



KLC Ohana News



February 2012

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

PASTOR DAVID J. KRUEGER

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Sunday, February 12th, is the date for KLC's Annual Congregational Meeting, which will take place at 9:15 a.m., in-between the morning worship services. The different ministry teams of KLC will present their reports, along with the elections of voting members to the 2012 Pacifica Synod Assembly, and the 2012 Nominating Team. The congregation will also be presented with the opportunity to approve a master plan for the expansion of the congregation's facilities. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend this important meeting. Copies of the annual report are available at worship on Sunday mornings, or you may stop by the church office and pick one up.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

This year's *Souper Bowl of Caring* will take place Sunday, February 5th, the same day that the NFL Super Bowl will be played. It's a day when congregations across the nation will be gathering in canned food items and cash donations to help the hungry and hurting. Here's how it works. That Sunday we are asking you to bring one canned food item/person to church. After worship, our youth will be on the lanai with large soup kettles. We're also asking that each person place \$1 into those kettles as they leave worship. The canned food, along with the money raised, will all be given to the Keolahou Food Pantry.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

This year the season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22nd. On that day there will be an opportunity to observe Ash Wednesday through a joint worship service with Trinity Episcopal Church by the Sea, and the Kihei Tongan United Methodist Mission, **held at Kihei Lutheran Church**. The service will start at 7:00 p.m., and will include the placing of ashes on worshippers' foreheads in the sign of a cross, along with the celebration of Holy Communion. This is a time when we consider our humanity and the truth of God's grace in the midst of that humanity. Please join us as we begin this special season of Lent. If you need more information, please contact Pastor Dave.



SILENT AUCTION AND DINNER

Back by popular demand, and because we have so much fun, the youth will be kicking off this year's fund raising with our silent auction dinner on **Saturday, February 11th, at 5:30 p.m.** This event will be a sit-down dinner with the high school youth as your servers. The dinner will be prepared by Tiffany Kidder, a former Four Seasons chef. For those of you who attended past dinners, you know you are in for an amazing meal! Tickets are on sale for only \$30.00/plate. There will be many exciting items for auction. It'll be a great evening – one you won't want to miss! We are still looking for donations for the auction, so please contact Barbara Rudow at 874-4008, if you can help. All money raised will help our youth attend the servant trip on O'ahu this coming June. Mahalo nui for your kokua!





ALOHA FROM PASTOR DAVE

Next month (March) it will be six years since we moved into our new facilities at KLC. That's hard to believe, isn't it? In those six years we have grown in a wide variety of ways as a congregation, both in terms of membership, and in terms of the ministry we are carrying out. That is evidenced by the Ministry Fair that took place on the last Sunday of January, and will take place again on the first Sunday of February, where over 34 different ministries have been/will be on display for everyone to see – ministries that involve life within the congregation, as well as in the community.

Of all the different areas where we have grown as a congregation over these past 6 years, the one area I thank God for the most is the area of us opening our doors to other groups to use the facilities. Shortly after we moved into the buildings in 2006, we opened the doors to Weight Watchers on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings. A little over two years ago we once again opened our doors to the Kihei Tongan United Methodist Mission, who uses the sanctuary on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. And not long ago we welcomed an A.A. group to meet in the Education Room on Friday evenings. One of the things that we stated clearly when we first moved into the facilities was that we knew from personal experience what it was like to be a church without a permanent home. Therefore, we were going to use what God had blessed us with, and offer it to be a blessing to other groups who were without a place to gather.

On Sunday, February 5th, we will be welcoming yet another congregation to use the KLC facilities – the Korean United Methodist Congregation. This takes place following a time of conversation within the church council, as well as with Pastor Sarah Kim, the pastor of the congregation. The Korean UMC will use the sanctuary and Education Room on Sundays from 1:30-4:30 p.m., and the Education Room on Thursdays, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. They have been renting space in Wailuku, but are now wanting to establish the congregation in the Kihei area. On a typical Sunday the congregation worships with around 30 people.

The morning of February 5th, I have invited Pastor Kim to be at our worship services so that we might meet and welcome her. I then plan to attend the beginning of her congregation's worship service that afternoon to bring greetings from KLC as they start to use the facilities. It is our hope that in the days ahead we will be able to share times of worship together, even as we have done with the Kihei Tongan United Methodist Mission. What a blessing that will be – to share worship and occasional meals with our brothers and sisters in Christ from these two churches.

Someone recently told me that in a conversation they had with a co-worker, the co-worker commented that KLC was such a busy place. They said that every time they drove by the church there were cars in the parking lot and people coming and going. What a wonderful witness that is to what KLC is all about. It's a place and a congregation that welcomes others to use the facilities that God has blessed us with. Blessed to be a blessing. Isn't that what Christ called us to be and do? I thank God that we have heard that invitation and continue to carry it out in all that we do at KLC! May the blessings of our God be with you in every way, as well as with the many people who come and go at KLC!

Ke Akua me ke Aloha,

Dave



WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING

On Monday, January 16th, KLC member, Dixie Chism, died at her residence at Kalama Heights. Dixie was 81, and had been a member of the congregation since 2007. A memorial service for Dixie was held at KLC on January 25th, with her ashes being spread in the ocean the following day. We will truly miss Dixie's sparkling personality, wit, and ever-present faith as she would drive her scooter up to the front row of the sanctuary each Sunday morning. We know, however, that God's claim upon her is a very real one, so she now lives with our Lord. Mahalo nui, Jesus, for Dixie's life in the midst of ours for these past 5 years!





PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Our next blessing of the Prayer Shawls will be Sunday February 12th at the beginning of both services. Please bring your Prayer Shawls and have the tag with your name on them. Mahalo!! We REJOICE that this month is the 5 year anniversary of this ministry. Many lives have been blessed and touched through this ministry!! Thanking God for each person who has made Prayer Shawls, to those who give money for yarn, and for all your prayers!! All praise and glory be to God!!

The ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry

ONLINE SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

The KLC Spiritual Gifts Team reminds you that you can take an online spiritual gifts assessment that will help you discover what your particular spiritual gifts are. Even if you have taken an inventory in the past, you're being encouraged to take the 10 minutes needed to complete this new assessment. The results will immediately be given to you at the time you've completed the inventory, as well as be sent to the Spiritual Gifts Team via email. Please go to the KLC website (www.kiheilutheran.org) and click on the link posted there to take the spiritual gifts assessment and learn how your gifts can best be used to serve our God. For more information, or a "hard copy" of the assessment (if you don't want to take it online), please contact Jan Porter at 283-6111.



JANUARY ANGELS

A huge mahalo nui to the members of the Kihei Tongan United Methodist Mission who continue to keep the bougainvillea plants on the hill on the mauka side of the church property cleaned out from the many weeds that are trying to take over. A group from the congregation comes frequently on Saturday mornings and spends a few hours making sure that the hillside is looking its best. For this wonderful ministry, they are truly angels in our midst.

Another angel is Fred Trott, who graciously offered his services and his boat to the family of Dixie Chism on January 26th, so that Dixie's ashes could be spread in the ocean. Both Fred and Lance Ziegler, KLC members who own boats, have been ready and willing to do so on numerous occasions, for which we are extremely grateful. Fred, you are an angel from God, and we thank you for that!

ANNUAL WHALE WATCH

KLC'S Annual Whale Watch is set for Sunday, **February 19th**. **Check-in will begin at**



1:15 p.m., at the docks at Ma'alaea Harbor. Please bring pupus to share. Non-alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase through the Pacific Whale Foundation. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for youth under 18. This year funds raised by the whale watch will support our youth who are going to O'ahu in June to do a week of service projects, working with the "Wounded Warriors", and youth from other ELCA congregations on O'ahu. Please see Vicki Nelson on Sundays for tickets. Any questions, please contact Vicki at 879-6908.



Benefit Dinner

HALE KAU KAU ANNUAL FUNDRAISER PA'INA

Hale Kau Kau feeds those in need - the hungry, homeless and homebound elderly, sick, and disabled of South Maui. KLC collaborates with this non-profit and other Kihei churches to help our hungry community members get the help they need.

The 13th Annual Hale Kau Kau Fundraiser Dinner and Auction will take place on Saturday, March 3rd, at the Wailea Beach Marriott Resort and Spa.

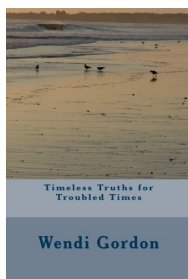
The theme of "Music Feeds the Soul" features a great line-up of entertainment - "Na Mele O Pa'ina" - music by Louise Alborano and Tarvin Makia - and Hawaii's youngest slack key guitar master - Makana.

Please join us and help support our soup kitchen that feeds the hungry a nutritious meal 365 evenings/year. Information regarding sponsorships, advertising in our event program, making auction donations, and ticket purchases can be obtained by calling 875-8754, or emailing hkkmarinet@gmail.com. If you are unable to join us, we will gladly accept donations to help us continue to fund this much-needed program that has served 16% more meals in the past 6 months than the same time period last year.





KLC MEMBER WENDI GORDON PUBLISHES BOOK OF CHRISTIAN MEDITATIONS



KLC member Wendi Gordon has written a book of Christian meditations entitled *Timeless Truths for Troubled Times*. The book includes 50 meditations based on her favorite Scripture passages and ancient Christian writings, and each meditation is followed by questions for personal reflection to help the reader apply the readings to his or her own life. Wendi has sensed God calling her to write this book for several years, and being laid off gave her the time she needed to get it done. On the acknowledgments page she expresses gratitude to the people of KLC, stating "you have all helped me grow in faith, hope, and love, and given me rich experiences to draw from as I wrote these meditations. I thank God for you." She hopes the book will help others who are going through difficult times by reminding them of God's promises and presence in their lives, and encouraging them to hold on to faith, hope, and love, so that we can all work together to make our world a better place.

Timeless Truths for Troubled Times is available in paperback and Kindle editions on Amazon, but you can also purchase an autographed copy directly from Wendi for \$15 if you're on Maui or \$20 including postage anywhere in the U.S. Email Wendi at wendi@hawaii.rr.com or talk to her at church if you would one. Wendi has also donated a copy to the KLC library.



Come! Sing!! Praise!!!

I would like to invite members, friends or visitors to come and sing with us as we now begin our rehearsals for Lent and Easter. If you have wanted to give choir a try now is a GREAT time to come and join us! We practice each Sunday from 9:15-10:10AM in the church. All are welcome! Hope to see you there as we give Praise to our Lord through song. God bless you!! Kathy Krueger



Helen Misner celebrated her 90th birthday at the church on Saturday, January 28th with a party planned by her ohana. Here she is, beautifully adorned with lei from the congregation, family, and friends.

SPECIAL THANKS...



Dear Pastor Krueger,
Thank you and your amazing congregation for being such splendid hosts at the 2011 Christmas Eve service!! Our entire family went to Hawaii for Christmas - the only time we have ever taken a holiday together, and likely the last one for my parents. It has been our tradition to attend Christmas Eve service at my parent's congregation's Lutheran church where we were all baptized and confirmed. Missing our Christmas Eve tradition was one of the drawbacks of going to Hawaii at Christmas. (We also light the candles and sing silent night).

What a wonderful treat it was to be so welcomed by you and your congregation on Christmas Eve. The service was fantastic with the special music and despite the howling wind, every effort was made by the ushers to make us as comfortable as possible which was heart-warming in itself. It is easy to forget about the true Christmas when in a place such as Maui, but all of us felt the true meaning of Christmas that evening. It was one of the most special moments for us in our trip to Hawaii and it will be a Christmas Eve that those of us in the family who attended will all remember.

Blessings to all of you, and I sincerely hope that Tony and I will have the chance to worship at Kihei Lutheran Church Ohana in the future!

Mahalo,
Kirsten Jewitt & Tony Van Burgsteden



FEBRUARY

Worship Assistants

ASSISTING MINISTERS

- Feb. 5 — 8:00 am Zel Terluin
10:30 am Joel Rudow
Feb. 12 — 8:00 am Vicki Nelson
10:30 am Judy Houchens
Feb. 19 — 8:00 am Dawn Misner
10:30 am Dave Ballaine
Feb. 26 — 8:00 am Peggy Alexander
10:30 am Jeanie Vance

COMMUNION

- Feb. 5 — 8:00 am Evelyn K., Zel T., Bert S., & Carol S.
10:30 am Holly & Bailey P., Duane & Judy H.
Feb. 12 — 8:00 am Tony & Margaret L., Donna S., Gail C.,
Nancy K.
10:30 am Jim & Geri B., Debbie G., & Dawn M.
Feb. 19 — 8:00 am Vicki & Roxi N., Sally H., Carolyn R-W.,
Karen G.
10:30 am Renee & Nels R., Andrea H., Hilary G.
Feb. 26 — 8:00 am Brad & Diana H., Joy N., Darrell P.,
Daryl W.
10:30 am Steve & Billie M., Betty M., Karen G.,
Sue M.

GREETERS

- Feb. 5 — 8:00 am Carolyn Rixey-Wagner & Leib Alexander
10:30 am Tony & Carol Wakefield
Feb. 12 — 8:00 am Gail C. & Donna Smith
10:30 am Mike & Nancy Dennison
Feb. 19 — 8:00 am Tony & Margaret Luteijn
10:30 am Tom & Cheryl Rietz
Feb. 26 — 8:00 am Diana Hill & Gloriann McDowell
10:30 am Steve & Billie Moksnes

FLOWERS

- Feb. 5 —
Feb. 12 — Debbie Galindo
Feb. 19 — Dick & Betty Friest
Feb. 26 — Daryl Watson

KEIKI CARE

- Feb. 5 — 8:00 am Betty & Dawn Misner
10:30 am Skye Schultz
Feb. 12 — 8:00 am Evelyn Kaya
10:30 am Jeanne Vorhes
Feb. 19 — 8:00 am Sue Moorcroft
10:30 am Eryn & Bailey Pendergast
Feb. 26 — 8:00 am Connie & Emily Pluchos
10:30 am Jeanie Vance

MEDIA

- Feb. 5 — 8:00 am Joel Rudow
10:30 am Allie Rudow
Feb. 12 — 8:00 am Sharyl Boren
10:30 am Roxi Nelson
Feb. 19 — 8:00 am Stephanie Mohr
10:30 am Nels Romerdahl
Feb. 26 — 8:00 am Allie Rudow
10:30 am Joel Rudow

READERS

- Feb. 5 — 8:00 am Joy Nelson
10:30 am Andrea Harris
Feb. 12 — 8:00 am Diana Hill
10:30 am Daryl Watson
Feb. 19 — 8:00 am Dawn Misner
10:30 am Lisa Paulson
Feb. 26 — 8:00 am Evelyn Kaya
10:30 am Steve Brauner

REFRESHMENTS

Please see sign up sheet on back Lanai Table

USHERS

- Feb. 5 — 8:00 am Leib Alexander & Owen Pendergast
10:30 am Steve & Billie Moksnes
Feb. 12 — 8:00 am Zel Terluin & Richard Gesch
10:30 am Jerry Embree & Sue Moorcroft
Feb. 19 — 8:00 am Owen Pendergast
10:30 am Hilary Glassel & Fred Trott
Feb. 26 — 8:00 am Zel Terluin & Lynn Carlson
10:30 am Fred Trott & Duane Chaney

God's Valentine Gift *sweet salvation, and*
God's Valentine gift of *instruction, good and*
love to us was not a *true--To love our friends*
bunch of flowers; It *and enemies and love*
wasn't candy, or a book *our Savior, too. So as*
to while away the hours. *we give our Valentines,*
His gift was to become *let's thank our Lord and*
a man, so He could *King; The reason we*
freely give his sacrificial *have love to give is that*
love for us, so you and I *He gave everything.*
could live. He gave us *By Joanna Fuchs*

"Women's Hui"

Next gathering on
Tuesday,
February 28th,
6:00 p.m.

at the parsonage:
2218 Auina Place,
Kihei
Study led by Wendi
Gordon

ALL ARE
WELCOME!



"Men's Hui"
Men will meet on
Tuesday,
February 28th,
6:00 p.m.
at the church



IMPORTANT STATISTICS

Dec.	2010	2011
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	246	240
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$ 38,426.93	\$51,514.99
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$282,444.01	\$283,372.71



“LIKE” US ON FACEBOOK

Facebook is coming to KLC during the month of February! Genevieve Kim is in the process of organizing the church's Facebook page which will post announcements of upcoming church activities and photos. When everything is ready to go, a link will be placed on the KLC website. Go ahead and “like” the KLC Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/Kiheilutheran>, and you will be most up-to-date on the church “happenings” with updates on your Facebook newsfeed. Mahalo nui to Genevieve for making this happen.



On Friday, January 27, 2012, Dylan Barona (of Derek Barona & Keokeana Elaban), Lexani Gonzalez-Maya (of Jose Gonzalez-Maya & Kulani Elaban), Lovely Franco (of Jared Russell & Ti'are Kong-Kaniaupio), and Gabrielle Storey-Wienert and Zander Storey-Wienert (of Paul Wienert and April Storey) were welcomed into God's Ohana through the waters of baptism. We thank God for the gift of life that they received, and pray that the Holy Spirit will fill these newly baptized children with Christ's love each day.



Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21st
7:00 p.m.

HAU'OLI LA HANAU!

Lindzi Takasaki	2/1
Jeff Wright	2/3
Stephanie Mohr	2/5
Simon Stoltzfus	2/7
Jan McDonald	2/8
Yvonne Seldeen	2/8
Betty Misner	2/10
David Reader	2/10
Jeanie Vance	2/11
Brad Hill	2/12
Carol Wakefield	2/14
Billie Moksnes	2/15
Mark Wangberg	2/16
Cathy Trott	2/18
Jen Piellucci	2/19
Connie Pluchos	2/19
Mike Kirby	2/20
Tia Schultz	2/24
Richard Gesch	2/25
Jeff Baker	2/27
Lanyssa Kennedy	2/27



Anniversaries

HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O

David & Sally Handley	2/14
Dick & Betty Friest	2/17
Ed & Lindsay Schafer	2/23
Jack & Nancy Jordan	2/28



Pictured above representing China Service Ventures are (from left to right): Hilary Glassel, Ling Chang, and Lindsay Findlay at the Ministry Faire on Sunday, January 29th. If you did not had a chance to check out the Ministry Faire yet, you're next chance will be on Sunday, February 5, at 11:30AM, immediately after the 10:30AM service! It's a way for you to discover a use for your Spiritual gift(s), plus food, fun, and games!

