? We, all of humanity, in our diversity, have roots in the same earth, formed by the one God from the same soil. We need each other to survive. Instead of ripping apart this entangled root ball called humanity, can we learn to live together? Can we learn that we need each other to survive?



Can we acknowledge that what happens to one of us eventually affects all of us? John 13:34-35 *"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* It is in our actions toward one another, our love for each other, that God's love is made known. May our actions reflect God's spikey purple flowers to the world. May they say, "God loves you."

Blessings to weeds and grass alike,
Pastor Cheri

ʻAe Kamali`i Preschool

Pam and Penni, Co-Directors

Box Day Fun

Box Day, Hurray!!! Our families did a wonderful job of coming up with fun and unique creations made from cardboard boxes. This year's event included games, cars, ships, veterinary hospitals, shops, and much more!

The children enjoyed moving from area to area trying out all the creations. Families were invited to join us for the morning and were also invited to stay for a delicious box lunch picnic featuring Ms. Crystal's tasty tuna and lettuce wraps, orange wedges, carrot sticks and an additional treat of teddy grahams ... Yum!

Mahalo to our families for their hard work in making our annual Box Day celebration a fun and special family event. Here are just a few of the cardboard box creations that were brought to school:



Photo Booth



Heavy Machinery



Car Wash



US Post Office



A Giant Chunk of Cheese

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

Margaret Chow, Rev. Richard Chun, Gale Dominguel, Pastor Glenn Frasier, Jean Hamura, Pacita Jimenez, Lester Kunimitsu, Florence Lardizabal, Kailee Mu, Chanelle Quinones, JoAnn Rapozo, Alice Shigeta, Russell Shimazu, Rachel Tamura, Placido Valenciano and all in need...



*Calling for Class of 2025
Graduates*

Do you have a family member, relative, or friend who will be graduating this year? If so, please contact Joan Fujimura at 808-639-4833 or leave the graduate's name and contact information with Karen Nakamura (808-245-2348.)

We would love to honor them and invite them to participate in a Baccalaureate Service in May 2025.

Oh, Baby!

Mary Luti,
seminary teacher and pastor
April 14, 2024

Let those who desire my victory shout for joy and be glad. Let them say evermore, "Great is the Lord, who delights in the success of God's servant." Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness and of your praise all day long.- Psalm 35:27 (NRSV, adapted)

There used to be a boy in the park outside my apartment window, a teenager, lanky and brown, hair streaked Smurf blue, feet as big as his skateboard. He'd come every day and wreak havoc on the soft bricks of the sidewalk as he tried to nail a fancy move.

It always eluded him. He'd keep flying up, falling off, and screaming bloody murder. He'd try again, miss again. With every miss, the board would hit the sidewalk with a hard slap, sharp as the report of a rifle. He missed a lot. Slap, slap, slap.

Every day, my terrorized cat fled to a cardboard box in the closet. I'd be trying to write but couldn't concentrate. I'd go to the window and watch him, tempted to shout at him to go away. I admired his persistence, but he annoyed me.

Then he pulled it off. He *did* it, cool and elegant and clean. He ran a hand through his electric hair. "Oh baby," he shouted, "baby, baby, baby!"

At the window I was cheering, grateful to have seen it, that perfect move, the nailed landing, the flash of his jubilant grin as, in his mind's eye, the anthem played, and the gold was looped over his head.

I often think of him, and when I do, I think of God's glee when, after countless hard landings, we finally nail it too. When even once we get life right.

LCC Welcomes New Members

Sunday, March 9, 2025, nine persons were welcomed as new members of Lihue Christian Church. This was a very special day for everyone in attendance at the morning worship. Following worship, a fellowship meet-and-greet was held on the lanai. It was truly a day of celebration.



Clifton Kukino welcomes new members.



Pastor Cheri and her husband,
Keith Dennis



Donna and Damian Loo



Paul, Olivia, Maya and Danita Narciso



Joshua and Alice Pajela



Mary and Wili Starr

Chancel Decorators:

April 6 Tassie Agena
April 13 Marlene Morimoto
April 20 Doug and Susan Fujii
April 27 Noreen Tavares
May 4 Becky and Erin Wada

Announcer/Lay Readers:

April 6 Kyrus Domingel
April 13 Avery Domingel
April 20 Calvin Murashige
April 27 Joy Koerte
May 4 Phyllis Meighen

Financial Secretaries:

April 6 Faith Matsumura, Verna Yamase
April 13 Noreen Tavares, Jolynne Uyesono
April 20 Penni Taketa, JoAnn Tanaka
April 27 Kimberly Inouye, Erin Wada
May 4 Susan Fujii, Crystal Fujikawa

Greeters/Ushers:

April 6 Joshua and Alice Pajela
April 13 Harold and Noreen Tavares
April 20 Lisa Shimazu, Lori Wakayama
April 27 Calvin and Jolynne Uyesono
May 4 Norman Seki, Steven Yamashita,
Larry Yasuda, Peter Yukimura

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