

OCTOBER 2014

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

PASTOR DAVID J. KRUEGER

MINISTRY IN FIJI

"There are more slaves today than were seized from Africa in four centuries of the trans-Atlantic slave trade. The modern commerce in humans rivals illegal drug trafficking in its global reach—and in the destruction of lives." - National Geographic



At 8:15am on Sunday, October 19th, join us for bagels, donuts, & coffee and learn about the ministry needs in Fiji and our church's efforts to provide assistance.

A small team of 5-10 adults will journey to Fiji this spring to partner with Homes of Hope which operates residential and community-based programs that rescue, restore and reintegrate women and their children to give them value and stop the cycles of human trafficking.

Will you consider joining our team?

During the informational meeting on Sunday, October 19th, you will learn about the ministry of Homes of Hope and also hear specifics of the two-week mission trip to Fiji departing April 11, 2015. Perhaps you'll be inspired to join this mission team or to provide spiritual support by knowing the Fijian needs and praying for them and for the mission team.

Sharon McElroy leads this effort with the support of Dawn Fleishman and Mary Saunders. Contact Dawn at dawn@kiheilutheran.org with questions or for more information.

ALOHA FROM PASTOR DAVE



Every month, at the end of the Men's Hui (Group) meeting, the last question that gets asked is, "How can we be praying for you?" We then go around the circle, with each person responding with some part of their life that they would appreciate the rest of us praying for over the next few weeks. Throughout the years that this group has met, a real sense of trust has been built amongst those who come to these meetings – to the point that many of the participants are willing to share significant concerns with the rest of the group as they ask for prayer. This seemingly simple activity has brought an amazing closeness and openness to this group, not to mention the fact that we have grasped the importance of prayer in our lives.

At the September meeting of the Hukilau Conference pastors, I asked the same question of my colleagues. We typically take time to go around the circle of pastors that are present, asking each one to share about what's taking place at the congregation they're serving, as well as in their personal life. When we started that, I asked everyone to do what we do at the end of the Men's Hui meetings – "Finish up your sharing by telling us how we might be able to be praying for you over the next month." The overall response was amazing. Some of the clergy took the opportunity to share significant matters that were weighing heavy on them, that they would appreciate the rest of the group praying about. I also received feedback afterward from some of the pastors about how meaningful that was to have to answer the question, and hear how others responded.

All of this has reminded me once again of not only the importance of prayer, but it's power. Throughout many of Paul's letters in the New Testament he let's his readers know that he is praying for them. In addition, he asks them to be praying for him. The whole matter of praying for one another is so central to our Christian faith. When was the last time you asked someone to pray for you? Or better yet, when was the last time you asked someone how you might pray for them? Or even better yet, when was the last time you asked someone how you might pray for them, and then took the time, right then and there, to do so?

A French Catholic priest and poet by the name of Michal Quoist entitles a section of his book (entitled "Prayers") "All of Life Would Become Prayer". I get what he's trying to say. Prayer should be a part of everything we do, and is to be found in the midst of all of our relationships. We should be praying for everyone around us, and encouraging others to be praying for us. For when we pray, we are confessing our belief in God and his presence with us. It's not a magic wand that we wave and then receive everything we want or ask for. However, it is a way for us to be assured that God is present in every aspect of our lives.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Paul calls upon us to pray continually (without ceasing). How about giving that a try? Wherever you are, whatever you're in the midst of, be found praying through the words you speak and the thoughts you have. Let all of life be a prayer.

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Living a Giving Life: 2015 Stewardship Program

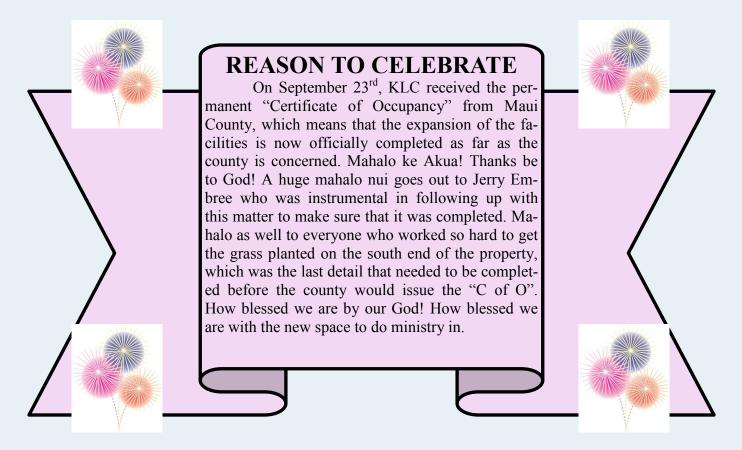
Living a giving life takes many forms. We give our time, our talents, and our resources to family, friends, and strangers. KLC members and friends are extremely giving in all those ways, sharing the love of Christ inside and outside the church. As the various KLC teams begin preparing their budgets for 2015, we need to look within ourselves and decide what our plan is for giving our financial resources to God to keep KLC's ministry and programs flourishing.

Every month, we give our resources to fulfill our commitments to sources outside our church: for utilities, cable, Internet, phones, banks for mortgages and vehicles, and medical providers, among others. However, we often are reluctant to commit our monetary resources to the church. And, isn't our commitment to KLC as important as our cable and cell phone bills? As with all organizations, KLC needs to know what resources we will have for our work.

This year's stewardship program will ask you to think about what it means to live a giving life and then to complete an "Estimate of Giving" card. We ask you to "estimate" what you can share according to your abilities, knowing that events in our life can change our circumstances for the better or for the worse. This estimate will greatly help the Council as it reviews the budget items requested by the various teams.

Please join us as we prepare for KLC's work in 2015.

Spiritual Gifts Team





CHALLENGE GRANT FROM THRIVENT

In August, KLC was awarded a \$5,000 grant from Thrivent Financial Foundation, which we will be presenting to the Kihei Youth Center. Attached to the original grant was a challenge grant. For every dollar donated to this grant by members and friends of KLC between now and November 30th, Thrivent will grant 50 cents per \$1.00 raised, up to a total grant of an additional \$5,000. That means that if people donated \$10,000, Thrivent would give us an additional \$5,000. In the end, the Kihei Youth Center would receive a total of \$20,000 to use in their important work with the youth in need of our community.

While this will not be an organized fundraiser of the congregation, the suggestion was made that the challenge grant idea simply be publicized, so that anyone who might be moved to give additional funds to this grant for the Kihei Youth Center might be able to respond. If you would like to participate in this challenge grant, please make out your check to KLC and mark "Thrivent Challenge Grant" in the memo line. As always, you are asked to make any gift something that is over and above your regular giving to the work and ministry of KLC. Mahalo nui! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dave.



On Monday, September 22, representatives of KLC presented a check for \$5,000 to the Kihei Youth Center. The funding was the result of a grant that was awarded from the Thrivent Financial Foundation. The purpose of the grant is to offer assistance to a community organization that the congregation was already supporting. Pictured are (L to R): Renee Romerdahl (Congregation President), Stephanie Kaplan (Kihei Youth Center Program Director), Donna Smith (Community Assistance & Outreach Team member), and Dave Reader (Chair of the Community Assistance & Outreach Team).



BE IN THE KNOW



SEPTEMBER ANGELS

One person we'd like to lift up as a KLC Angel this month is Dave Mather. Over the past couple of months Dave has offered a great deal of his time working on the computer, helping to clean up the old membership files as the church office updates the church management software program called "Shepherd's Staff". Dave, you kokua has been greatly appreciated.

We'd also like to say a special mahalo to all of the different groups and individuals who provide special music in worship during this past summer. Those people are: Emily Strauser; Bob Wills; 4-Given; Roxi, Jessica & Vicki Nelson; Bobbie Jo Curley; Zel Terluin; Beth Wills; the VBS Kids; Lisa Paulson; Renee Romerdahl; Andrea Harris' Small Group - Andrea Harris, Zel Terluin, Richard Gesch, Beth Wills, Cate Evert, Dee Reader; Stefanie Cuomo & Cheryl Rietz; Roxi Nelson; & Mikhaela Galindo. We are such a vibrant community with many people who praise in so many different ways. Our services over the summer were greatly enhanced by your generosity of time and talent!

Another group of KLC angels consists of a group that has been coming to the church on Saturday mornings to mow the newly-planted grass on the south end of the property. This group includes: Jerry Embree, Adam Krueger, Keli Nelson, Eric Pilotin, and David Stoltzfus. Mahalo nui for making the grounds look so very wonderful as the grass now begins to grow and fill in around the expanded church buildings!

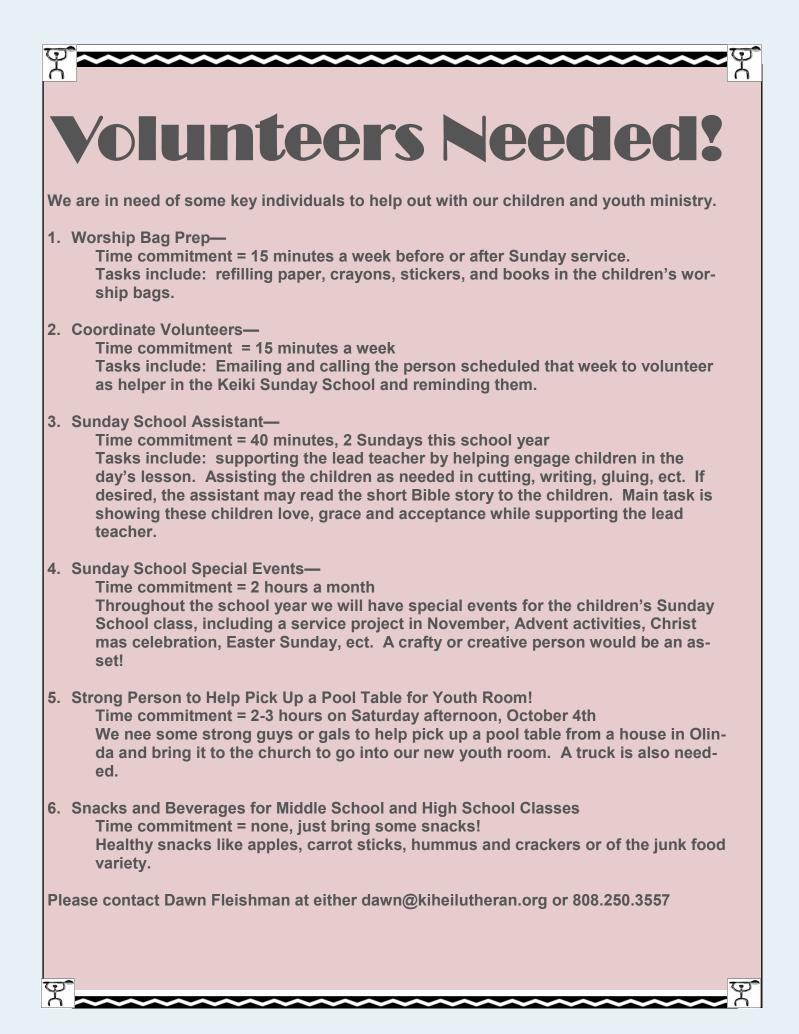
We would also like to thank Andrew Fleishman for installing the two large TVs, one in the Education Room and one in the Youth Room, and his assistants, Drew Snyder, and Cate Evert.

WEAR RED

Sunday, October 26th, is Reformation Sunday, the day we recall how Martin Luther began the Protestant Movement within the Christian Church back in 1517. Today it is a time when we lift up reconciliation between the many different Christian denominations. Because it is a day of celebration, the official color is red. Since we want this day to be one of celebration at KLC, we're asking you to be sure and wear red on Reformation Sunday.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Even though it's still a month away, please make note of the fact now that Sunday, November 2nd, is All Saints Sunday, the day we recall those who have gone before us, especially those who have died in the past year. At the beginning of the service on that day, the names of those whom we know who have died during the past year will be read aloud. Please let the church office know of anyone you would like to have included in this reading of names (call Cate at 879-7979). Again, these are names of people who have died during this immediate past year. Following that, anyone who so desires will be invited to come forward and place a flower in a vase at the front of the worship area in memory of someone whom they know who has died. You are asked to bring your own flower. If you are able, please bring extras to share with those who did not bring flowers. Through these simple gestures we will take a moment to remember people who are now counted among the saints of God on All Saint's Sunday. For more information, please contact Pastor Dave.



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry at KLC continues to be strong and is touching many lives. Mahalo to our ladies who knit, pray, fold the weekly bulletins, and help with fellowship hour a few times a year. What beautiful servants for our Lord. We ask that you would keep this ministry in your prayers, and if you are so moved, please give money to the Prayer Shawl Ministry to help us to continue to buy yarn. You can made a check out to KLC and then mark PRAYER



SHAWL MINISTRY in the MEMO LINE. A huge Mahalo for your support with this ministry. Our next BLESSING OF THE SHAWLS at church will be Sunday November 16th at the beginning of the service. We are most anxious for our KLC Ohana and Friends to see our new closet in the new expansion. It is amazing. Please know anyone is welcome to take a Prayer Shawl for any occasion. There is a sign out book and a special card to go with the Prayer Shawl. God bless you and yours!! The Prayer Shawl Hui

NEW ROOM NAMES

With the expansion of the KLC facilities, the rooms around the church are being renamed in order to identify the different areas. The old kitchen will now be the **Education Room**, while the small room closest to the highway in the expansion will be the **Lounge**, and the large room immediately behind the sanctuary will be the **Youth Room**. The room on the mountain side of the expansion will be the new **Kitchen**. The church calendar has been changed to reflect these new names.

Youth Service Projects

Saturday, October 4th, youth will participate in reef and shoreline clean-up through Trilogy Blue'Aina. 7:30am –2pm

Sunday, October 19th, youth will have the opportunity to prepare and serve a meal to 50-75 people who are currently living in the emergency shelter or transitional housing due to homelessness. 4-7:30pm at Ke Hale A Ke Ola in Wailuku.

Contact Dawn at 808.250.3557 or dawn@kiheilutheran.org to be part of these service projects and continue God's work through our hands.

FAMILY FAITH DISCUSSIONS

Our first Family Faith Discussion will be held in lieu of youth Sunday School on the 2nd Sunday of the month, **October 12th, at 11:30am.**

Teens and parents will watch a short video through the Animate series and discuss a series of questions in small groups. Join together as a family to learn and grow in your understanding of the Bible and Christian faith. Meet in the Youth Room. Bring a snack to share. Dawn Fleishman facilitates.

ADULT EDUCATION

We continue to journey through the Kerygma series. Join us at 10:15am in the Education Room. See Jan Porter with questions.

HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



Milton Medeiros	10/1	Paul Emanovsky	10/21
Bev Schifferling	10/9	Emily Strauser	10/21
Kellie Elaban	10/10	Lila Fleishman	10/22
Jeanie Fleishman	10/12	Alexander Lawson	10/25
Mike Beyersdorf	10/14	Sanni Tharp	10/25
Ling Chang	10/15	Dave Krueger	10/26
Kuilani Ekaban	10/16	Dave Mather	10/27
Dianne Williams	10/16	Jake Hangartner	10/30
		Brooke Cuomo	10/31

HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O! (I

(Happy Anniversary!)



Lynn & Karen Carlson John & Kristi Bendon Joel & Barbara Rudow Craig & Dianne Weber John & Jeanine Hay October 2, 1965 October 9, 2004 October 11, 1986 October 11, 1992 October 15, 1950 Worship Volunteers

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26	Andrea Harris		26	Owen Pendergast
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5	Paul Emanovsky		5	Erica Pilotin, Alex & Lanyssa Kennedy
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19	Marge Holberg	\top	19	Erica Pilotin, Alex & Lanyssa Kennedy
26	Evelyn Kaya		26	Erica Pilotin, Alex & Lanyssa Kennedy
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Imp	ortant Statis	stics	
August	2013	2014	
Average Sunday Worship Attend- ance -	108	127	
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$12,896.60	\$23,741.28	End
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$209,725.90	\$260,828.67	

ATTENTION!

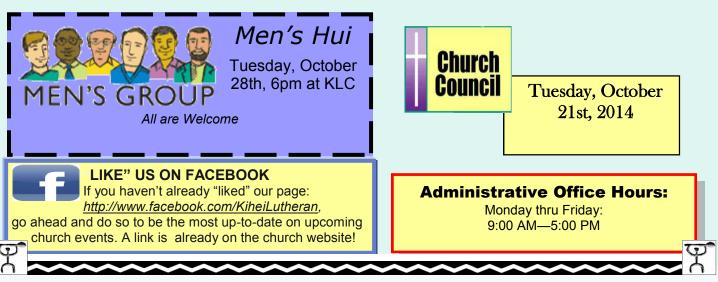
To enhance a visitor's experience to KLC, please wear your name tag so a visitor may have a warmer experience when you speak with them during the "three minutes" or before the service. If you do not have a name tag or yours is missing, contact the church office and one will be made for you to pick up at the greeter table the following Sunday.

Message from our President -

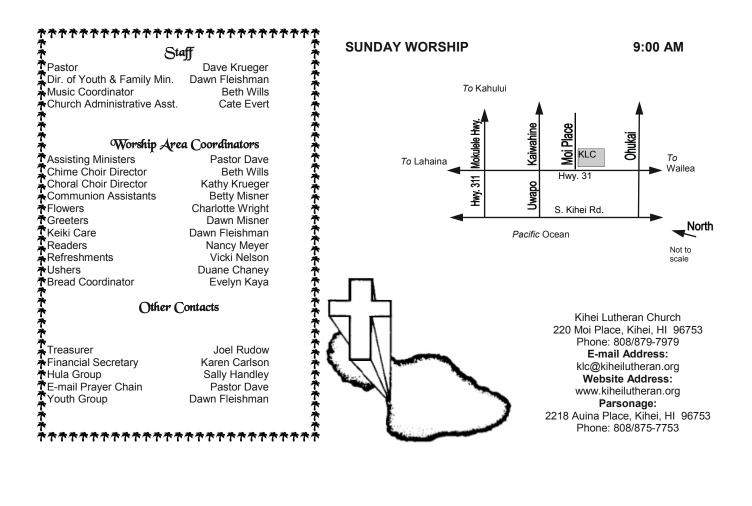
It has come to my attention that my e-mail in the church directory may look a little incorrect. I want people to be able to get a hold of me, so I thought I would put a note in the newsletter. My correct e-mail is <u>eric.renee.romerdahl@hotmail.com.</u> Feel free to contact me with any needs regarding the church. Renee Romerdahl—Church Council President

Aloha KLC Ladies

Women's Hui will be Tuesday, October 28th at the home of Rhonda Stoltzfus (53 Honuhula St, Kihei) at 6:00pm. We are working our way through "Becoming a Vessel God can Use". Come and enjoy the fellowship! All are encouraged to purchase the book (Kindle \$9.99 or Amazon Prime \$12.37) If you don't have the book or can't get to the reading, that's OK. Come anyway for the fellowship!



MONDAY
29 5:30pm Chimes
6 10am Administrative Team 2pm Spiritual Gifts Team 5:30pm Chimes 6pm Spiritual Growth Team
13 5:30pm Chimes 6:45pm Worship Team
20 21 5:30pm Chimes 7pm Church Council
27 28 5:30pm Chimes 6pm Women's Hui 6pm Men's Hui



"Where All Know They are Beloved Children of God"

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