



KLC Ohana News



DECEMBER 2015

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH INTERIM PASTOR DAVID BARBER

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

On Thursday, December 24th, KLC will hold three Christmas Eve services, beginning at 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00 p.m. The 4:00 p.m. service will be geared toward families with young children, using the "Paper Bag Christmas Pageant", where everyone will receive a paper bag containing items that will allow them to participate in a "do-it-yourself" Christmas pageant. All three services will include the singing of Christmas carols and Holy Communion, along with a variety of special music at each service. Each 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.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

On Sunday, December 13, 2015, we will be offering our cantata, "Love Came Down". This service will be in the form of the tradition of Lessons and Carols that dates back to 1880. It will blend historic carols with newer compositions along with scripture to tell the wonderful story of Christmas. The KLC Adult Choir, 4-Given and our Keiki and Youth will be part of this liturgy. Please come as we recall, during this Advent season, the birth of Jesus.

KEIKI CHRISTMAS GIFTS

This year we will continue our tradition of purchasing gifts for the children who are served at the Keolahou Food Pantry. There is a sign up sheet on the lanai where you may sign up for a boy or girl within a specified age group. There is a \$10 limit per gift. Simply, return your unwrapped gift and place it under the Christmas tree by the altar. Rolls of wrapping paper are also still needed. Our last delivery will be December 17. If you prefer, you may make a cash donation and we will shop for you. Please see Renee or Nels Romerdahl for donations, questions, or more information.



ALOHA FROM PASTOR DAVID



David
Barber



I just finished *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor, which has helped me prepare for the Advent Season now upon us. She speaks of our aversion to enter the darkness unless it's just a momentary venture. Being in the dark physically, spiritually, or emotionally can be a scary experience especially for an extended span of time. I understand this fear. It's difficult to be unsettled. Not being in control can lead to anxiety. It's painful not to have all the answers to the questions that keep us awake. The night can exaggerate or bring to light the struggles we have with our faith, our relationship to God, to others, and other concerns that keep us tossing and turning waiting for the light of day. No wonder we want something that will put us to sleep so we don't have to face the terrors of the night and those issues we try to deny.

However, if we're willing to embrace the darkness and not run away from it, this can be a fertile time in which God does the most creative work within us. God will surprise us in unexpected and inspiring ways. Most of all he surprises us with a Son who enters the darkness with us and loves us with an everlasting love. Truly, "the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

Do we not have the same quandary with the Advent Season? While people around us are already celebrating the light of Christmas - and the more lights the better, we are being asked to wait in darkness. While the stores and the culture bombard us with the music and the carols of Christmas, we're confronted with some unfamiliar Advent songs and grouchy John the Baptist and his rant of repentance. Not only are we exhorted to "hurry up and get on with Christmas," but we also have those tapes from Christmases past playing in our hearts and heads telling us what Christmas ought to be. There is so much sentimentality wrapped up in this season that it's almost impossible to separate the wrappings of Christmas from the gift of Christmas.

Therefore, this is an invitation to journey into the darkness and the solitude of the Advent Season. Immerse yourself in the symbolism and the experience of these four weeks as you light the Advent candles, listen to the scripture readings, and hear and sing the message of our hope for the "long expected Jesus" through our Advent hymns. Sit alone in silence waiting for God to speak to you through the power of the Holy Spirit without having an agenda or the need to be busy. Use it as a time to prepare for God and for the babe of Bethlehem and not merely as a preparation for the Christmas holiday.

Will you be struck dead if you don't honor the Advent Season? Of course not! We're not talking about your salvation. Jesus Christ is coming into our world no matter what you do in terms of preparation. His advent is not dependent on our efforts. That's the good news. But like any discipline, it may be an avenue by which your faith is nurtured. It may be a channel by which God breaks into your life and enlightens you with some new insights and opportunities. Your journey into darkness may also be a journey of solidarity with all those who are enveloped in darkness and whose lives are filled with sorrow and suffering during this time.

May we give thanks for the Advent Season and experience it as an opportunity through which our hearts and our lives may receive the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore, may we wait with hopefulness and expectation for the advent of our God.

Pastor David

NATIVITY SCENE

To heighten our awareness of the Advent Season as well as our anticipation for the birth of Jesus, the crèche will be developed in stages with new characters being added each week. This will also serve as instruction for our keiki during their message.



PLEDGE DRIVE

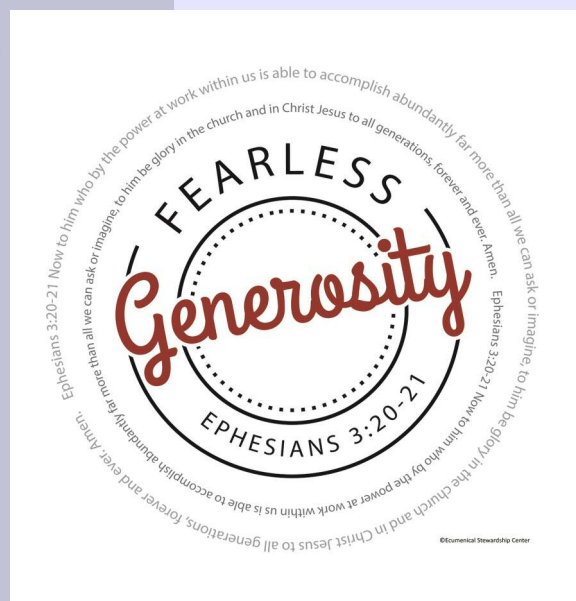
Fearless Generosity

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and forever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21

The theme for KLC’s 2016 stewardship drive is “Fearless Generosity,” which includes fearless living, fearless service, fearless sowing, and fearless giving.” KLC’s ohana is certainly generous in all of those ways.

During the stewardship drive, we emphasize fearless giving. Are we willing to commit our monetary resources to keep KLC’s programs and activities vibrant and growing? If you haven’t pledged in the past, we encourage you to prayerfully consider doing so in January. If you have pledged, we thank you and hope you will do so again. Making a commitment is a significant and sacred act that shows what we value.

The Spiritual Gifts Committee



ADOPT A FAMILY

The members of the Community Assistance/Outreach Team would like to invite anyone willing to participate in the ongoing food collection and the “Adopt a Family” Christmas Ornament monetary donations, to be provided to the recipients at the Keolahou Food Pantry on Dec 10th and 17th. Please return your paper ornaments and monetary donation by Sunday, December 6th. This outreach project has not been done for the past couple of years so we are reaching out to those who have so much, to give HOPE to those who may have so little.

















CHRISMONS

Chrismons are Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them. The word is a combination of Christ and monogram (symbol). They help Christians to remember that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus's birthday. They are often used on Christmas trees in churches and Christian homes.

Frances Kipps Spencer of Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia made the first Chrismons intending that visitors that came to her church would hear the story of Jesus explained through her original Chrismons.

Chrismons are traditionally colored white and gold – White is the liturgical color for Christmas and symbolizes that Jesus was pure and perfect. Gold symbolizes His majesty and glory. They can be made from many different materials such as syrafoam, plastic canvas, beads, pearls, ribbon, etc.

Here are some symbols that are common Chrismons and what they represent to Christians.

	The Cross symbolizes that Christians believe Jesus Christ died for everyone on a cross		The Butterfly is a symbol for transformation and the immortal soul
	The Fish is one of the oldest Christian symbols. The letters, from the Greek word for fish (ichthus) stand for Jesus		The Anchor Cross reminds Christian's that Jesus is the anchor of their faith
	A Five Pointed Star represents the five wounds of Jesus on the cross		The Shepherd's Crook or Staff remembers that Jesus sometimes called himself a shepherd. It can also represent the shepherds who were the first people told about the birth of Jesus
	The Crown is the symbol that Jesus is King. It shows that Christians believe Jesus is ruler over heaven and earth		The Shell is a symbol for baptism. It reminds Christians of the water that they are baptized on. It is also a sign of Pilgrimage, as Pilgrims to the Holy Land (Israel) would use a shell as a drinking vessel
	The Dove is the symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit		The Lamp and The Candle both represent that Christians believe Jesus is the Light of the world
	The Triquetra is made of three loops making a triangle representing the three parts of the trinity, God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit		The Cup or Chalice is a symbol of Communion. It also represents God's forgiveness
	The Angel reminds Christians of the angels who told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. It can also represent the second coming of Jesus, which the Bible says will start with an Angel blowing a trumpet		The Lamb is a symbol for Jesus who is sometimes called "The Lamb of God"
	The Heart is a symbol of love and reminds Christians that God is Love		The White Rose is a symbol for purity and can represent Mary

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

On **Sunday, December 13th, 10:15 a.m.**, the congregation will meet to approve the KLC operating budget for 2015. All confirmed members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, contact Karen Carlson, Finance Team Chair (446-1180). The congregation will also meet in February to hear year-end reports from the congregation's teams, elect voting members to the Synod Assembly, along with conducting any other business deemed necessary by the church council.

ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBERS

The 2015 Pacifica Synod Assembly will take place May 5-7, in 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. This year those who go will be voting for our new bishop. How exciting.

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 Renee Romerdahl. Our congregation's voting members will be elected at the annual congregational meeting in February.

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS SET-UP



THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS SET-UP CONTINUED





NOVEMBER ANGELS

A big mahalo goes out to those who helped with Thanksgiving and the decorating of the church for Christmas. We also want to thank those who helped with the new member luncheon that happened on the 29th. A huge Mahalo to those individuals who sponsored these people and have agreed to show them the ropes as they are getting accustomed to the church. Those members will be joining the church on December 6th. Please stay tuned to next months newsletter to get a better "picture" of those who joined.



JOIN OUR
STUDY

ADULT BIBLE DISCUSSION

I'm sure you have heard the phrase, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do." But do you know what they did in the first century AD? Who were the Pharisees and the Sadducees? To what importance were the Centurions?

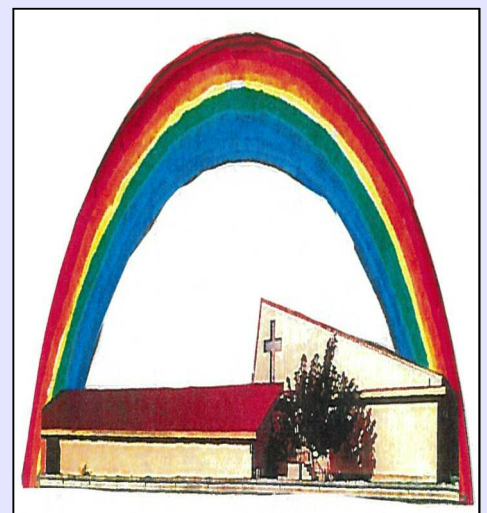
The established church there was the recipient of one of Paul's most popular, informational, and life transforming letters.

KLC's Adult Bible Study Discussion Group has been picking apart the chapters to find God's message that Paul's letter has for us. As we delve into the 5th chapter, we are using Donald Grey Barnhouse's Exposition of the Bible Doctrine for our reference and guide to the fine points. Throughout the study I have the privilege of using our church library for research. This affords us the versatility of format as well as the insight of various sources. Not only do we have Barnhouse's Exposition, but we have Great Courses' Professor Bart D. Ehrman (The New Testament) and Amy Levine (Famous People from the Bible) on CD/DVD for our use. Timothy Keller has published the study guide that is used throughout the series for a set of thought provoking questions and soul transforming answers. Please join us in the Multi-Purpose Room, (follow the signs through the kitchen) Check the bulletin for time as it will change when we start two services in January.

BEGINNING JANUARY 6.....This same subject/class will be repeated on Wednesday mornings 9 - 11 a.m. Multi-purpose room. Bring a Friend.

Important Statistics

October	2014	2015
Average Sunday Worship Attendance -	158	151
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$24,656.24	\$26,630.85
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$297,831.91	\$264,626.75





Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Hui meets every Thursday from 9-11 in the multi-purpose room to knit or crochet shawls. People who have received a shawl have commented that they feel loved when they are wrapped in their prayer shawl. Please consider joining the group. No experience necessary. And please keep the Prayer Shawl Hui in your 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.

Men's Hui



MEN'S GROUP

December 22nd
at 6:00 p.m.
at the Church.

All are Welcome



Tuesday, December
15th, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Aloha KLC Ladies

There will not be Women's Hui for the months of November and December. After that they will decide what is going to be happening next. Please stay tuned to next months newsletter to see what is going to be happening.

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

HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



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

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

Doug & Lisa Paulson	December 2, 1995
Jeff & Charlotte Wright	December 2, 1972
David & Kathy Krueger	December 18, 1971
Tony & Carol Wakefield	December 19, 1964
Todd & Molly Lawson	December, 21 1991
Duke & Sharon McElroy	December 23, 1963
Neil & Sheila Turnbull	December 25, 1985
Bob & Jane Schumacher	December 29, 1991
David & Rhonda Stoltzfus	December 30, 1995
Paul Cheng & Jill Jennings	December 31, 1989



Worship Volunteers

December 2015

ASSISTING MINISTERS

6	Zel Terluin
13	Dawn Misner
20	
24	4:00—Zel Terluin 6:00—Mike Beyersdorf 8:00—Vicki Nelson
27	Alli Rudow

READERS

6	Quinn Hottendorf
13	Zel Terluin
20	Andrea Harris
24	6:00—Linda Hangartner 8:00—David Stoltzfus
27	Sanni Tharp

COMMUNION

6	Holly Pendergast, Linda Hangartner, Donna Smith, Nancy Kentz, Bev & Bert Schifferling
13	Sue Moorcroft, Zel Terluin, Keli, Vicki, Jessica & Roxi Nelson
20	Andrea Harris, Hilary Glassel, Marilyn Hopkins, Joy Nelson, Billie & Steve Moksnes
24	4:00—Hula 6:00—4-Given 8:00—Hula
27	Jack Wierzba, Evelyn Kaya, Linda Hangartner, Betty Misner, Nels & Renee Romerdahl

GREETER TEAMS

6	Carolyn Rixey-Wagner, Barbara Rudow, Sue Moorcroft & Holly Pendergast
13	Stefanie Cuomo, Joy Nelson, Linda Archer * Hilary Glassel
20	Eric, Joleen, Emma & Arica Pilotin
24	4:00—Stoltzfus Family 6:00—Pilotin Family 8:00—Barbara Rudow & Stoltzfus Family
27	David, Rhonda, Emma, Morgan & Simon Stoltzfus

USHERS

6	John Thorngren, Owen Pendergast, Keek & Mo Hottendorf
13	Hilary Glassel, Lynn Carlson & Sanni Tharp
20	David Stoltzfus & Mark Fornwall
24	
27	George Kuzelka & Duane Chaney

MEDIA

6	Mike Beyersdorf
13	Joel Rudow
20	Owen Pendergast
24	4:00—Sharyl Boren 6:00— 8:00—Nels Romerdahl
27	Joel Rudow

SUNDAY SCHOOL

6	Stefanie Cuomo
13	Sharon McElroy & Mo Hottendorf
20	Roxi, Jessica & Vicki Nelson
27	

FLOWERS

6	
13	
20	
24	Bev & Bert Schifferling
27	Mo Hottendorf

REFRESHMENTS

6	Margie Terluin
13	Mo Hottendorf
20	Cheryl Rietz
24	Vicki Nelson
27	



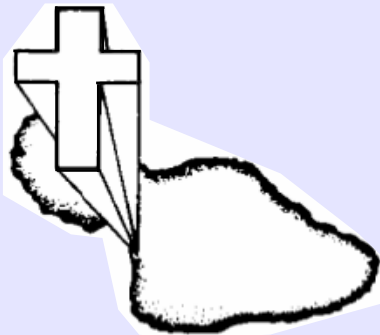
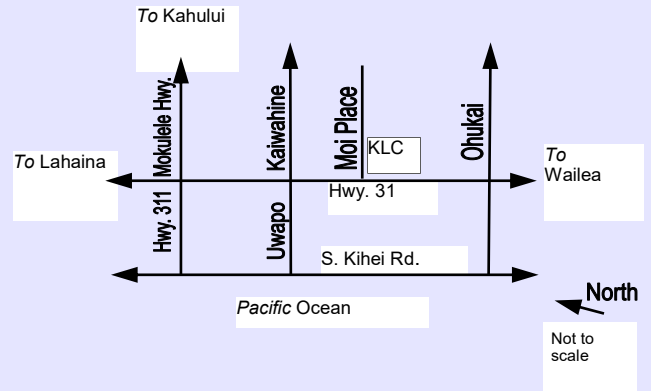
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 9am Worship 10:15am Choir 10:15am Adult Bible Discussion 10:15am Jr./Sr. High Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation 2pm Bement Rehearsal Dinner	30 5pm Margarita Monday 5:30pm Chimes 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	1 4pm Community Assistance/Outreach Team 6pm Property Team	2 7:30am Prayer Hui 5pm Tongan UMC 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	3 7am Weightwatchers 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 5:30pm Hula 5:30pm 4-Given 6:45pm Masterworks 7pm Thursday Study Hui	4 10am Humana Seminar	5 7pm Tongan UMC Choir
6—Keolahou food Pantry Receive New Members 9am Worship 10:15am Choir 10:15am Adult Bible Discussion 10:15am Jr./Sr. High Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation 5pm Tongan United Methodist	7 10am Administrative Team 2pm Spiritual Gifts Team 5pm Margarita Monday 5:30pm Chimes 6:45pm Mutual Ministry 8pm Tongan UMC	8 6pm Finance Team	9 7:30am Prayer Hui 5pm Tongan UMC 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	10 7am Weightwatchers 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 5:30pm Hula 5:30pm 4-Given 6:45pm Masterworks 7pm Thursday Study Hui	11 11am Contemplative Ministry	12 9am Choir-Cantata Rehearsal 6pm Youth Christmas Party 7pm Tongan UMC Choir
13—Cantata 9am Worship 10:15am Choir 10:15am Adult Bible Discussion 10:15am Jr./Sr. High Sunday School 11:30 am Confirmation 5pm Tongan United Methodist	14 5pm Margarita Monday 5:30pm Chimes 6:30pm CERT Skills Training 6:45pm Worship Team 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	15 7pm Church Council	16 7:30am Prayer Hui 5pm Tongan UMC 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	17 7am Weightwatchers 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 5:30pm Hula 5:30pm 4-Given 7pm Thursday Study Hui	18	19 8am Maui Canoe Club 7pm Tongan UMC Choir
20—Backpack Buddies 9am Worship 10:15am Choir 10:15am Adult Bible Discussion 10:15am Jr./Sr. High Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation 5pm Tongan United Methodist	21 5pm Margarita Monday 5:30pm Chimes 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	22 6pm Men's Hui	23 7:30am Prayer Hui 5pm Tongan UMC 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	24—Christmas Eve 12pm Church Office Closes 4pm Worship 6pm Worship 8pm Worship	25—Christmas Day—Office Closed Newsletter Deadline	26 7pm Tongan UMC Choir
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Staff	
✿ Pastor	David Barber
✿ Music Coordinator	Beth Wills
✿ Church Administrative Asst.	Cate Evert
✿ Bookkeeper	Sue Whitney
✿ Nursery Attendant	Lucinda Chartrand
Worship Area Coordinators	
✿ Assisting Ministers	Peggy Alexander
✿ Chimes & Choir Director	Beth Wills
✿ Communion Assistants	Betty Misner
✿ Flowers	Charlotte Wright
✿ Readers	Nancy Meyer
✿ Refreshments	Vicki Nelson
✿ Ushers	Duane Chaney
✿ Bread Coordinator	Sanni Tharp
Other Contacts	
✿ Treasurer	Vicki Lee
✿ Financial Secretary	Karen Carlson
✿ Hula Group	Sally Handley
✿ E-mail Prayer Chain	Cate Evert

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM



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