

**APRIL 2017** 

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH INTERIM PASTOR DAVID BARBER

# MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

"At the Crossroads"

Soup & Salad Dinner—6:30-7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship—7:30-8:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, April 5—Kihei Lutheran Church—Theme: Obedience
  - Host congregation members provide soups, bread, and drinks.
     Visiting congregation members provide salads.

You are welcome to come for dinner and worship, or just worship if you unable to make the dinner.

# **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

- Sunday April 9—Palm Sunday—Kihei Lutheran Church—8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday April 13—Maundy Thursday—Kihei Lutheran Church—7:00 p.m.
- Friday April 14—Good Friday—Kihei Lutheran Church—7:00 p.m.
- Saturday April 15—Vigil of Easter—Kihei Lutheran Church—7:00 p.m.
- Sunday April 16—Easter—Kihei Lutheran Church—8:00 & 10:30 a.m.





# **WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Starting Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the worship schedule at KLC will return to **one service, starting at 9:00 a.m.**, with Christian Education and choir rehearsal following at 10:15 a.m. Please make note of this important change. This schedule will remain in place until the end of December.



# WHAT TO EXPECT FROM PALM SUNDAY THROUGH HOLY WEEK

#### **Palm Sunday**

Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we hear Matthew's account of the passion today and John's version on Good Friday. Though Jesus is obedient even unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. This holy week will culminate in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

#### **Triduum (The Three Days)**

#### **Maundy Thursday**

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

#### **Good Friday**

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died. Today's liturgy culminates in the Easter Vigil tomorrow evening.

#### **Easter Vigil**

This is the night! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. Tonight is the heart of our celebration of the Three Days and the pinnacle of the church's year. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, welcome new sisters and brothers at the font, and share the food and drink of the promised land. Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection.

#### **Easter Sunday**

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!





# ALOHA FROM PASTOR DAVID

David Barber Death has been swallowed up in victory...thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immoveable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (I Corinthians 15:54b, 57-58)

PASTOR It will soon be Easter but we have to make our way through several cemeteries before we get there. On the fifth Sunday of Lent, we have a story that is a foretaste of Easter and the resurrection – namely the rising of Lazarus. In addition, Ezekiel is privy to a vision where he is plopped down in a graveyard – surrounded by a valley of dry bones. In both of these stories we get a glimpse of what lies ahead. Jesus will do for his friend Lazarus what God will do for Jesus, and God will bring to life what is completely hopeless and irreversible.

From a human point of view, both Ezekiel and Lazarus illustrate for us the complete and utter hopelessness of their circumstances. We're not dealing here with some folks who have temporarily lost a pulse and are in need of a defibrillator. In Ezekiel's vision, bodies have not just died, they have decayed and deteriorated to the point where there's no flesh at all. There's no skin, no muscles, no tendons, no ligaments.

When Jesus heard that Lazarus was ill, he didn't go right away to Bethany. He stayed two days longer in the place where he was. He didn't arrive until Lazarus had been dead for four days. He missed the funeral altogether. The four days that Jesus waited are significant. Martha, the sister of Lazarus, is concerned that the body will stink because decay has already set in. What we have here is not just a CPR effort on the part of Jesus. It's not just a matter of beating some unfavorable odds like making the final, winning basket with one second left in the NCAA basketball tournament. All life is gone, and from our perspective, these situations are completely hopeless and irretrievable.

Both of these stories, along with Easter, promise us that there is an energy source loose in the universe that is stronger than death. It's even more potent than our fear of death. It's a power that calls us out of every stinking tomb that confronts us as well as all the big and little deaths that stare us in the face day after day. Our Lord comes with the promise of new life into every desperate, futile, and impossible situation. In every desolate and dried up area where our lives begin to stink and where our hope is completely lost, Jesus breathes into us his dynamic and vital breath.

"At this very moment," says Jesus, "I'm rolling away that immoveable stone in front of the cave that entombs you. I'm calling you out from the stench of death into the fullness and sweet mystery of life. I'm calling you out by name! Come out! No matter what you have done or failed to do, come out from whatever entombs you. Come out," says Jesus, "into the abundance of hope and new life. I'm in the business of creating life where there is grief, fashioning love in the midst of loss, and generating hope where despair has overwhelmed you."

Like Lazarus and Ezekiel, we, too, are being called from the tombs we encounter to walk in the resurrection power of our Lord Jesus Christ. To be sure, there is much that fills us with sadness and disappointment. Despair and feelings of helplessness might be normal responses to the challenges that lie before us. However, the mind-boggling proclamation of the resurrection won't allow us to do this. Energized by the Holy Spirit, we are invited and sent to be witnesses and servants to the message of Easter. In every place of darkness, wherever people are entombed by death and enslaved by circumstances that keep them from living freely as children of God, we are commissioned to proclaim by our words and our actions: *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!* 

Pastor David



#### A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability... For to

everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." (Matthew 25:15-30)

Many may remember this quotation; it is from the *Parable of the Talents*. Briefly, three individuals were judged on what they did with their master's money. The one given the most doubled the money; the one given the least hid the money out of fear and returned what he was given. The moral of the story for me is: be grateful for what God has entrusted to you and put it to good work for Him. I encourage you to read this parable – what do you think?

I bring this subject to your attention to provide some context for my response to some questions raised regarding the fact that we are considering enlarging our current loan and at the same time undergoing a fund raising campaign for work on the parsonage. What is the rationale? Couldn't the loan be used to pay for the additional work on the parsonage?

To be brief, at our last Congregational meeting we approved a project to repair and update the parsonage in anticipation of a new pastor. The Council was able to repurpose existing funds, which would cover much of the anticipated cost. Thus we are asking the members to help provide nearly \$23,000. (To date we are still short \$18,000). However, during the investigation as to how we might address our funding need, the Finance Committee considered the possibility of extending our mortgage. Our current mortgage will soon lose its 5-year reduced interest rate and be adjusted to a higher fixed rate for 20 years. If we were to increase the loan, the lender (Mission Investment Fund) would rewrite our current loan to include an additional \$124,000.00 at a lower interest rate than our current loan for all money borrowed for another 5 years. Based on that potential short-term monetary savings coupled with some critical needs of our church buildings beyond the parsonage, we are continuing to investigate the possibility of a loan. Such a loan cannot be initiated without congregational approval. Should the congregation decide to pursue the loan, the Council would prefer to use these funds for any shortfall in regard to the parsonage fund appeal in addition to addressing other badly needed repairs and upgrades for our worship facility including the repair/ replacement of our sliding glass doors, office upgrades, and other identified important needs.

Returning to our parable, we have been truly blessed by God, He has given much. What will be our response? Will we consider our buildings and our property as a gift from God to do ministry as well as an investment that God expects us to faithfully steward into the future? I look forward to our continued journey led by a loving, faithful and generous God.

With Warmest Aloha,

Mark Fornwall



# COUNCIL ELECTIONS

A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, April 30th, following the 9:00 a.m. worservice, for the purpose of holding elections for the 2017-2018 Church Council. Mahalo nui to the Nominating Team of Dave Ballaine, Vicki Lee, Keli Nelson & Donna Smith for their work in putting together a slate of nominees. The Nominees are Mark Fornwall, Steve Moksnes, Mo Hottendorf, Oliver Stafford & Tom Reitz. Stay tuned to **Annual Church** the Sunday Bulletin for more information.

## **CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Aloha from your Call Committee,

The Committee continues the work of finding a new pastor for Kihei Lutheran Church. We prayerfully ask God for patience and faith while we rest in the assurance that He has a plan for us.



We had a Skype interview with a second candidate last month, unfortunately that pastor accepted a call to another congregation before we could schedule a follow-up interview. The Synod office has sent us three additional candidate profiles. We will be conducting interviews with all three early in the coming weeks.

The ELCA call process allows for members of KLC (and visitors as well) to submit names for consideration. The "Pacifica Synod Pastoral Candidate Nomination Form" is on the next page in this newsletter. If you have suggestions, please submit the completed form to the Call Committee or directly to the Office of the Bishop. Eligible candidates must be on the ELCA clergy roster, approved seminary graduates, or from church bodies with which the ELCA is in full communion partnership. Members or friends of KLC may also make clergy aware of our opening and encourage consideration for their next call.



# **Dear KLC Congregation,**

Thank you for the additional Christmas gift that was given to me at the end of last month. I continue to be amazed at the unbelievable generosity from all of you. The blessings that I have received, in what will be nine years of service in September, are too many to measure.

Know that I realize more and more how instrumental our Heavenly Father has been in His love for me and I am excited to see what He has in store for all of us at KLC. Have a blessed Easter season.

Beth

# Dear KLC Ohana,

I don't mean to copy the words of Beth but I think I will. Thank you so much for the additional Christmas gift that was given to me at the end of last month. I continue to be so thankful for this Ohana and how you have extended your love and care towards me since the first day I started here. I consider it an incredible blessing to serve alongside you and thank God for this community I get to be a part of. Now on to the incredible season of Easter.

Mahalo nui for who you are~

With so much love & aloha, Cate

# A Mahalo from Joan Grotz

To all our friends at KLC,

Thank you for all your prayers and card for us. We really appreciated them. We really felt the love that KLC shares with one another.

God's Blessings Joan Grotz and Family

# Pacifica Synod Pastoral Candidate Nomination Form

Candidates must be on the ELCA clergy roster, approved seminary graduates or from church bodies with which we have a full communion partnership. The names will be submitted to the Office of the Bishop to be considered along with other potential candidates. If the candidate is on the clergy roster of another synod, the synod staff will need to obtain permission from that synod to be in contact with the candidate.

Pastor's name
Mailing address
Telephone number ( )  Pastor's current congregation and address (if known)
How could this pastor's gifts, leadership skills and abilities be helpful in furthering your congregation's mission and ministry?
2. What is your relationship with this pastor? (How do you know of this pastor?)
For what reason might this pastor want to consider your congregation for his or he next call?
4. Other comments.
Congregation member submitting this form

# **NEW MEMBERS**

We received two new families into the KLC Ohana on March 26th. Dave and Sandi Martinsen; Ue, May, Skye, Keegan & Payton Xiong. Sponsors for the Martinsen's are Zel and Margie Terluin and sponsors for the Xiong's are Holly & Owen Pendergast. Please welcome our new members.



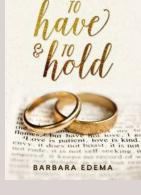






### "TO HAVE AND TO HOLD" BOOK DISCUSSION

Joy Nelson and Pastor Barb would like to invite you to a book discussion, featuring the second in Pastor Barbara Edema's series about Pastor Maggie's impetuous, emotional escapades at a fictional



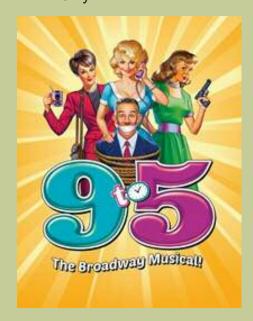
church, filled with delightful characters. This one, "To Have and to Hold", is more of a mystery than the first. Barb is my husband's cousin and my great friend.

Many of you read her first book, "To Love and to Cherish", and attended the discussion, led by Pastor Barb. The discussion will again be at Sugar Beach Events, 85 N. Kihei Rd. The date is Sunday, April 23rd, from 11:30 to about 1:30. There will be a light lunch, mostly tea sandwiches, like last year.

I ordered 20 books, so if you would like one, I have them for sale at \$16. Or you could go to Amazon, and get the Kindle version for \$5. I can bring the books to church any time. Please rsvp to me, Joy, if you are interested in going to the discussion.

#### MOVIE/THEATER CLUB

Thanks to everyone who joined us in seeing "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" at the IAO Theatre and all those who joined us for coffee, desert or lunch at the Outback Restaurant in Kihei after the play. Now, the Movie/Theatre Club will take a well deserved break and start looking forward to bringing you "9 to 5 the Musical" next July.



# **KEOLAHOU FOOD PANTRY**

The first Sunday of the month is designated for donations of food/ personal items to be distributed to the Keolahou Food Pantry.

Boxed or canned suggested items could be: Protein Items such as Peanut Butter, Tuna, Spam or other canned meats. Chili, soups, canned vegetables or fruit. Boxed cereal, or oatmeal. Spaghetti/pasta items, mashed potatoes, rice, etc. Any items you care to give are always appreciated. These are merely suggestions from the Food Pantry volunteers. Personal items such as tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo & soap are always a welcome addition.

In this time of rising costs it is even more important to remember those who may have less than others. Please continue to support the Food Pantry in all they do to help our community neighbors.







In April we will be sending care packages to our college students. If you would like to contribute, please contact Bubba at brudow@hawaii.rr.com. I will need items by April 10th. Some suggestions are: gift cards (you don't need to get enough for everybody—if several people get a few that's perfect—we have 12 kids), your favorite bible verse, an inspirational message, a personal note, Hawaiian snacks, etc. If you are sending a message

I can copy it for you, or if you have something in mind but are unable to shop, I will gladly get it for you. Thanks for being part of the important ministry—the kids love hearing from KLC!

Bubba

# "BAKING" A DIFFERENCE

It's hard to believe that I have been fighting my eating disorder for over a year now, and am still continuing to face those battles every day. Although it is not an experience anyone should have to go through, I am so grateful for all the support, love, and acceptance the KLC has shared with me. In addition, I am beyond proud to say that, thanks to you, I was able to send \$1,553 to the National Eating Disorder's Association to help fund their organization continue to raise awareness of eating disorders, spreading hope and allowing sufferers to let their voice be heard, and find quality care for those who struggle to receive proper treatment.

If you ever have any questions, whether they may be personal or general, please don't hesitate to ask!



Mahalo, Mikhaela Galindo

# ANNUAL YOUTH DINNER AND AUCTION UPDATE

With your help, we raised approximately \$4,000!

The funds raised from this year's event will be used to send several youth to the Western States Youth Gathering held in California this summer. Youth who will be attending the gathering are Alex Kennedy, Owen Pendergast, Mikhaela Galindo, Micheala Scibelli and Ashlynn Kennedy. They will be chaperoned by Renee Romerdahl and Keli Nelson.

We had 14 youth serve at this year's dinner and auction and sold 60 tickets. Thank you to all who donated, dinned and volunteered to make this night a success. I especially want to thank the following: Kitchen crew: Vicki, Keli and Jessica Nelson, Tiffany and Todd Winn, Jeff Baker and Sue Moorcroft. Auction crew: Barbara Rudow and Connie Pluchos. Setup/Take down crew: Eric, Joeleen and Erica Pilotin, David, Rhonda, Emma, Morgan and Simon Stoltzfus, Anthony, Malysa, Anthony, Micheala, and Nicholas Scibelli, Alex and Ashlynn Kennedy, Renee Romerdahl, Josh Gonzalez, Holly and Owen Pendergast, Sierra Schonberg. Media: Nels Romerdahl.

Without all of you, it would not have been such an amazing night!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Debbie Galindo





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

Fred Trott	4/1
Joshua Gonzalez	4/2
Dawn Misner	4/5
Makena Smith	4/11
Elisabet Jorgenson	4/14
Nels Glesne	4/14
Jami Casey	4/15
Victoria Gonzalez	4/17

Berta Sieck	4/21
Donna Smith	4/22
Dave Crossen	4/23
Vicki Nelson	4/25
Erica Pilotin	4/25
Steve Webb	4/25
Aliyah Spencer	4/30
Bryan Pearl	4/30



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

Keli & Vicki Nelson	4/1/1989
Larry & Denise Ankrum	4/6/1963
Ron & Gloria Carlson	4/6/1963
Bryan & Rhonda Taylor	4/8/1989
Dave & Peggy Crossen	4/14/1979
Joel & Nancy Smith	4/23/1960
Tony & Margaret Luteijn	4/24/1964
Gene & Jeane Raine	4/30/1995





# Worship Volunteers April 2017

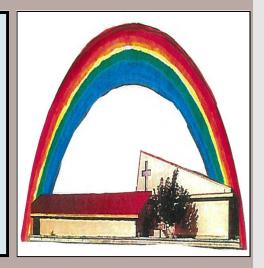
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9	8:00	Dave Ballaine	10:30	Zel Terluin	
16	8:00	Andrea Harris	10:30	Zel Terluin	
23	9:00	Vicki Lee			
30	9:00	Debbie Galindo			
REA	DERS				
2	8:00	Sue Olson	10:30	Mike Beyersdorf	
9	8:00	Zel Terluin	10:30	Doris Wildermuth	
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23	9:00	Jeane Raine			
30	9:00	Youth			
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2	8:00	Marilyn Hopkins, Donna Smith, Darrell & Mable Pierson, Dee Reader & Betty Misner	10:30	Mike Beyersdorf, Keli Nelson, Zel Terluin, Phil Proctor, Jess Nelson & Holly Pendergast	
9	8:00	Sue Olson, Heather Ballaine, Jack Wierzba, Nancy Kentz, Lottie Ali & Nels Romerdahl	10:30	Marlene & Dave Mahlke, Hilary Glassel, Berta & Jerry Sieck & Betty Misner	
13	7:00 pm	Marilyn Hopkins & Betty Misner			
15	7:00 pm	Darlene Owens			
16	8:00	Nancy Kentz, Marilyn Hopkins, Renee Romerdahl & Margie Ter- Iuin	10:30	Jerry & Berta Sieck, Don & Vicki Lee	
23	9:00	Joy Nelson, Brad & Diana Hill & Hula Ladies			
30	9:00	Youth			
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2	8:00	David & Simon Stoltzfus, Carolyn Rixey-Wagner	10:30	Holly Pendergast, Barba- ra Rudow, Sue Moorcroft	
9	8:00	Linda Archer & Joy Nelson	10:30	Hilary Glassel	
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30	9:00	Owen Pendergast & Duane Chaney			
ME	DIA				
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9	Mikhaela Galindo				
16	Easter Luau Potluck—Vicki				
23	David & Sandi Martinsen				
30					



# **Important Statistics**

February	2016	2017	
Average Sunday Worship Attend- ance -	357	258	
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$27,013.50	\$44,557	
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$59,763.50	\$76,532.50	





We are sure you know someone who could use a prayer shawl for comfort and peace. Check the closet on Sunday. The Prayer Shawl Hui meets every Thursday from 9 to 11. We'd love to have you join us. Whether or not you join in knitting or crocheting, please keep this ministry in your prayers.

God bless.

The Prayer Shawl Hui



Next Meeting will be April 18th, at 7:00 p.m.



Men's Hui

March 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Church.

All are Welcome

# Women's Hui

Women's Hui will be taking a break until September. Please stay tuned to future newsletters to see what they will be doing when they return.

#### **Administrative Office Hours:**

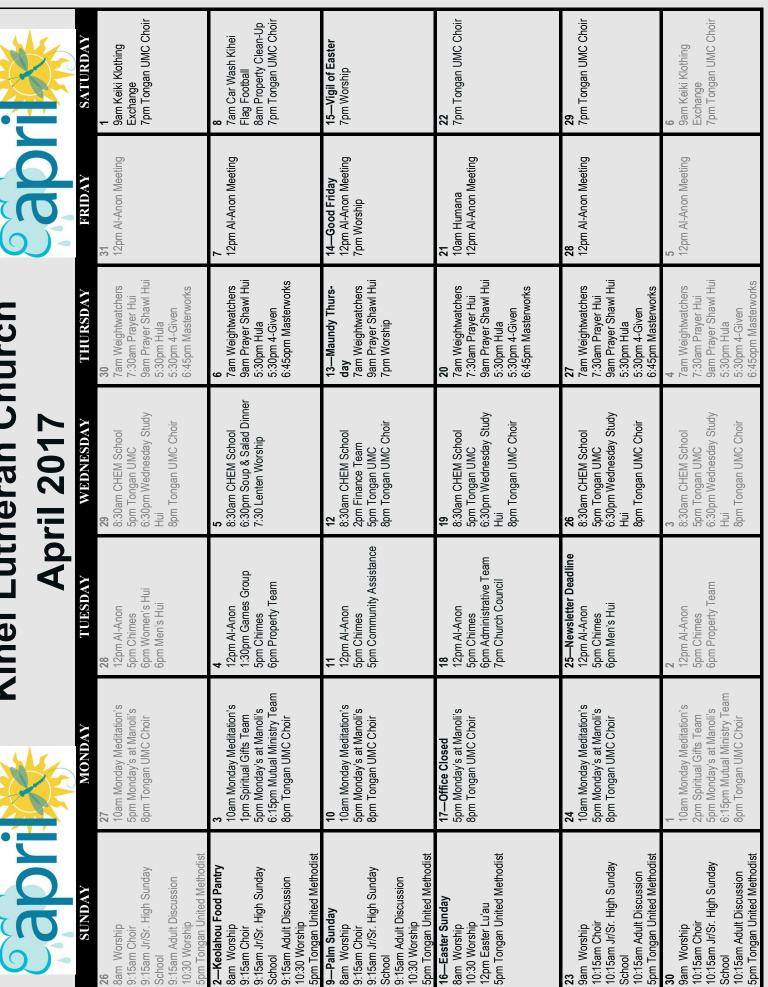
Monday thru Friday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

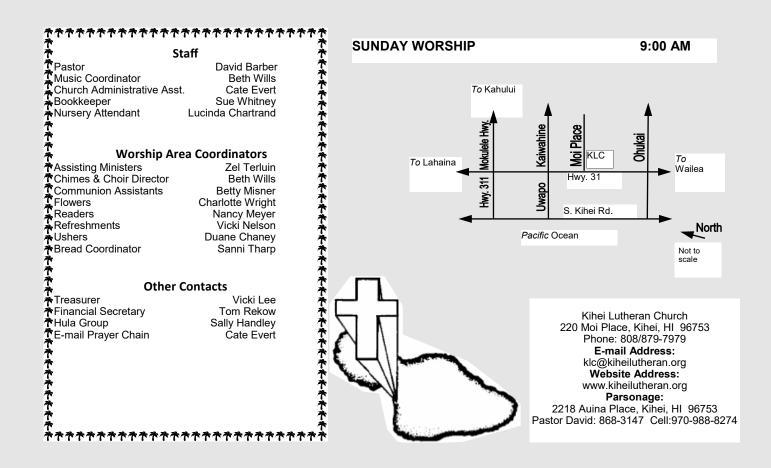
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# Kihei Lutheran Church





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