

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION



On Thursday, November 24th, we will come together to give thanks to God for the many rich blessings that our lives have been filled with. Our annual Thanksgiving Day worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m., and will be a joint service with the members of the Kihei Tongan United Methodist Mission. Then, at 12:00 noon, we will continue our celebration as we gather around our traditional Thanksgiving Day lu'au on the lanai. The meal will be pot-luck, so bring your favorite Turkey Day foods. Lemonade and all paper products will be provided. If you have any questions, or would be willing to donate or cook a turkey, get in touch with Vicki Nelson (879-6908). We will be decorating for Advent after the festivities.

Money in Your Pocket

The pastor stood before the congregation and said, "I have bad news, I have good news, and I have more bad news." The congregation got quiet. "The bad news is that the church needs a new roof,"



the pastor said. The congregation groaned. "The good news is that we have enough money for the new roof!" A sigh of relief was heard rippling through the gathered group. "The bad news is that it's still in your pockets!"

Our 2017 pledge campaign began on October 30 and runs through November 20. We have a challenging – and exciting – year ahead as we find a new pastor. Like the "story" above, we have the funds to hire a new pastor and meet our programs and mission needs, but it's in our pockets!

This year it is particularly important that the Council and committees know what our members and friends of KLC will commit to our efforts. Please join us in pledging!

Spiritual Gifts Committee





ALOHA FROM PASTOR DAVID

David Barber O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Many of you have asked what will you do next and where will you live when your interim with Kihei Lutheran has concluded? Very honestly, until just recently, we didn't know the answer to this question. In September we ventured to Honolulu on a house-hunting expedition. We didn't intend to purchase anything so suddenly, but the very first home we toured accommodated our needs and was within our price range. We made an offer well below the asking price, and it was accepted. Therefore, we have a contract on a townhome in Hawaii Kai in Honolulu set to close on November 16.

Why Honolulu? Why the "concrete city" as Bert Schifferling fondly refers to it? There are several practical reasons.

- 1. All of the outer-islands have one Lutheran ELCA congregation and I've served recently in two of them. Therefore, it wouldn't be prudent to live on Maui or the Big Island and worship in these congregations. In addition, we've never lived on Kauai so this isn't an option.
- 2. When we first moved to the Hawaiian Islands, I served as pastor at Lutheran Church of Honolulu. It was in Honolulu that we first fell in love with the Hawaiian Islands, and, as a result chose to return to the islands not once but twice. Consequently, we have a special bond with Honolulu and the Hawaii Kai area as well. Honolulu also gives us more options for worship along with interim work should I choose to do so.
- 3. Our age dictates that it is wise to have access to a wide range of services, and Honolulu offers greater service availability and choices if this is necessary.

What does this mean for KLC? From my standpoint, it doesn't change anything in regard to serving as your Interim Pastor. I intend to honor my covenant with you and will provide even extended coverage as long as the Call Committee moves with due diligence in securing a pastor for KLC. That said, Karen and I are in the process of determining our living arrangements once this purchase is final.

We have faced many transitions especially these last 15 years, but they have been opportunities that have brought growth and joy to our lives. For instance, venturing to Maui and Kihei Lutheran Church was a move we didn't anticipate, and yet, this has been a move that has truly enriched our lives. Now we face yet another change. Through it all, the above prayer has been a guiding light for me because it reminds me on whom I need to focus and on whom I need to depend.

I often hear worshippers respond to my sermons: "I feel as if you're speaking directly to me." This could be true, but if it is, it's because I, too, face similar trials, and I'm having the same conversation with my faith as you. For instance, as I contemplate the future, I am often filled with anxiety. I am often filled with fear. I am often afraid to journey forth in faith without possessing all of the facts.

Thus my preaching reminds me of God's promises and his faithfulness to me and to all of creation. I need to hear this again and because I, too, suffer from amnesia and dementia when it comes to my spiritual life. I need to hear that the hand of Jesus my Savior is leading me and his love supporting me in any adventure that we face.

Making such a move is not a huge item in comparison to what many people face on a daily basis, but big or small, whatever unnerves us and causes us to be apprehensive, we can be assured that the loving hands of Jesus will be there for us and for Kihei Lutheran however the future unfolds for each of us.

Pastor David





Adult Studies for November

The Wednesday evening Bible Study will continue to explore the Book of Acts. You are welcome to join us on any Wednesday even if you didn't attend previously or you can't attend every Wednesday. Please come at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening. We'd love to have you.



During November the Sunday morning adult forum will begin (November 6) by exploring the 32 articles of agreement with the Roman Catholic Church, recently approved by the ELCA National Assembly. Please watch the bulletin for subjects we will be addressing the rest of the month. We meet at 10:15 in the multi-purpose room behind the worship space. We welcome new faces and new ideas.

President's REPORT

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

"People go through three conversions: their head, their heart and their pocketbooks." (Martin Luther)

This rather humorous quote from Martin Luther is a reminder that October begins our annual pledge drive. This is an important spiritual exercise. It helps us evaluate our financial priorities; both personal and corporate. In general we do pretty well with our giving and support our Pastor and important ministry areas. Thank you for your generosity. There are just a couple of things that I thought would be helpful to consider regarding our financial commitments. First, a new pastor will likely increase our operating costs for next year, though I cannot say how much until we negotiate with the person selected. But we did save a considerable amount this year with our interim pastor. Second, we have really squeezed the funds for maintaining our facilities and the Property Committee has responded by stretching our dollars as best that they could. But needs for the next few years will be higher than in the recent past.

What I really wanted to talk about is the broader concept of stewardship. Money is not all that God has given us. Each of us also possesses his or her share of time, expertise, and love. This may be a good time to consider how we apply these gifts as well. Our committees are staffed with good people working hard, but they have much to do both during committee meetings where work is planned, as well as on specific projects during the month. Please consider getting involved in these committees, either on an individual project bases or regularly. Also, stewardship is not a once in a year activity but a life-style modeled after Christ. Sharing the aloha is one of our finest characteristics – let's keep it up as I know you will. There are also needs beyond our congregation. We live on an island with a culture deeply steeped in concepts such as aloha, pono, lokahi, and malama to name just a few. We should ask ourselves both individually and corporately; what can we do to protect the aina, help our neighbor, or continue to promote justice and healing. We do much, but to whom much is given much is expected (Luke 12:48). Mahalo nui loa for all that you do, I am honored to be a member and joyfully consider each of you as friends.

I would like to close with an apology. At our retreat last month council pledged to improve our communication with the congregation. As a part of my support to that pledge I want to write to you each month about topics key to our deliberations and to the congregation. While I dutifully wrote one for last month, alas I did not send it to Cate to include in the newsletter. I think that I experienced a "senior moment" or perhaps a lack of technological knowhow. Nonetheless I include it in this month's newsletter. It follows.

With Warmest Aloha,

Mark Fornwall



COUNCIL RETREAT FROM SEPTEMBER

"'Love your neighbor' is not a metaphor. It's a commandment to love the next person we encounter as much as, and as well

as, we happen to love ourselves. This can be a tall order for congregations more accustomed to fussing over interior traditions than knowing the lives of people across the street." (Martin Marty, Christian Century, 2016)

On Saturday, September 17 church council convened for a retreat. The purpose for the retreat was to get to know one another a little better and to discuss our goals for the next 6 to 18 months. The meeting opened with Pastor David leading a devotion asking, "Who is my Neighbor" (see quote above). This was followed by a brief team-building exercise and then a chance for members to ask questions of each other followed by a brief overview of the budget from our Treasurer, Vicki Lee. Some of the topics included: What makes an effective council member? How can be better engage snowbirds? And how to present the budget in a more useful way, one that tells the story on what we do as a congregation?

The majority of the time was spent on a discussion of our priorities led by our Vice President, Phil Proctor. The conversation was based on the recently completed site profile as representing the priorities and interests of the congregation. The council agreed as a priority to ensure a good transition process and to help our newly called pastor to be successful. A strong second priority is supporting growth of our youth ministry and to seek opportunities to reach out to our local community (those living in the vicinity of KLC). Underlying each of these goals is the need to improve communication and to support our committees.

As you can see we covered a lot of territory in those three short hours. All in attendance thought that it was a really helpful exercise. We ask your support and the support of the committees in helping us to achieve these goals. Please feel free to contact any committee or council member if you would like to be more directly involved. All are welcome.

With Warmest Aloha, Mark Fornwall

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS INFORMATION AND VIDEO



Is there a cause or nonprofit organization you're passionate about? You could help support what matters to you and make a difference through Thrivent Action Teams!

Thrivent Action Teams make it easy for you to bring people together to make a positive change in your community! When you see a need, apply to lead a volunteer team. Once your idea is approved, a Thrivent Action Kit is delivered to your door. It's packed with everything you need to help make your project a success. It even includes \$250 in seed money to help get your project started.

While you must be a Thrivent member to lead a team, anyone can participate as a volunteer.

This passion-powered program is brought to you by Thrivent Financial because they believe that being wise with money and living generously go hand in hand. For more information contact your Congregational advocate, Nancy Kistler at 874-3628.



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee is anxiously waiting for potential candidates from the synod. The Bishop's office did not release our MSP as quickly as expected which created a delay, but the position is now being advertised, and is posted on the web site. This means that we should start getting candidates and begin interviewing shortly. In preparation for

this, our committee had a mock interview with Pastor Lilley from Oahu to hone our interviewing skills, check our technology, and see how prepared we were to answer questions the pastor might have for us. It was time well spent as we learned a lot and Pastor Lilley's feedback was invaluable. We are hoping to have more to report in the months to come so hang in there and keep praying! Mahalo:)

It takes a village to raise a child......

Aloha KLC Family,

As the past youth director, and a mother who raised two children at KLC, I want to thank you for all the love and support you have given to our kids. The youth at KLC grow up embraced by of our wonderful ohana, and they have a special connection to



all of you. Because of you our youth grow up strong in faith, and confident of their special place in God's world. After being raised in the church, the next step for our kids is a big one- they graduate from high school. Some of our kids stay on Maui to work, some stay here and go to school, and some go to college on the mainland. Regardless of where they go though, they still need us. A connection with KLC can be a lifeline during these challenging times.

For this reason, and because, as the past youth director I have a strong connection to these young people, I feel called to start a college ministry. This ministry will give them support as they work towards their independence, and assure them that KLC continues to hold them in their thoughts and prayers. I will be the link between our college age students and KLC. My role will be to send them inspirational texts, care packages, the Daily Bread, the KLC newsletter, church updates, etc. I will also meet with them individually and/or as a group when they are on island. In addition, I will keep all of *you* informed about the lives of our amazing young adults. You all helped to raise these young adults and I know they are still near and dear to your hearts. Look for the first addition of the *College Corner* in the December newsletter!

As this is a new ministry I need your help to get it started. First of all, If your child is between the ages of 18 and 25, PLEASE email me at brudow@hawaii.rr.com with the following information: Your child's name, email address, college name or place of employment, mailing address, and cell phone (or you can just share your phone contact if all the info is there). The other very important thing I need, is for all of you to continue to keep these precious young people in your prayers.

It takes a village.....

Mahalo and God bless you,

Barbara "Bubba" Rudow

KEOLAHOU FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

For the last 4 weeks the Outreach/Assistance Team has been collecting monetary donations in order to purchase pre packaged food boxes directly from the Maui Food Bank, to be delivered to the Keolahou Food Pantry in time for Thanksgiving.

The box includes 15 items, such as canned fruit & vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, packaged stuffing, cranberry sauce and a 1 lb canned ham. The cost per box which should feed a family of 4 is only \$7.50.

Our target number of boxes is 100 and we have exceeded donations for that amount. It has been an awesome food drive as the number of congregation households along with our generous visitors has been over 60 separate donations In various amounts.

Mr. Skin E. Bones has now been dressed in a KLC t-shirt, a pair of black shorts and a colorful food related cap (created by Nancy K.) and is filling our nicely. It is truly amazing the enthusiasm that this Outreach has created.

Kihei Lutheran continues to be a main supporter of the Keolahou Food Pantry. We will be using all donations to continue this ministry, for Christmas and into 2017.

Mahalo nui loa for your continued generosity and support.

Margie Terluin/Donna Smith Co-Coordinators

/hanksgiving

Baskets





A SPECIAL MAHALO FROM THE MAUI POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Maui Police Relief Association

55 Mahalani Street Wailuku, HI 96793

October 10, 2016

Ms. Vicki E. Lee Kihei Lutheran Church 220 Moi Place Kihei, HI 96753

Dear Ms. Lee:

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On behalf of the members of the Maui Police Relief Association, I would like to thank you very much for your generous donation to our Association. The money donated will help members who are in need of assistance after suffering long term or life threatening illnesses. The Maui Police Relief Association has been in existence since 1960 helping the employees and retirees of the Maui Police Department (MPD). For more than fifteen years we have extended this help to include those who have been diagnosed with a life threatening illness or if they are suffering a long term illness. For the past two years we have provided scholarships to high school seniors whose parent or grandparent is a member. Currently all full-time employees and retirees who are in good standing from MPD are members of our Association.

Please extend our Mahalo to the congregation for the generous donation. As we move into the holiday season here's wishing you and yours a happy holiday season! Be safe and once again, thank you very much. Take care!

Very truly yours,

TERRYL. JONES

Secretary

Captain Stephen Orikasa, Board Member, Kihei District Commander





HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)

Gene Kennedy	11/1
Harvey Strauser	11/1
Tony Wakefield	11/1
Joy Steben	11/3
Sebastian Smith	11/6
Shawna Handley-Stiller	11/7
Darrell Pierson	11/7
Elvin Kamoku	11/8
Joel Rudow	11/9
Michelle Beyersdorf	11/10
Peggy Crossen	11/10
Raymond Steben	11/11
Evelyn Kaya	11/13
Patricia Duckworth	11/14



Quinn Hottendorf	11/17
Andrew Lawson	11/17
Gail Holt	11/19
Donna Larson	11/19
Ed Shafer	11/19
Peggy Alexander	11/20
Linda Hangartner	11/21
Johnathan Benson	11/22
Tony Luteijn	11/22
Kainoa Elaban	11/23
Margaret Luteijn	11/24
Ali Dauler	11/25
Ulla Rothschild	11/27
Morgan Stoltzfus	11/28

HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O!

(Happy Anniversary!)



John & Dori Thorngren
Shane & Deidre Tegarden
Dave & Heather Ballaine
Fred & Cathy Trott
Bert & Bev Schifferling

November 2, 1991 November 9, 2002 November 26, 1993 November 26, 1988 November 27, 1982





Worship Volunteers November 2016

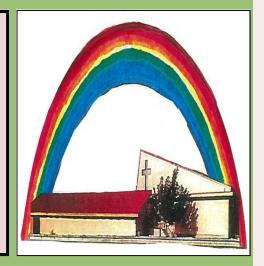
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27 9:00 Joy Nelson		Joy Nelson		
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Important Statistics

September	2015	2016
Average Sunday Worship Attend- ance -	134	129
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$14,776.93	\$14,054.83
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$237,995.90	\$237,018.23





We are so happy to have our snowbirds returning and the group returning to full size. But there is always room for one more. If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn how to knit or crochet, join us on Thursday mornings from 9 to 11 in the Multipurpose Room. We pray for our church, friends and family, stuff the Sunday bulletins and enjoy good conversation as we make prayer shawls. Please prayer for our hui.

God bless.

The Prayer Shawl Hui



Next Meeting will be November 15th, at 7:00 p.m.



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

All are Welcome

Women's Hui - All are Welcome!

WHEN: Tuesday, November 29th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

WHERE: Youth Room (old Kitchen).

BRING: Your favorite drink, a pupu to share and a Bible.

QUESTIONS: call Betty Misner (280-1648) or Karen Carlson (446-1180)

We will be share the pupu's and then watch a short video by Sheila Walsh titled "The Storm Inside". We all face storms inside of us. Heartbreak, fear, regret. Insecurity or shame. During this study, we look at eight women of the Bible and see the crucial choices each one made and how God guided them through their storms.

Administrative Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

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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!

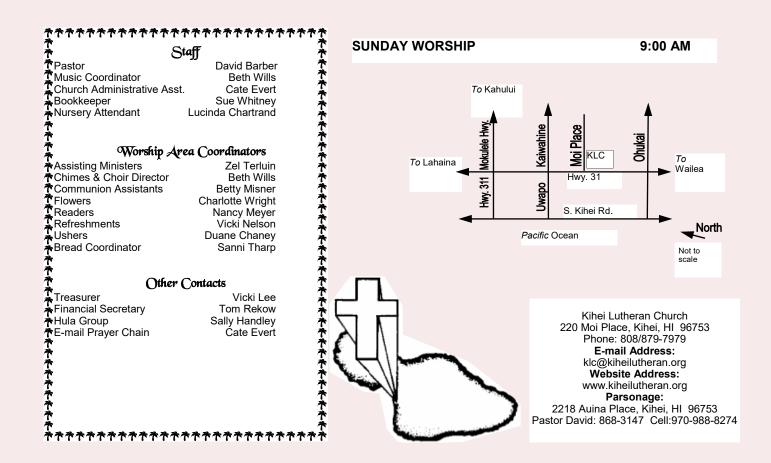


Kihei Lutheran Church

November 2016



SATURDAY	5 7pm Tongan UMC Choir	12 7pm Tongan UMC Choir	8:30am Life Line Screening 7pm Tongan UMC Choir	26 7pm Tongan UMC Choir	3 7pm Tongan UMC Choir
FRIDAY	4 12pm Al-Anon Meet- ing	11 12pm Al-Anon Meet- ing	18 12pm Al-Anon Meet- ing	25—Newsletter Deadline 12pm Al-Anon Meeting	2 12pm Al-Anon Meet- ing
THURSDAY	3 7am Weightwatchers 7:30am Prayer Hui 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 10am Humana 5:30pm Hula 5:30pm 4-Given 6:45pm Masterworks	10 7am Weightwatchers 7:30am Prayer Hui 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 5:30pm Hula 5:30pm 4-Given 6:45pm Masterworks	77 7am Weightwatchers 7:30am Prayer Hui 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 5:30pm Hula 5:30pm 4-Given 6:45pm Masterworks	24—Thanksgiving Day 7am Weightwatchers 10am Thanksgiving Wor- ship 5:30pm Thanksgiving Lu'au	7 7am Weightwatchers 7:30am Prayer Hui 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 10am Humana 5:30pm Hula 5:30pm 4-Given
WEDNESDAY	2 8:30 am CHEM School 5pm Tongan UMC 6:30pm Wednesday Study Hui 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	9 8:30am CHEM School 2pm Finance Team 5pm Tongan UMC 6:30pm Wednesday Study Hui 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	16 8:30am CHEM School 5pm Tongan UMC 6:30pm Wednesday Study Hui 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	23 5pm Tongan UMC 6:30pm Wednesday Study Hui 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	30 8:30 am CHEM School 5pm Tongan UMC 6:30pm Wednesday Study Hui 8pm Tongan UMC Choir
TUESDAY	1 12pm Al-Anon 4pm Community Assis- tance Team 5pm Chimes 6pm Property Team	8 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Chimes	15 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Chimes 6pm Administrative Team 7pm Church Council	22 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Chimes 6pm Men's Hui	29 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Chimes 6pm Women's Hui
MONDAY	31 5pm Monday's at Manoli's 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	7 10am Monday Meditation's 5pm Monday's at Manoli's 6:15pm Mutual Ministry 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	14 10am Monday Meditation's 5pm Monday's at Manoli's 6:30pm Worship Team 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	21 10am Monday Meditation's 5pm Monday's at Manoli's 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	28 10am Monday Meditation's 5pm Monday's at Manoli's 8pm Tongan UMC Choir
SUNDAY	30 9am Worship 10:15 Choir 10:15am Jr/Sr. High Sunday School 10:15am Adult Bible Study 5pm Tongan United Methodist	6—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 10:15am Choir 10:15am Jr/Sr. High Sunday School 10:15am Adult Bible Study 5pm Tongan United Methodist	13 9am Worship 10:15am Choir 10:15am Jr/Sr. High Sunday School 10:15am Adult Bible Study 5pm Tongan United Methodist	20—Backpack Buddies 9am Worship 10:15 Choir 10:15am Jr/Sr. High Sunday School 10:15am Adult Bible Study 5pm Tongan United Methodist	9am Worship 10:15 Choir 10:15am Jr/Sr. High Sunday School 10:15am Adult Bible Study 5pm Tongan United Methodist



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