



KLC Ohana News



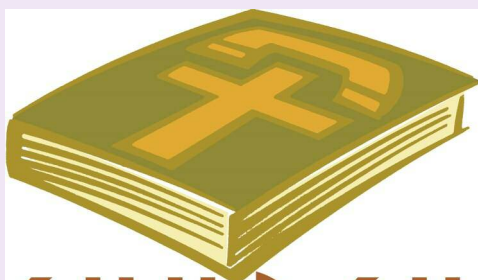
JULY 2015

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

PASTOR DAVID J. KRUEGER

FOURTH OF JULY

It's been a few years since KLC has had a 4th of July party. This year it's all going to be different, because it will happen once again! Come to the church on Saturday, July 4, 4:30 p.m. for a real celebration. There will be plenty of games, followed by a pot-luck dinner and fireworks. If you have any questions, please speak with Vicki Nelson (874-3423), or Margie Terluin (874-2406).



CHURCH D I R E C T O R Y

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

A KLC membership directory update is in the works for sometime in either July or August. So that the information is as accurate and up-to-date as possible, all members & associate members are being asked to take a moment and email Cate Evert at klc@kiheilutheran.org with all of their current contact information - home address, email address, and phone number(s). Even if nothing has changed, please send Cate your information so that it can be checked against what is in the current directory.

Please also look at your current picture in the directory, and if it's time for a new photo, arrange to have a new picture taken by Pastor Dave on a Sunday morning. You're not being asked to submit a picture, because it would be nice to have uniform pictures with a white background. Pastor Dave will have his camera at church on Sundays and take a couple of quick shots using one of the walls in the sanctuary. See either Cate or Pastor Dave if you have any questions. Mahalo nui for your kokua as the KLC directory is updated.



ALOHA FROM PASTOR DAVE



Dave
Krueger



During this past month there have been numerous people asking about what exactly will happen at KLC in terms of a pastor, once I retire on October 1. While Bishop Finck addressed this matter with the church council and the congregation during his June 6-7 visit, I'd like to take a moment to explain it again, for those who were unable to be at those meetings, as well as for those who are not on-island at this time of the year.

Whenever there is a pastoral vacancy, there is normally another pastor who comes and temporarily serves the congregation while they are involved in the search process for a new, permanent pastor. In the past, such persons would lead worship and preach on Sunday mornings, as well as offer pastoral care if there was an emergency. But usually they would do so only on a part-time basis. Often these would be retired pastors who lived in the area of the church.

Over the years, however, that approach has changed. Studies have shown that the best time for a congregation to look at itself and consider what needs to be changed or rearranged happens during a pastoral vacancy. With that in mind, frequently what's referred to as a transitional pastor comes into the vacant congregation. This is a person who has had very specific training in guiding the congregation through the time of transition. This pastor serves in a full-time capacity, not only preaching and leading worship on Sunday, but working alongside all of the different ministries of the congregation, as well as with all of the members, to guide them through a specific process that involves things like: saying good-bye to and letting go of the previous pastor, recalling the congregation's history, carrying out conversations about the strengths and areas of growth that are present in the congregation, addressing any unresolved issues that might be hiding in the shadows of the church, as well as looking to the future and wondering what new ministries and areas of service God might be calling them to. This process is not something that is completed overnight. It can take 1-2 years to go through, so the congregation has to be patient and not rush to get through it. Then, when they call a new permanent pastor and he/she arrives, they will be ready to welcome that pastor with open arms and move forward with their mission and ministry.

This is the direction Bishop Finck has recommended KLC take. When he was here at the beginning of June, he shared with everyone that he had a specific person in mind to be that transitional pastor here. While this person's name has not yet officially been released, it is known that he has substantial intentional ministry experience, and has lived in Hawai'i before, so island life and the culture are no strangers to either he or his wife. It's hoped that his name will be made public to the congregation very soon.

Needless to say, there's much more that goes into the process than I have included here. This has been intended to simply be a quick overview for those of you who are wondering. A Transition Team will be set up to work with the interim pastor, and assist him in guiding KLC through the process. In the meantime, please continue to keep KLC lifted up in your prayers, as well as the transitional interim pastor who will be coming to be with you. I am certain that the same God who has led you to be the shining light of the gospel on Maui that you are today, will be the same God who will help you move forward through this time of transition, to the next level, in terms of serving Jesus Christ in the days ahead. I can promise you that Kathy and I will keep all of you in our prayers every day!

Ke Akua me ke Aloha,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave". The signature is written in dark ink on a white rectangular background.



*“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things”
(1 Corinthians 13:7).*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the crucified and risen Christ.

Last week the U.S. Supreme Court rendered its decision announcing the right of same-gender couples to have equal access to marriage. For many members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, this decision is a welcome sign of hope and a time for celebration. Other members of this church do not agree with the court’s decision and remain deeply concerned because of their understanding of Scripture.

This decision affects each of us, some profoundly, and we are not of one mind. Let us continue to accompany one another with prayer, love and mutual respect as we reflect on this new reality and remember Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians about the enduring power of God’s love. The ELCA social statement “Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust” (2009) neither endorses nor forbids same-gender marriages and recognizes that we have differing understandings and convictions on this matter. In its decision, the court stated that “the First Amendment ensures that religious organizations and persons are given proper protection as they seek to teach the principles that are so fulfilling and so central to their lives and faiths.”

According to this church’s social statement on human sexuality, all decisions about recognizing, supporting and holding publicly accountable same-gender relationships are entrusted to congregations. Recognizing that the church is not of one mind on this subject, our 2009 actions provide that congregations and clergy should discern together whether to recognize such relationships and to what degree.

Pastors are to engage in conversation, discernment and partnership with the congregations who have called them prior to solemnizing or presiding over a same-gender marriage. On the other hand, no pastor is obligated to solemnize the marriage of any couple, same-gender or different-gender, whom the pastor cannot in good conscience marry.

As Lutheran Christians, we continue to be a church that engages in conversation and discernment in all aspects of our faith and life. Creating space for respectful conversation and dialogue continues to be an important part of our life together. A helpful resource for engaging in difficult conversations is [“Talking Together as Christians about Tough Social Issues.”](#) In addition, the ELCA Ministry to and with Same-Gender Couples and their Families Working Group remains in the process of completing its work. A report of the group’s findings and possible recommendations will be presented to the ELCA Church Council at its November meeting.

We seek to see our differences as a gift to be celebrated as we live out that which unites us: the mercy and grace of Jesus Christ who leads us into mission and ministry in the world. In the midst of this change, we are first and foremost church – a church that proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ. May God bless, guide and strengthen you each day as you go in peace and serve the Lord.

Your Sister in Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Youth Summer Mission Trip

On June 7th through the 12th, a group of 15 KLC youth and 5 adults went to serve on the island of O'ahu. The group served with the Wounded Warriors at Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (Kaneohe Bay) and on the U.S.S. Missouri, Pohai Nani Retirement Center, and Maluhia Lutheran Church. This was truly an amazing week filled with God's presence gently guiding the group to be present with those we had the privilege of serving.

Kihei Lutheran Church should be very proud of the youth of our church. Not only were the youth phenomenal ambassadors of KLC, but they entered into the ministry of service and presence with the grace and intentionality that Christ beckons us all to. Be sure to ask the youth about their experience, They have much to tell!



MORE YOUTH MISSION TRIP PICTURES



NURSERY AT KLC!!!

With much excitement and thanksgiving, on June 28th, the Nursery at KLC was open for business!

We have put a lot of prayer and thought into putting our nursery together. We are very pleased to have hired Lucinda Chartrand as our Nursery attendant. Lucinda comes to us with over a decade of experience with early childhood care. She is also a student at UH Maui working on her degree in early childhood development.

The Nursery is available on Sundays, from 8:30 to 11:00 am, and is for young ones from the ages of 0 to 4 years old. It's located in the Youth Room directly next to Andrew's office.



Please be sure to welcome Lucinda when you have the opportunity. Also, please continue to pray as we at KLC strive to implement ministry programs that effectively reach our community for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



JUNE ANGELS



During the month of June there were two KLC members who have been serving in separate ministries at KLC for many years who decided to step back from their responsibilities. They need to be lifted up as KLC angels for certain.

Dawn Misner has served as the coordinator of Sunday Greeters for 7 years. Each month she faithfully scheduled people to stand on the lanai before worship and greet all who came for worship. Every Sunday morning she would arrive early to set up the Greeter's Table and put out all of the visitor and worship materials, including the shell lei, name tags, and bulletins. For those countless Sundays you were at church, along with the many months of greeters you scheduled, we express our deepest appreciation to you, Dawn. You are truly an angel!

The other angel is Evelyn Kaya. For the past 9 years, she took responsibility for baking bread that would be delivered to all first-time guests who lived on Maui. And we're not talking any regular old bread. She made all kinds of different flavors, each one being a work of art when it came to taste. No one will ever know how many loaves Evelyn has baked. One thing's for certain, however. She touched the lives of many people who have worshiped at KLC through her bread baking ministry. Mahalo nui loa, Evelyn!



Aloha and blessings to you and yours. The prayer shawl hui is meeting every Thursday during the summer. Please know anyone is welcome to join us. This ministry continues to be very powerful in letting people know that they are prayed for and that God walks with us in all we do. Please continue to keep these ladies in your prayers as they give of their time talents and prayers.

God bless,
The Prayer Shawl Hui

Online Giving Available on KLC Website

Kihei Lutheran Church is pleased to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at [www.kiheilutheran.org],
- 2) Click on the [**Give**] button and then click on the [**Online Donation**] button.
- 3) Click on the Create Profile button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring or one time contributions.



Tuesday, July 21st,
2015
7:00 p.m.

Aloha KLC Ladies

Women's Hui is not meeting for the Summer. Please join us this September when we start up again. Stay tuned for more information coming in the August newsletter. Have a fantastic summer.

Men's Hui



MEN'S GROUP

July 28th at 6:00
p.m. at the
Church.

All are Welcome

Administrative Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday:
9:00 AM—5:00 PM

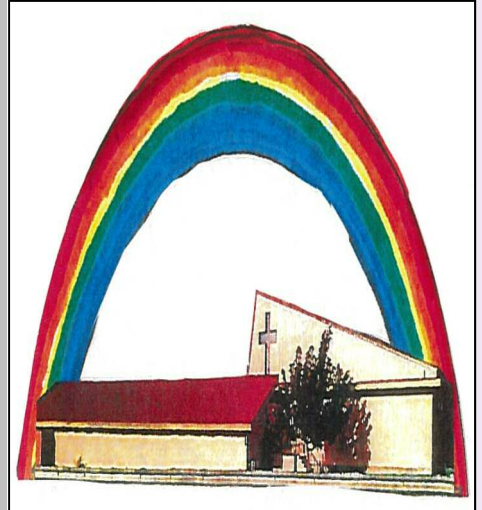


"LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK

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!

Important Statistics

May	2014	2015
Average Sunday Worship Attendance -	152	145
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$19,353.37	\$26,380.18
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$190,284.98	\$169,951.57



ADULT BIBLE DISCUSSION

Whew! We are finished. Kaput. Done. We survived the Kerygma. It took us 18 months to finish the Bible Study that took us through the entire Bible via themes. Karen and Lynn Carlson, Nels Glesne, Holly Pendergast, Donna Smith, Janet Judson and I can all say that we learned so much about the Bible as a whole, but we could do the program 5 more times and still come away with more.

What are we doing as an encore? As a group we have decided to "hang loose" for the summer and see where it takes us. Most of us will be gone 2-3 weeks sometime during the summer, so we will take a break until September. Anybody who has a topic of interest is invited to participate at that time. Janet Judson gave a presentation on June 21 on "Gossip: How it Affects the Church Body". Lynn Carlson had an audio tape he shared with the group on June 28. Nels Glesne has given us an outline on What Did Jesus Believe About Wealth? I am preparing a presentation on "Angels in Our Life".

Who knows what we will do this fall?? Perhaps we will take one of these themes and run with it. Perhaps we will study Romans in depth. Do you have an idea for us? If you do please let Jan Porter (808-283-6111) know.

HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)

Nancy Smith	7/1	Nancy Kistler	7/13
Emma Stoltzfus	7/1	Don Begalke	7/14
Stefanie Cuomo	7/3	Eric Pilotin	7/15
John Vorhes	7/3	Nancy Meyer	7/18
Mike Johnson	7/5	Allie Rudow	7/18
Evelyn Pearce	7/6	Larry Ankrum	7/21
Tom Rietz	7/6	Lindsay Findlay	7/22
Cheryl Rietz	7/7	Sally Handley	7/24
Jean Ellis	7/8	Linda Chaney	7/25
Debbie Emanovsky	7/8	Amy Wasson	7/26
Debbie Galindo	7/8	Kristi Bendon	7/27
Walt Grotz	7/8	Ashlynn Kennedy	7/27
Roxi Nelson	7/8	Andrew Fleishman	7/27
Jan Patrick	7/8	Mark Fornwall	7/31
Leib Alexander	7/9	Greg Stratton	7/31
Linda Archer	7/13		



HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O! (Happy Anniversary!)



Mark & Marilyn Fornwall	July 3, 1976
David & Peggy Crossen	July 14, 1979
Danny & Sharyl Boren	July 18, 2009

Worship Volunteers

July 2015

ASSISTING MINISTERS

5	Andrea Harris
12	Peggy Alexander
19	Holly Pendergast
26	Fred Trott

READERS

5	Linda Hangartner
12	Andrea Harris
19	Linda Hangartner
26	Holly Pendergast

COMMUNION

5	Holly & Eryn Pendergast, Bev & Bert Schifferling, Zel Terluin & Betty Misner
12	Carolyn Rixey-Wagner, Sally Handley, Marilyn Hopkins, Nancy Kentz, Lynn & Karen Carlson
19	Hilary Glassel, Joy Nelson, David, Rhonda, Emma & Morgan Stoltzfus
26	Margie Terluin, Mikhaela & Debbie Galindo, Dawn & Betty Misner

GREETER TEAMS

5	Carolyn Rixey-Wagner, Barbara Rudow, Sue Moorcroft & Holly Pendergast
12	Stefanie Cuomo, Joy Nelson, Linda Archer & Hilary Glassel
19	Eric, Joleen, Emma & Erica Pilotin
26	David, Rhonda, Emma, Morgan & Simon Stoltzfus

USHERS

5	Owen Pendergast & David Stoltzfus
12	Mark Fornwall & Gene Raine
19	Owen Pendergast & David Stoltzfus
26	Owen Pendergast & Gene Raine

MEDIA

5	Allie Rudow
12	Sharyl Boren
19	Owen Pendergast
26	Joel Rudow

SUNDAY SCHOOL

5	Andrew & Dawn Fleishman
12	Andrew & Dawn Fleishman
19	Andrew & Dawn Fleishman
26	Andrew & Dawn Fleishman

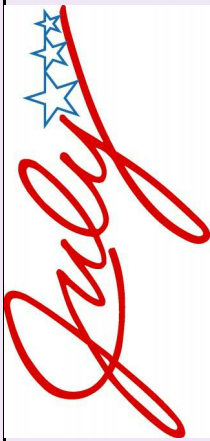
FLOWERS

5	Joy Nelson
12	Lindsay Findley
19	Nancy Kistler
26	Linda Archer

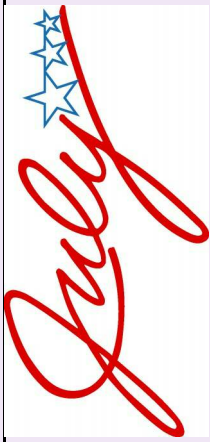
REFRESHMENTS

5	Jeane Raine
12	Dori & John Thorngren
19	
26	Mo Hottendorf





Kihei Lutheran Church June 2015



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28—Install 2015-2016 Council 9am Worship 10:15 Christian Education 5pm Tongan United Methodist	29 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	30	1 7:30am Prayer Hui 5pm Tongan UMC 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	2 7am Weightwatchers 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6:30pm Masterworks 7pm Thursday Study Hui	3—Independence Day Observed—Office Closed	4—Independence Day 7pm Tongan UMC Choir
5—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 5pm Tongan United Methodist	6 10am Administrative Team 6:45pm Mutual Ministry Team 8pm Tongan UMC	7 6pm Property Team	8 7:30am Prayer Hui 5pm Tongan UMC 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	9 7am Weightwatchers 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6:30pm Masterworks 7pm Thursday Study Hui	10 11am Contemplative Ministry	11 7pm Tongan UMC Choir
12 9am Worship 5pm Tongan United Methodist	13 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	14 6pm Finance Team	15 7:30am Prayer Hui 5pm Tongan UMC 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	16 7am Weightwatchers 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6:30pm Masterworks 7pm Thursday Study Hui	17	18 7pm Tongan UMC Choir
19 9am Worship 5pm Tongan United Methodist	20 5:30pm Worship Team 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	21 7pm Church Council	22 7:30am Prayer Hui 5pm Tongan UMC 6:30pm Spiritual Growth Team 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	23 7am Weightwatchers 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6:30pm Masterworks 7pm Thursday Study Hui	24 10am Humana Seminar 11am Contemplative Ministry	25—Newsletter Deadline 7pm Tongan UMC Choir
26 9am Worship 5pm Tongan United Methodist	27 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	28 5pm Masterworks Potluck and Rehearsal 6pm Men's Hui	29 7:30am Prayer Hui 5pm Tongan UMC 6:30pm Masterworks 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	30 7am Weightwatchers 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 7pm Thursday Study Hui	31	1 7pm Tongan UMC Choir