

The Breadfruit

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Next Breadfruit Deadline: May 15

May 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!

- May 4** **Communion Sunday**
 Donations of non-perishable food items, hygiene products and clean towels may be placed in the boxes near the sanctuary entrance.
- May 9-10** **Spring Aha Moku-puni**
Koloa Union Church
- May 11** **Mother's Day**
- May 15** **Pastoral Relations Committee 4 pm**
Lihue Christian Church
- May 18** **Baccalaureate Sunday**
- May 25** **Kids Klub and Worship**
- June 1** **Kids Klub and Worship**



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.

Pastor's Message "The Pope and Easter"

Today is the Monday after Easter and I'm sitting at the dining room table in the parsonage, having just finished breakfast. Staring out the window, I see a little bird perched on the center of the roof right at the point on the end, like a gargoyle at the end of a cathedral's roof. I reached for my phone to grab a pic but when I turned around, she'd flown off. The thought of gargoyles gets me thinking about cathedrals and the Pope. (If left to its own, my mind would flit around all day like a bird! 🐦) It's only been a few hours since the announcement of Pope Francis's death. I ponder on his dying the day after Easter. "It's a sad time but the Pope passing the day after Easter, how wonderfully fitting."

I've always admired this Pope, particularly how well he seemed to handle his role in the church and in the secular world. He was the leader of the largest Christian denomination in the world (1.7 billion members). Within that one role he was the shepherd to believers in hundreds of countries with hundreds of different cultures all understanding God in their own way. In his role as the Head of State of Vatican City, he reached out to the leaders of other nations. He impressed me with his ability to "hold his own" with those often argumentative and less than friendly leaders and still felt at home with the members of marginalized communities. His calling as Pope could not have been easy.

We can learn much from the actions of this man for it seems to me that he greeted everyone with kindness and respect, even those with which he disagreed. His trust in God is reflected in his actions to the point that one of his last acts was to pronounce in person the Easter Blessing on the people gathered in St. Peter's Square – Buona Pasqua.

This newsletter will be published in early May and the church will still be in the Easter Season, so in remembrance of Christ's resurrection, and in memory of Pope Francis, a beloved child of God, I wish you all Buona Pasqua – Blessed Easter.

Pastor Cheri



ʻAe Kamaliʻi Preschool

Pam and Penni, Co-Directors

Month of the Young Child Fun Days

Our annual Month of the Young Child activities were in full swing! A couple of our themes this year are CONSTRUCTION and WESTERN. On **Construction Day**, we experienced and learned all about the tools and equipment needed to build and construct.



The students hammered and built with different tools and materials, and Ryan Moura (Luke and Shay's Dad) brought a couple of big machines for us to explore and see in action.

On **Western Day**, we had a ton of fun riding, roping, panning for gold and practicing our lassoing skills. We made our own paper vests and met real cowboys (Eliana Rodero's Grandpa and Uncle) and a herding dog ... Wow! That was so exciting!





LCC's leadership teams were installed during worship on March 30, 2025. Moderator, Erica Tabalba stands behind Pastor Cheri. Thank you, leaders, for your service.

“Built on a Firm Foundation”

‘Aha Pae’aina June 12-14, 2025
Beth Salling

This year's theme for our annual Pae'aina is “Built on a Firm Foundation.” It's an appropriate theme because our churches are built on a firm foundation through the dedication of our members and pastors.

The LCC `Aha Pae'aina team needs help. As the conference gets closer, a sign-up sheet will be available for those wanting to attend the “Taste of Kauai” dinner which will be held at The Kapaa First Hawaiian Church on Friday, June 13. This dinner will feature Kauai churches each offering a popular main dish. LCC will provide nishime. We plan to purchase the nishime **unless** a volunteer/volunteers agree to cook nishime for about 175 people. If you are interested in doing this, please let us know. The ingredients will be purchased for you.

We also need volunteers to help with the logistics of food service. We need people to help with prepping and serving food, putting away left-over food and cleaning up for two dinners, two breakfasts and two lunches.

The last lunch on Saturday, June 14, will be bento box lunches ordered from DJs Box Lunch. We need someone to pick up and deliver the 175 bento boxes and two coolers of macaroni salad to The Kapaa First Hawaiian Church. If you can pick up the lunches and the two coolers, please let us know.

Another feature event at the Pae'aina will be a Makeke (market) on Friday evening during the Taste of Kauai dinner and into the evening. LCC will have tents and tables set up to sell items. We will sell handcrafted items, food products and a selection of plants. If you want to volunteer your talent or time, let us know. The money earned will go to our church.

A huge Mahalo to Michelle Valenciano, Marlene Morimoto, Erica Tabalba, Gail Murashige and Beth Salling for sewing 75+ cloth book bags for the delegates. The Marshallese also volunteered to make bags.

Thank you, LCC for your support and participation! No matter when or where, you are always there! It “takes a village” to get things accomplished, and Lihue Christian Church is an awesome village!

Mahalo,
The ‘Aha Pae’aina Team
Beth Salling, Michelle Valenciano and Pastor Cheri

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

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

Classification and Its Discontents

Quinn G. Caldwell,
Chaplain of the Protestant Cooperative
Ministry at Cornell University
(May 20, 2024)

Our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. - 2 Corinthians 3:5b-6 (NRSV)

TIL* that pigeons produce milk for their young. *Milk!* From *birds!* They make it in the crop, a structure in their throats, and deposit it directly into the mouths of their chicks

[*TIL: "today I learned"]

I told our seven-year-old, who is very into animals. I thought he would think it's cool, but he's also very into Linnean taxonomy, so instead he was incensed. "Then they're not birds," he stated flatly. "Birds don't produce milk. Only mammals do."

He's not wrong. Then again, reptiles never give birth to live young ... but rattlesnakes do. Mammals never lay eggs ... but platypuses do. All plants make chlorophyll ... but ghost pipes don't.

In the end, all rules are just heuristics, brain shortcuts that help us not be paralyzed by a world overwhelming in its complexity. It's especially true for rules that group and classify: This is a mammal over here, and that over there is not, and here's why. This is a tree, and that is not. This is in, and that is out. The usefulness and importance of these rules can't be overstated. But life on earth is such that sooner or later every rule meets some magnificent weirdo that demands to be heard on its own terms. When it does, wise ones let the rules of classification fall away and let some deeper principle take over.

If you don't, you might find yourself insisting that pigeons are mammals.

If you don't, you might find yourself insisting that there's someone on earth outside the clade of God's love.



Chancel Decorators:

May 4 Becky and Erin Wada
May 11 Crystal Fujikawa
May 18 Clare Morishige, Carol Seino
May 25 Tina Cox, Faith Matsumura
June 1 Lisa Jeffery

Announcer/Lay Readers:

May 4 Phyllis Meighen
May 11 Clifton Kukino
May 18 David Iha
May 25 Alicia Corbett
June 1 Samantha Tominaga

Financial Secretaries:

May 4 Susan Fujii, Crystal Fujikawa
May 11 Gale Domingsel, Faith Matsumura
May 18 Eleanor Chow, Marlene Morimoto
May 25 Russell and Becky Wada
June 1 Joan Fujimura, Lisa Jeffery

Greeters/Ushers:

May 4 Norman Seki, Steven Yamashita,
Larry Yasuda, Peter Yukimura
May 11 Nadine Oshima, Yolanda Yamaguchi
May 18 Keith Dennis, Sam Shirai
May 25 Russell and Becky Wada
June 1 Calvin and Gail Morishige

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