The Breadfruit

Lihue Christian Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Next Breadfruit Deadline: August 15



August Calendar

Sundays	**Breakfast Café 8:15-9:15 a.m.** **Kids Klub 8:30 a.m.** **Worship 9:30 a.m.**
August 2	**Communion Sunday** **Donations** of non-perishable food and hygiene items may be left in the boxes near the church entry
August 9	**Kids Klub** will hold the first session of the new school year in the social hall conference room. Time: 8:30 a.m. **Lessons on The Lord's Prayer will be taught by Pastor Phyllis.**
August 16	**Retirement Celebration for Karen Nakamura** Time: After worship service Place: Social Hall Potluck Luncheon

A Fond Aloha

ALOHA!

Before I leave this office, I'd like to give every one of my church family a BIG "THANK YOU" for allowing me to be your church secretary. It has been an honor to serve for twenty-five (25) years.

Thank you for the all the goodies I've received over the years. Thank you to everyone whom I asked for help. Not one Person has ever said, "NO." Everyone made my job an enjoyable experience.

Many people have asked me what my plans are for all the free time I'm going to have. My answer is, "I DON'T KNOW." In due time, I will figure it out…I do know that my house needs a good cleaning.

I won't be far away. If you need help, I will be around to help. But remember, tasks must be appropriate for a kupuna-age retiree and not for a young spring chicken.

With a grateful heart,
Karen

Pastor's Message

The Fruit of the Spirit: Patience



Gal 5:22-23 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (NRSVA)

I recently had a week when my patience was sorely tested. For those of you whose life is on your cell phone, you will understand. I left my phone on a plane and have yet to get it back. For a week I didn't have access to this piece of electronics that I relied on. I'd go to look up some bit of information and then realize – no phone! Luckily I had insurance on the phone, and had the information backed-up so all wasn't lost forever. I received a new phone but not without a sales pitch from the relentless customer service rep who was helping me set it up. That was almost the time I lost my patience. He was not going to accept my "No thank you."

Patience doesn't come naturally. There are times when I have to work at it. Like every time I reached for my phone and it wasn't here. I had to stop, take a deep breath, and say a little prayer actually. "God help me not get upset. Show me how I can handle this in a different way." Leaning on God, and not myself, to handle a situation I couldn't control, helped me to be patient. There was nothing I could do to get my phone. Continuing to be upset only put me (and probably those around me) in a bad mood!

Last Sunday I talked about love of neighbor being an act of will, not an emotion. I think all of the fruits of the spirit, not just love, are acts of will, not emotion. We can chose to love, we can chose to be joyful, to be at peace, to be patient, to be kind, to be generous, to be faithful, to be gentle, and to have self-control. Even when chosing these actions may not be within our grasp; we try and we miss the mark, God's grace covers us and gives us a "do over." With a "do over" and the help of the Holy Spirit, we all have the ability to produce the fruit of the Spirit. May your fruit trees be bountiful!

God's blessings,
Pastor Cheri

`Ae Kamali`i Preschool

Pam and Penni, Co-Directors

Graduation 2026

We are honored to present our graduating class of 2026! We are extremely proud of how they have all grown, and of all that they have achieved in their time here at ‘Ae Kamali’i Preschool. We wish them all the very best on their new journey, as they pursue their own unique chosen path in life.

Mahalo to our preschool families for all their help with the planning and decorations of our Graduation Program and potluck dinner. Our theme this year was “Toy Story, On To The Next Story.” Everyone (including our returning friends) performed eight songs and our graduates were highlighted with the “When I Grow Up…” portion of the program.



Kids Klub Mini-Golf

Joan Fujimura
June 26, 2025





Greetings, LCC Ohana!

Aloha everyone!

My name is Heather Guerrero, and I will be the new administrative assistant for Lihue Christian Church. I live in Lihue with my husband, Aldrine, and my two daughters, Elle (8) and Sophie (3).

I grew up attending a UCC church (Montebello Plymouth Congregational Church in Southern California) where my mother was the music director. I feel so lucky to have found another church that also feels so familiar.

I'd like to thank Pastor Cheri for making this position known to my family and me, and a huge thank you to Karen Nakamura for all her help with this transition. I definitely have big shoes to fill!

I look forward to serving this congregation, community, and my newfound church family.

Mahalo!
Heather Toshiko Guerrero



Dear Lord,

Hear Our Prayers For…..

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

Relay For Life 2026 will be a fun filled community event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money to help the American Cancer Society save lives, help those who have been touched by cancer, and empower individuals to fight back against this disease. It will also be a time to remember those lost to cancer and to celebrate those who have survived. It is a night for people who have shared the same experience to comfort and console one another.
Teams will gather at:

Kauai Philippine Cultural Center
Saturday, September 12, 2026
4:00-10:00 pm

Come and join us for fun and fellowship. If interested, please call Marlene (808)652-1055 or the church office (808) 245-2348 to be part of the **Lihue Christian Church (LCC) and Friends Team**. We are accepting donations payable to: The American Cancer Society.

Mahalo!

What's On Your List

Talitha Arnold,
Senior Pastor of the United Church of Santa Fe (UCC),
Santa Fe, New Mexico.
August 22, 2025

Dear children, keep yourself from idols. - 1 John 5:21 (NIV)

What are your idols?

What do you give your time, energy, or homage to?

Since a preacher shouldn't ask any question she's not willing to answer herself, here's a (partial) list of my idols:

- wanting to be liked;
- not wanting to disappoint;
- making sure everyone is happy.

That's only the beginning. I have other idols, most having to do with numbers. Church size. Dress size. Articles written. Articles published.

What's on your list?

Perhaps John's admonishment was only against statues of gold or silver. But the first Christians were people like us, so he might have been warning them about our kinds of idols, too.

John's words echo the wisdom of Rev. Dr. Reuben Sheares, one of the saints of the UCC. Years ago, preaching at my installation at the church I still serve, Sheares reminded the congregation (and its new pastor) why we come to church every Sunday. "All week long," he said, "we're seduced to worship all the little mini-gods of our lives. Sunday mornings, we come to remember the one true God."

Making a list of our idols is the first step. Turning them over to the real God is the next. "This is the boldness we have in God," John affirmed in his letter, "that if we ask anything according to God's will, God will hear us." For, John concluded, "God is the true God and eternal life."

A footnote to the passage says, "Some ancient authorities add 'Amen.'" I know Reuben Sheares would have.

Chancel Decorators:
August 2 Placido Valenciano
August 9 Becky Wada, Erin Wada
August 16 Pastor Phyllis Meighen
August 23 Rachel Furutani
August 30 Pat Yama, Cherish Gokan
September 6 Marlene Morimoto

Financial Secretaries:
August 2 Eleanor Chow, Marlene Morimoto
August 9 Russell & Becky Wada
August 16 Joan Fujimura, Lisa Jeffery
August 23 Tina Cox, Faith Matsumura, Verna Yamase
August 30 Jolynne Uyesono
September 6 Penni Taketa, JoAnn Tanaka

Announcer/Lay Readers:
August 2 Clifton Kukino
August 9 Sara Miura
August 16 Alice Pajela
August 23 JoAnn Yukimura
August 30 Phyllis Meighen
September 6 Joy Koerte

Greeters/Ushers:
August 2 Calvin & Gail Murashige
August 9 Joshua & Alice Pajela
August 16 Harold Tavares
August 23 Lisa Jeffery, Laurie Wakayama
August 30 Calvin & Jolynne Uyesono
September 6 Norman Seki, Steven Yamashita, Larry Yasuda, Peter Yukimura

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