

# The Breadfruit

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*Next Breadfruit Deadline: November 15*



## Thanksgiving Luncheon

For a time of fellowship and a celebration of gratitude, everyone is invited to the annual Lihue Christian Church Luncheon.

**Date: Sunday, November 24**

**Time: Following Worship Service**

**Place: LCC Social Hall**

**Cost: There will be a \$8.00 fee for those 12 years old and older.**

Please sign up on the Thanksgiving Luncheon Sign-Up Sheet or speak to Michelle Valenciano, Marlene Morimoto, or Mary Starr.



## November 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!

**November 3 Communion Sunday**  
**Reading: Mark 12:28-34**

**Kids Klub 8:30 a.m.**

**Aha MokuPuni at Waimea UCC 3-6 p.m.**  
**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Zoughbi Alzoughbi**

**November 10 Kids Klub 8:30 a.m.**  
**Worship 9:30 a.m.**

**November 13 Pastoral Relations Committee**  
**3:30 p.m. LCC**

**November 17 Kids Klub 8:30 a.m.**

**ONA Core Team Meeting**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**Worship 9:30 a.m.**

**November 24 Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**Kids Klub 8:30 a.m.**  
**Worship 9:30 a.m.**  
**Thanksgiving Luncheon following worship**

## Pastor's Message

### Cheap Grace/Costly Grace

When I was in North Carolina in September, I passed by a lot where a new building was going up. I'm not sure what the building is going to be but the huge sign out front read: **Dirt For Sale**.

Something about this sign struck me as rather ridiculous! To tell you the truth, I was a little upset about it. Some entity was trying to make a profit on the dirt it needs to get rid of before a new building can go up. Good old North Carolina red clay dirt, rocks and all, for sale. I'm sure someone somewhere probably needs fill dirt but the idea of selling just plain old dirt struck me as capitalism sinking to a new low. Commodifying dirt! Something we try to keep out of our houses, our clothes, and our food. But if we put a price tag on it, someone will buy it, right? We've even managed to commodify the Bible! But there's one thing that isn't for sale - God's grace. It can't be bought. It can't be earned. It is freely given. And it requires a response.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer\*, in his book *The Cost of Discipleship*, writes that there are two kinds of grace – **cheap grace** and **costly grace**. Cheap grace is “sold on the market”. Cheap grace is forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, grace without discipleship, without the cross and without Jesus Christ.

Costly grace, on the other hand, calls us to follow Jesus. Costly grace is confession. It is repentance, it is church discipline, it is communion, and discipleship and the cross and Jesus Christ. Costly grace is seeking the gospel again and again where we learn what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Worship, reading scripture, caring for others, these are not prices we pay to buy God's grace, but responses to God's gift of grace through Jesus.

How are we responding to God's gift of grace as individuals and as the church?

Blessings,  
Pastor Cheri

\*Dietrich Bonhoeffer (4 February 1906 – 9 April 1945) was a German Lutheran pastor, neo-orthodox theologian and anti-Nazi dissident who was a key founding member of the Confessing Church. His writings on Christianity's role in the secular world have become widely influential; his 1937 book *The Cost of Discipleship* is described as a modern classic. Apart from his theological writings, Bonhoeffer was known for his staunch resistance to the Nazi dictatorship, including vocal opposition to Adolf Hitler's euthanasia program and genocidal persecution of the Jews. He was arrested in April 1943 by the Gestapo and imprisoned at Tegel Prison for 1½ years. Later, he was transferred to Flossenbürg concentration camp. Bonhoeffer was accused of being associated with the 20 July plot to assassinate Hitler and was tried along with other accused plotters, including former members of the Abwehr (the German Military Intelligence Office). He was hanged on 9 April 1945 during the collapse of the Nazi regime.)

## ‘Ae Kamali`i Preschool

Pam and Penni, Co-Directors

### Fire Safety and Family Fun Day

It's that time of the year when we learn about Fire Safety. We held our first fire drill of the school year and the children did very well. In class, we also learned to Stop, Drop and Roll if your clothes catch on fire, to how to crawl low to get out of a smokey room and more!

Every school year we plan many outdoor family fun days where the children enjoy a morning of activities, games and crafts, and parents are invited to volunteer and play along with their child. Our first fun day for this year was "Pirate Day" and we had a blast! The children made hats, telescopes and parrots. They went on a treasure hunt, played pirate games and even walked the plank.



Treasure hunting



Making pirate hats



Colorful paper parrots



Walking the plank...watch out for sharks!

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

John Arzadon, Margaret Chow, Rev. Richard Chun, Jean Hamura, Pacita Jimenez, Florence Lardizabal, Kailee Mu, Chanelle Quinones, JoAnn Rapozo, Alice Shigeta, Russell Shimazu, Robert Tamura and all in need...

**The Family of Layne Shigeta** who passed away on October 8, 2024. Survivors include his wife Linda, sons Noah (Rebekah) Osborn, and Nicholas Shigeta, mother Alice Shigeta, brothers Daryl (Martha), Tyler (Rosie) and Donn Shigeta, as well as two grandchildren.

## Aha Mokupuni Speaker: Rev. Dr. Zoughbi Alzoughbi

On Sunday, November 3, 2024, the Kauai Association United Church of Christ will feature Rev. Dr. Zoughbi Alzoughbi, founder and director of Wi'am: The Palestinian Conflict Transformation Center based in Bethlehem, Palestine, at the Aha Mokupuni. The Aha Mokupuni will be held at the Waimea United Church of Christ from 3-6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Dr. Zoughbi will appear in person to discuss the Christian response to the crisis in the Middle East. For more information on Wi'am, see: [www.alaslah.org](http://www.alaslah.org)

Worship and a Fellowship Meal are included in the program. Attendees are invited to share their favorite dessert as part of the meal.

## In Place

Vince Amlin,  
Co-pastor of Bethany UCC, Chicago  
November 27, 2023

*Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers. - Romans 13:11 (NRSV)*

The alarm rang. 3am. Karen and I bundled into the clothes we'd set out the night before. No time to waste.

We made our way across town, met up with the group, and headed into the mountains. As the vans got close to our destination, they slowed to a crawl, their lights as low as safely possible. Then twenty of us slipped out into the night, the crunch of snow under our boots the only sound.

We took our places in the park service trailer. No heat. Absolute darkness. No reason to raise the binoculars around our necks.

Half an hour later, people started leaning into their friends, asking, "Is that one?"

"No, I think it's just a sage bush."

But in another 15 minutes we could see tiny black bundles, tracing their way across the slightly-less-black ground.

Finally, as the sun lit the plain, we were treated to one of the most incredible spectacles in the natural world: the mating ritual of the Greater Sage Grouse. Dozens of birds strutting through the snow, their tails each a fan of brown spikes, their fluffy white chests puffed out, two yellow air sacs poking through.

We followed the intricate steps of their dance. Listened to their booming, burbling calls. And stared at one another in joyous wonder. To be witnesses to this stunning performance at the end of our long, cold vigil.

Keep watch. Be ready. Trust that when the sun rises, there will be something to see.

# BAZAAR 2024

The Lihue Christian Church (LCC) Bazaar Committee sends a warm mahalo to all who attended and purchased goods at this year's Bazaar. Big thanks, especially, to everyone – cooks, gardeners, bakers, crafters, cashiers, sushi makers, prep people, donors, and set-up crew. – who helped make the Bazaar an outstanding success. Your generous contributions directly benefited LCC's programs as well as its wider mission to support state, national, and global ministries.

Mahalo to the Scouts of Troop 148 for assisting with the setting up and breaking down of the Bazaar. Thank you, Scouts, for assisting customers with their purchases. Thank you to Ae Kamali'i Preschool staff and parents for their time to help with the prepping of the nishime ingredients and their donations of plants and baked goods. These partnerships were invaluable and added variety and quality to the Bazaar.

The committee offers our deepest gratitude to the individuals, LCC members and friends who made monetary donations to the bazaar.

Finally, I give a heartfelt thank you and applaud the committee chairs for their outstanding work:

Ae Kamali'i Preschool:	Pam Viveiros and Penni Taketa
Baked Goods:	Joan Fujimura and Mary Starr
Scouts of Troop 148:	Chris LaRusso
Crafts:	Marlene Morimoto and Beth Salling
Finance:	Joey Tanaka
Nishime:	Bryce Nakamura
Publicity:	Joy Koerte
Set-up:	Scout Troop 148
Sushi:	Corliss Shimabukuro

In God's Love,  
Karen Nakamura  
LCC 2024 Bazaar Chair





# 2024 Lihue Christian Church Bazaar: A review in Photos

Photos provided by Corliss Shimabukuro and Pastor Cheri



**Bazaar volunteers were essential from start to finish! Thank you, Everyone! God Bless you!**



**Chancel Decorators:**

November 3 Shelly Cassler, Rachel Furutani  
November 10 Pat Yama and Cherish Gokan  
November 17 Marlene Morimoto  
November 24 Lisa Jeffery  
December 1 Tassie Agena

**Financial Secretaries:**

November 3 Gale Domingsel, Faith Matsumura  
November 10 Eleanor Chow, Marlene Morimoto,  
Pat White  
November 17 Russell and Becky Wada  
November 24 Joan Fujimura, Lisa Jeffery  
December 1 Faith Matsumura, Verna Yamase

**Lay Readers:**

November 3 Samantha Tominaga  
November 10 Malie Miyazaki  
November 17 Lisa Shimazu  
November 24 Pat White  
December 1 Calvin Murashige

**Greeters/Ushers:**

November 3 Lisa Jeffery, Pat White  
November 10 Calvin and Jolynne Uyesono  
November 17 Faith Matsumura, Sam Shirai  
November 24 Norman Seki, Steven Yamashita,  
Larry Yasuda, Peter Yukimura  
December 1 Nadine Oshima, Yolanda Yamauchi

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