

May 2012

#### KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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plans for the expansion of the KLC facilities. After extensive discussion, a number of ideas surfaced among the team members as to how the sanctuary could be expanded to meet the congregation's growing needs for additional space. These ideas will be shared, with the plan to have congregational members provide their input on what is presented. Second, a motion will be presented to engage the services of architect, George Rixey, to begin actual construction drawings, which needs congregational approval before any official action can take place. Please make it a point to be at this meeting as we move forward with the expansion of the facilities so that we might be able to accommodate the many ministries KLC is involved with. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Embree or Pastor Dave.

## MATCHING FUNDS DRIVE TOPS \$100,000!

Following the announcement of a \$250,000 gift from an anonymous donor's estate, to be used for the sole purpose of expanding the congregation's facilities, a drive was organized to raise the needed matching funds during the months of April and May. At the end of March over 500 invitations to participate in this drive were mailed out to KLC members and friends. As of the end of April, approximately \$104,000 of those matching funds has been received. Mahalo ke Akua / Thanks be to God! Mahalo nui as well to the many people who have responded with gifts of many different amounts as they have been able. It's only as we all get involved that this drive to raise the matching funds will become a reality. Please remember that every dollar you give will be matched, doubling the funds that KLC receives for the planned expansion of the facilities.



## **FIRST COMMUNION**

On Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, two youth received their first communion at KLC. They were: Ashlynn Kennedy and Gina Mohr-Casey. We celebrate with these girls as they take another important step in their Christian faith. May God's richest blessings surround them as they continue to grow in the relationship that God started with them in their baptism!



## ALOHA FROM PASTOR DAVE

Lately there's been a whole lot of talk going on around KLC. And you know It doesn't bother me in the least bit! As a matter of fact, I'm someone who's doing it. That's because the kind of talk I'm referring to isn't gossip. Rather, it's talk about the amazing things that are going on around the congregation. It's got to do

with the different ministries that are happening at KLC, and the excitement that those ministries are generating.

Take Holy Week and Easter for example. At the joint Maundy Thursday service there were 90 people in attendance. Or how about Good Friday where we had a record 134 people? And speaking of records, how about the 470 we saw in worship on Easter? That's not to mention the 25 keiki we saw come forward for the Keiki Message at <u>each</u> of the two services that morning (that totals 50!). On top of that there were the dozens of youth that attended the Resurrection Celebration in between the two services.

There's also been talk going on about the expansion of the KLC facilities, and the accompanying Matching Funds Drive. Ever since the February congregational meeting took place, the Building Team has been talking over different approaches to expanding the sanctuary space to accommodate more classrooms, more seating for worship, more offices, and more storage. They have come up with some great ideas which are being put into drawings so that the congregation may look at them and add their thoughts. As a result, a congregational meeting has been scheduled for after worship on <u>Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup></u> (see related article on the front page), where everyone will be encouraged to take a good look at the plans and offer their insights and suggestions. They're also going to be asked to vote on a motion to enter into a contract with architect, George Rixey. Again, there will be allot of talking going on.

And how about the Matching Funds Drive? First off, people are still talking about the fact that someone's estate gifted the congregation \$250,000 for helping with the expansion of the facilities. What an absolutely amazing gift that is from God through this anonymous donor! Then there's the fact that one month into our drive we have received over \$100,000 in matching funds from members and friends of KLC – gifts of every size (again, see the front page of this newsletter). That's certainly something to talk about! And I'm sure we'll continue to talk about it as that amount grows due to the generosity of many different people.

Finally there's the matter of adding an additional staff person at KLC as a Director of Youth & Family Ministry. The job description has been posted nationally in a number of different places. And we're starting to receive some resumes. The talk that I'm hearing is filled with excitement about how having this additional staff person will enhance and strengthen what's already happening, along with expanding ministry possibilities.

Now, here's the bottom line. As exciting as all of this talk is, and as tempting as it is to focus that talk on everything that's going on at KLC, the main reason for all of it is so that we can be talking about some<u>one</u> else. As we enter into the month of May, we are still in the season of Easter. We are still gazing at that empty tomb and proclaiming (talking about) "Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!" That's what the foundation of all of our talk is to be about. When all is said and done, it's not about attendance, or building plans, or matching funds, or additional staff. It's about Jesus Christ, crucified and resurrected for us. That's what we're to be ultimately talking about. And that's my prayer for each and every one of us. Yes, let's talk allot around KLC. Let's talk about all of the exciting things that are going on. But let's first and foremost talk about the resurrected Jesus – to each other, and to all those around us. May God's Holy Spirit so help and guide us!

Ke Akua me ke Aloha,

Dove

**COUNCIL ELECTIONS** 

Elections for the 2012-2013 church council took place Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The following KLC members were elected at the congregational meeting: Jessica Nelson, Keli Nelson, Dave Reader, Tom Reitz, Renee Romerdahl, Joel Rudow, Rhonda Stoltzfus. They will join the other returning council members – Mark Fornwall, Debbie Galindo, Jan Porter, Carolyn Rixey-Wagner, and Zel Terluin. The full 2012-13 council will be installed at worship on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mahalo ke Akua / Thanks be to God for the gifts we are given in these people who are willing to serve KLC in this capacity. May God's Holy Spirit be with and guide them in every way!



## E KOMO MAI!

On Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, the following were welcomed into the KLC Ohana as new members: Paul & Debbie Emanovsky, Jake & Linda Hangartner, Don & Vicki Lee (not pictured), Richard Mealey, and Dee Schneider. Four new associate members were also welcomed: Jim & Sue Olson (not pictured), Kathy Reiser, and Carol Swanson. Each of these people is a blessing from God, and our prayer is for the Holy Spirit to fill all of us as we serve our Lord together through the life of this congregation.















## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Aloha and God's peace! These past few months have seen many

ladies working on praver shawls each Thursday morning from 9:00-11:00 AM. So many beautiful shawls have been made with such love and prayer. We would love for anyone to come and join us at any time! Mahalo ladies for giving of your time and talents! Please know you are most welcome to come to the office any day of the week, or on Sunday, and take a prayer shawl for any occasion. Make sure you take time to sign the prayer shawl out on the yellow sheet in the office. The next blessing of the shawls will be Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. All the prayer shawls will be out and available after service. We ask that you please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers. God bless you and yours!



## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

Over the past month the task force has received and reviewed resumes. At the same time the job description has been sent out to a number of additional people and places, including Luther Seminary, as well as posted on the ELCA's national website for Youth Ministry workers. The deadline for receiving resumes is June 15th, so there's still plenty of time for people to submit their information. If you are aware of any individuals that could help get the word out about this position, please speak with Pastor Dave. Remember, this is a full-time position for a Director of Youth & Family Ministry. The desire is to have someone who has a Bachelor's degree, preferably with an emphasis on youth and family ministry, and have at least two years of experience.

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### **APRIL ANGELS**

In preparation for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter there were many people who offered their time and efforts to make these days extra special. All of you are angels.

In particular, we say "mahalo nui" to Carol Gesch and Kathy Krueger who came to Trinity Episconal Church the Saturday before Palm Sunday and



came to Trinity Episcopal Church the Saturday before Palm Sunday and helped weave the palm crosses, and clean the palm branches, that were handed out at worship the following morning. That same morning, a crew of workers from the Kihei Tongan United Methodist Mission cleaned and weeded the hillside on the mauka side of the property. In addition, John, Fau, and Siefa wove palm branches around all of the posts on the exterior of the buildings, and adorned them with ti leaves and flowers (see photo). It was a beautiful sight for all of us to behold on Palm Sunday morning.

The Saturday before Easter a crew of KLC members showed up to

clean the church grounds and prepare the Education Room prior to the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. Mahalo nui to: Leib Alexander, Paul Emanovsky, Lindsay Findlay, Walt Grotz, Linda Hangartner, Evelyn Kaya, Dave & Kathy Krueger, Sue Moorcroft, Keli, Vicki, & Roxi Nelson, Jim Olson, Doak & Sharon Schoenemann, Zel & Margie Terluin, and Carolyn Young who all came on that day. In addition, Walt Grotz and Jim Olson came back a couple of extra days during the following week to clean the fence along the highway.



A big mahalo also needs to go out to Dave & Sam Mather for supplying snacks for the new member class on April 15<sup>th</sup>. On the following Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Kathy Trott, Nancy Den-



nison, and Jan Porter provided the food for the New Member/Sponsor Luncheon. These people played a huge role in helping these new members be welcomed into the KLC Ohana. For all of your efforts, mahalo nui.

That's the blessings of KLC. There are so many people who give of themselves so that ministry happens here. Mahalo nui to all of you, named and unnamed, for you are truly angels in the life of this congregation!





#### **ASSISTING MINISTERS**

| May 6 — 9:00 an  | n Wendi Gordon |
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| May 13 — 9:00 an | n Roxi Nelson  |
| May 20 - 9:00 am | Andrea Harris  |
| May 27 — 9:00 am | Vicki Nelson   |

#### COMMUNION

| May 6 — 9:00 am  | John C., Nancy K., Betty M.,       |
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|                  | Holly & Bailey P.                  |
| May 13 — 9:00 am | Gail C., Carolyn Rixey-Wagner,     |
|                  | Bert S., Zel T.                    |
| May 20 — 9:00 am | Stephanie M., Evelyn K., Karen G., |
|                  | Steve B., Wendi G.                 |
| May 27 — 9:00 am | Debbie G., Sharon S., Hilary G.,   |
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#### GREETERS

| May 6 — 9:00 am  | Pendergast Ohana & Bert Schifferling |  |
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| May 13 — 9:00 am | Gail Caires & Carolyn Rixey-Wagner   |  |
| May 20 — 9:00 am | Leib Alexander & Stephanie Mohr      |  |
| May 27 — 9:00 am | Gail Caires & Carolyn Rixey-Wagner   |  |

#### **FLOWERS**

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| May | 6 — 9:00 am  | Bert & Bev Schifferling    |
| May | 13 — 9:00 am |                            |
| May | 20 — 9:00 am |                            |
| May | 27 — 9:00 am |                            |
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#### <u>KEIKI CARE</u>

| May 6 — 9:00 am  | Cathy Trott       |
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| May 13 — 9:00 am | Kristi Bendon     |
| May 20 — 9:00 am | Gloriann McDowell |
| May 27 — 9:00 am | Sam Mather        |

#### <u>MEDIA</u>

| May 6 — 9:00 am  | Nels Romerdahl |
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| May 13 — 9:00 am | Allie Rudow    |
| May 20 — 9:00 am | Joel Rudow     |
| May 27 — 9:00 am | Roxi Nelson    |
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#### <u>READERS</u>

| Wendi Gordon   |
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| Margie Terluin |
| Lisa Paulson   |
| Linda Chaney   |
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#### <u>REFRESHMENTS</u>

| May 6 — 9:00 am  | Fred & Cathy Trott |  |
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| May 13 — 9:00 am | Tom & Cheryl Rietz |  |
| May 20 — 9:00 am | Linda Hangartner   |  |
| May 27 — 9:00 am | Helen Misner       |  |

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| May | 6 — 9:00 am  | Owen Pendergast & Richard Gesch |  |
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| May | 13 — 9:00 am | Leib Alexander & Jeanie Vance   |  |
| May | 20 — 9:00 am | Sanni Tharp & Richard Gesch     |  |
| May | 27 — 9:00 am | Bert Schifferling & Fred Trott  |  |

## HAU'OLI LA HANAU!

George Pluchos Nancy Dennison Kaena Elaban Curtis Holt Eryn Pendergast Bailey Pendergast Renee Romerdahl Al Nyberg Lloyd Amundson Deja Campos Lisa Gonzalez Neil Turnbull Adele Hartzell **Duane Chaney** Dori Thorngren Martha Andersen Teddie Eastes Danny Boren **Gerry Steiner** Darlene King Keokeana Elaban



## Anniversaries

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Steve & Heather Ceccanti5/5Tony & Karen Gucci5/19Harvey & Michelle Strauser5/25Steve & Wendi Brauner5/26Dustin & Rebecca Dipersia5/31

"Women's Hui" Next gathering at: The parsonage, 2218 Auina Place, Kihei Tuesday, April 24th, 6:00 p.m. Devotion by Wendi Gordon

> ALL ARE WELCOME!



"Men's Hui" Men will meet on Tuesday, April 24th, 6:00 p.m. at the church



| "Where All Know They<br>are Beloved<br>Children of God"  | <b>KIHEI</b>  | <b>b</b> <i>t</i>  | igheran church<br>may 2012   | HURCH   | Multice | and the second sec |
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| 6<br>KEOLAHOU FOOD PANTRY<br>9:00 AM—Worship<br>10:15 AM—Christian Education<br>10:15 AM—Choir<br>5:00 PM—Tongan UMC                       | <b>7</b><br>5:00 PM—Chimes<br>7:00 PM—Mutual Ministry   | 8<br>4:30 PM—Finance Team<br>5:00 PM—Weight Watchers<br>7:00 PM—Youth Planning           | 9<br>7:30 AM—Prayer Hui<br>4:30 PM—Confirmation<br>5:00 PM—Tongan UMC<br>5:30 PM—Administrative<br>Team                      | <b>10</b> Pastor Dave on vacation<br>7:00 AM—Weight Watchers<br>9:00 AM—Prayer Shawl Hui<br>5:30 PM—4-Given<br>7:00 PM—Korean UMC<br>7:00 PM—Korean UMC   | 11      | 12<br>9:00 AM—Nelson<br>car wash   |
| <b>13</b><br>MOTHER'S DAY<br>9:00 AM—Worship<br>10:15 AM—Christian Education<br>10:15 AM—Choir<br>1:30 PM—Korean UMC<br>5:00 PM—Tongan UMC | 14<br>4:00 PM—Community/<br>Outreach<br>5:00 PM—Chimes<br>6:30 PM—Worship Team  | <b>15</b><br>5:00 PM—Weight Watchers<br>7:00 PM—Church Council                           | <b>16</b><br>7:30 AM—Prayer Hui<br>5:00 PM—Tongan UMC  | <ol> <li>Pacifica Synod Assembly</li> <li>7:00 AM—Weight Watchers</li> <li>9:00 AM—Prayer Shawl Hui</li> <li>5:30 PM—4-Given</li> <li>6:30 PM—Maui Summer</li> <li>6:30 PM—Adult Sudy Hui</li> <li>7:00 PM—Korean LIMC</li> </ol> | 18      | 19   |
| 20<br>CONFIRMATION<br>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE<br>9:00 AM—Worship<br>10:15 AM—Christian Education<br>1:30 PM—Korean UMC<br>5:00 PM—Tongan UMC   | <b>21</b><br>5:00 PM—Chimes   | <b>22</b><br>5:00 PM—Weight Watchers<br>6:00 PM—Men's Hui<br>6:00 PM—Women's Hui         | <b>23</b><br>7:30 AM—Prayer Hui<br>5:00 PM—Tongan UMC  |   | 25      | 26   |
| <b>27</b><br>MATCHING FUNDS DRIVE<br>CELEBRATION<br>9:00 AM—Worship<br>1:30 PM—Korean UMC<br>5:00 PM—Tongan UMC                            | <b>28</b><br>MEMORIAL DAY<br>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED<br>4:00 PM—Spiritual Gifts<br>Team<br>7:00 PM—Contemplative<br>Ministry | <b>29</b><br>5:00 PM—Weight Watchers   | <b>30</b><br>7:30 AM—Prayer Hui<br>5:00 PM—Tongan UMC  | <b>31</b><br>7:00 AM—Weight Watchers<br>9:00 AM—Prayer Shawl Hui<br>5:30 PM—4-Given<br>6:30 pm—Maui Summer<br>Masterworks<br>7:00 PM—Korean UMC   |         |  |

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| March  | 2011         | 2012         |
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| Average Sun-<br>day Worship<br>Attendance -              | 250          | 261          |
| Offerings For<br>The Month<br>(members & visi-<br>tors)  | \$ 27,660.59 | \$ 32,527.64 |
| Offerings –<br>Year to Date<br>(members & visi-<br>tors) | \$ 84,005.25 | \$115,764.60 |



## 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**

Genevieve is gathering business cards from the congregation to compile a binder as a resource for the church. What better way to support each other's businesses! Feel free to drop off several of your business cards in the church office so that she can add them to the binder. Once she receives an adequate number of cards, the binder will be available on the greeters' table on Sundays. At that point, you can add your business cards on your own on Sundays as well. Mahalo!



Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 15th, 7:00 p.m.

## **GIFTING CAN BE SIMPLE**

Many people would like to gift funds out of their estate to KLC or other charities, but are perplexed by the legal hassles involved. Actually gifting can be as simple as a one line entry to a codicil to your will. A codicil is merely a revision to a will and usually needs to be notarized, but the language can be quite simple. For example, you can use language similar to the following:

"I direct that x dollars be gifted to the Kihei Lutheran Church Endowment Fund for use as the Fund Committee deems appropriate." -or-

" I direct that x dollars be gifted to the Kihei Lutheran Church General Fund to be used as the Church deems appropriate."

Of course, you should seek professional advice from your attorney, or call Gregory Shepherd, our Regional ELCA gifting expert, at <u>909-910-6823</u>.

> -Tom Reitz KLC Endowment Team

# **CPR IN JUNE**

We will be having a CPR class on Saturday June 16th starting at 3:30 p.m. It will last four hours and include adult and child CPR, AED use, and First Aid. The instructor is Lorraine Krauss from the faculty at the UH-Maui. KLC member, Sanni Tharp, Parish Nurse, will also be available for assistance. The cost is \$30.00. Scholarships are available. Please sign up with Sanni after church or call at 268-8524.

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If you haven't already "liked" KLC's Facebook page:

http://www.facebook.com/KiheiLutheran, 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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