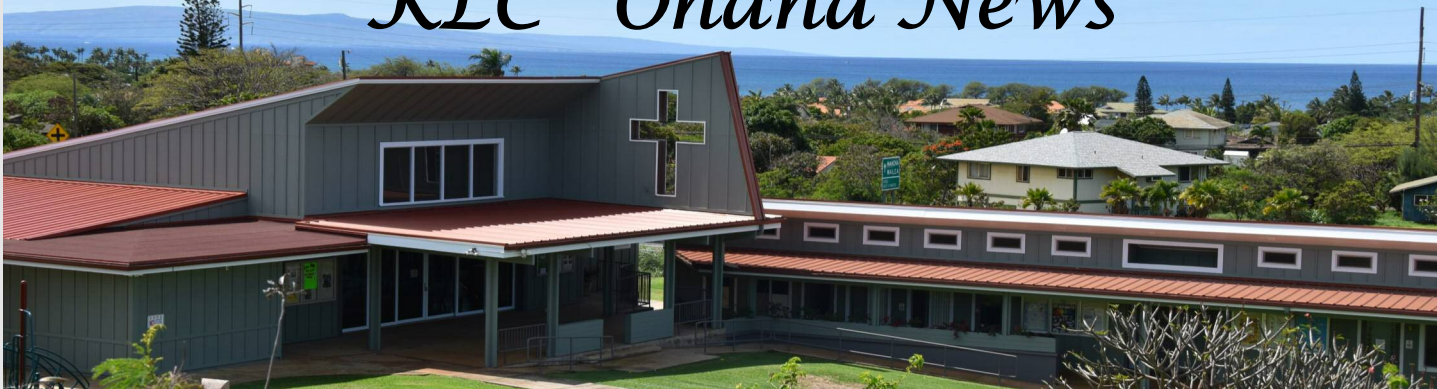




# KLC 'Ohana News



JANUARY 2020

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joel Martyn

## Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for February 9th, immediately following service. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the congregation with annual reports from the various committees, task forces, and ministries. Please make plans to attend. **January 17th will be the deadline for Committee heads to get their reports to Cate.** The annual report will be published ahead of the meeting.



## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



A big thank you to all. The stewardship campaign for the 2020 budget has drawn to a close with 51 pledges committed for a total of \$227,236. This represents 63% of the budget.



This is the end of our campaign, but not the end of stewardship. It is more than just filling out a pledge card once a year. You can pledge any time during the year. You can give a one-time gift as the Spirit moves you at any time. Also, please remember the "Try It Once" portion of the campaign and offer your time and talent to one or more activity at KLC. There are so many options, requiring varying amounts of time. Pick something that works for you to show your continued support for KLC throughout the coming year.

Various forms of stewardship are part of the church all year round. The new web site will have some new and exciting giving options that can be done online. Other ideas are being discussed. Give us your thoughts. Marilyn Hopkins is always open to a good stewardship discussion.



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOEL

Warm Greetings in Christ,

While we desire to show the love of Christ throughout the entire year, I can't think of a better season than during Christmas to fully display God's love for humanity!

There is a beautiful old song that goes like this:

Oh love of God, how rich and pure,  
how measureless and strong,  
it shall forevermore endure,  
the saints and angels song.

While Jesus was here on this earth, his heart's desire was to show what the love of God was really like as he went about healing the sick, setting the captive free, and bringing salvation and deliverance to anyone who would accept the free gift.

While we have just come out of the season of Thanksgiving, I believe it is imperative for us to continue to be thankful for the love God has bestowed upon us. This love serves as an example for you and I as we live in a world that can often be the tremendous challenge to the follower of Jesus.

For the one who really wants to live for Christ, there will be obstacles and opposition coming from many directions. Yet even with all of that God has called each one of us to display the love of God to the world.

While we desire to have as many people as possible to come to the church, our greater desire is that the church, which is God's people, would go to the world. One thing I have found is that people are often far more receptive to the message of the gospel when we share it in love and not condemnation.

As you are out and about be sure to ask the Holy Spirit to show you people in need, and then respond to God's leading accordingly. Jesus came so that you and I would not only have life but that we would have it more abundantly (John 10:10b).

I would encourage you on Christmas morning, if you are not already in the habit of reading the Christmas story to your family to be sure to take the time to read about this magnificent display of the love of God.

May God richly bless you during this Christmas season!

In Christ,

Pastor Joel Martyn



# ALOHA FROM PASTOR JOEL



Joel  
Martyn



Aloha KLC. As we move forward into the Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas seasons, I recognize that not long after that is the new year. 2020... The question on my mind and heart is where we are going and how are we moving forward? I have many plans for 2020 for this church. Perhaps this tale of two churches that I found in a resource called "Sharing the Ministry", might give you some insight into what I am thinking.

## ***The Congregation of the Twisted Arms***

*"Lots of committee members are missing meetings, and we don't have enough church Sunday school teachers to cover all our classes," the pastor laments. Others at the church council meeting stir uneasily in their seats as he talks. Their down cast eyes are focused on each other's shoes. Some feel guilty, others frustrated. Most are tired of hearing the same old story.*

*Here at Church of the Twisted Arms, people often speak about the importance of "time, talent and treasure: during the stewardship campaign each fall. They generate a bright new time and talent form every year. Quite a few people sign up. Few are ever called. Some members no longer bother to return their forms. They say they are tired of offering to help and then never being contacted.*

*The Nominating Committee is frustrated too. It has met for two months, gone through the church directory, and made frantic calls to members to try to get them to serve in important leadership positions. The calls are hard to make and the results are frustrating. Many people say they are too busy. Some suggest it is someone else's turn. The closer it gets to selection time, the more desperate the Nominating Committee gets.*

*There are problems and complaints in the Christian education program too. Parents are complaining that some of the teachers don't seem able to relate to youngsters and that most of the teachers require the children to recite answers from memory.*

*The pastor got a call from a hospitalized parishioner who told him never to send "that volunteer visitor" again. The visitor had upset her.*

*Members of the Church Council are beginning to wonder whether the fact that so many women work outside of the home is hurting recruitment. Others blame competition from school programs and civic groups. Everyone complains, but no one knows what to do.*

*One thing is certain—it is time to develop another time and talent form for Stewardship Sunday. So the committee assigns Ollidren and Sven to put it together. They are instructed to "really tell church members that everyone should help out and do his or her share."*

*The council meeting ends at 10:30pm Everyone is tired. In the parking lot, Ollidren says to Sven, "Don't you think there must be a better way?"*

## ***New Vision Church***

*Sunday is New Vision Church's annual meeting. The list of people who have been invited to serve in church leadership positions has been posted in the church all month. Nominees' pictures appeared in the church bulletin last week. Word is out that the nominating committee has tried something new this year—a letter of call—and people seemed excited to about serving.*

*Two months ago, New Vision Church concluded a series of adult classes to help people discover their gifts. The class was small but the group was very enthusiastic. They have been telling everyone in the church about the thinks they have been learning.*

## ALOHA FROM PASTOR JOEL CONT...

*Several small faith—sharing groups have formed in the congregation in the last year. During the next several weeks, the groups are planning to focus much of their study of Scripture, prayer, and sharing around the discovery and stewardship of their gifts.*

*The stewardship campaign doesn't include a time and talent sheet this year. Instead, stories about the experiences of volunteer ministers have been printed in the church newsletter, and a discovery-of-gifts form has been circulated on which members may indicate their gifts and areas of personal interest and experience.*

*The actual volunteer ministry recruitment sign-up was done in January. Position descriptions were included so people knew what they were committing themselves to. Some people didn't sign up because they still doubted that they would be called. (Church leaders knew it would take a while to rebuild the credibility of the recruitment process.)*

*Everyone who did volunteer received a thank you letter within ten days and a telephone call soon after that. A new shared ministry task force took care of acknowledgements and arranged a follow-up process with the program leaders.*

*There seems to be a new spirit among members of New Vision Church. When people say no to an invitation, no one chastises them. They are simply encouraged to keep their eyes open for a ministry that better fits their schedule or interests. Leaders no divide positions into more manageable tasks that take less time. There are lots of three-to four-hour tasks. New members are encouraged to take on at least one ministry opportunity during their first six months of membership.*

*During National Volunteer Week in April, the worship services will include a celebration of Shared Ministry, and a reception will be held to honor ministers. In addition, a group is already planning leadership training for the next year.*

*There aren't many complaints about apathy now at New Vision Church, and no one is twisting arms to find Christian Education teachers or committee members. The atmosphere is more relaxed. It's exciting to be in a church that values people and gives them a lot of nurturing and understanding. It seems that everyone is trying to find at least one niche in which to serve.*

*One New Vision member was recently overheard exclaiming, "You know, for the first time, I realize that every aspect of my life is ministry."*

I am excited to see what happens over the Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas holidays and into 2020. In the spirit of Thanksgiving I want to give thanks for Cate and Beth, and for our highly dedicated leaders on council who continually try to do their best. And I especially give thanks to God for each and every one of you who make Kihei Lutheran what is right now. You have enriched my life and many different ways, and I am so grateful for you.

With Aloha,

Pastor Joel Martyn

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Dear KLC Ohana,

It is my hope and prayer that you had a blessed Christmas season. We should all offer thanks to Pastor Joel, Cate Evert, Beth Wills, the Worship Committee and our sacred arts ministries for their leadership in creating beautiful worship services throughout the season. As we head into 2020, now is a great time to take on a New Year's resolution that is easy to keep. Consider getting involved with one of our ministries or committees. If you are not already involved, consider starting small and giving one or two hours per month. If you are involved already (thank you!), consider inviting a friend to volunteer along-side of you. Find something you are interested in and "try it once".

Our congregation approved the 2020 operating budget at the December congregational meeting. As we enter into the new year, the hard work will begin to fulfill our promises. Please help us and stay current with your givings/offerings.

The Annual Meeting date has now been set for February 9th, immediately following the service. The purpose of the meeting is for members to receive reports for committees, teams and ministries. At this meeting the congregation will also affirm a Nominating Committee to help find individuals to replace outgoing council members. The meeting is required by our constitution. Please make plans to attend.

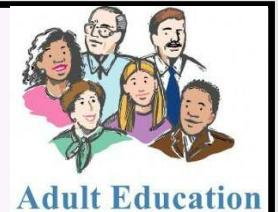
God continues to bless KLC; let us all be open to God's guidance in 2020 and beyond.

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou,

Phil

## ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Committee is really excited about the discussions that will take place in January and February. There was so much enthusiasm for the "True Self/False Self" Class as well as "Practicing God's Presence through Brother Lawrence" both studies have new & stimulating additions that will be offered in January. Also, we will learn more about the return of God's people to Judea as we explore The Book of Esther. True Self/False Self will be continued on January 12. The Book of Esther study will be on January 19 and we will take our second look at Practicing God's Presence on January 26. All of these classes will commence at 10:30 and conclude around 11:15.



The February Education Classes will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We're going to take a fresh and stimulating look at several parables the first three weeks and conclude the month with a study on The Council of Nicaea.

As we approach the Lenten Season in March and April there will be some great discussions offered. If, however, you have any suggestions for future classes, please contact Ollie Stafford at 510-220-9068 or [olliems@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:olliems@hawaii.rr.com)



## DECEMBER SECRETARY REPORT

Council Meeting of December 17, 2019

The regular meeting of the KLC Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present. The meeting was opened with devotion by Marilyn Hopkins and prayer by Phil. The agenda and minutes of past meetings were approved

Pastor Joel presented some preliminary thoughts on a year-round stewardship program that would utilize a variety of ways of communication; present different ways to get to know KLC, its members and programs; and be provided to all those who attend, visit and support this church.

Treasurer's Report: As of the end of November there was \$2,194 in the general fund.

The Ray Benson Fund task force met with 8 members. The following possible uses of the money were discussed: (1) Pay down the mortgage, (2) youth activities, (3) evangelism, (4) put in reserves. The team will meet in January and then report to Council with their preferred option(s).

Christmas gifts have been given from KLC to Sue, our bookkeeper, and Lucinda, our nursery attendant.

The December 29, 2019, Noisy Offering will go to Kihei Youth Center, with the money collected being used to purchase as many items as possible on their needs list, including recreational equipment, kitchen supplies, snacks and paper products.

The annual meeting to present the annual report will be held on February 9, 2020. Committee chairs are reminded to write a report of what happened in their committee in 2019 to be included in this report.

Council was sorry to receive the resignation of Jadey Sim. After the first of the year, it will again be time to think of people to ask to serve on Council. Please give this prayerful consideration.

The next regular meeting will be January 21, 2020. Keli closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marilyn Hopkins*

## MAHALO

Dear Arts Ministries,

Thank you for your hard work and dedication through our Advent and Christmas time at Kihei Lutheran Church.

From the first glimpse of our new banner to the blowing out of our candles after Silent Night, the season was blessed with beautiful gifts from all of you. You are a vibrant and cherished sign of God's unending presence in our church.

Rest, relax and enjoy this season. Stay healthy and return refreshed and ready for our new year of celebrations together.

# YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group had an amazing Christmas party! There was a 20 minute, team gingerbread house decorating contest, cooking dinner over the fire, games, hot cocoa & cookies (made by Annalisa), and a gift exchange. It was great fun!

The Youth Group would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!



HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



Jack Bendon	1/1
Loretta Dahlin	1/6
Doak Schoennemann	1/6
Valaida D'Alessio	1/7
Caroline Swanson	1/9
Mark Beyersdorf	1/10
Taylor Steed (Rudow)	1/10
Karen Carlson	1/13

Kathy Krueger	1/14
Sue Olson	1/15
Jerry Kistler	1/17
Oliver Stafford	1/17
Mike Dennison	1/21
Steve Moksnes	1/29
Elaine Ziegler	1/29
Dave Ballaine	1/30

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

Jerry & Susan Embree January 25, 1963





# Worship Volunteers

## January 2019

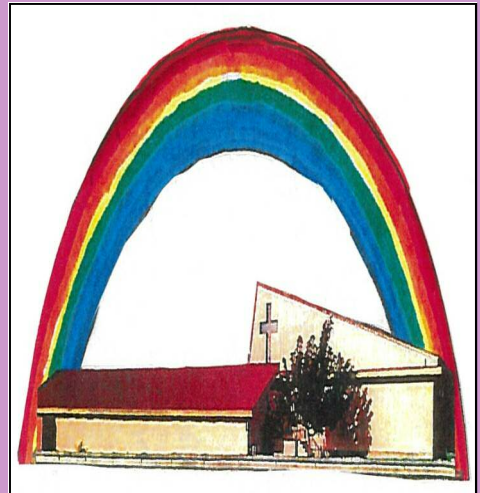
ASSISTING MINISTERS	
5	Zel Terluin
12	Phil Proctor
19	Andrea Harris
26	Vicki Nelson
READERS	
5	Billie Moksnes
12	Andrea Harris
19	Nancy Jorden
26	Nancy Meyer
COMMUNION	
5	Phil Proctor, Keli Nelson, Billie & Steve Moksnes
12	Jerry & Berta Sieck, Jeff & Charlotte Wright
19	Hula Ladies
26	Joy Nelson, Nancy Kentz, Hilary Glassel & Betty Misner
GREETERS	
5	Sue Moorcroft & Marcia Stafford
12	Hilary Glassel & Joy Nelson
19	Roberta & Jerry Sieck
26	Ollie & Marcia Stafford

USHERS	
5	Duane Chaney
12	Duane Chaney
19	Duane Chaney
26	Duane Chaney
MEDIA	
5	Joel Rudow
12	Stephanie Mohr
19	Nels Romerdahl
26	Joel Rudow
FLOWERS	
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REFRESHMENTS	
5	Dee & Dave Reader
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Thank you!

## Important Statistics

November	2018	2019
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	135	123
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$27,124.07	\$27,522.68
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$303,378.82	\$307,239.93



KLC is a qualified section 501(c)(3) organization. All offerings or donations are tax deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the IRS regulations. Making an offering/donation constitutes your agreement to relinquish control in accordance with those regulations and KLC policies.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry has lots of shawls to give away. We could use your help. The closet is open every Sunday for you to choose a shawl to give to anyone you know for any reason, even "just because." Please keep this ministry in your prayers as we try to provide the comfort of God's love to friends and family.

God bless,

The Prayer Shawl Hui



### Women's Hui

The next women's hui will be January 28th at 6pm at the church. All are welcome. Please bring a pupu to share and a beverage of your choice!!!



Next Meeting will be:  
January 21st, at 7:00  
p.m.

### Men's Hui



Next Meeting will be:  
January 28th, at 6pm

*All are Welcome*

#### Administrative Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday:  
9:00 AM—5:00 PM  
Friday:  
9:00 AM—4:00 PM



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[www.facebook.com/KiheiLutheran](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 January 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>29</b> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Youth Sunday School 1pm Korean Acts Church 5pm Tongan United Methodist	<b>30—Office Closed</b> 10am Faith Journey 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	<b>31—New Years Eve—Office Closed</b> 12pm Al-Anon 1:30pm Games Group	<b>1—New Years Day—Office Closed</b> 5pm Property Committee 5pm Tongan UMC 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	<b>2</b> 7am Weightwatchers 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 12:30pm Chronic Pain Anon 5:30pm Chimes 5:30pm Hula	<b>3</b> 12pm Al-Anon Meeting	<b>4</b> 9am Keiki Clothing Exchange 7pm Tongan UMC Choir
<b>5—Keolahou Food Pantry</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Adult Study Sessions 5pm Tongan United Methodist	<b>6</b> 10am Faith Journey 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	<b>7</b> 12pm Al-Anon 1:30pm Games Group	<b>8</b> 4:30pm Community Assistance Committee 5pm Tongan UMC 8pm Tongan UMC Choir	<b>9</b> 7am Weightwatchers 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 12:30pm Chronic Pain Anon 4:30pm 4-Given 5:30pm Chimes 5:30pm Hula	<b>10</b> 12pm Al-Anon Meeting	<b>11</b> 7pm Tongan UMC Choir
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 Church Administrative Asst. Cate Evert  
 Bookkeeper Sue Whitney  
 Nursery Attendant Lucinda Davis

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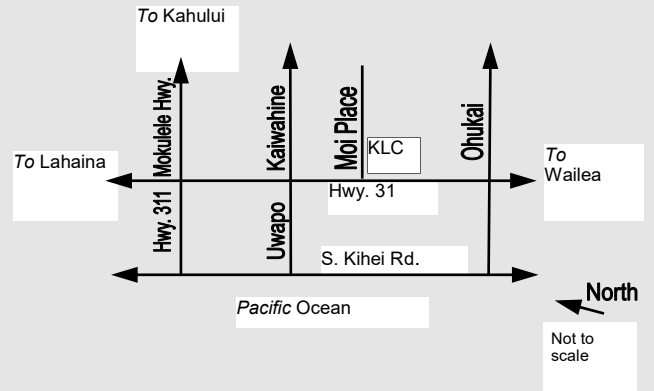
Assisting Ministers Zel Terluin  
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 Communion Assistants Betty Misner  
 Flowers Andrea Harris  
 Readers Nancy Meyer  
 Refreshments Vicki Nelson  
 Ushers Duane Chaney

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**9:00 AM**



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