

JANUARY 2017

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH INTERIM PASTOR DAVID BARBER

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 26th, has been chosen for the KLC Annual Congregational Meeting, which will take place in-between services, around 9:15 a.m. On that day the different ministry teams of KLC will present their reports,



along with the elections of voting members to the 2017 Pacifica Synod Assembly. Please mark that date on your calendar and plan to attend this important meeting. Watch for further information at the beginning of February.

ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBERS

The 2017 Pacifica Synod Assembly will take place May 11-13, in San Diego. 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 Mark Fornwall. Our congregation's voting members will be elected at the annual congregational meeting in February.

REMEMBER! 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

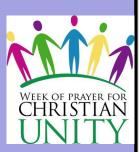
Please note that starting <u>January 8th</u>, KLC will return to two worship services on Sundays, beginning at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Christian Education and choir will be held in between services at 9:15 a.m. This schedule will run through Easter Sunday, April 16th, in order to accommodate the larger attendance at worship during the winter months. If you have any questions, please contact Worship Team Chair, Zel Terluin (874-5049).



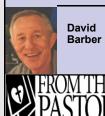
CHRISTIAN UNITY

On Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 p.m., at Keolahou Church, a special joint worship service will take place as part of the World Council of Church's "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity".

The service will bring together the congregations of St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church, Kihei Tongan United Methodist Mission, KLC, Keolahou, and Trinity Episcopal Church by-the-Sea. Refreshments will be served following the service. You are invited to be part of this service as we declare our unity in Christ that spans across our different denominational lines. For complete information, please speak with Pastor David.



ALOHA FROM PASTOR DAVID



Wow! 2017! Once again I find it difficult to imagine a New Year especially since we just began 2016 three or four months ago, or at least that's the way it feels. As we transition into a New Year, I can't help but wonder what challenges and joys we will face together and separately. On a congregational level, I am excited as well as hopeful when I ponder how this year will unfold for you. Who will be your next pastor, and when will this spiritual leader arrive? What changes will be brought; what new opportunities will be presented; and what joys and sorrows will you experience together? As we wait with anticipation to see what God has in store for all of us, we do so with the assurance that we are children of the heavenly Fa-

ther, and we bear the name of Jesus in our hearts and lives. Because we live with such a promise, this will be a new and thrilling chapter for Kihei Lutheran Church and for all of you.

In the liturgical calendar of the church, a Lesser Festival referred to as the Name of Jesus is commemorated on New Year's Day. This day reminds us that we have been given the most precious gift of a name – the name of Jesus. When we were baptized into Christ Jesus through the waters of Holy Baptism, we were given the beloved name of Jesus and marked with the cross of Christ. Through this name, God is committed to us. God chooses to become one of us and to become vulnerable among us. This is a God who is with us in life and in death and a God who loves us with an everlasting love. For us, this is a name of forgiveness. This is a name of mercy. This is a name of grace and unconditional compassion. This is name which gives us life, and this is the name that will persevere come what may. Jesus is the name we carry with us into the world. We carry his name of hope, love, and friendship. In the name of Jesus, we become who we are fully meant to be – loving God with all our being and loving our neighbor as we love ourselves.

What a wonderful gift and fantastic status have been given to us! As we enter a New Year, we do so with the confidence that we have been named and claimed, adopted and forgiven through the gift of baptism. What a tremendous way to begin 2017! With the name of Jesus upon our lips and within our lives, we bear his name to all the world in our words and actions in our daily roles and obligations.

Sunday after Sunday you are sent from worship with this blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord's face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

This is not just a nice way to end a worship service, but through this blessing, you are empowered to become what the words convey. You are empowered to become the name of Jesus for others – blessing them, being gracious to them, and bringing to them the peace of our Savior Jesus Christ.

As we go forth in the name of Jesus into this New Year, may we journey with a spirit of thanksgiving and gratitude – not knowing with certainty what we will face but having the security that the hand of Jesus will be there to lead us and guide us. As we go forth in the name of Jesus, may we embody this song within our hearts and within our lives:

> O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping our lives and loves, our days and years remain, our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain: O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows, for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee, O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows, we bring our thanks for all that is to be. (ELW 760)

Pastor David

President's REPORT

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Ephesians 3:6)

On January 6 we celebrate the Epiphany, the manifestation of Christ to the

Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1–12). They came to meet God incarnate, face-to-face. God became flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth that He may share in our experience of life, model for us His vision for life and reconcile His people with Him. A tall order, but God accomplished all three!

As we reflect on this awesome act, we should ask the question, and how did he do it? He came to us, participated with us and acted in our midst; he did not "wait for us to come to Him." For our discussion time at our December Council meeting, Pastor shared with us the concept of Incarnational Neighborhood Ministry. He was introduced to this idea at the Professional Leader's Conference in October. Bishop James Hazelwood from the New England Synod, ELCA provided some material on working within our communities. He noted that we are living in a new time in the life of our Christian faith and being the church, calls us to be creative and imaginative in reaching out to our community and the world. Many in the Council were excited by this new possibility. As we begin the new year, I thought that it might be appropriate to share it with you, it follows. The basic premise, as I understand it, is to reach out, to join our community where they are, as God did through the child, Jesus some 2000 years ago.

What does this mean for KLC? As I look back over this year, I see the Spirit at work, encouraging us in this direction. New initiatives are springing up and we are embracing them. Interesting, they all point outward. It started small with hosting Al Anon; then hosting a homeschool; more recently our Community Assistance Committee has agreed to join Ali Dauler in supporting a clothing exchange program for mothers, which I understand has been quite successful; and last, our recent Adult Study on the Pope's encyclical on climate change has resulted in some of the participants asking the question, how can we be more intentional about caring for home called Earth? We hope to have a discussion on what we can do next month on January 8. Please join us. (*see Adult Discussion Topics in this news letter*). That' a lot for a year! Praise God!

A long time ago, I read a study called "experiencing God." That study was the result of a Pastor who sought to do great things for God; he had what he considered a fabulous vision, was a hard worker and well trained. He couldn't help but succeed. Guess what, try as he may he continually failed. His mentor suggested that rather than do all these great ideas FOR God that he pray, watch and see where God is at work and then JOIN Him. Trying that approach, the study author has had successes beyond his dreams and visions. The new projects that I noted above, I see them as good seeds planted by the Spirit leading us out and into the community. Let us tend them with water and fertilizer (our spiritual and financial gifts). God has a purpose and he is in the mist of it showing us right now. It is exciting to see so many joining Him. *"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal 6:2)*

With Warmest Aloha, Mark Fornwall

Incarnational Neighborhood Ministry

(Presented by Jim Hazelwood, Bishop of the New England Synod, at the Professional Leader's Conference in Palm Desert CA 2016.)

1. Pastors with the support of the congregation council and the congregation are encouraged to target 25% of their time with non-church people.

2. 25% of all of our meetings, classes, and events should take place away from the church building. This is done not because non-members will join us (although they may) but it turns us outward.

3. Encourage every congregation council, every committee, and even every call committee to have one non-church member participating.

4. Invite 3 people who don't go to church and have a panel discussion with them about their perspective on the church – not to argue with them but to learn something through open-ended questions.

5. Look at <u>sacredplaces.org</u> which refers to new measurements for examining congregation health and vitality. The measurement used for years is "butts and bucks." Perhaps new measures might ask: *How much time/money in our budget is externally focused? How does our campus serve as a resource for the community? How many community groups use our building in a week? How many people are helped by our members in a week/month? What's the value of your congregation's annual contribution to the local economy?*

6. Who can we partner with to make an impact in our community? Pick one and do it well, not several.

7. Some churches focus on an area like art, music, social justice and become known in the community for this effort. Non-members also participate and become involved in these events.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE



The wheels are turning...... We have begun to look at potential candidates and although it is not going quite as fast as we'd like, it is finally moving forward. We are about to do our first interview and we are hoping to meet other candidates after the holidays. Keep praying!

GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY UPDATE

Leighton Farrell was the minister of Highland Park Church in Dallas for many years. He tells of a man in the church who once made a covenant with a former pastor to tithe 10% of their income every year. They were both young and neither of them had much money. But things changed. The layman tithed \$1,000 the year he earned \$10,000; and \$10,000 the year he earned \$10,000; and \$10,000 the year he earned \$1,000,000.

However, the year he earned \$6,000,000 he just could not bring himself to write out that check for \$600,000 to the church. He telephoned the minister, long since having moved to another church, and asked to see him. Walking into the pastor's office, the man begged to be let out of the covenant, saying, "This tithing business has to stop. It was fine when my tithe was \$1,000, but I just cannot afford \$600,000. You've got to do something, Reverend!"

The pastor knelt on the floor and prayed silently for a long time. Eventually the man said, "What are you doing? Are you

time. Eventually the man said, "What are you doing? Are you praying that God will let me out of the covenant to tithe?" "No," said the minister. "I am praying for God to reduce your income back to the level where \$1,000 will be your tithe!"

To date, 68 pledge cards have been received (out of 140 sent out) for a total of \$271,341. That is wonderful news for our budget! Certainly, the generosity of our congregation continues! Our 2017 budget is \$367,467, which leaves a difference of about \$96,000. If everyone pledged to indicate what they thought they were willing to give – or could give – next year, we would likely surpass the budget. Please consider dropping off your pledge card at the office or in the offering plate.

Spiritual Gifts Committee

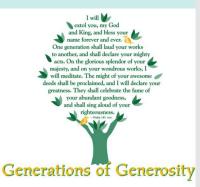


MUSIC MINISTRIES WANTS YOU!

If you have ever wondered or wanted to try out Chimes or KLC Adult Choir, now is the time! Rehearsals for Chimes is a commitment of meeting on Tuesday afternoons from 5:00-6:00. The KLC Adult Choir meets between services each Sunday, January through Easter and then af-



ter services once Easter has passed. We would love to have you come and join us. No previous experience required! We will show you everything you need to know. If you are interested, talk to any of the members or send Beth a note at: <u>bethwills@visi.com</u>, or talk to her before or after service.



COUNCIL UPDATE





This month was very productive at our meeting and we'd like to share with you the things we discussed.

Great job and thanks to all of those able to pledge! We have 67 people who have pledged for our fund drive amounting to about \$269,000. Council was very pleased and thankful for that and hoping for more to come in.

During our meeting we discussed new ways to get more people into the church and what we could all do to really make this work. We don't want this to be just another Task force but a workable program that will attract people. A July 4th party was discussed as a possibility since Oktoberfest worked so well.

We have adopted a photo policy in the church to protect us from any complaints that might arise.

Thanks to Marilyn Hopkins, The church now has several notebooks around that explain what duties are requested for volunteers to take care of in each position, Please look through these any time. We would love to have your help in anything you are interested in doing especially when we begin two services on Sunday.

May we all pray for peace for all at this wonderful time of year. There are so many in need, some being tortured/ held captive, some injured, some homeless, let's pray for help for all the needy.

Respectfully submitted Darleen Owens



PHOTO POLICY

At our November Council meeting the Worship Committee asked the council to consider a policy for publication of photos associated with KLC activities, members and visitors. The Council referred the action to the Administrative Committee. After doing some research we learned our



Church, the Evangelical Church in America (ELCA) has guidelines for how to use photos taken at events associated with our congregation. These guidelines suggested that we develop a policy for use of photographs taken by the congregation, that the policy be posted and that we seek permission when taking photos of minors. The ELCA policy can be found at http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Guidelines for Using Photos of Congregation Members.pdf.

After reviewing these guidelines we thought it appropriate to prepare our own policy, post it where all can see and also place a brief reminder in our weekly bulletin so that visitors are also aware of that photos may be taken. We will also send a brief paragraph in our weekly E-blasts just to ensure that most people are aware of what we will be doing. Very briefly, you will see little change from what we have done in the past. That is to say that we feel that we were doing a pretty good job of informing people and using these photos appropriately. There will be two changes, first we will seek written permission annually from parents to use photos of their children and second if we choose to use photos for design purposes for any printed or social media (pictures that will be used continually for a long period of time) we will seek written permission. However, for weekly posts on social media, use in the directory and other similar applications we expect little change. Please let any Council Member, Steve Moksnes (Photo coordinator) or Phil Proctor (vice President and Chair of the Administrative Committee) know if you have specific questions or if you would rather your picture not be used. We hope that you find this change helpful and not burdensome.



Next month we will feature our Young Adults (ages 22-25) who are starting to fly on their own. But first, we have one more exciting update for our college profiles!



KAYLEE KUZELKA

I am a freshman at Illinois State University. I am majoring in biochemistry, and am working hard to try to stay warm!

A FEW MAHALO'S

Thank you KLC Ohana for the wonderful Christmas card with gift and note of appreciation and also those who pray for me. I enjoy using the gifts God has given me to serve as your bookkeeper and it has been a blessing working with all of you. Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and pray for a very Happy New Year.

Your sister in Christ, Sue Whitney

<u>Mahalo nui loa to the many, many people who participated in our Christmas worship services in some way:</u>

- to Beth for her outstanding leadership of our music ministries and to Cate for a job well-done with all the extra work during this busy season;

- to all those involved with the music and the performing arts;
- to all those who assisted with worship;
- to our children for their participation in the 5:00 service on Christmas Eve;

- to those responsible for dinner and fellowship between our Christmas Eve services;

- and to all those I may have forgotten who have served in quiet and ordinary ways without a thank you;

As is true Sunday after Sunday, all of this could not have been accomplished without you. Again - many, many thanks.

Pastor David

Thank you for your generosity in providing Christmas gifts for the children served at the Keolahau Food Pantry. This year they had increases in the number of families and children they serve. Yet, your thoughtful donations were able to provide gifts for all the children. You helped provide a brighter Christmas for many families and brought smiles to our island keiki on Christmas morning. God's love shinned and touched them through you and your generosity. Mahalo nui loa!

SUNDAY ADULT DISCUSSION TOPICS

The next Adult Sunday Discussion will be held January 8, 2017. Please join us as we discuss what is happening in our county and state in relation to our environment and consider what we as individuals and as a church might do to address important societal needs. During our discussions on *"A Christian Perspective on Climate Change,"* we were reminded that <u>all</u> things were created and are reconciled in Christ (including culture, economy, environment and people). How we care for any area affects the others, and that our environment is suffering. Luther was a leader in recognizing these connections, he viewed that what went on within church walls flowed out in service to and justice for the neighbor. In addition, the concerns of the world influence the church. As concerned Christians, how do we respond?

Then on Sunday, January 15, we will begin a new theme – "Let's Talk about Jesus." Through a DVD and class discussion, we will discuss the meaning of Jesus for our lives and the church for the 21st century. Do the traditional ways we have spoken about Jesus still hold true? The first session will be: "Jesus through the ages." Please come to the multi-purpose room at the back of the church. We would be delighted to have your voice, your perspective, and your presence.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

When one door closes, another opens. The past four years our outreach committee has been working with the Maui food bank to provide week-end food for 80 to 90 keiki at Kihei Elementary School. Each year the food bank has continued to develop their program, adding more schools and standardizing the packs. They have developed a wonderful program and are now serving 500 children in the county. They now need to provide the same packs to each student, so have asked us to step back from our involvement. Our keiki will continue to receive the week-end food packs from the Maui food bank.

However, there are always hungry children. Two days after I received this news we received a request from Kihei Charter School to assist with food needs at the intermediate level. Just before Thanksgiving, our volunteer team came together and packed food for 12 students for 6 weekends. It is through the generosity of our congregation that we had food and funds on hand to accomplish this. We will continue this effort as long as needed.

We will continue to have our food drives on the 3rd Sunday of each month, and be open to providing food for any hungry child or family. May God bless you for all the help you have given us to accomplish this work.

Kathy Reiser & The Outreach Team





HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)

Jack Bendon 1/1 Vanessa Cannon 1/1 **Taylor Dauler** 1/1 1/6 Loretta Dahlin Doak Schoennemann 1/6 Susan Luthy 1/6 Valaida D'Alessio 1/7 **Caroline Swanson** 1/9 Mark Beyersdorf 1/10 **Taylor Rudow** 1/10 Karen Carlson 1/13



Ray Benson	1/14
Kathy Krueger	1/14
Sue Olson	1/15
Jerry Kistler	1/17
Mike Dennison	1/21
Benjamin Schultz	1/21
Racheal Turnbull	1/27
Steve Moksnes	1/29
Elaine Ziegler	1/29
Dave Ballaine	1/30
Helen Misner	1/31

HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O!

(Happy Anniversary!)

Jerry & Nancy Kistler January 2, 1970 Jerry & Susan Embree January 25, 1963



Worship Volunteers January 2017

	T	MINISTERS		
1	Andrea	I Harris	. – –	
8	8:00	David Stoltzfus	10:30	Allie Rudow
15	8:00	Sandi Martinsen	10:30	Joel Rudow
22	8:00	David Martinsen	10:30	Phil Proctor
29	8:00	Dave Ballaine	10:30	Youth
RE/	ADERS	•	•	•
1	Eryn Po	endergast		
8	8:00	Tony Luteijn	10:30	Nancy Meyer
15	8:00	Evelyn Kaya	10:30	Kathy Reiser
22	8:00	David Martinsen	10:30	Nancy Jorden
29	8:00	Sandi Martinsen	10:30	Nancy MEyer
cor	MMUNIC	N		
1	Betty M	lisner, Debbie & Mikhaela G	alindo	
8	8:00	Darrell & Mable Pierson, Tony & Margaret Luteijn, Marilyn Hopkins & Nancy Kentz	10:30	Mike Beyersdorf, Phil Proc- tor, Zel Terluin, Keli Nelson, Jerry & Berta Sieck
15	8:00	Mike Beyersdorf, Phil Proctor, Zel Terluin, Keli Nelson, Margie Terluin & Joy Nelson	10:30	Nancy Kentz, Marilyn Hop- kins, Dee rEader, Betty Minser, Renee & Nels Romerdahl
22	8:00	Hula Ladies	10:30	Don & Vicki Lee, Charlotte & Jeff Wright, Hilary Glassel & Jack Weirzba
29	8:00	Brad & Diana Hill, Heather Ballaine & Youth	10:30	Youth
GRI	EETERS	5	-	
1	Carolyr gast	n Rixey-Wagner, Barbara Ru	idow, si	ue Moorcroft & Holly Pender-
8	8:00	Stephanie Cuomo, Joy Nels Glassel	son, Lin	da Hangartner & Hilary
15	10:30	Eric, Joleen, Emma & Erica	Pilotin	
22	10:30	David, Rhonda, Emma, Mo	rgan &	Simon Stoltzfus
29	10:30	Lynn Carlson. Julie Schonb	erg & D	arleen Owens

us	HERS			
1		Chaney & Arnold M	atson	
8	8:00	Arnold Matson Hottendorfs	10:30	Duane Chaney
15	8:00	Arnold Matson Duane Chaney	10:30	Duane Chaney Hilary Glassel
22	8:00	Arnold Matson Hottendorfs	10:30	Duane Chaney
29	8:00	Arnold Matson Duane Chaney	10:30	Duane Chaney
ME	DIA		•	
1	Allie R	udow		
8	8:00	Joel Rudow	10:30	Nels Romerdahl
15	8:00	Mike Beyersdorf	10:30	Owen Pendergast
22	8:00	Stephanie Mohr	10:30	Joel Rudow
29	8:00	Nels Romerdahl	10:30	Mike Beyersdorf
SU	NDAY	SCHOOL		
1				
8	10:30			
15	10:30			
22	10:30			
29	10:30			
FLC	OWERS	3		
1				
8				
15				
22				
29				
RE	FRESH	MENTS		
1				
8				
15				
22				
29				
	1			

			_
Impo	ortant Statist	ics	
November	2015	2016	
Average Sunday Worship Attend- ance -	151	107	
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$30,430.89	\$18,433.00	
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$295,057.64	\$281,036.69	



Do you know anyone who would like to be wrapped in warmth and feel the love of God? We have a prayer shawl for you. Many people have said they feel God's love when they wrap in these shawls. Meet one of the ladies at the prayer shawl closet any Sunday. And please, keep this ministry in your prayers

God bless,

The Prayer Shawl Hui



Next Meeting will be January 17th, at 7:00 p.m.



January 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the Church.

All are Welcome

Women's Hui – All are Welcome!

WHEN: Tuesday, January 24th 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

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!

2—Office Closed 5pm Monday's at Manoli's 8pm Tongan UMC Choir
9 10am Monday Meditation's 5pm Monday's at Manoli's 6:15pm Worship Team 8pm Tongan UMC Choir
16 10am Monday Meditation's 5pm Monday's at Manoli's 8pm Tongan UMC Choir
23 10am Monday Meditation's 5pm Monday's at Manoli's 8pm Tongan UMC Choir
30 10am Monday Meditation's 5pm Monday's at Manoli's 8pm Tongan UMC Choir

Kihei Lutheran Church 220 Moi Place Kihei, Maui, Hawaii 96753 (808) 879-7979

Non-Profit Org. U. S. Postage Paid Permit 47 Kihei, HI Address Correction Requested

"Where all know they are beloved children of God"

