LIHUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE BREADFRUIT

SEPTEMBER 2026



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Līhu'e Christian Church Worship & Picnic in the Park

Date: Sunday, September 20
Time: 9:30 am
Place: Lydgate Park Pavillion
Cost: $5.00 for ages 12 and over

An RSVP sign-up sheet is on the table near the sanctuary entry
Or call/text Heather (808) 346-8252

Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers provided
Bring a dessert or any side dish of your choice and your own beverage in a thermos (No commercial plastic bottled water allowed in county parks – water will be available in a jug)

Prize donations welcomed!



For questions, call Joan (808) 639-4833

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays
Breakfast Café 8:15-9:15 am
Worship 9:30 am
Kids Klub 8:30 am

9/7 - Church Office Closed

9/6 - Kids Klub - Making luminarias for Relay for Life with Aunty Joanie

9/12 - Relay for Life

9/13 - Kids Klub with Pastor Cheri

9/20 - Annual Church Picnic and Worship @ Lydgate Beach Park

9/24 - Council Meeting

9/27 - Kids Klub with Aunty Katie

Pastor's Message



"Jesus wept." John 11:35

I wanted to take some time this month to talk about grief, especially to let all of you know that there is no time limit on grief, that there is no "correct" way to grieve. Even though Elizabeth Kubler-Ross noted five stages of grief, those five stages come and go like the rain and sunshine on Kaua'i. In the past few months, this congregation has experienced grief. The unexpected death of Noreen Tavares, a bright light in this congregation. The passing of longtime member Lucille Mikasa who hasn't been able to worship with us for many years. Even Karen's retirement has saddened some of us as she was the warm, welcoming face of Lihue Christian for 25 years. These events cause change, expected and unexpected. And grief usually brings change.

But God is with us always, in times of grief, in times of hope, in times of change.

"Jesus wept." (John 11:35) The shortest verse in scripture and yet one of the most profound. Jesus in his humanity wept for the loss of his friend Lazarus, and shared the grief of Mary & Martha, Lazarus's sister. Jesus tried to get away from the crowds to mourn the death of his friend John the Baptizer. Jesus understands human grief. But Jesus also brought hope. **And Christian hope does not require us to not grieve.** Instead, it gives us space to grieve in our own ways and in our own time. In our grief, may this thought give us hope.

May God's hope and blessings be with you all,
Pastor Cheri



Moderator's Message

As 2027 is fast approaching, we focus our planning for the year. God blesses each and every one of us with skills and talents. Every year we reach out to the members to come forward and share their skills, talents and love for God by serving in our ministry to our community and church. This year is no different. We will have opening in the Council as well as on our boards and committees. Feel God's nudge and volunteer for one of the openings. If you have questions about any position(s), please ask any of the current officers or members of the boards. They will be able to give you information. Here are the current openings for 2027

Christian Education Board: Working with others to plan and implement programs and activities for Adults and Children Education.

2 member positions

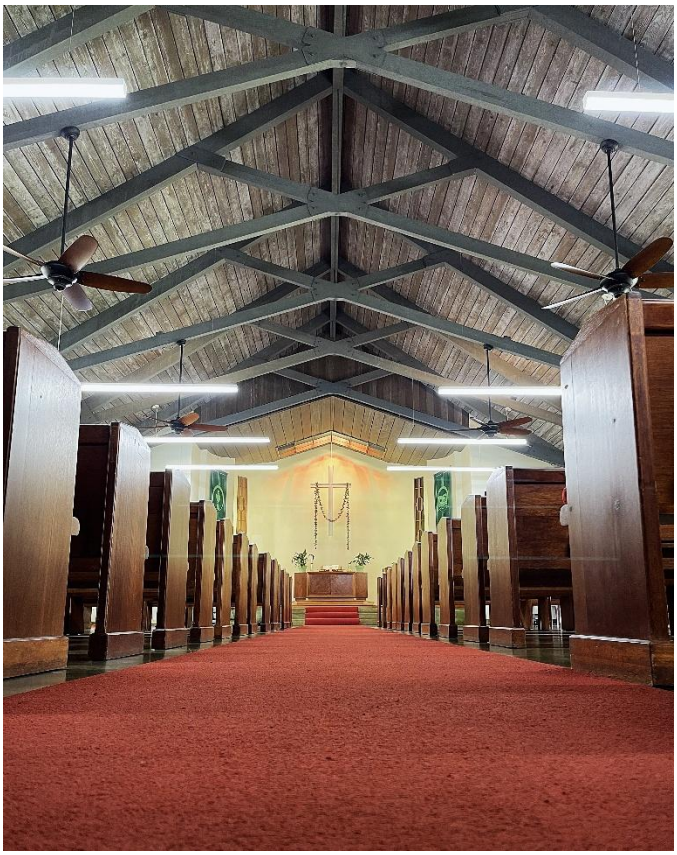
Board of Trustees: Responsible for the care and custody of finances, buildings and property of the church. Personnel evaluations and contract agreements.

2 member positions

Pastoral Relations Committee: Will help the pastor and the congregation maintain appropriate expectation for the scope of the pastor's work.

1 member position

We continue to work on our agreement with Ohana Pacific Health and coming up with a new License Agreement. We hope the new agreement will be finalized by January 1, 2027.



The buildings and grounds work is a continuous ongoing project. Looking at doing some updates to the columbarium, working on our PV agreement, and many maintenance issues that needs to be looked at.

We continue to work on sharing our property with the Marshallese congregation. It takes effort for all of this to happen and we are doing our best to continue the transition.

Everyday God is by our side as we do our ministry and church business. We rely on prayer and guidance by remembering his words.

-Rachel Furutani/Moderator

‘Ae Kamali’i Preschool News

Hooray, our brand new school year has begun! We held our two-day Parent/Child Classroom Orientation. Each child, accompanied by an adult, spent a fun filled morning learning about their new classroom and practicing their daily school routine.

Both orientation days were on a half day schedule and ended at 11am. The children ate breakfast, played on the playground, and enjoyed some fun activities at class time.

Each classroom provides an indoor/outdoor learning environment using outdoor partitions to create additional open-air space on our lanai and some other shaded areas for added learning center space.

The children had a great time! We look forward to our wonderful new school year with all of our new and returning ‘Ae Kamali’i friends.

-Pam and Penni – Co-directors





1st day of learning our breakfast routine



Making new friends on the playground



Inside/Outside class time activities

Karen's Retirement Celebration



Pictured: Derek, Karen, Collin & Zeba

The storm came, the winds blew, and Tropical Storm Lala threatened to disrupt our plans—but after 25 years of faithfully showing up for the church, there was no way a little rain was going to keep us from showing up for our dearest Karen Nakamura.

She has helped every member of the congregation over her 25 years of being a servant of God. She's single-handedly the one person any of us could call because she always knew what to do and how to do it.

Many of us would think her position as executive secretary was an easy job. Little did any of us know that she wore many hats and her work was invisible. Her contributions were in the thousands of tiny things nobody noticed because things simply got done.

For 25 years, she was there—when the phone rang, when someone needed help, when a wedding or memorial needed coordinating, when someone needed a key, or when a anyone simply needed a listening ear. She was there for the ordinary days and the extraordinary ones.

Now, after 25 years, it is our turn to simply say: Thank you. Mahalo to Karen for 25 years of serving Lihue Christian Church. We love you!



Pictured: Liliana Cox & Karen



Pictured: Karen, Elle, Aldrine, Heather, & Sophie

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:

Kauaʻi Philippine Cultural Center
Saturday, September 12, 2026
4:00-9:00 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 **Līhuʻe Christian Church (LCC) and Friends Team**. We are accepting donations payable to: The American Cancer Society.

Mahalo!

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dear Lord,

Hear Our Prayers For....

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

The family of Noreen Suemi Horita Tavares. Noreen passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, on June 26, 2026. Noreen was a teacher, class advisor, and curriculum coordinator at Pearl City High School. She was preceded in death by her parents Edward and Miyoko Horita and brother Norman Horita. Noreen is survived by her husband of 44 years, Harold Tavares, daughter Megan (Michael) Nii, son Jared (Kelli) Tavares, grandchildren Michael "Koa", Madisyn "Malie", Emma "Kalea", Wyatt "Nakoa", and Madden "Kahe", brothers Edwin Horita, Gilbert Horita, sisters Sharyn Matsuoka and Shayn Tokita.

A Celebration of life will be on Saturday September 12, 2026 at Līhuʻe Christian Church. Visitation at 9am, service at 10am, with lunch to follow at the church, and a paʻina at the residence.

Chancel Decorators:

September 6	Marlene Morimoto
September 13	Michelle Valenciano
September 20	LCC Picnic
September 27	Debra Munar
October 4	Beth Sailing

Financial Secretaries:

September 6	JoAnn Tanaka, Penni Taketa
September 13	
September 20	LCC Picnic
September 27	Susan Fujii, Crystal Fujikawa
October 4	Faith Matsumura, Verna Yamase, Tina Cox

Announcer/Lay Readers:

September 6	Joy Koerte
September 13	Peyton Koerte
September 20	LCC Picnic
September 27	Naomi Hamamura
October 4	Keith Dennis

Greeters/Ushers:

September 6	Norman Seki, Steven Yamashita, Larry Yasuda, Peter Yukimura
September 13	
September 20	LCC Picnic
September 27	Keith Dennis, Sam Shirai
October 4	Russel & Becky Wada

September 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 Social Hall booked for private event 10am – 9pm
6 Breakfast Café @8:30am Kids Klub @8:30am Marshallese Service @3-8:30pm	7 Labor Day Office Closed AG Ukulele Academy @4-6pm	8 AG Ukulele Academy Keiki @2:45-4:45pm	9 Marshallese Service @7-8:30pm	10 Marshallese Women's Bible Study @7-8:30pm AG Ukulele Academy Keiki @2:45-4:45pm	11 AG Ukulele Academy @4-6pm	12 Celebration of Life: Noreen Tavares @10am Relay For Life
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20 Annual Church Picnic - Lydgate Beach Park @9:30am Marshallese Service @3-8:30pm	21 AG Ukulele Academy @4-6pm	22 KAUCC General Meeting @5:30pm AG Ukulele Academy Keiki @2:45-4:45pm	23 'Ae Kamali'I Board Meeting via Zoom @5pm Marshallese Service @7-8:30pm	24 Church Council Meeting @5:30pm Marshallese Women's Bible Study @7-8:30pm AG Ukulele Academy Keiki @2:45-4:45pm	25 AG Ukulele Academy @4-6pm	26
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