



KLC Ohana News



December 2012 KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH PASTOR DAVID J. KRUEGER



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

On Monday, December 24th, KLC will hold Christmas Eve services at 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. These

services will include the singing of Christmas carols and Holy Communion, along with a variety of special music at each service. The celebration will conclude with the lighting of candles and the singing of 'Silent Night' as our hula group dances the traditional Filipino 'Pandanggo sa Ilaw' ('Dance of Light'). Please accept our invitation to join us during this most holy time to worship Christ Jesus as we remember and celebrate his birthday through these worship opportunities.

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

On Sunday, December 9th, immediately following the worship service, the congregation will meet to approve the KLC operating budget for 2013. All confirmed members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. Copies of the budget are available to be picked up at the church office, or on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, contact Steve Webb, Finance Team Chair (808/348-3287), or Keli Nelson, Council President (879-6908).



BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

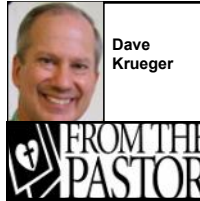


A special "Blue Christmas" worship service will be jointly held at St. Theresa Catholic Church by KLC, Trinity Episcopal Church, and St. Theresa on Tuesday, December 11th, starting at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Dave will be the preacher. This service is intended for those who may not find Christmas a time filled with joy due to difficulty with such matters as the loss of a loved one, being lonely/away from family, a divorce, loss of job & income, etc. The focus will be on hope and support offered through the sharing of stories, candle lighting, and music. For more information, speak with Pastor Dave.

ADVENT STUDY

Each Thursday during December (6, 13, & 20), starting at 7:00 p.m., Pastor Dave will be leading an Advent study entitled "Preparing the Way", which will look at the assigned scripture readings, week by week, for each of the Sundays in Advent. Please join us and take the time to prepare your hearts and minds for the celebration of the birthday of Jesus Christ in a different way than you have in past years. Speak with Pastor Dave for complete details.





ALOHA FROM PASTOR DAVE

The question was posed to me just the other day. It's the same question that gets posed every year around this time. "What do you want for Christmas?" Now, the first thing that I'm always aware of is that the question isn't "What do you need?" It's usually, "What do you want?", which is a whole other matter. Most of us are so blessed in our lives that we truthfully have most everything we need to live. It's often times the things that we would like to have, things that aren't necessary for surviving in life, that we give thought to. So it is that we come up with ideas of things we might like to have.

The other day I received an email from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), of which KLC is a member congregation. It's the same email that I get from them every year around this time. It's the one that talks about the "Good Gifts" program. I've mentioned it before. It's where you go online to www.ELCA.org/goodgifts, and there you will find over 50 gifts that you can give, in your name or the name of someone else, to a person in a third-world country, that truly needs such gifts in order to survive. We're talking gifts like a goat, a pig, chicks, a mosquito net to help fight against malaria, or school fees for a child, just to name a few. The prices range from \$10 to \$3,000, so there's something that will fit everyone's budget. But the thing is, these are gifts that make a real difference in someone's life.

And that's what's so significant about gift-giving at Christmas. Rather than giving someone some sort of gift just because you feel you need to, how about giving a gift that makes a difference? – a difference in the life of the one who actually receives the gift – a difference in the life of the one whose name the gift is given - and a difference in the life of the gift giver. After all, the reason for gift giving in the first place is to recall the greatest gift of all given to us in the Christ child, right? For the gift of that child, born in a manger, grows up and gives the gift of his life on the cross for us and for our salvation. While we can never out-give that gift, we can give gifts to others in remembrance of and thanksgiving for the gift of Jesus.

So, are you wondering what to ask for or give this Christmas? Are you wondering what to give to the people on your list that have everything? Why not shop at the ELCA's "Good Gifts" website? Give a pig, a goat, or some chickens to someone who really needs such gifts to live, and do so in the name of that relative or friend whom you're shopping for. Or invite your family to gift you in the same way. I promise you, you will find it to be a tremendous gift to give or receive. And in Jesus' name you'll have made a difference. A blessed Advent/Christmas season to all of you!

Ke Akua me ke Aloha,

Dave

CANTATA REHEARSAL

A special practice for choir and youth will take place on Saturday, December 8th, 9:00-11:30 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Krueger at 875-7753.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

On Sunday, December 9th, the 9:00 a.m. worship service will feature our choir and youth as they present a special musical entitled "*How Great Our Joy*." Please join us as we prepare our hearts and minds during this season of Advent for the celebration of Christ's birthday.

WITNESS CONCERT AT THE MALL

Show your support during this Christmas season as members and friends from KLC combine to present an evening of Christmas music and dance at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center in Kahului on Wednesday, December 12th, starting at 7:00 p.m. Included will be the congregation's choir, hula group, hand chimes group, keiki, soloists, 4-Given, and other musicians. Following the concert, everyone (including friends and family) is invited to gather at Ruby's Diner (located at the mall). If you have any questions, talk with Kathy Krueger (875-7753).



SPECIAL INVITATION

The Korean United Methodist Church that uses the KLC facilities has invited us to join them for a special worship service on Sunday, December 2, starting at 1:00 p.m., for the appointment of new exhorters and a deacon. A special reception will follow the service. If you would like to attend, please let Pastor Dave know so that he can give Pastor Lee an accurate count of how many to expect from KLC.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT

At the direction of the Mutual Ministry Team, a collection of money is being received to give to the KLC staff as a Christmas gift, to thank them for a job well done. To contribute, please put your cash or check in an envelope clearly marked "Staff Gift" and place it in the offering. Speak with Leib Alexander (874-3910) if you have questions. Mahalo.



With Deepest Sympathy

The KLC Ohana would like to extend its sympathy to the family of Sue Moorcroft on the loss of her sister, Ginny Gerhard, and her aunt, Dee Chimner, and to the family of Dave Reader on the death of his son, Dave Reader II.

KEIKI CHRISTMAS GIFTS

This year we will be collecting unwrapped gifts for the keiki that are served at the Keolahou Food Pantry. There are over 75 children being served this year. If you would like to help with this project please sign up for a child, or if you prefer, you may give a monetary donation and an "elf" will shop for you. Gifts should be within a \$10 limit, and are not to be wrapped. It is best to avoid toys that require batteries. Unwrapped gifts give parents an opportunity to select a gift for their child and wrap it before taking it home. Sign up sheets will be available after church services. All gifts need to be purchased and returned to church by Sunday, December 16. For more information please contact Renee or Nels Romerdahl.



A special mahalo to Ace hardware manager, Jerry Kistler's boss, Troy Taylor, for his generous donation of 200 rolls of toilet paper for the Thanksgiving food pantry project.



NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, November 18th, the following people were welcomed into membership at KLC: Terri Ocean, Eric and Joleen Pilotin, along with their daughters, Emma & Erica, Craig and Dianne Weber, and Jack Wierzba. We rejoice in their connection with God's people at KLC and pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen their relationship with our Lord through their service here.





A BIG MAHALO

to everyone who offered an estimate of their yearly giving in 2013! It makes a huge difference as the Council and Finance Team plan for the ministries offered by Kihei Lutheran Church for the coming year.

73 households have participated so far, for next year. Thank you so very much! It is through people like you that our Lord continues His work here on earth. You are greatly appreciated! Blessings to you in all things, from your church family. Also, you can still be a part of this wonderful Stewardship Response by mailing your estimated yearly, monthly, or weekly donation to the KLC office.

WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE IN JANUARY

SERVICE TIME CHANGE



Please note that starting on **January 6th**, KLC will return to two worship services on Sundays, beginning at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Christian Education and choir will be held in between services at 9:15 a.m. This schedule will run through Easter Sunday, March 31st, in order to accommodate the larger attendance at worship during the winter months. If you have any questions, please contact Worship Team Chair, Zel Terluin (874-5049).



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Aloha! The prayer shawl ministry continues to grow and flourish at KLC. Many ladies are involved in this ministry and we invite you to join us any Thursday morning from 9AM-11AM in the education room at the church. Our Prayer Shawls are given out weekly thanks to all the time and talents of our ladies who so faithfully knit each and every week. Mahalo ladies, you are awesome!! We are also finding that we are in need of ordering more yarn. If you would like to donate money towards yarn for this ministry please make a check out to Kihei Lutheran Church and write PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY in the MEMO LINE. A huge Mahalo!! As we go forward sharing God's love and grace with many please keep this ministry in prayer. We wish you all a blessed Advent and Christmas!! May you take time to journey to the manger and be reminded of HIS GREAT love for each of you. So much love that God sent His only Son to be our Savior. God bless you this season and always!!

-The Prayer Shawl Hui



ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBERS

The 2013 Pacifica Synod Assembly will take place May 2-4, in San Diego, California. Would you be interested in representing KLC as a voting member at that assembly? We are currently looking for people to place into nomination for the two voting members we are required to send.

We must have one male and one female member. All costs are paid for, including airfare, hotel, and food. If you would be interested, please talk with Pastor Dave. Our congregation's voting members will be elected at the annual congregational meeting in February.

PROPERTY SURVEYED

During November the church property was surveyed in preparation for the expansion of the KLC facilities. Once the results of the survey have been handed over to the architect, construction drawings will be created. The hope is to have those drawings to Maui County by early January as we seek to get the required building permit and begin construction by the beginning of summer. If you have any questions or comments, please speak with Building Team Chair, Jerry Embree.





UPDATE ON BACKPACK BUDDIES PROGRAM

On October 26th, the KLC Community began the Backpack Buddies program for Kihei Elementary School by sending weekend meals home in backpacks. We are currently filling 35 backpacks with 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 4 snacks, milk and juice. Our expectation is that we will be increasing to 45-50 backpacks by the first of the year. There are many children in the school who can benefit from this program, including some homeless students.

KLC's Community/Outreach Team has decided to designate the third Sunday of the month as food collection Sunday for the program. We will be requesting nutritious, single serve, child-friendly food items. A list of items will be published in the bulletin and on the bulletin boards prior to the Sunday drive. Single serve items might include: individual cereal boxes, instant oatmeal, fruit cups/apple sauce, mac and cheese bowls, oodles of noodles, Chef Boyardee single serve pastas, and Ramen noodle soup. Child-friendly items are those that a child can open themselves without the use of a can opener. Many items now come with flip tops. Our food drive in September was a tremendous success, but we have now used almost all of the food which we collected.

We are so thankful for the generosity of our church community, and for the support of the Maui Food Bank for all they have done to help us get this program started. We have moved our packing program to the Maui Food Bank and will be packing our meals there every other Thursday. If you would like to help with packing, or would like more information on the program, please contact Kathleen Reiser (941-928-0995) or any member of the Community/Outreach Team. We ask for your help, PRAYER and support for this important ministry. Mahalo!



LEGACY IDEAS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

If you are like most of us, the holidays are filled with joy, sorrow, remembrances, anticipation, shopping, food, drink...the list goes on and on. This is also a good time to reflect on helping your loved ones and others in the community who have not been as blessed as we have. Some have chosen to help with the Backpack Buddies Program, donated to the KLC Construction Program, or provided funding for the new Youth and Family Ministry position, etc. These are all very worthy causes and there are limits for all of us as to what we can give.

However, Legacy giving, or providing funds for good causes upon our death, is also a great way to show God's grace in the future. As you look to New Year's resolutions, you may decide to take a look at your will or trust and decide to donate to worthy causes. One way to do this is to donate funds from your will or trust to the KLC Endowment Fund. This fund has been set up to perpetuity so the money you give can ultimately be used forever to grant funds to worthy programs.

Next year we plan to make a small grant(s) to worthy causes in Maui. The Endowment Committee felt that helping those in our community is a great use of our first distribution funds.

If you have any questions about the KLC Endowment Fund please contact Tom Rietz, Chair, at 808-245-9605.





MANY MAHALOS!

Let us pause and take a moment to thank the Lord for the many gifts He has graciously bestowed upon all of us. On behalf of the Sunday School Program, we want to thank each and everyone who generously donated: food items, monetary gifts, or gave of their personal time to make the 2012 Keolahou Food Pantry 100 meals a reality and so greatly appreciated by the volunteers from Keolahou Church. In these hard economic times it is even more important to remember those less fortunate, and we could not have done this without all of you, our KLC Ohana and visiting friends. Many, many, mahalos...

Margie Terluin
Sunday School Coordinator





YOUTH NEWS

In November the Jr/Sr high youth group prepared, and served, dinner at the Homeless Resource Center. We were blessed to be able to serve in this way, and we hope to make it a regular activity.

On Sunday, December 9th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m., the Jr. and Senior youth groups will be getting together at the Nelson's home (566 Ho'omaluhia Place) for a Christmas party and candy cane making as we celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. Please bring a wrapped gift (under \$10) and that Holiday spirit. Friends are always welcome. For complete information, talk with Barbara Rudow (874-4008) or Vicki Nelson (879-6908).



NOVEMBER ANGELS

With the coming of 2013, three members of the Finance Team will be stepping away from serving KLC through their involvement with this specific team. Steve Webb has served as Finance Team chair & Financial Secretary; Lance Ziegler has served as the Treasurer; and Bob Schumacher has served as the data input person for Quick Books. We thank God for each of these individuals, and thank them for their many years of ministry. They truly are KLC angels for all they have done in this area of KLC!

We also want to lift up the members of the team that brought together this year's annual pledge drive, which was so wonderfully done. A huge mahalo goes to Sharon McElroy for her many efforts, along with other team members – Andrea Harris, Jan Porter, Dave Reader, Carolyn Rixey-Wagner, and Jeanie Vance. In addition, we are very grateful to the Men's Hui for the kick-off breakfast, the Prayer Shawl Ministry women for their Celebration Sunday Deserts, and the group that helped assemble the commitment card mailing. All of these are angels for November.

Finally, there's a need to mention the angels who came together on November 25th, following worship, to help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. Those angels included: Paul & Debbie Emanovsky; Nancy Kistler; Evelyn Kaya; Kathy Krueger; Betty Misner; Sue Moorcroft; Keli, Vicki, Jessica, & Roxi Nelson; Jan Patrick; Renee & Nels Romerdahl; David, Rhonda, Morgan, & Simon Stoltzfus; Charlotte Wright & Micheala Scibelli. All of you worked together to make the decorating a fun time, with the work being done quickly. Mahalo to each of you for your kokua.





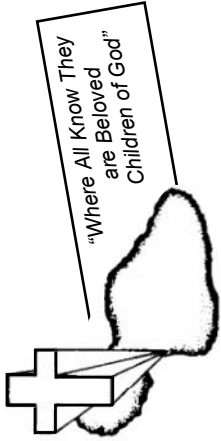
Thanksgiving Day 2012 at KLC



WREATH MAKING

Join Jeff & Charlotte Wright at their upcountry protea farm for a wreath making party on Saturday, December 15th starting at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be a \$45 dollar charge for each wreath to cover the cost of materials. All are welcome, including family and friends, but please email Char at cjmauiwright@aol.com, or sign up on the back lanai table on Sunday mornings as she can only take 25 reservations. Any further questions, please call Charlotte at 250-1993.






KIHAI LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 2012



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9 Christmas Choir Cantata 9:00 AM—Worship 10:15 AM—Choir 10:15 AM—Christian Education 10:30 AM—Congregational Budget Meeting 11:30 AM—Confirmation Class 1:00 PM—Korean UMC 5:00 PM—Youth Candy Cane Making Party 5:00 PM—Tongan UMC	10 4:00 PM—Community/ Outreach Team 5:30 PM—Chimes 6:45 PM—Worship Team	11 4:30 PM—Finance Team 5:00 PM—Weight Watchers 7:00 PM—Blue Christmas Service	12 7:30 AM—Prayer Hui 5:00 PM—Tongan UMC 5:30 PM—Administrative Team 7:00 PM—Witness Concert at mall	13 7:00 AM—Weight Watchers 9:00 AM—Prayer Shawl Hui 5:30 PM—4-Given 5:30 PM—Hula 7:00 PM—Adult Study Hui 7:00 PM—Korean UMC	14 7:00 PM—SLAA	15 10:00 AM—Hukilau Assembly 10:30 AM—Wreath Making Party
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IMPORTANT STATISTICS

October	2011	2012
Average Sunday Worship Attendance -	141	156
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$ 19,676.01	\$ 21,271.00
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$202,570.47	\$235,407.50



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.

BUSINESS CARDS

A BIG MAHALO to those who have already submitted business cards! The business card binder of KLC's businesses is now available on the Greeters' table on Sunday mornings. Please feel free to add your own business cards to the binder and Genevieve will organize them accordingly. Continue to drop them off at the church office as this will hopefully serve as a great resource for the church. What better way to support each other's businesses! Mahalo!



Next meeting will be on
Tuesday, December 18th,
7:00 p.m.

HAU'OLI LA HANAU!

Bob Schumacher	12/1
Rhonda Taylor	12/1
Keli Nelson	12/3
Barbara Rudow	12/4
John Bendon	12/5
Denise Ankrum	12/9
Luke Bendon	12/11
Diana Hill	12/11
Erik Jorgenson	12/11
Molly Lawson	12/12
Lisa Paulson	12/12
Eric Romerdahl	12/13
Sharon Schoenemann	12/13
Marilyn Fornwall	12/14
John Thorngren	12/14
Heather Ballaine	12/15
Melanie Spencer	12/16
Becca Wuamett	12/18
Kaha'aheo Elaban	12/18
Gretchen Benson	12/20
Janice Porter	12/21
Hilary Glassel	12/22
Vicki Lee	12/23
Margie Terluin	12/24
Holly Pendergast	12/25
Emily Pluchos	12/25
Dianne Horn	12/26
Bert Schifferling	12/27
Jack Wierzba	12/27
Lottie Ali	12/29
Roy Gesch	12/30
Karliin Serrato	12/30
Jerry Embree	12/31



HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O

Craig & Carolee Stiffler	12/1
Doug & Lisa Paulson	12/2
Jeff & Charlotte Wright	12/2
David & Kathy Krueger	12/18
Tony & Carol Wakefield	12/19
Todd & Molly Lawson	12 /21
Duke & Sharon McElroy	12/23
Neil & Sheila Turnbull	12/25
Robert & Jane Schumacher	12/29
David & Rhonda Stoltzfus	12/30
Paul Cheng & Jill Jennings	12/31



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If you haven't already "liked" KLC's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/KiheilLutheran>, go ahead and do so to be the most up-to-date on upcoming church events. A link is already on the church website!



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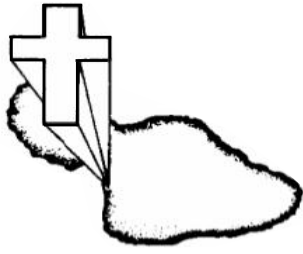
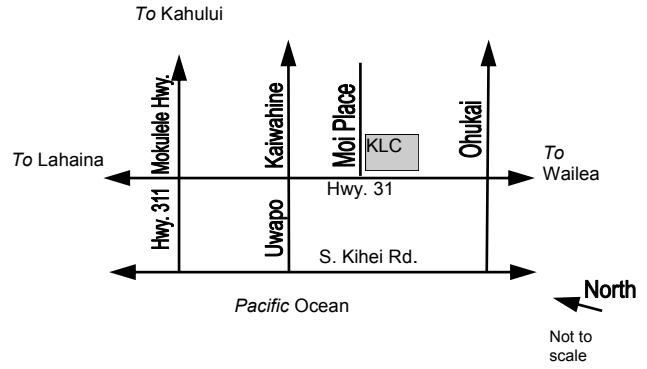
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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