

AUGUST 2016

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH INTERIM PASTOR DAVID BARBER



#### ALOHA FROM YOUR CALL COMMITTEE!

Calling a new pastor to KLC is an exciting prospect and the process has begun! Our Call Committee has been formed and meetings have already started. However, the process involves the entire congregation; it is a partnership between God, KLC, and the ELCA, and it is built on trust and open communication. We will keep you informed by providing weekly updates in church and

monthly updates in the newsletter. If you have any questions (especially our Associate Members as you do not have the benefit of hearing the weekly updates in church), please feel free to contact us. Below is a rough timeline for this process:

August:

Establish interview procedure and question format

Conduct practice interview

Review potential applications as they are submitted by the Office of the Bishop

September - March

Conduct Skype interview with potential candidates

Make arrangements to hear the pastors preach

Final candidate(s) will be presented to the Council for recommendation to the congregation

The members of the congregation will vote on the candidate who will become the new pastor

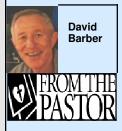
It is our hope that we will have a new pastor in place by March, when Pastor David Barber's term is over, but we will not compromise the process to adhere to a timeline. We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, will guide us through this process but it will require prayer and patience. We are honored to serve KLC on this committee and we ask you to lift us up in prayer as we work to discern God's will for our congregation.

Mahalo,

Your Call Committee

Renee Romerdahl (Chair), David Stoltzfus, Barbara Rudow, Holly Pendergast, Eric Pilotin, Mark Fornwall





Where armies scourge the countryside, and people flee in fear, where sirens scream through flaming nights, and death is ever near: O God of mercy, hear our prayer: bring peace to earth again!

Where anger festers in the heart, and strikes with cruel hand; where violence stalks the troubled streets, and terror haunts the land: O God of mercy, hear our prayer: bring peace to earth again! (ELW 700 Bring Peace to Earth Again)

The Book of Chronicles has a rather obscure passage that has implications for the turbulent and treacherous time in which we live. In the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of II Chronicles, King Jehoshaphat of Judah is faced with a great multitude coming toward him for battle. Praying to the Lord, he says, "We are powerless against this great multitude coming against us." And then he says: *We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.* Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was hung by the Nazis near the end of World War II, also found great meaning in this verse during the monstrous regime of Adolph Hitler. *We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.* 

In the midst of Jehoshaphat's quandary, the spirit of the Lord came upon a Levite who in turn delivered this message of assurance to Jehoshaphat: "Thus says the Lord: Do not fear or be dismayed at this great multitude; for the battle is not yours but God's...take your position, stand still, and see the victory of the Lord on your behalf."

Then the king went out into the wilderness where the battle was to be fought. He appointed some musicians and singers who processed before the army. As they processed they sang, "Give thanks to the Lord, for his steadfast love endures forever." The Lord set an ambush against all those who had come against Judah, and the enemies were soundly defeated. This passage seems to imply that the singing of these appointed musicians may have been the decisive human factor in this victory.

Perhaps this should be our response to the violence that fills our cities. We could send all of our choirs and musicians into the streets giving praise and glory to God. This is not such a foolish thought. If we devoted more energy and resources to making music together; if we dedicated more time to learn the songs of various cultures as well as listen to their stories, we might see greater strides toward understanding, peace, and justice especially toward those we perceive as our enemies.

Like Jehoshaphat and Bonhoeffer, we live in a time that is very unnerving and confusing, and the direction we seek is slow in coming. As a nation, as a congregation, and as individuals, we are often frustrated and afraid because of the powerful multitudes coming down upon us. For such times is not the purpose of our ministry – our worship, our music, our service, and all that we do – to help us focus on God? Isn't this our confession as well: *We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you?* Without God, we are powerless and helpless to meet the huge challenges before us a nation.

God is the source of our life and the source of our hope. God is the One who gives us courage and confidence to resume our vocation as a child of God in the world. God is the One who empowers us to live faithfully and boldly in daily life even when we don't have all of the answers. The battle against evil is God's battle. God wins the victory on our behalf, but the roles we play are critical and important. God depends upon our faithfulness. God chooses to do God's work through us and through the gifts and talents that have been created and developed within all of us together.

Our response to this time is to worship, pray, and serve. We do what we can, where we can, and when we can. We live lives of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience because we are clothed with the garment of love and forgiveness given to us in Holy Baptism. Then we leave the rest to God because we live with this promise: "we are more than conquerors through him who loved us...for nothing in all of creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." That's all that we have, but this is enough, for in and through the love of Jesus, we have everything.

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything

but truth and too small for anything but love. In the name of the Father, and +the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Service of Prayer and Lament, Lutheran Center Chapel)

Pastor David

#### **COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY**

The July meeting of the Congregation Council was held on Tuesday July 19. This was the meeting where we said farewell to last year's council members and transitioned to the newly elected council. This typically occurs at the June meeting, however, due to schedule conflicts of council members the meeting had to be canceled. In addition to the usual council business, a proposal to host an Oktoberfest for outreach to our community was approved (see the Oktoberfest article in this newsletter).



Council also planned a special recognition time for first responders at the worship service on September 11. Not only will we be recognizing these key individuals, but this will be a part of our response to the ELCA's "God's Work Our Hands" Initiative (see the "God's Work our Hands" article in this newsletter).

We also elected new officers for the congregation and did preparatory work for our upcoming Council meetings. Our new officers include: President–Mark Fornwall; Vice President–Phil Proctor; Secretary–Darlene Owens; and Treasurer–Vicki Lee. If you have any questions for the council please feel free to talk to anyone of these individuals or any other council member.

#### GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. This years dedicated day of service is Sunday, Sept. 11.

This year's dedicated day of service will also mark the 15-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States.

Another noisy offering was taken on July 31st. Council has approved this offering to be split between the Police Department Relief Association and the Fire Department Relief Association. Both groups use this money to help active and retired officers and firefighters and their families in a variety of ways, including illness or death in their family.

Looking ahead to September 11, the Kihei Police and Fire Departments have been contacted with an invitation for a representative to join us in worship that day. As well as receiving our abundant thanks and gratitude for their work, we will provide each department with several prayer shawls for them to distribute as they see need for love and comfort.



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# DRINK BEER!

### -Martin Luther

## OKTOBERFEST KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Advanced Tickets: \$20

\$25 at the Door

Tickets Available at the Church Office Stop by or Call: 808-879-7979

Tickets Include: Commemorative Glass, First Fill of Maui Brewing Beer, Authentic German Brat, German Potato Salad, Beans, Sauerkraut, Entertainment, and Costume Contest 5-9 PM



#### First Annual Oktoberfest October 1<sup>St</sup>

The KLC Council has approved the Oktoberfest Planning Committee's request to provide an inaugural Oktoberfest at the church on Saturday October 1, 2016 from 5-9 PM. We intend to have this function serve as an outreach to the community and to celebrate Lutheran German heritage. We will serve German food accompanied by beer from a Maui Brewing Company truck. We will limit the number of guest to 200 persons 21 and over.

We intend to make this a festive event and have hired a German Oomph Band, three tents, cocktail tables along with round tables, lighting etc. We encourage all of you to get into the German aloha spirit by dressing up in German attire. We will let you know which online vendor to use later.

The tickets will cost \$20 per person and include one beer, a brat, German Potato Salad, beans and Sauerkraut. I am getting hungry as I write this!

The KLC Prayer Shawl Hui has offered to provide German desserts with all the proceeds going to fund supplies for their group. The Men's Hui has offered to cook the brats. We will need many more volunteers to make this event a success, so please contact Tom Rietz, Staff Assistant to the Oktoberfest Planning Committee if you wish to volunteer. He can be reached at 808-214-5223 (home) or 858-245-9605 (cell).

Please invite friends and relatives to this fun event. We will provide details of the ticketing process in later updates.

**Oktoberfest Planning Committee** 

Rhonda Stoltzfus, Marilyn Fornwall, Cheryl Rietz

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

If you would like to be a part of the KLC Prayer Chain please let Cate (klc@kiheilutheran.org) in the office know. The prayer chain lets KLC members know if there are any prayers needed during difficult or even happy times of members of the church and the community. If you or anyone you know ever need prayers please let the office know. We will then let the Prayer Warriors know to start praying.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Also, You can do Pastor David a tremendous favor. If you are going into the hospital, or there has been a death, or some other emergency, don't assume that he knows or that someone else has told him. He considers visitation and being present an important part of his ministry. When he doesn't know about these critical events in your life, he can't do the work that he's been called to do in a compassionate, timely, and faithful manner. Mahalo for your partnership in this matter.



#### SonSpark Labs Wrap Up:

As the last experiment has fizzled out, I would like to leave a few thoughts regarding VBS, to all of those who put their heart and soul and their love of Jesus out there for the 40 keiki who attended.

We had a supercharged, exciting week, and our orange, green and purple groups got to experience the best that Kihei Lutheran has been able to put together thus far in the life of VBS. We had "Robbie the Robot" and the "Tower of Power" created by Jerry and Nancy Kistler, the "Machine" created by Marilyn Hopkins and of course Professor Z and Director Roxi doing the daily skits/ experiments sharing the SonSpark Principles of the day,

such as Gravity and Cause & Effect to name a few. They did an amazing job. Phil and Stacie Proctor went all out teaching the keiki the songs along with the energetic movements. Who would have known we were putting aerobics in our curriculum. By Friday it was a sight to behold...

There were theme based crafts, such as the Creation Bouquet, that had Stacie, Jeane and Karen hoping every day to tie in the Bible Verse and theme into each craft they made. The Bible stories took on a life of their own with Vicki using experiments to show how sin cannot come between God and man. Phil and Carrie, kept the keiki moving outside with the Bible Games. They were grateful to come in to snack time with Sue, Donna and Betty providing the "Creation Sun Cupcakes, the Pretzel Cross and the Graham Cracker Bibles", to name a few. Everyone loves snack time!!

Jessica Nelson and Gene Raine were always there helping where ever needed: Jessica made sure all the parents signed in everyday and Gene kept things neat and cleaned up.

Wednesday, we had the Science Fair Fun Day. We brought out the VBS waterslide and 3 slip n slides and over 700 water balloons for the keiki to play with. We served a hot dog lunch, and special extra treats. A special mahalo to John Thorngren for coming to be an extra set of eyes watching over everyone. It was wet and wild but it was an exciting day for all who attended. The Mentos/Diet Coke experiment was a highlight going over 15 feet. Without all of these dedicated church members, this could not have been possible. It is a lot of hard work, but it is the work of Our Lord, teaching the children about the Bible and of Jesus' never ending love for us. That's what our mission is, we are called to teach others.

For myself, it was the 5<sup>th</sup> VBS I acted as coordinator, and my last, I am grateful beyond words to everyone who had a hand in this worthwhile ministry. It would not have been possible without everyone who had a participated in the preparation and execution of SonSpark Labs. Nancy & Jerry Kistler, Jan Patrick, Susan Embree, Evelyn Kaya, Hilary Glassel, Nancy Jorden, Marilyn Hopkins, Karen Barber along with our VBS team donated their time and energy week after week to make this happen. I would be remiss without a special thank you to Pastor David and Cate for their support and also to Zel who ironed on all the decals for the T-Shirts and took over 500 awe-some pictures of the week. Professor Z "YOU ROCK!"

Mahalo to the congregation for giving us this opportunity,

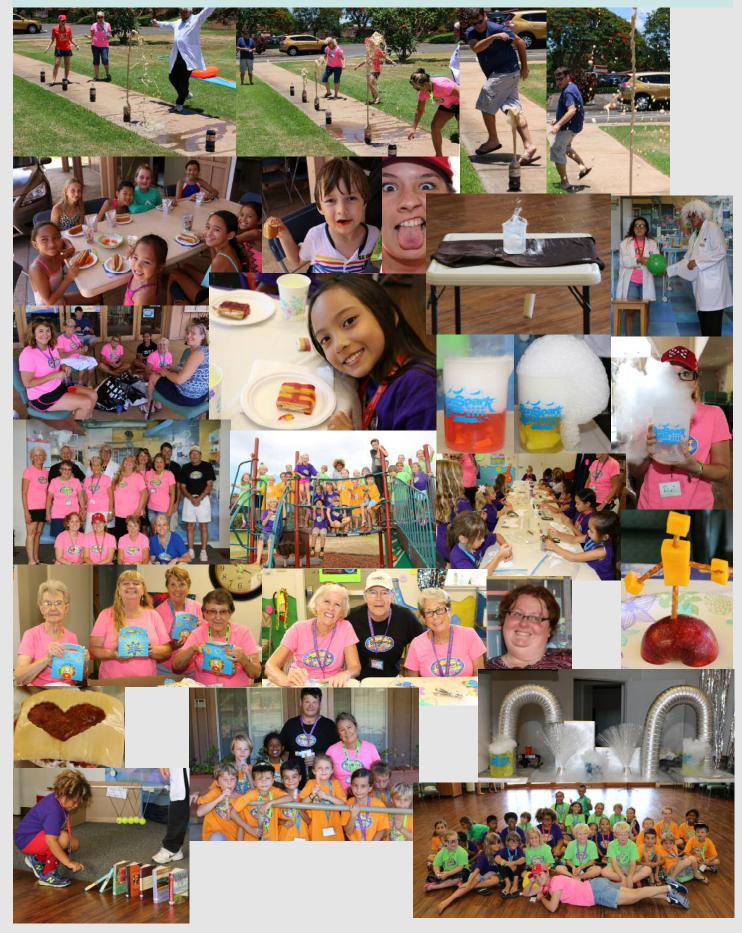
Ke Akua me ke Aloha,

Margie Terluin VBS Coordinator

#### **VBS PICTURES**



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Donn	a Nelson	8/4		Braxton Cuomo	8/20		
Joy N	Joy Nelson 8/4			Jeanine Hay	8/23		
Gina	Casey	8/9		Sharon Begalke	8/24		
Jill Je	nnings	8/9		Kirsten Paulson	8/25		
<mark>Sue N</mark>	Noorcroft	8/9		Kamalu Elaban	8/26		
Craig	Weber	8/11		Andrea Harris	8/26		
Dee F	Reader	8/13		Tayon Spencer	8/27		
Ede S	tratton	8/14		Carolyn Young	8/27		
Joan	Grotz	8/15		Kaimi Barona	8/29		
Jess I	Nelson	8/15		Sam Mather	8/30		
Dave	Schultz	8/15		Lance Ziegler	8/31		



#### HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O!

(Happy Anniversary!)

Dave & Melanie Spencer
Roy & Carol Gesch
Derek & Kellie Elaban
Keek & Mo Hottendorf
Leib & Peggy Alexander
Don & Sharon Begalke
Mike & Cheri Beyersdorf
Mike & Nancy Dennison
Walt & Joan Grotz
Brad & Diana Hill
Frazier & Gretchen Benson
Jim & Andrea Harris

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August 3, 2007 August 7, 2011 August 13, 1983 August 14, 1993 August 15, 1987 August 16, 1986 August 16, 1975 August 23, 1964 August 26, 1961 August 26, 1960 August 27, 2011 August 27, 1983

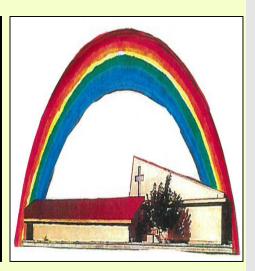


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### Worship Volunteers August 2016

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7	9:00	Zel Terluin	7	9:00	Owen Pendergast & John Thorngren			
14	9:00	Richard Gesch	14	9:00	Owen Pendergast & Tom Rekow			
21	9:00	David Stoltzfus	21	9:00	Owen Pendergast & Tom Rekow			
28	9:00	Vicki Nelson	28	9:00	Owen Pendergast & Richard Gesch			
READERS		MEDIA						
7	9:00	Dawn Misner		9:00	Owen Pendergast			
14	9:00	Marilyn Hopkins	14	9:00	Stephanie Mohr			
21	9:00	Berta Sieck	21	9:00	Joel Rudow			
28	9:00	Andrea Harris	28	9:00	Nels Romerdahl			
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7	9:00	Jeff & Charlotte Wright, Donna Smith, Holly Penderastm Dar- leen Owens & Betty Misner	7	9:00	No Sunday School during Summer			
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14 9:00	9:00	Renee & Nels Romerdahl, Zel & Margie Terluin, Nancy Kentz & Marilyn Hopkins		9:00				
			28 9:00 FLOWERS					
21	9:00	00 Jeane Raine, David, Rhonda, Emma, Morgan & Simon Stoltzfus		7				
28	9:00	Jessica & Keli Nelson, Joy Nelson, Linda Hangartner, Hilary						
	Glassel & Carolyn Rixey-Wagner		14 21					
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7	9:00	Carolyn Rixey-Wagner, Barbara Rudow, Sue Moorcroft & Holly Pendergast	_	REFRESHMENTS				
14	9:00	Stephanie Cuomo, Joy Nelson, Linda Archer & Hilary Glassel	7					
21	9:00	Stoltzfus, Nels Glesne & Karen Barber	14 21	14 Jeane & Gene Raine   21 Hottendorf's				
28	9:00	Jerry & Berta Sieck & Pilotin's	28					

Important Statistics					
June	2015	2016			
Average Sunday Worship Attend- ance -	149	108			
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$14,628.21	\$17,565.06			
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$184,579.78	\$168,620.03			





The Prayer Shawl Hui can always use suggestions for people or places to give their shawls. If you have any ideas, see one of the group after worship. Feel free to take one or more shawls to give for a concern or celebration. A notebook is in the closet to record who it goes to. Please pray for this ministry.

God bless,

The Prayer Shawl Hui



Next Meeting will be August 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

Administrative Office Hours: Monday thru Friday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM



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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!

Kihei Lutheran Church       AUGUST     August 2016									
SUNDAY 31 9am Worship 5pm Tongan United Methodist	MONDAY 1 10am Administrative Team 2pm Spiritual Gifts Team 5pm Margarita Monday 6:15 Mutual Ministry 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	<b>TUESDAY</b> 2 4pm Community Assis- tance/Outreach 6pm Property Team	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>3</b> 7:30am Prayer Hui 5pm Tongan UMC 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	<b>HURSDAY</b> <b>4</b> 7am Weightwatchers 9am Prayer Shawl Hui	FRIDAY 5 12pm Al-Anon Meeting	<b>6</b> 5pm Maui Huliau Foundation— Parking Lot 7pm Tongan UMC Choir			
<b>7—Keolahou Food Pantry</b> 9am Worship 5pm Tongan United Methodist	<b>8</b> 5pm Margarita Monday 6:15pm Worship Team 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	9	<b>10</b> 7:30am Prayer Hui 9am CHEM School Meeting 2pm Finance Team 5pm Tongan UMC 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	<b>11</b> 7am Weightwatchers 9am Prayer Shawl Hui	<b>12</b> 10am Humana 12pm Al-Anon Meeting	<b>13</b> 7pm Tongan UMC Choir			
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