LIHUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE BREADFRUIT

NOVEMBER 2026



American Cancer Society RELAY FOR LIFE

Due to the impacts of Hurricane Lowell, the Relay for Life event has been rescheduled. Let's us gather for this 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 is also a time to remember those lost to cancer and 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 Veterans Center
3215 Kapule Highway, Lihue, HI 96766
Saturday December 5, 2026
4:00 – 8:00 pm

Come and join us for fun and fellowship. If interested, please call Marlene (808) 652-1055 or Heather at the office (808) 245-2348 to be part of the **Līhu'e Christian Church (LCC) and Friends Team**.

Mahalo!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

11/1 – Kids Klub: Putting at Puakea with Uncle Calvin

11/3 – Election Day – Church Office Closed

11/7 – Noreen Tavares Celebration of Life

11/11 – Veteran's Day – Church Office Closed

11/22 – Thanksgiving Luncheon

11/26 – Thanksgiving Day – Church Office Closed

11/29 – First Sunday in Advent

Pastor's Message

Speaking Grief

"Jesus wept." John 11:35

The old saying goes, "Nothing is certain in this life but death (and taxes)!" And I heard this again yesterday evening only the speaker left out the "and taxes!" This was the opening Rev. Walt Weiss gave at the Hospice showing of the documentary "Speaking Grief." As your pastor, I felt the need for me to get a refresher on grief because Lihue Christian has lost many members to death since I began here three years ago. Some of those deaths were expected and some came as quite a shock. Often the grief was felt not just by the loved ones of the deceased, but also by the church as a whole.

Viewing this film reminded me that the experience of grief is different for each person. Some folks are quiet and turn inward. Others turn outward and want to be around people. Some are confused, or angry, or hurt, or depressed, or any emotion you can name and all at the same time. It also reminded me that grief doesn't have a timeline. It can last a few weeks or decades. I lost my sister 56 years ago when we were teenagers. While my grief has changed over those 56 years, there are still times when I'm brought to tears when I think about what might have been had she'd lived. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, allow yourself to grieve in your own way and on your own timeline. If you are supporting someone experiencing grief, let them grieve. The role of grief support is not to take away the pain because we can't. It is to be there and walk with them through the pain. At times you may be both grieving and supporting someone else who is grieving. Take time to recognize your own grief. Allow someone else to offer you support. Let others know that you are hurting too.

Hospice provided two resources for attendees to share in hopes that the more we talk about grief, the more we better prepared we are to walk with those experiencing grief.

"Send Some Love" suggests some things to say – and not to say – to encourage you as you support those experiencing grief.

"**Support Ideas"** is a list of tangible things you can do instead of waiting for an answer to, "Let me know what you need."

We will all go through grief, and we will all need to support someone who is grieving. May we remember, though, that our God has promised to walk with us through all the days of our lives – even those when we don't believe God is there. And, if your grief includes anger at God, then be angry. God can take it! After all, we have a God who grieves too.

Peace my friends, Pastor Cheri

Moderator's Message



Once again, we see the kindness and generosity of the people of our ʻāina. Hurricane Lowell brought damage and loss, but the people of Kauai came together and supported everyone in their own way. The cleanup was supported by many; the feeding and contribution of food and water was shared with all. This is the ministry we should do all the time and not only when a disaster hits. May we continue to support each other in our everyday life.

Our church property did sustain some damage and we are working with Island Insurance to see what we are able to claim. One major area of concern is the erosion in the back of the parsonage. This is due to the wind and rain blowing down lots of the trees and plants in the valley. We will work with Grove Farm Museum to see how we can resolve this problem.

Relationships is a key to life. Many of us work on this everyday within our family. As we continue to plan for 2027, the Council's focus for Lihue Christian Church is on building our relationship with the Marshallese Congregation, the Ohana Pacific Adult Day Care, 'Ae Kamali'i Preschool, and the Community we are a part of. As Stewardship Sunday approaches, let us come up with ways we can strengthen all our relationships through acts of ministry. We have become a very small congregation so if everyone can come up with at least one thing they can do to build these relationships, it will help.

We also need people to serve on the church council or on a board or committee. Two boards that are facing the greatest need is the Board of Trustees, and Christian Education. Christian Education deals with the education of our Youth and Children, as well as Adults. Kids Klub may not happen if we don't get volunteers to serve. You don't need to be a teacher to serve on this board. Everyone blessings from God and we need to use them.

May God come to you and nudge you to come forward. Let's do ministry and build relationships!

Rachel Furutani, Moderator



‘Ae Kamali’i Preschool News





Thank you to all of our wonderful Grandparents who stopped by to join us!

Grandparent’s Day Celebration

This year our Grandparent’s Day celebration had to be postponed due to a school closure following Hurricane Lowell. We rescheduled our celebration for Monday, Sept. 21st from 9:30 to 10:45, and what a wonderful turnout we had!

Grandparents joined us for a morning of games, activities, crafts and some light refreshments. The children loved sharing their time and classroom with all of our special guests.

- (Pam and Penni – Co-Directors)

There were indoor and outdoor games, crafts, and lots of fun activities.





It was a beautiful day!







Everyone enjoyed some light refreshments

KIDS KLUB KORNER











Did you know that Sunday, October 11th, was Pastor Appreciation Sunday? Yep, it was and it kind of snuck up on us unexpectedly when the kids were on the last day of their fall break so on the following Sunday, Aileia and Akemi Cassler made a card and lei in Kid's Klub to present to Pastor Cheri with thanks for all that she has done for Lihue Christian Church. Mahalo Pastor Cheri!

Scout Troop 148







Sharing Aloha, One Meal at a Time!

Scout Troop 148 put aloha into action by helping deliver prepared meals to kūpuna in our community. A delicious spaghetti meal was prepared by volunteers along with little notes of aloha written by the scouts and other youth volunteers. Through this simple act of kindness, our youth are learning the importance of serving others, honoring our elders, and sharing God's love through helping hands. Together, we are reminding our kūpuna that they are valued, cared for, and never forgotten. Mahalo to Joy Koerte for arranging this collaborative effort with Scout Troop 148 and Donna & Damian Loo of Laulima no nā 'Ohana, a non-profit organization that supports our kūpuna.. Great job Scout Troop 148!!

“Let all that you do be done in love.”

— 1 Corinthians 16:14



Dear Lord,

Hear Our Prayers For….

Jolynne Uyesono, Naomi Hamamura, Margaret Chow, Rev. Richard Chun, Gale Domingsel, Jean Hamura, David Iha, Pacita Jimemez, Florence Lardizabal, Darryl Maeda, 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 November 7, 2026 at Līhu'e Christian Church. Visitation at 9am, service at 10am, with lunch to follow at the church.

Announcer/Lay Readers:

November 1	Sara Miura
November 8	Alice Pajela
November 15	Clifton Kukino
November 22	Heidi Tabalba
November 29	Aileia Cassler
December 6	Madisyn Nii

Breakfast Café:

November 1	Shelly Cassler, Tinas Cox, Marlene Morimoto
November 8	Daphne McClure, Faith Matsumura, Corliss Shimabukuro
November 15	Pastor Phyllis Meighen, Paul & Danita Narciso
November 22	No Breakfast Cafe
November 29	Jimmy & April Oyadomari, Sam Shirai
December 6	Clifton Kukino, Beth Salling, Erica Tabalba

Greeters/Ushers:

November 1	Lisa Jeffery, Laurie Wakayama
November 8	Calvin & Jolynne Uyesono
November 15	Norman Seki, Steven Yamashita, Larry Yasuda, Peter Yukimura
November 22	Marlene Morimoto, Michelle Valenciano
November 29	Keith Dennis, Sam Shirai
December 6	Russell & Becky Wada

Kids Klub:

November 1	Putting @ Puakea w/ Uncle Calvin
November 8	Pastor Cheri
November 15	Katie Kershner
November 22	Preparing for Christmas
November 29	Preparing for Christmas
December 6	Preparing for Christmas

Financial Secretaries:

November 1	Tina Cox, Faith Matsumura, Verna Yamase
November 8	Jolynne Uyesono
November 15	Penni Taketa, Joey Tanaka
November 22	Kimberly Inouye, Erin Wada
November 29	Susan Fujii, Crystal Fujikawa
December 6	Tina Cox, Faith Matsumura, Verna Yamase

Chancel Decorators:

November 1	Susan Miura
November 8	Joy Kukino, Jana Miyazaki
November 15	Donna Loo
November 22	Alice Pajela
November 29	Danita Narciso
December 6	Placido Valenciano

November 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  Kids Klub: Putting @ Puakea with Calvin Murashige	2 AG Ukulele Academy @4-6pm	3 Election Day Church Office Closed	4 Marshallese Service @7-8:30pm	5 Marshallese Women's Bible Study @7-8:30pm	6	7 Noreen Tavares Celebration of Life @9am
8 Stewardship Sunday Breakfast Café @8:30am Kids Klub @8:30am Marshallese Service @3-8:30pm	9	10	11 Veteran's Day Church Office Closed Marshallese Service @7-8:30pm	12 AG Ukulele Academy Keiki @2:45-4:45pm Marshallese Women's Bible Study @7-8:30pm	13 AG Ukulele Academy @4-6pm	14 Garden Island Arts Council: Trashion Show 
15 Breakfast Café @8:30am Kids Klub @8:30am Marshallese Service @3-8:30pm	16 AG Ukulele Academy @4-6pm	17 AG Ukulele Academy Keiki @2:45-4:45pm	18 Marshallese Service @7-8:30pm	19 Deacons Meeting @ 10am AG Ukulele Academy Keiki @2:45-4:45pm Marshallese Women's Bible Study @7-8:30pm	20 AG Ukulele Academy @4-6pm	21
22 Thanksgiving Luncheon Kids Klub @8:30am Marshallese Service @3-8:30pm	23 AG Ukulele Academy @4-6pm	24 AG Ukulele Academy Keiki @2:45-4:45pm	25 Marshallese Service @7-8:30pm	26 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed  	27 AG Ukulele Academy @4-6pm	28
29 First Sunday of Advent Breakfast Café @8:30am Kids Klub @8:30am	30 AG Ukulele Academy @4-6pm					