

The Breadfruit

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Next Breadfruit Deadline: April 15



April Calendar

Sundays	Breakfast Café 8:15-9:15 a.m. Kids Klub 8:30-9:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.
April 2	Maundy Thursday Worship 6:00 p.m.
April 3	Good Friday Worship Service 12 Noon Egg Dying, Pizza and Movie Night 5:30 p.m. Social Hall Bring: hard boiled eggs Intergenerational Activity
April 5	Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship 6:30 a.m. Worship with Communion 9:30 a.m. Egg Hunt: Following Worship
April 26	Kids Klub Activity 8:30 a.m. Okinawan Eisa Drumming with Naomi Hamamura and Donna Umetsu

Plan to Attend:

2026 KAUCC Spring Aha Mokupuni **Saturday, May 16th, 2026** **Church of the Pacific** Princeville

8 am - 9 am.	Welcome, Coffee and Continental delights
9 am - 10 am.	Council of Haw. Cong. Churches
10 am - 11 am.	KAUCC business meeting
11 am - 12 pm.	Worship (Word given by Rev. Dr. Mark Poppen)
12 pm - 1pm.	Lunch
1pm - 3pm.	Ahe Mele

Pastor's Message

Them and Us

It's Sunday afternoon, March 22 and I'm already late with a meditation for the April *Breadfruit*. As I sit at the dining table in the parsonage and tell myself that I've procrastinated long enough, it's time to write, my ears hear the strong drum beat and songs of the Marshallese Congregation holding another celebration in the church. I'm not sure what they're celebrating today. After all, their church calendar has at least one celebration each month. It could be the birthday of their church, the birthday of the women's group, the birthday of the youth group and even the day the Bible was first published in their language. While I may not understand their words, I know they are celebrating God's love; God's love for them and for us.

But, as Swifthorse taught the citizens of Old Village*, there is no them and us. We are all God's creation. God's big, beautiful, diverse creation. There is no them and us when I hear the melody line of a hymn they're singing and follow along in English. "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see."

There is no them and us when it comes to God for God created all of us to live in harmony, Yes, to live in harmony in our diversity. The sound that reaches my ear is one of four-part harmony sung by strong voices that need no instrumental back-up. The vocal sound is different than our western sound. That is the diversity. But the words sung in Marshallese are words of confession and thanksgiving – the same sung when LCC sings *Amazing Grace*. In *Amazing Grace* we confess our sin and thank God for Amazing Grace. Perhaps one of our sins is believing in the "them and us" of the world when in God's kingdom of heaven on earth, there is no them and us, only us. We are "us" and we are all covered by God's grace. Amen!

Blessings,

Pastor Cheri

**Swifthorse is a character in the book Cory and the 7th Story written by Brian McLaren and Gareth Higgins. In my imagination, Swifthorse is modeled after Jesus. Swifthorse, like Jesus, teaches another way of living in peace with one another founded on love for one another. Swifthorse, is hated by many because of his teaching and is eventually run out of town. But, like the followers of Jesus since the time of Jesus, there are those who continue to practice living in harmony and love.*

Moderator's Message

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

In what ways is God calling you to minister to others?

Here are highlights for our last Council meeting:

- Signage will be put up for the LCC fenced, grassy parking area. A message of possible towing will also be part of the signage.
- Maintenance work continues with the Social Hall and parsonage. We are working on getting the Sanctuary and Columbarium fumigated. The interior walls of the sanctuary were recently painted.
- Monthly Food Bank donations and packaged hygiene bags continue. Please continue to support these ministries.
- Easter preparation with Kids Klub will be on Friday, April 3rd. Egg dying and stuffing of artificial eggs, plus pizza dinner and a movie are planned. The Egg hunt will be on Easter Sunday, April 5th after worship.
- A committee to work on the Administrative Assistant (note: title change) position has been started. This committee will work on the job description and hiring of the person for the position. This will take the place of the current position held by our 25-year employee Karen Nakamura who will retire in August 2026.
- As we take care of business for the church, we keep in mind that we are here to serve and carry out God's work. During Advent the theme was Angels. The sanctuary was decorated throughout with many types of angels. We continue to learn and hope to become angels for others.
- Be An Angel...a list of things and ways you can start becoming an angel by doing service for others is on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary. We begin our journey with little deeds. The members of LCC Council have been charged to Be An Angel. This is part of the Council's spiritual work. We ask that all of you join us in doing for others.

In recent months, our property has become in full-use throughout the week as we work through our relationship with the Kauai Marshallese Ministry (KMM). KMM has been using our facilities for several months and as with any new relationship, we take the time to work together.

Our meetings are on the 4th Thursday of every month, and all are welcome to attend. If you have suggestions for the Council, please let us know.

Rachel Furutani,
Moderator

·Ae Kamali`i Preschool

Pam and Penni, Co-Directors

Lunar New Year Celebration

Kung Hay Fat Choy! Wishing everyone happiness and prosperity in 2026, the year of the Fire Horse. The children worked very hard putting together and decorating their headbands and shakers for our annual Chinese New Year parade. We shared our well wishes with the Kaua'i Adult Day Health grandmas, grandpas and staff. Our celebration concluded with a rainbow confetti (Fruity cereal) toss on the hill behind the church.



Kids Klub Corner

Joan Fujimura

February ended with Keith Dennis teaching the kids his favorite childhood family game, Yahtze. This excited participant was so engrossed in the game that she forgot to snap a photo.

In March, Pastor Phyllis shared a lesson on the origin of the Lenten prayer pretzel and carried it over into the children's message during the morning service in the sanctuary. The kids shared ready-made pretzels along with the recipe they used to make their own soft pretzel that morning. Oodles of kudos to Keith Dennis and Pastor Phyllis!



Lenten Soft Pretzel Recipe

Did you know that the pretzel was invented to be a simple Lenten snack? It reminds us of arms crossed in prayer.

Suggested Yield: 6 large pretzels

Ingredients

1 package yeast .25 oz
1 1/2 cups warm water
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
4 cups flour
1 egg
Large salt for topping

Directions

1. Mix together yeast, water, sugar, and salt.
2. Stir in flour. Knead until dough is smooth.
3. Shape into the form of arms crossed in prayer and place on a baking sheet.
4. Brush dough with a beaten egg to give it a shiny finish. Sprinkle with salt (large kosher salt works best).
5. Bake in preheated oven at 425 degrees 5 minutes

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.

A New Mandate

Matt Laney,
co-Pastor of Virginia Highland Church UCC in Atlanta, GA and the author of *Pride Wars*, a fantasy series published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for Young Readers.
April 17, 2025

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." - John 13:34-35 (NRSV)

Maundy Thursday: the day in Holy Week—this week, the week before Easter—with a name that is pretty much a complete mystery to the average English speaker. In my church, it's known as the day people won't deal with Atlanta evening traffic to come to church (totally understandable), so we have an at-home "comzoomion" service.

Maundy comes from the word *mandatum*, which means "command, order" or closer still, "mandate." Maundy Thursday got its name from an anthem sung in Catholic churches on this day: *Mandatum novum do vobis*, which are Jesus' words, "I give you a new commandment that you love one another."

There are days when I wish Jesus hadn't said that.

Why not stick with the part about loving God, who, let's face it, is much easier to love? How could Love not be loved? People on the other hand... In order to love them, I first have to know them, hear their stories, feel their joys and their pains, put up with their issues. I guess that's why Jesus made it a commandment rather than a suggestion. Tall order, especially on the eve of Good Friday when we remember just how low humanity can go. It's too easy to stay home and not bother.

Truly, Maundy Thursday is a mandate for change, a mandate to do the hard and holy work of showing up and loving people as Jesus did even when, especially when, humans were at their worst.

**EASTER EGG HUNT PREPARATION,
PIZZA, SALAD, MOVIE NIGHT & POPCORN
Good Friday, April 3, 2026**

Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Place: Lihue Christian Church Recreational Hall
Movie: TBA

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.

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:

April 5 Barbara Miyake
April 12 Corliss Shimabukuro
April 19 Shelly Cassler, Rachel Furutani
April 26 Joy Kukino, Jana Miyazaki
May 3 Donna Loo

Announcer/Lay Readers:

April 5 Keith Dennis
April 12 Susan Miura
April 19 Mary Starr
April 26 Avery Dominguel
May 3 Madisyn Nii

Financial Secretaries:

April 5 Russell & Becky Wada
April 12 Joan Fujimura, Lisa Jeffery
April 19 Tina Cox, Faith Matsumura,
 Verna Yamase
April 26 Noreen Tavares, Jolynne Uyesono
May 3 Penni Taketa, JoAnn Tanaka

Greeters/Ushers:

April 5 Joshua & Alice Pajela
April 12 Harold & Noreen Tavares
April 19 Lisa Jeffery, Laurie Wakayama
April 26 Calvin & Jolynne Uyesono
May 3 Norman Seki, Steven Yamashita,
 Larry Yasuda, Peter Yukimura

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