

JANUARY 2015

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

PASTOR DAVID J. KRUEGER



REMEMBER! 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Please note that starting January 4th, KLC will return to two worship ser-

vices 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, April 5th, 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).



KEIKI TIME & MESSAGE ON SUNDAYS

As we move to a two-service Sunday schedule for the next three months, some have been asking about the Keiki Time (Sunday School for keiki, 5th grade and younger) which takes place in the worship service, and the Keiki Message toward the beginning of the service. These two activities for the keiki will be offered at the 10:30 a.m. service only. In past years it's been found that most of the families with young keiki attend the late service, so that's where we want to concentrate our efforts. If you have any questions, please speak with either Andrew Fleishman or Pastor Dave.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

On Wednesday, January 28, 7:00 p.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church by the Sea (100 Kulanihakoi Street, Kihei), a special joint worship service will take place as part of the World Council of Church's "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity".

The service will bring together the congregations of St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church, Kihei Tongan United Methodist Mission, KLC, and Trinity Episcopal Church by-the-Sea. Refreshments will be served following the service. You are invited to be part of this service as we declare our unity in Christ that spans across our different denominational lines. For complete information, please speak with Pastor Dave.





ALOHA FROM PASTOR DAVE



As noted on the front page of this newsletter, KLC will be changing the Sunday worship schedule back to two services, at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m., starting Sunday, January 4th. Christian Education and choir rehearsal will take place in between services at 9:15 a.m. This schedule will remain in effect through Easter Sunday, April 5th.

When we first started announcing that we were going back to two services for the winter months, I heard that some people were quite surprised. I suspect that comes from the fact that there were those who had hoped that with the expansion of the sanctuary this past year we would be able to stay at one service throughout the entire year.

There are certainly a number of benefits in keeping the worship schedule at a single service. One is that it's great to have the entire KLC ohana together at one time. That way we can see everybody each Sunday morning. After all, the relationships we share with one another are a huge part of what makes this congregation so amazing. When we have two services, it feels like it splits the congregation in half, and no one likes that. Another benefit of having only one service is that it's much easier to find the volunteers needed to help make worship happen. I continually hear that when we're on the two service schedule it can be difficult to find all the volunteers needed for Sunday mornings.

Now, while those are two very valid reasons for remaining with one service, we also need to realize that there are some equally valid reasons for offering two services during the winter months. One has to do with the numbers that we see at worship during these next 3 months, which can reach 300+. Could we somehow fit everyone into the sanctuary? I'm sure we could do so by cramming people into corners, and back out onto the lanai (something we wanted to eliminate by expanding the sanctuary). Experts have found that when a church is 80% full, people stop coming. We don't like being crammed next to each other (which has been evidenced by the fact that everyone spread out into the extra seating in the added sanctuary space, even when they didn't have to). We like our space. In order to provide that extra space, two services are essential when we're trying to accommodate 300+ people for worship.

Then there's parking. There were a number of Sundays this past fall where the parking lot was completely full, even when our attendance was around 180-190. That's why we began to encourage KLC members to park on the grass by the corner of the property (by the Norfolk Pine). Someone visiting will not stay if they can't find a spot in the parking lot. They'll simply head somewhere else. Trying to accommodate the cars that 300+ people would generate at one service would be impossible.

The bottom line here is that we are called to be a congregation that reaches out and welcomes people. We have been pretty effective at doing that, which shows in that KLC continues to be a growing congregation. But with that growth come changes that we have to embrace as we seek to be inviting church. Truthfully, the day will come when we will have to consider moving to two services all year long, if we want to continue to reach out to others with the Good News of the Christ Child whose birthday we have just celebrated.

In Luke 2, after the shepherds came and saw the Christ Child, they praised God and told others what they had seen and heard. We follow in the footsteps of those shepherds as we are called to share Christ with others and invite them to worship. It will mean changes in the way we do things as we continue to grow. But in the end, it's about growing God's church for the sake of the Gospel. May the blessings of God surround you as we enter this New Year!

Ke Akua me ke Aloha,





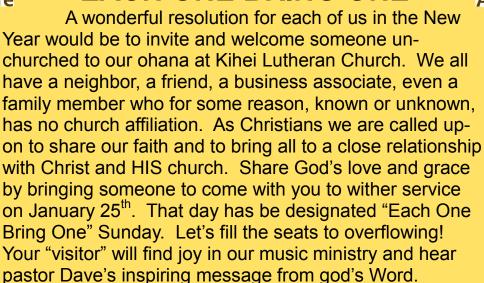
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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 22nd, has been chosen for the KLC Annual Congregational Meeting, which will take place in-between services, around 9:15 a.m. On that day the different ministry teams of KLC will present their reports, along with the elections of voting members to the 2015 Pacifica Synod Assembly, and the 2015 Nominating Team. Please mark that date on your calendar and plan to attend this important meeting. Watch for further information at the beginning of February.

A Time to Share

"EACH ONE BRING ONE"





A Time to Share

ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBERS

The 2015 Pacifica Synod Assembly will take place May 28-30, in Riverside, 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.

The Problem of Human Trafficking in North America Discussion

GUEST SPEAKERS: ASHLIE BRYANT & VICKI ZITO ,
TWO LEADERS IN THE FIGHT TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING, DIRECTORS & CO-FOUNDERS OF BREAK FREE, INC.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A \$9.6 BILLION INDUSTRY IN THE U.S. WITH AT LEAST 100,000 CHILDREN EXPLOITED ANNUALLY.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 10AM KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Break Free, Inc's mission is to raise awareness to combat the trafficking of young, vulnerable, & valuable human beings, provide resources to restore victims of human trafficking & educate students about human trafficking & how to avoid victimization. Vicki Zito came to know the term and reality of sex trafficking when her 17 year-old daughter was taken from their suburban grocery store, drugged & sold on Craigslist for sex before being rescued by the FBI innocenc lost task force.

Kihei Lutheran Church, 220 Moi Place, Kihei, HI 96753 For more information please call: 808.879.7979

In April 10 people from KLC have signed up for a mission trip to The Homes of Hope in Fiji. You are welcome to join us. This is a community that rescues, restores & reintegrates victims of sexual exploitation by providing a residential campus for young single mothers who are pregnant or have children under the age of 2 years.

As part of our education we have been able to invite two women from the California Break Free Organization to share with us their efforts to raise awareness of the dire human trafficking problem that exists in the USA. ≈ On Jan 17th at 10am. in the Church, Ashlie Montgomery and Vicki Zitro will give a presentation that will shock you. We often believe that this situation exists only in 3rd world countries. It is not so. Every year over 100,000 children are stolen and sold into sexual slavery in the USA. Many of them from Hawaii. It is a \$9.6 BILLION industry in America. We must educate and inform our parents and children of the need to protect themselves & their loved ones from this threat.

Vicki Zito's daughter was picked up in broad daylight from a local store and sold into the slave trade within 8 days. My neighbor in Kihei had her daughter taken and sold and finally reconnected with her three years later in Oklahoma.

Please join us to hear what these women have to say. Perhaps what you hear will change the lives of those you love the most. We will meet with the Break Free Group on Sat. Jan 17th at 10 am to 11:30 in the church. There will be time for questions and answers too. If you are interested in joining us for our Fiji trip that is possible as well. We leave April 12th. Some of us will stay 10 days, and some for 2 weeks. Please join us for this informational gathering and help support those of us who are going.

For more information: contact Sharon McElroy at 875 9182 or sharon.mcelroy@hawaiiantel.net

Story of Giving

Why I Pledge to Support KLC

My observation of KLC generosity has moved me and impressed me - from food & slippers to 5th Sunday Noisy Offerings, with recipients both local and distant.

Knowing prayers come to me and for me, as well as prayers & prayer shawls going far and wide has influenced my giving and motivated me to give more.

My pledging began immediately after my confirmation. Using part of my allowance was a natural. Increasing my pledge came with trepidation as a teenager questioning my ability to keep my pledge. I did and always have. I thank God many times every day for my many blessings.

Andrea Harris

OFFIRM

Thank you for all the generosity you showed to the youth of our community though your support of purchasing Christmas gifts for the keiki served at the Keolahau (spelling?) Food Pantry. This outreach ministry will reach 100 children. The light of Christ will surely reflect upon the faces of these children on Christmas morning. Mahalo for your caring and support of this ministry.

WISH LIST

KLC has been blessed by the expansion of our church facilities for almost a year now. While the additional space has been a true gift from God, there are still some parts of the expansion project that haven't been completed, due to the lack of funding. The following "wish list" is being shared, in case anyone might be looking for an opportunity to give a gift to KLC which would help to complete some of these unfinished projects. Please make sure any gift to this "wish list" is over and above your regular offering given to the general operating fund of the congregation, and not in place of it. The day to day ministries of the congregation are also very much in need of everyone's ongoing support. Mahalo nui for any kokua you might be able to offer!

This list is in order of the cost estimate, and not in any order of importance:

- Painting of cement block foundation around expansion \$1,175
- Plants for landscaping around the buildings \$2,000
- New Sound Desk for sound system \$2,000
- Gutters for the expanded Sanctuary building \$2,300
- Expansion of the sanctuary sound system \$2,700
- Painting of the handrails \$3,325
- Covering for the new lanai on the mauka side of the sanctuary This yet to be designed structure will require a <u>significant</u> investment, but the additional covering will greatly expand the use of the area. If you would like more information about this particular item, please speak with Pastor Dave.

Please also note that if there is anyone who would like to undertake any of the painting projects, rather than hiring the work out, that would be welcomed. Again, please speak with Pastor Dave about this.

WINE TASTING BENEFIT

Trinity Episcopal Church by the Sea (100 Kulanihakoi Street, Kihei) will be hosting "A Tasteful Benefit" on Saturday, January 31, 5:00-8:00 p.m. – a wine-tasting, fund raising effort for "A Cup of Cold Water" (a community care van outreach program sponsored by the Episcopal Church), as well as Trinity Church. Gourmet pupus, live music, and a silent auction will also be included as part of the evening. Tickets are \$75/person. Please contact the church office at 808-879-0161, to purchase tickets or receive more information.



December Angels





During the month of December there were numerous angels seen around KLC. The month saw a change in the treasurer of the congregation from Joel Rudow to Vicki Lee. Joel - for the many hours you selflessly gave in serving the congregation in this way, there are no words that express our gratitude completely. Vicki – for agreeing to take over this important position, we are so very grateful. You are both KLC angels!

We also want to be sure to lift up our winter friends, Don & Sharon Begalke, for their time and effort in fixing some of the lighting, in both the sanctuary and Pastor Dave's office. Each year when they are on Maui they always seem to offer their services in very helpful ways. Mahalo nui!

If you marveled at the beautiful Christmas lights on the Norfolk Pine which stands on the corner of the church property, you need to thank Zel Terluin and Keli Nelson for making sure that that happened. This year they even had to bring in a lift truck in order to reach the top of the tree, because it has grown so tall. Guys, your efforts filled Pi'ilani Highway with the joy of Christmas as many drove past that lit tree. You're awesome! Mahalo nui!

On November 29th, a good-sized group of KLC members participated in a property workday as we weeded the grass area south of the church sanctuary. A huge mahalo nui goes out to: Mike Beyersdorf, Jerry Embree, Jake Hangartner, Keek & Mo Hottendorf, Jack & Nancy Jorden, Evelyn Kaya, Sue Moorcroft, Joy Nelson, Eric Pilotin, & Connie Pluchos, along with a group of our sisters and brothers from the Kihei Tongan United Methodist Mission, who came and spent a handful of hours battling the weeds that have been growing so readily in the



New Year – New Way of Giving

As you contemplate donations in New Year, please keep the church in mind. Your contributions are needed for everything from special programs to basic operating expenses—both are deserving of your support. Please be as generous as you can in the year ahead.

For the convenience of church members and friends, we now offer online giving. To donate, visit the church website, locate the link under the gifts page and follow the instructions below.

Step 1: Enter donation amount, frequency and start date. Returning donors can log into their profile by entering their email address and password on the right.

Step 2: Enter name, address, and payment details. Donors have the option of checking a box to give an additional percentage towards helping your organization offset card processing fees.

Step 3: A confirmation number appears with a summary of the donation. This page can be printed and used as a receipt.

Have a blessed New Year.
The Finance Team

Dear KLC Ohana,

I would like to thank you for the overwhelming outpouring of prayer and support you have given me since my return from Minnesota. Going through the hospitalization, hospice and passing away of my Dad was an experience that will remain with me until I am with him again. He was a good man. He was kind, loving, quiet and spiritual-very different from my outspoken and full of spirit Mom. I know that this grieving process takes time. It is comforting to know that you are walking beside me. I feel the presence of the warmth of your prayers each day. Mahalo for your continued kindness.

Beth

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND!!

- Souper Bowl of Caring
- Youth Dinner & Silent Auction
- Whale Watch

Christmas Eve Paper Bag Pageant







Aloha and wishing each of you a Happy and Blessed New Year!!! The Prayer Shawl Hui would like to invite you to join them to knit any Thursday morning at 9AM at the church. Prayers Shawls are available for any occasion. This ministry will celebrate its 8th year in February with over 2,200 shawls given with love and prayer. Please



keep this hui in your prayers as they so faithfully fold the Sunday morning bulletins, knit, pray and have fellowship together as sisters in Christ. If you would like to donate money for yarn at any time please make a check out to Kihei Lutheran Church and then in the MEMO line write PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY. Mahalo for your generosity as we are not part of the general budget and buy everything from private donations. God bless you and yours!! The Prayer Shawl Hui

FIJI MISSION TRIP

A team from Kihei Lutheran Church will journey to Suva, Fiji to serve at Homes of Hope, a ministry that provides support for women who have been victims of human trafficking and forced prostitution.

Trip dates are April 11th—April 25th, 2015.

Contact Sharon McElroy for more information. sharon.mcelroy@hawaiiantel.net

"Sewing Supplies Needed for Fiji Homes of Hope Mission Trip"

We will need to bring Sewing Supplies for our Mission trip in April.

We need: Used pillowcases, thread, scissors, cotton and cotton blend fabric (used patterned flat sheets would work), ribbon, trim, bias tape.

We will be teaching the women to sew small dresses, tops, & "britches" from the pillowcases and fabrics. They will make them for their children or to sell at markets. Drop them off at the office with "Fiji Sewing Project" marked on the bag, or give them to Auntie Sharon at church.

2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Many KLC members and associate members have already picked up their 2015 offering envelopes. If you have not done this yet, please do so the next Sunday morning you're at worship. If you live off-island and would like us to mail the envelopes to you, please contact Cate Evert, KLC Administrative Assistant, at klc@kiheilutheran.org.

ADULT EDUCATION

We continue to journey through the Kerygma series. Join us at 9:15am in the Youth Room. See Jan Porter with questions.



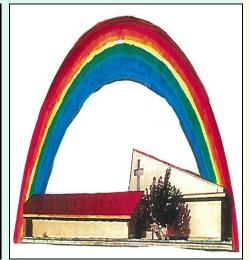






Important Statistics

November	2013	2014	
Average Sunday Worship Attend- ance -	180	179	
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$39,989.80	\$34,428.25	
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$282,355.31	\$332,263.16	



MAHALO NUI FOR YOUR ALOHA

To our KLC Ohana: Please accept our deepest mahalo nui for the amazingly generous staff gift, as well individual gifts, which you blessed us with this Christmas. Your generosity and care touch our hearts in so many ways. It continues to be an honor and blessing to share in serving our Lord together with you. Your expression of gratitude for the ministry we carry out with you is greatly appreciated. We look forward to 2015 with all that God has in store for KLC. May God be with and bless you all as together we serve our God and the Maui community!

Pastor Dave & Kathy

TO MY KLC OHANA!

You are all too much! Thank you so much for your Christmas gift to the KLC staff. Dawn and I continue to be flabbergasted and overwhelmed by your care, love and generosity to our family. We thank God for you and we feel your fellowship very strongly.

It is one of the greatest joys of our life to be given the great privilege of serving at KLC. You truly have become our Ohana. No other community I have ever served with has so profoundly bolstered and supported me as I seek to serve God, and his people with my life. You are all one of the greatest gifts we have ever been blessed with!

God's grace and peace to you all! Mele Kalikimaka!

Andrew

Dear KLC Ohana,

Thank you so much for the generous staff gift and individual gifts this Christmas. I continue to be so thankful for this Ohana and how you have extended your love and care towards me since Day 1. I consider it an incredible blessing to serve alongside you and thank God for this community I get to be a part of.

Mahalo nui for who you are~

With so much love & aloha, Cate

Dear KLC 'Ohana,

Thank you for your generous gift during the blessed Season of Christmas and Epiphany. I count my blessings many times a week being able to serve such a warm and giving congregation. I am hopeful that we will continue to flourish this coming year and have many positive surprises!

Love,

Beth









HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)

Jack Bendon	1/1	Kathy Krueger	1/14
Vanessa Cannon	1/1	Sue Olson	1/15
Loretta Dahlin	1/6	Jerry Kistler	1/17
Doak Schoennemann	1/6	Mike Dennison	1/21
Valaida D'Alessio	1/7	Benjamin Schultz	1/21
Caroline Swanson	1/9	Racheal Turnbull	1/27
Mark Beyersdorf	1/10	Steve Moksnes	1/29
Taylor Rudow	1/10	Elaine Ziegler	1/29
Karen Carlson	1/13	Dave Ballaine	1/30
Ray Benson	1/14	Helen Misner	1/31

HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O!

(Happy Anniversary!)

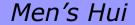
Jerry & Nancy Kistler January 2, 1970



Jerry & Susan Embree January 25, 1963

Aloha KLC Ladies

Our next Meeting will be Tuesday, January 27th 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!





January 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the Church.

All are Welcome

Administrative Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 9:00 AM—5:00 PM



Tuesday, January 20th, 2014 7:00 p.m.

LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK

If you haven't already "liked" our 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!

Worship Volunteers January 2015

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4	8:00	Zel Terluin	10:30	Alex Kennedy	
11	8:00	Fred Trott	10:30	Andrea Harris	
18	8:00	Dave Ballaine	10:30	Emma Pilotin	
25	8:00		10:30	Peggy Alexander	
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11	8:00	Joy Nelson	10:30	Billie Moksnes	
18	8:00	Darrell Pierson	10:30	Dawn Misner	
25	8:00	Mike Beyersdorf	10:30	Don Lee	
COM	COMMUNION				
4	8:00	Bev & Bert Schifferling, Keli, Vicki, Jessica & Roxi Nelson	10:30	Holly & OwenPendergast, Terri Ocean, Hillary Glassel, Billie & Steve Moksnes	
11	8:00	Marilyn Hopkins, Donna Smith, Andrew Fleish- man, Nancy Kentz & Betty Misner	10:30	Hula Group	
18	8:00	Heather & Dave Ballaine, Renee & Nels Romerdahl, Sanni Tharp & Andrea Harris	10:30	Vicki & Don Lee, Nancy & Dave Meyer, Alex Kennedy & Andrew Fleishman	
25	8:00	Debbie & Mikhaela Galin- do, Betty & Dawn Misner, Evelyn Kaya & Nancy Kentz	10:30	Rhonda, David, Emma & Morgan Stoltzfus, Keli Nelson & Zel Terluin	
GREETERS					
4	8:00	Karen & Lynn Carlson	10:30	Holly Pendergast & Nancy Meyer	
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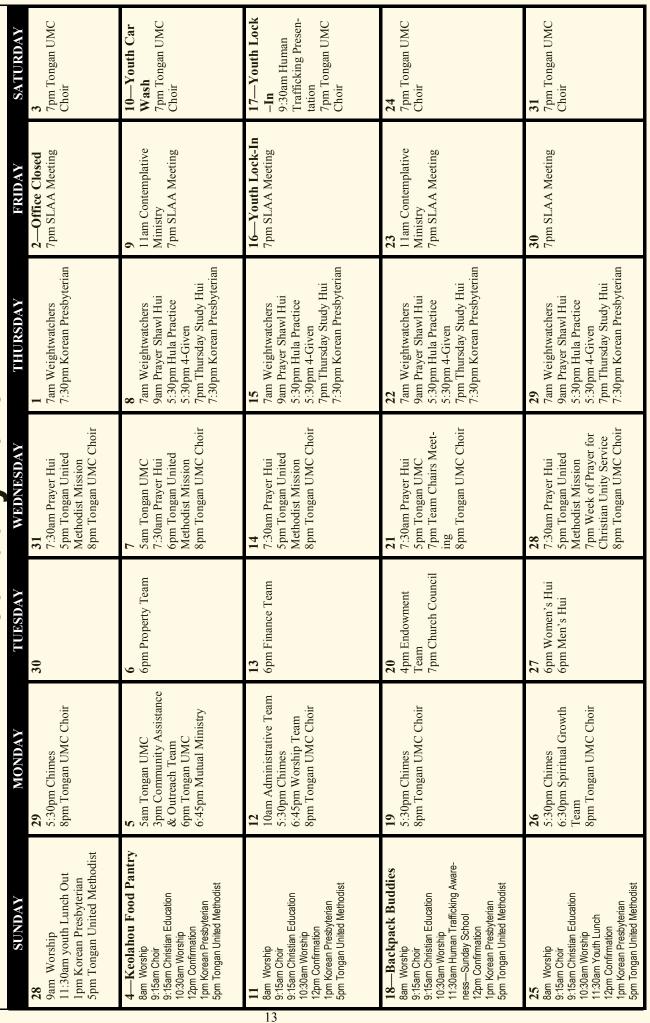
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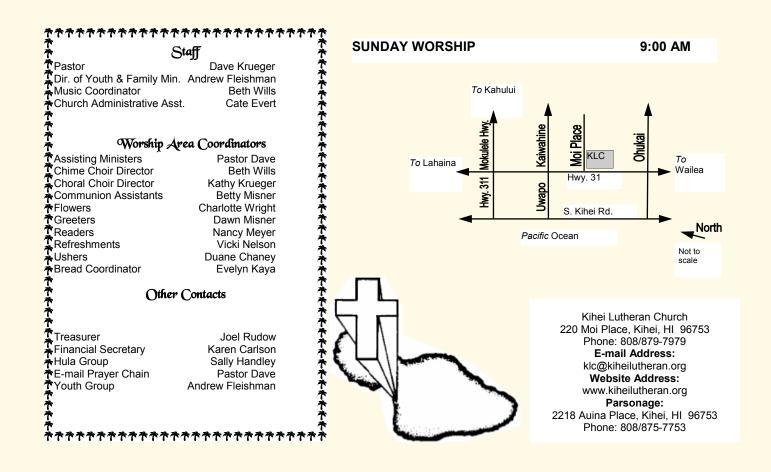




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