

The Breadfruit

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Next Breadfruit Deadline: March 15



March Calendar

- Sundays** **Breakfast Café 8:15-9:15 a.m.**
 Kids Klub 8:30-9:15 a.m.
 Worship 9:30 a.m.

- March 1** **Communion Sunday**
 Donations of non -perishable food
 items and hygiene products may be
 left under the table near the
 sanctuary entry.

- March 15** **Kids Klub Activity 8:30am**
 Creating Prayer Pretzels with
 Pastor Phyllis

- March 17-20** **Trust Camp 2026 for Youth**
 Waineke, Kokee

- March 22** **Kids Klub Activity 8:30 am**
 Invite a friend to Game Day (ping
 pong, jacks)

Request For Assistance From The Administrative Assistant Position Committee

Congratulations to Karen Nakamura
She will be retiring in August, after 25 years of
serving Lihue Christian Church.

So now is the time to start thinking about how we
will fill this valuable position.

- Do you know anyone who would like to
work for Lihue Christian Church?
- Do you know someone who wants a part-
time position, working for a wonderful
church family?
- Do you know someone with great computer
skills, is wonderfully organized, and super
friendly?

Does anyone know someone like this? If you do,
please have them contact the LCC office. We know
God answers prayers.

The AAP Committee,
Debra Munar
Beth Salling
Clifton Kukino
Penni Taketa
Rodney Munar



Pastor's Message

“Dreaming A Future for Lihue Christian Church”

Photo: Laying of Hands at Pastor Cherie's Ordination on February 1, 2026.

Isa 43:18-19 Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

On Saturday, January 17, 2026, eleven of us spent a few hours dreaming about the future of Lihue Christian Church. Together we addressed the questions “What will the church look like in 5, 10, 20, 50 years? What will LCC look like going forward?”

When dreaming of a future, it is important to remember that there are no limits on dreams. One can dream whatever one desires. Without limits, we dreamed a few dreams.

- Build housing on our grass parking lot
- Build a new pre-school on the parking lot & something new on the old pre-school space
- Repair and upgrade the social hall inviting community organizations to use it
- Remove the pews from the sanctuary and replace with moveable seating to provide space for other things – classes, performances, etc.
- Remove the back pews, replace with rocking chairs, quiet toys, rug for young children
- Start a “So you want to be an angel” list of local volunteer and donation opportunities with updated lists posted on the bulletin board. (This has been started – see the bulletin board in the sanctuary.)
- Partner with Project Vision to implement a Safe Parking zone in our parking lot
- Start a community garden in partnership with students from KCC
- Allow Kaua'i Play Streets to use the street in front of church during Night Market
- Begin a timely weekly electronic news (e-news)
- Put in an electronic/digital marquee in front of the building.
- Start a Stephen Ministry program
- Air condition the Social Hall and/or Sanctuary
- Add two video screens in the middle of the sanctuary for those who love to sit in the back of the church

What are the ways going forward that the church will serve our members and the community?

What will Lihue Christian Church look like in the future? It doesn't cost money to dream. What is your dream for Lihue Christian Church? Share it with the Church Council.

Remember, without a dream, nothing will ever get started and who knows what God has in store for LCC!

Pastor Cheri Dennis, Joan Fujimura, Rachel Furutani, Lisa Jeffrey, Mary Starr, Marlene Morimoto, Michelle Valenciano, Donna Loo, Ben Kershner, Keith Dennis, and Karen Nakamura

Moderator's Message

As Lihue Christian Church's 2026 Council heads into doing business, we are reminded that we are here to do God's work. Our mission is to love God and love our neighbor! What does that look like for our church? As we plan and make decisions, we will always reflect on how our decisions fit into the mission of our church and following God.

The Council meets every fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary conference room. Anyone is welcome to attend along with the officers and board/committee chairs. Minutes of our meetings are kept in a binder in the church office along with all the monthly financial statements.

We ask for your support throughout the year. We still have the following openings that we hope to fill with your help. If you feel the nudge to serve but have questions about these positions, please ask. Help us do God's work.

- Christian Education Board: two openings
- Board of Trustees: two openings
- Board of Deacons: one opening

If you have ideas of what you would like to see at Lihue Christian Church, please share them with Council members. We are a family and it is important that these discussions and sharing occur.

I will do my best to keep you informed as we move forward.

Rachel Furutani,
Moderator

Lihue Christian Church 2026 Council

Officers

Rachel Furutani, Moderator
Erica Tabalba, Vice Moderator
Shelly Cassler and Joseph Cassler, Clerks
Russell Wada, Treasurer

Board of Trustees

Clifton Kukino, Chairman and Facilities
Debra Munar, Personnel

Board of Deacons

Marlene Morimoto and Michelle Valenciano, Co-Chairmen
Mary Starr and Donna Loo, Members

Board of Christian Education

Joan Fujimura, Chairman
Katie Kershner, Member

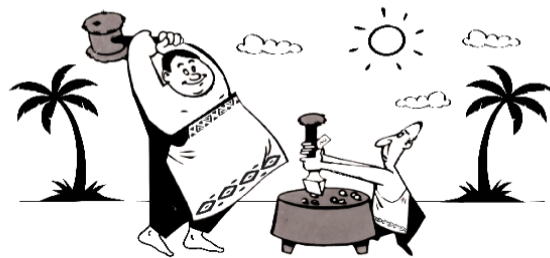
`Ae Kamali`i Preschool Board's LCC Representatives

Joy Koerte and Tina Cox

Pastoral Relations Committee

Alicia Corbett, Chairman
Noreen Tavares, Lisa Jeffery, Rachel Furutani, Ben Kershner, Members

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)**

*Waimea United Church of Christ
waimeachurch.org*

KIDS KLUB KORNER

Joan Fujimura

Kudos to Joy Koerte who engaged the kids in a lesson on conversational skills in the latter part of January. Previously she had shared her expertise in public relations, providing tips and practice in public speaking to help them be at ease and more effective in delivering a message to an audience. Mahalo, Joy



Keith Dennis teaches Karen Nakamura and Lisa Jeffery the game of Yahtzee after a Sunday service in February before bringing his lesson to Kids Klub a week later. Karen's grandson, Brycen, eagerly joined the game.

Kid's Klub is held every Sunday from 8:30-9:15 a.m. in the recreational hall or sanctuary conference room.

Ae Kamali`i Preschool

Pam and Penni, Co-Directors

100th Day of School Celebration

Wow, it's been One Hundred days of school! The days have just flown by, so we counted to 100 and celebrated all morning playing bean bag toss, 100 Activities, dressing up, making a collage and having lots of fun.



Valentine Sharing

The children made special valentine cards to share with our Kaua'i Adult Day Health neighbors. We also brought along with us lots of smiles and hugs ... We had a very Happy Valentines Day!



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...



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.

Light As A Feather

Mary Luti,
a long-time seminary educator and pastor
March 10, 2025

Jesus said, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:30 (NRSV)

An older church member succumbed to a lingering illness. He'd been much loved, but that love was hard-won. Whenever his shame, regret, and bitter memories kicked up inside him, he'd take it out on people in the church. It took perseverance to love him, to find the places in him that were beautiful. With God's help, some of us eventually did.

His funeral was on a holiday weekend. Many folks had gone away, and the reception fell to one woman, someone he'd often offended. She made sandwiches, set up chairs, laid the table, served the coffee, and stayed late to put things away. I caught her at the door. "That was so much work! Thank you."

"A pleasure," she replied.

A pleasure? I looked at her, wide-eyed. She could read between my lines: A pleasure? For him?

"Oh, yes," she assured me. "Light as a feather!" And out she went, looking younger than she was.

And I thought about times of my own when, because of love, some hard thing I was doing seemed the best, most compelling thing in the world. Times when I felt almost weightless. Times when the hours sped by as fast as they did for Jacob, who served Laban seven years to wed Rachel, "and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her."

Love, Paul says, bears all things. Love shoulders it all, bending under it to unburden us. Light as a feather. There are many ways to live in this world, but to live the best way, go to Jesus, take his love yoke upon you, learn how light it is.

Save the Date: Good Friday, April 3, 2026

**EASTER EGG HUNT PREPARATION,
PIZZA, SALAD, MOVIE NIGHT & POPCORN**

Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Place: Lihue Christian Church Recreational Hall
Movie: TBA at sign-up in March

We'll be filling plastic eggs for our Egg Hunt
and dying hard-boiled eggs to donate for Sunday's Breakfast Club
You may also bring your own hard-boiled eggs to dye and take home.

Pizza, salad, and popcorn provided.
Bring a friend along.

R.S.V.P. by Sunday, March 29, 2026
Sign-up on the sheet in the sanctuary or
leave a message at church office, 808-245-2348,
indicating the number of adults and children attending.
Contact Joan Fujimura 808-639-4833 if you have questions.



Easter Sunday Egg Hunt



**April 5, 2026
following Worship Service**

Please bring your own basket or container. All plastic eggs will be collected after the egg hunt for recycling.

Chancel Decorators:

March 1 Clare Morishige, Carol Seino
March 8 Tina Cox, Faith Matsumura
March 15 Lisa Jeffery
March 22 Carolyn Inouye
March 29 Lynn Kusaka
April 5 Barbara Miyake

Announcer/Lay Readers:

March 1 Joy Koerte
March 8 Sara Miura
March 15 Calvin Murashige
March 22 Joe Cassler
March 29 Shelly Cassler
April 5 Keith Dennis

Financial Secretaries:

March 1 Penni Taketa, JoAnn Tanaka
March 8 Kimberly Inouye, Erin Wada
March 15 Susan Fujii, Crystal Fujikawa
March 22 Tina Cox, Faith Matsumura,
Verna Yamase
March 29 Eleanor Chow, Marlene Morimoto
April 5 Russell & Becky Wada

Greeters/Ushers:

March 1 Norman Seki, Steven Yamashita,
Larry Yasuda, Peter Yukimura
March 8 Nadine Oshima, Yolanda Yamauchi
March 15 Keith Dennis, Sam Shirai
March 22 Russell & Becky Wada
March 29 Calvin & Gail Murashige
April 5 Joshua & Alice Pajela

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