

# The Breadfruit

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**Next Breadfruit Deadline: February 15**



## February Calendar

- Sundays**      **Breakfast Café 8:15-9:15 a.m.**  
                  **Kids Klub 8:30-9:15 a.m.**  
                  **Worship 9:30 a.m.**
  
- February 1**    **Communion Sunday**  
 Donations of non -perishable food items and hygiene products may be left under the table near the sanctuary entry.
  
- Pastor Cheri Dennis' Installation**  
 LCC 2:00 p.m.
  
- February 8**    **Scout Sunday for Scouting America**  
 Scouts from Troop 148 will participate in the worship service.
  
- February 18**   **Ash Wednesday**  
 Services: 12 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
  
- February 22**   **Faith Formation Class**  
 LCC 10:45 a.m.

## Good To Know

### In need of Pastoral Care?

Contact Pastor Cheri Dennis  
Cell: (704) 519-6016  
Email: cheridennis1951@gmail.com

### How can I donate non-perishable food items, hygiene products, or clean towels?

Items may be placed in the boxes under the table near the LCC sanctuary entry. In 2025, 864 pounds of non-perishable food items were donated to the food banks on Kauai. This was 100 pounds more than LCC contributed in 2024. Great giving!

### What is Scout Sunday?

**Scout Sunday** is a time for Scouts to honor their "Duty to God" by participating in religious services, often on the Sunday before February 8th (Scouting's Anniversary), but it can be any day in February. This allows Scouts to visibly show their appreciation to their religious chartered organization and to display, "A Scout is reverent."

## Pastor's Message

### "I don't want to bother the pastor."

Please, I urge you, bother the pastor! I was recently made aware that a message left on the church office phone on a Friday afternoon did not get relayed to me until Monday. That's understandable as the messages are not picked up when the office is closed. But it led to some misunderstanding. When I suggest that someone call me directly, I often hear, "Pastor, I don't want to bother you." Thank you for this sentiment but.....

#### **Bother the pastor! This pastor would love it!**

Pastoral Care is part of my role as pastor of Lihue Christian Church, but when I don't know that someone needs care (whatever that looks like), I'm unable to offer care. Pastoral Care is defined as "the compassionate, relational work of **supporting people in their spiritual, emotional, and practical lives**, especially during times of need. It's less about programs and more about **presence** —walking alongside individuals and communities with empathy, wisdom, and faith." In times past, calling the church office and/or leaving a message was the way to reach the pastor. But times are changing. Our office is not staffed full-time. However, I have a cell phone that is used for my personal **and pastoral** work.

I may not be available 24/7, 365 days a year, but I am available. If you, family member or a friend would like a visit (home, hospital, anywhere else), a phone call, a chat, or a long theological discussion, I would love nothing more than to hear, "Pastor, I've come/called to bother you!" So, here's how you can reach me:

**Cell phone: 704-519-6016** - (calls or texts). If there's no answer, leave a message. I will get back to you.

**E-Mail: cheridennis1951@gmail.com**

Or simply drop by the parsonage or my office in the church. If I'm there, I'll be glad to spend time with you!

February blessings. Remember, be an angel and share God's love all month.

Pastor Cheri

## Lihue Christian Church Celebrates Baptisms

*<sup>13</sup> Jesus left Galilee and went to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John kept objecting and said, "I ought to be baptized by you. Why have you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> Jesus answered, "For now this is how it should be, because we must do all God wants us to do." Then John agreed.*

*<sup>16</sup> So Jesus was baptized. And as soon as he came out of the water, the sky opened, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him like a dove. <sup>17</sup> Then a voice from heaven said, "This is my own dear Son, and I am pleased with him." Matthew 3:13-17 (CEV)*

On Sunday, January 11, 2026, the LCC congregation witnessed the baptisms of Olivia Narciso and Joshua Pajela by Pastor Cheri Dennis. Aileia Cassler helped prepare the font and the congregation vowed to help Olivia and Joshua with their spiritual journeys.



The Narciso family stand in support of Olivia.



Joshua and Alice intently listen to Pastor Cheri.

## Ae Kamali`i Preschool

Pam and Penni, Co-Directors

### Peace and Friendship

Along with our theme of Peace and Friendship, we celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr with our annual Friendship Fruit Salad. In class we shared his message of Friendship, Peace and Kindness, and tried our best to practice caring for one another. Everyone shared in bringing something to add to our fruit salad, and the children loved helping to prepare it. Of course, the very best part was eating the delicious salad with our lunch.



Our fruit salad included more than nine different fruits. It was a delicious addition to our chicken stew lunch.

Happy Birthday, Dr. King!

**Dear Lord,**

**Hear Our Prayers For.....**

Margaret Chow, Rev. Richard Chun, Gale Domingsel, Jean Hamura, David Iha, Pacita Jimenez, Florence Lardizabal, Lucille Mikasa, JoAnn Rapozo, Alice Shigeta, Russell Shimazu, Rachel Tamura, and all in need...

**The family of Harriet Tsuruyo Yamasaki Coyle.**

Harriet passed away in Amaranth, Ontario at age 92. She is survived by children, Mary, Chris, Anne and Michael, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Services were held at Lihue Christian Church on January 24, 2026.



## Calling for *Class of 2026* Graduates

Do you have a family member, relative, or friend who will be graduating this year? Lihue Christian Church will invite and celebrate graduates on Baccalaureate Sunday in May 2026.

If you know a graduate, please submit their name and contact information to Joan Fujimura (808-639-4833) or Karen Nakamura, (808-245-2348). Graduates will be invited to participate in our annual Baccalaureate Service.

## Apocalypse Not Now

Vince Amlin,  
Co-Pastor at Bethany UCC,  
Chicago (2/16/2025)

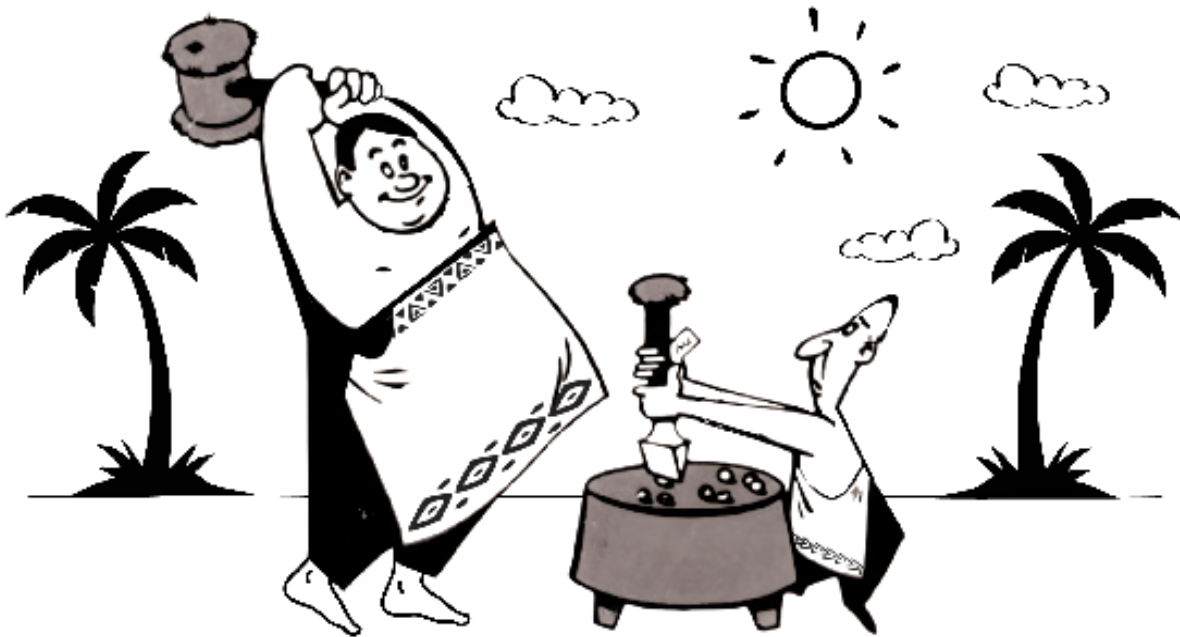
*We beg you, siblings, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. - 2 Thessalonians 2:1b-2 (NRSV, adapted)*

In 8th grade, I joined the track team in a vain attempt to impress my more athletic girlfriend. Having no particular skills, I was assigned to run the mile: four laps around the track. In my first race, to my great surprise, I managed to stay in the center of the pack. As I hit the final straightaway, I kicked into a sprint, until I collapsed across the finish line. There were still plenty of kids on the track. Maybe I wasn't so bad after all. Suddenly, my coach was hovering over me. "What are you doing?" he said. "You only ran three laps!"

The church in Thessalonica is winded and has a bad case of shin splints. They believed themselves to be running a sprint, not a marathon. They figured when Jesus said he was coming back that meant ... soon. Paul's answer: There's a lot more race to run.

In our own time, there is a sense that time is constantly urgent—and still winding up. Whether you're a preacher or a climatologist, it's certain we can't go on long this way. If I think about it too hard, I want to collapse and watch things fall apart from a soft place in the grass. Paul's words wake me from my cynicism and send me out to live in such a way that all creation will have a few more laps.

# TRUST CAMP 2026



**SPRING BREAK, 17-20TH OF MARCH  
IN KOKEE AT WAINEKE CABINS**

Sign-up today! We have limited space, & "first come, first serve"

**\$10 to sign up! (Scholarships available)**

**CONTACT YOUTH MISSIONARY JARED OR PASTOR OLAF  
(808-255-8041 OR 808-482-1649)**

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**Chancel Decorators:**

February 1 Noreen Tavares  
February 8 Scout Sunday  
February 15 Becky Wada, Erin Wada  
February 22 Corliss Shimabukuro  
March 1 Clare Morishige, Carol Seino

**Announcer/Lay Readers:**

February 1 Samantha Tominaga  
February 8 Scout Sunday  
February 15 Lisa Jeffery  
February 22 Beth Salling  
March 1 Joy Koerte

**Financial Secretaries:**

February 1 Russell and Becky Wada  
February 8 Joan Fujimura, Lisa Jeffery  
February 15 Tina Cox, Faith Matsumura,  
Verna Yamase  
February 22 Noreen Tavares, Jolynne Uyesono  
March 1 Penni Taketa, JoAnn Tanaka

**Greeters/Ushers:**

February 1 Harold and Noreen Tavares  
February 8 Scout Sunday  
February 15 Lisa Jeffery, Laurie Wakayama  
February 22 Calvin & Jolene Uyesono  
March 1 Norman Seki, Steven Yamashita,  
Larry Yasuda, Peter Yukimura

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