



Aloha ke Akua

When was the last time you heard of the ACLU or the American Association of Atheists coming to the rescue after a natural disaster, or sitting in the hospital holding the hand of the dying, or providing grief counseling during any of the recent tragedies? Were you aware last year over 1 Trillion dollars (with a T) was dispensed by churches and their agencies to help with hunger, homelessness, medical aid and disaster relief. Most of it to non-church members?

Such things are not our primary mission, but they are an important part of our mission. The Christian Church exists for a single purpose - to proclaim Jesus Christ as "**the way, the truth and the life.**" Much of the proclamation takes place on Sunday mornings as God's people gather in houses of worship all over America, but without all the wondrous acts of Christian love, our voice would be nothing more than a cacophony of noise (St. Paul would say: resounding gong!)

The leper came to Jesus and said, "**If you are willing, You can make me clean!**" And Jesus responds, "**I am willing.**" Jesus is willing to help and encourage and support and love us in ways we cannot imagine and rarely ask for. He didn't just come to give us hope for a distant future - "**I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**"

When we read of "*wars and rumors of wars*" and watch the stock market decline and hear stories of lives shattered by sin, it's enough to make even a Christian want to hunker down and ride it out waiting for Jesus to return. But, to paraphrase Winston Churchill, it is "*for such an hour as this that we were born.*"

No one else is equipped to take the Gospel into the streets and classrooms and marketplaces and make an eternal difference. We don't just preach a perfect heaven waiting for those who believe, we also believe in an abundant life here on earth - and the key to both is Jesus.

*Me Ke Aloha,
Pastor Mitch*

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OUR SAVIOR'S MONTH...

SUNDAYS

1:30pm Salem Nomwin Chuuk Service
4:00pm An Kraist Mwichefel Chuuk Service
4:30pm Youth Group (check schedule)

WEDNESDAYS

8:00am OSLS Chapel

THURSDAYS

5:00pm Worship Team

Week beginning April 26th

Wednesday 7:00am Men's Fellowship
Saturday 9:00am School Campus Workday

Week beginning May 3rd

Sunday 10:45am Confirmation
Wednesday 7:00am Men's Fellowship
Saturday 8:00am Church Workday

Week beginning May 10th

OSLS Book Fair All Week
Friday 8:30am OSLS Preschool Program

Week beginning May 17th

Wednesday 7:00am Men's Fellowship

Week beginning May 24th

Monday Church Office Closed (Memorial Day)
Friday OSLS Last Day of School

Week beginning May 31st

Sunday 5:30pm End of School Year BBQ
Wednesday 7:00am Men's Fellowship

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

9:37-10:27am-ish

SANCTUARY: Classes for adults and Sr Hi

FaithIsland Room: PS - 8th Grade



Saturday, May 9th, 8am - Noon. Everyone is welcome! There are lots of jobs!



Vacation Bible eXperience
June 8 - 12th
8:30 - 11:30am

Students age 5 - finishing 5th grade

Step through Rainforest Falls into a life-long adventure of what it means to be rooted in relationship with their Creator, a safe place in life's storms. Go to the website to register your child, volunteer or donate! Tell your family and friends!



School Workday - Saturday, May 2nd, 9 - 11am. Everyone is welcome!



END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR BBQ Sunday, May 31st, 5:30pm at the Mission Center (top of the parking lot).

Join us for some hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken! We'll have iced tea and lemonade and chips - you are free to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Everyone is invited (we'll have an RSVP soon so we know how much food we need!)

Island 20&30s

Island 20&30s seeks to connect adults in their 20s and 30s from Lutheran congregations across Oahu. See Kayla for more info!

Bible Study - May 1, 7pm

Lunch - May 17th (following 10:45 worship)

MEN'S GROUP (SMITHYs)

Wednesday, May 6th and 20th at

7:00am at the Mission Center (tan house at the top of the parking lot).



ARE YOU GRADUATING?

Let us know! E-mail DCE Kayla at:

aloha@oursaviorhawaii.com



Preschool - 6th Grade

808.488.0000 or

oursaviorlutherschool.org



NEW TO THE CHURCH OR COMMUNITY?

We'd love to get to know you and help answer your questions! Call 808.488.3654, stop by the office (on Koauka Street) or e-mail:

aloha@oursaviorhawaii.com.



ONLINE ACCESS

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Access the latest news and notes anytime along with the calendar, forms to download, and more.

Online Worship, Bible Studies, and Sunday School are posted on Saturdays @ 9am and are available 24/7.

You can also find and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.



Quarterly Mission Project

2nd Quarter - Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs and Hawaii FiDo Service Dogs

LCC is present at just about every major national disaster on the Mainland - with emergency response and their comfort dog program:

<http://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org>

Hawaii FiDo trains service dogs for wounded warriors and facilities on Oahu:

<http://www.hawaiiifido.org>

Our Compassion Children are Jony Enrique Tolentino from El Salvador, Jamia from Bangladesh and Justina Kulwa from Tanzania. We take a special calabash offering on the 2nd Sunday of the month to help support them.

compassion.com



IKE LOA (to seek wisdom)

The LCMS in Hawaii is made up of the following 10 churches:

Big Island

Waikoloa Lutheran - Pastor Jeff Mueller.
Christ Lutheran Church in Hilo - who are in the call process for a new pastor.

Maui

Emmanuel Lutheran, Kahului - Pastor Eddie Hosch.

Oahu

Messiah, Ewa Beach - Pastor Uma Kanagabasai. *Trinity, Wahiawa* (in the call process). *Good Shepherd, Honolulu* - Pastor Bob Mabry. *Our Redeemer, Honolulu* (in the call process) and *St. Mark, Kaneohe*, Pastor Dan Truesdell.

Kauai

St. Matthew's, Pastor Will Pierce.

Our Circuit Counselor and Regional Vice-President is Dan Truesdell and our Regional Lay Director is Deanna Sako from Christ, Hilo.



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OSLC is registered to receive your **Thrivent Choice Dollars**.



For more information on all activities:
e-mail: kayla@oursaviorhawaii.com
or **call Kayla** at 808.488.3654

Sunday School for PS - 8th Grade 9:37am

in the FaithIsland Room
We're following the Lectionary (which is the amazing story of Jesus and you!)

YOUTH GROUP...

May 3rd, 17th, 24th @ 4:30 - 6pm

Continuing our series on...



Confirmation Class is finished for this year

We'll start again in August!



March 2026

Offerings: \$66,129

Expenses: \$74,068

Difference: -\$7,939

Mahalo for your generosity!