





**MAY 2016** 

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH INTERIM PASTOR DAVID BARBER

# **DAY OF PENTECOST—SUNDAY, MAY 15**

Please remember to wear "red" as we celebrate Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit on May 15. At our worship we will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for Anthony and Michaela Scibelli and Ashlynn Kennedy. In addition, we will honor graduating seniors for high school: Lanyssa Kennedy, Emma Pilotin, and Emily Pluchos.



On Pentecost Sunday, the reading from Acts has been read by a variety of people in many different languages. We are aware of some who have read last year, but if you can read a language other than English, please contact Cate or Pastor David.



# **CALL COMMITTEE FORMATION**

In preparation for calling your next pastor, many of you attended a small group meeting and/or completed an on-line survey sponsored by the Transition Team. The information gathered from your participation is being condensed and summarized for the Ministry Site Profile. This Profile provides, as thorough as possible, an accurate picture of the congregation. This gives pastoral candidates more complete knowledge of the congregation as they consider being available to interview and for call. On Saturday, June 4, Bishop Murray Finck will be here to meet with the Congregation Council, the Transition Team, and the Call Committee. In receiving the Ministry Site Profile, he will want to be assured by those in attendance that this Profile is an accurate reflection of our congregation. In addition, the bishop will discuss with us the procedure and the time-table for the call process. Please stay tuned for further details.

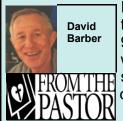
Because KLC needs to have a Call Committee in place for the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Congregation Council will select the Call Committee at its May meeting. As mandated by the Constitution, the Call Committee consists of six members. Included in this newsletter is a Call Committee Nomination Form. If you would like to serve or nominate another worthy candidate, please complete this form and return it no later than May 11. If you have questions, please talk to Renee Romerdahl, Council Chair, or Pastor David.

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# ALOHA FROM PASTOR DAVID



I just recently I learned that my uncle died on April 7. Uncle Lynn was the last of all the aunts and uncles on either side of my family. He was 95, but he was a young 95. He still lived by himself, mowed his own grass, and used his snow blower in the winter. When Karen and I stopped to see him about two years ago, we enjoyed some strawberries that he had preserved and frozen along with some chocolate chip cookies, which was his specialty.

When I was 15 & 16, I worked for two summers on his dairy farm in Wisconsin about 100 miles from my home. It was hard work, but good work and an excellent conditioner for the fall football season. It also instilled within me an appreciation for farmers and the luxurious bounty the earth provides for us. Just before I arrived for the first summer, my uncle had recently completed a new machine shed. Within the first week, I was driving a small John Deere tractor with an extended axle — sticking out perhaps a foot beyond the rear tire. Because I forgot about this extension, I baptized his new machine shed with a nice hole in one of the sliding doors. With some trepidation and fear, I nervously told him what I had done expecting him to be quite angry. Perhaps he expected such irresponsible mistakes from teen-age help because he was very forgiving. He allowed me to learn and to grow from a rash blunder and even invited me to return for the next summer.

I am very thankful for my Uncle Lynn and an abundance of people who have nurtured me, mentored me, and refined me along the way. Sometimes in America we hear idle chatter and erroneous descriptions about the "self-made person." That's a monstrous myth. There are no "self-made people!" Everything we have is a legacy bestowed and entrusted to us by many different people who have been instrumental in our lives – parents, family, teachers, pastors, loved ones, friends, and even some perhaps who are unknown to us. All of these saints, both living and dead, are a gift from God, encouraging and empowering us to live into the status God bestowed upon us in our baptism.

All of these people, along with everything I have inspire me to bow before God in utter thanksgiving, singing a doxology of praise. Indeed, Martin Luther, when explaining the first article of The Apostle's Creed, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth," stated:

I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties.

In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property - along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

Luther also stated in the Large Catechism: If we believed it (that the cosmos continually overflows with God's gifts) with our whole heart, we would also act accordingly, and not swagger about and boast and brag as if we had life, riches, power, honor and such things ourselves. When we do this, says Luther, we are drowned in blindness, misusing all the blessings and gifts of God solely for our own pride, greed, pleasure, and enjoyment.

If this is what we confess and what we believe, then there is no room for the self-made person. We are recipients of grace meant to be grace-filled and gracious to others, to our environment, and to ourselves. I owe a debt of gratitude to my Uncle Lynn and to many others who have modeled for me and taught me what it means to live humbly, thankfully, and respectfully with all the abundance God provides for us day-by-day.

**Pastor David** 

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#### **COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Congratulations to our newly elected Church Council members Dave Ballaine, Lynn Carlson, Duane Chaney, Marilyn Hopkins, Phil Proctor, Darleen Owens & Jack Wierzba. They will be joining the existing council for the Tuesday, May 17 Church Council meeting. This will help acclimate our new council members to their new roles and responsibilities at KLC.



#### **COMMITTEE CHAIR MEETING**



Committee Chair Meeting: There will be a Committee Chair meeting on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00PM. All Committee Chairs are expected to attend. If you are unable to attend, then please send a representative from your committee. Mahalo!

### **REQUEST**

Auntie Sharon is looking for an apartment/condo for rent for 2 or 3 months during Jan., Feb and March of 2017. (two quiet people). If you know of anything please contact her at 808 875 9182. Mahalo in advance.





Class Of 2016

Lanyssa My'Shelle Kennedy

King Kekeaulike High School

Commencement Ceremony

Thursday May 19, 2016
6pm to 9pm

#### GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT FUND

Because of Bishop's Finck's service to the church spanning 18 years, the Murray and Rhoda Finck Global Engagement Mission (GEM) Fund is being established, and funds are being solicited from congregations and professional leaders of the church. Bishop Finck has served our synod with profound faithfulness, deep compassion and with amazing humility and grace for which we are forever grateful.

#### This fund will:

Assist congregations of the Pacifica Synod in their global mission efforts.

Initiate and/or continue direct support of present and future Companion Synod(s) of the Pacifica Synod.

Share in ministry with God's people in the Middle East as we together strive for a lasting peace in that region.

If you would like to show your appreciation for Bishop and Rhoda Finck by donating to this fund, please make your checks to Kihei Lutheran designated for GEM. Thank you for your support.

#### **GOOD SAMARITAN FUND**

Kihei Lutheran Church, in keeping with its Biblical and charitable goals, has established a Good Samaritan Fund to assist persons in our congregation and community in financial need. The administration of the Fund is under the control of the Congregation Council, but disbursements will be determined by a Good Samaritan Committee, appointed by the Council, consisting of one member from the Community Assistance and Outreach Team, the Council President, and the Pastor. Donors may suggest beneficiaries of the Fund. However, such suggestions shall be deemed advisory rather than mandatory. All gifts to the Fund are gifts to the congregation and while the Committee may consider suggested designations, in no event is the Committee or Council bound to follow them. Checks should be made payable to Kihei Lutheran Church, with a notation that the funds are to be placed in the Good Samaritan Fund.



# **GOLF ANYONE?**

For over 5 years KLC golfers have gotten together mainly on Thursday mornings to play golf at various courses, including Maui Nui, and the three Wailea courses. This KLC activity will now be placed on the KLC calendar to highlight another ongoing social activity for KLC Members, Associate Members and Guests.

If you would like to be added to the golf email list, you will receive weekly emails which allow you to sign up for the following week.

If you would like more information regarding golf activities, please contact Tom Rietz (<a href="mailto:tom.rietz@att.net">tom.rietz@att.net</a>, <a href="mailto:808-214-5223">808-214-5223</a>) or John Thorngren (<a href="mailto:john.dori2@gmail.com">john.dori2@gmail.com</a>., <a href="mailto:808-452-7603">808-452-7603</a>).

Hit them long and straight!







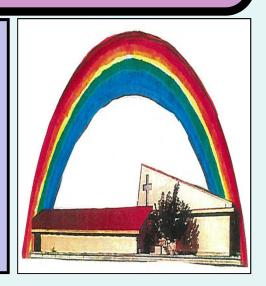
Have a happy occasion happening for someone you love? A birth, a baptism, a wedding, a new job...Prayer Shawls are good to give for all occasions for which you would pray for someone and wish them well. See a member of the Prayer Shawl Hui after church or contact the church office if you would like a prayer shawl for yourself or to give away. Please keep this ministry in your prayers. Consider joining us any Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 in the Multipurpose Room.

God bless,

The Prayer Shawl Hui

# **Important Statistics**

March	2015	2016	
Average Sunday Worship Attend- ance -	199	204	
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$43,502.52	\$40,745.05	
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$119,304.11	\$100,508.55	







#### HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)

Carol Gesch	5/1		Jack Jorden	5/18
Adam Krueger	5/2		Neil Turnbull	5/18
Nancy Dennison	5/3		Adele Hartzell	5/23
Ka'ena Elaban	5/3		<b>Duane Chaney</b>	5/24
Curt Holt	5/3		Don Lee	5/24
Bailey Pendergast	5/5		Dori Thorngren	5/24
Eryn Pendergast	5/5	2 drug	Danny Boren	5/27
Renee Romerdahl	5/7	9R. All	Darlene King	5/28
Lloyd Amundson	5/9	wirthdays	Gerry Steiner	5/28
Malysa Scibelli	5/11		Keokeana Elaban	5/29
Deja Campos	5/14			·
Lisa Gonzalez	5/15		Leslie Keane	5/30

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



Steve and Heather Ceccanti 5/5/2001 Tony and Karen Gucci 5/19/1989 Harvey and Michelle Strauser 5/25/1996





Tuesday, May 17th, 2016 7:00 p.m.

#### Aloha KLC Ladies

Women's Hui will be taking a break during the summer. They will resume in September. Please stay tuned to future newsletters for what will be happening when they return.

#### **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!

# Worship Volunteers May 2016

ASS	ASSISTING MINISTERS			
1	9:00	Zel Terluin		
8	9:00	Andrea Harris		
15	9:00	Emma Pilotin		
22	9:00	Holly Pendergast		
29	9:00	Youth		
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8	9:00	Sanni Tharp		
15	9:00	Marilyn Hopkins		
22	9:00	Joy Nelson		
29	9:00 Youth			
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8	9:00	Marilyn Hopkins, Nancy Kentz, Linda Chaney, Berta & Jerry Sieck & Betty Misner		
15	9:00	Hilary Glassel, Nancy Kentz, Linda Chaney, Jack Wierzba, Nels & Renee Romerdahl		
22	9:00	Hula Ladies & Joy Nelson		
29	9:00	Youth		
GRE	ETERS			
1	9:00	Carolyn Rixey-Wagner, Barbara Rudow, Sue Morrcroft & Holly Pendergast		
8	9:00	Stefanie Cuomo, Joy Nelson, Linda Archer & Hilary Glassel		
15	9:00	Pilotin's		
22	9:00	Stoltzfus		
29	9:00	Lynn Carlson, Julie Schonberg, Darleen Owens & Youth		

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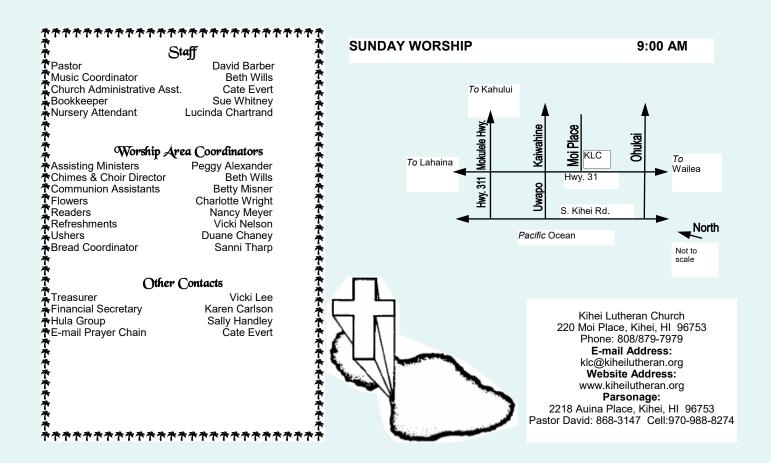




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