

**APRIL 2020** 

## KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joel Martyn

# CHURCH SERVICES AND BUILDING

There will be no services at the church in the coming weeks. We are closed indefinitely. This means all meetings are cancelled. Please talk to your different committees to see how you can still meet during this time. There are many different options on how to meet, a few of them include meeting by email, phone or Zoom or a different kind of video meeting service.

Make sure to follow the Pacifica Synod Communications. They have many virtual get togethers during this time. Go to their website at <a href="http://www.pacificasynod.org/">http://www.pacificasynod.org/</a> and scroll to the bottom of the page to sign up to their email list.

The office is also closed indefinitely. If you have questions or need support, please call, e-mail, or check our KLC Support Hub <u>Here</u>.

Please stay tuned to our social media platform, email and <u>click here for the church website</u> for more information. We invite you to follow our Facebook page so you can receive updates when we post them. Just click this <u>link</u> to go to our page.

# A COUPLE OF NOTES FROM PASTOR JOEL

The last 2 Sundays we had Virtual Services. We will continue this every Sunday until we can once again meet together. In case you missed it, here is what was sent out as well as a link to both services plus a bonus message from our puppet ministry.

Aloha has not been cancelled.

Faith has not been cancelled.

Hope has not been cancelled.

Kindness has not been cancelled.

Songs have not been cancelled.

Prayer has not been cancelled.

Laughter has not been cancelled.

Worship, as a way of life, has not been cancelled.

Embrace all the good that remains and join us!!

Click Here to see the Service from March 22nd.

Click Here to see the Service from March 29th. You can also download the bulletin to follow along here.

Click Here to see the Message from the Puppets from March 22nd.

Pastor also had a message of Encouragement that he sent out on Monday March 23rd. <u>Click here for that.</u>



Joel Martyn

# **ALOHA FROM PASTOR JOEL**

Greetings in Christ!

We have been going through tremendous difficulty, both in our country and around the world, due to Covid-19 or Coronavirus. Many businesses are shutting down as well as numerous cancellations and postponements of events we took for granted only a few short weeks ago.

Yet, let me remind you today that Easter is NOT CANCELLED! Indeed, we will celebrate the Resurrection a bit differently this year than we ever have. Still, I believe because Jesus rose from the grave, we have tremendous hope for today, tomorrow, and all eternity!

At this point, our plan for Easter service is to record the service in as good a way as possible, and to publish that on Easter morning where we can all gather together to watch and be one in Spirit and in Truth as we celebrate the resurrection from the safety of our homes.

During this time of Physical Distancing, as I like to call it, we are probably all feeling a bit stir crazy and maybe even becoming tempted to venture out to visit members of our church ohana. I know that I have had to struggle with that myself. Everything in my being tells me to go and visit with people. And yet I can't. We need to fight that urge and remain in our homes as often as possible. If we don't, the greater risk is that we either become ill ourselves, or, this quarantine takes even longer to pass.

One idea that I have to pass this time and to reconnect with our community is for members like your-selves to record a small video of encouragement, or something funny, or reading a poem, or whatever and email me the clip. Then I can edit and post and email it out to the entire congregation. We all want to see each other's faces. If this is something that you would like to do, you can email me your clip at kiheipastor@gmail.com.

One thing you all might be missing, I know I am, is participating in communion. I had some ideas for this, as have many of my colleagues across the ELCA. This includes the possibility of drive through communion stations. Our Bishop, Andy Taylor, and the presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton, have strongly encouraged that we fast from the Eucharist until we can all meet in person once again. I oppose this decision, as do many others and Bishop Taylor has set up a clergy meeting to discuss. If anything changes in his decision on communion during this time of physical distancing, you will all be informed.

Our services, announcements, educational videos (by Dr. Roxanne Whitelight), and encouragements are being uploaded to Youtube. I have been emailing the links out to the congregation as they come in and posting to the church Face Book page as well. Please be diligent in checking your email as well as the Church Face Book page because that is where most of our communication is happening.

Note: I am looking for individuals who are interested in helping me to set up a phone tree where we all call each other to check in with one another throughout this time. If you are interested please email me at <a href="mailto:kiheipastor@gmail.com">kiheipastor@gmail.com</a> I look forward to hearing from you.

Please let the church office know if you or someone that you know has a need. I have established a KLC Support Hub here <a href="https://forms.gle/RkQeZdKS6u9pyQY97">https://forms.gle/RkQeZdKS6u9pyQY97</a> for you to fill out if you have a need or are willing to help fill any needs.

We have lots of content coming for Holy Week so please check your email and Facebook for those links.

And remember to pray for one another! We are all in this together! You are all in my prayers. With much love and aloha,

Pastor Joel Martyn

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Aloha KLC Ohana,

President's

Unprecedented. Unchartered territory. No doubt, these have been words spoken or heard in the last few days and weeks. I am reminded of Psalm 46 which was used for a choral anthem I have sung in the past. May it provide you comfort as well during these uncertain times.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in time of trouble." Read the full psalm in whatever translation your prefer at this link: <a href="https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+46&version=NIV">https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+46&version=NIV</a>

Currently at KLC we are relying on technology for all business needs and for our worship. Hopefully you have seen the recent virtual worship services posted in the last two weeks. Besides watching and contributing your comments on Facebook (FB), you can help us by sharing them on your personal page. Let's use this opportunity to increase KLC's online presence! This may be one of this cloud's silver linings and how God is helping us reach more people throughout the world. I am encouraged to hear that some members are sharing via FB and that the KLC aloha and love is reaching others beyond our local community.

In terms of our church business. Our leaders are using technology to meet for critical needs. Ministry teams should consider the same; even if the only real reason is to just check in with one another.

Givelify. We will also take this time and work to get our members using Givelify more frequently. Of course, members can always mail their offering; but we should use this opportunity to bulk up our use of Givelify if possible. <u>Link tutorial here.</u>

I was talking to a family friend yesterday and she offered positive spin to the current situation. She said she believes that this outbreak is "a sign from God, that we should pause and take some time to be with our family." And while we are all probably plugged in, glued to our TVs and phones, maybe she is right. I have no blood relatives that live here on Maui, but my church 'ohana is my family. Let's take some time and reach out to one another. Use your directory and find someone to call and check in with each day. At some point, we will be back to normal; holding hands during the Lord's Prayer and singing *Lord of Aloha*. Until then, let us be united in prayer for our world and one another.

Phil

# **GIVELIFY**

A NEW WAY TO DONATE

# USE THIS NEW MOBILE GIV-ING METHOD TO GIVE TO THE MORTGAGE PRINCIPLE FUNDRAISER AND ALL YOUR DONATIONS TO KLC

KLC has entered a new era: the age of anytime, anywhere giving. We are now signed up with Givelify, the mobile giving app created specifically for churches and nonprofits.

Givelify gives you an easy giving experience using your smartphone. To make your first mobile donation the best experience possible, we recommend you download the Givelify app for Android or iPhone before you come to church. It's free to download and to use. It's totally safe and secure, and for tax time you have one-tap access to your complete donation records. And if you are technically challenged, take your phone to the office and Cate will help you.

Make your offerings, tithes, and gifts to special envelopes right from the palm of your hand. You can give to KLC wherever you are.

Want to see how it works? Watch the demonstration video that shows you all about how to make and track donations.

Remember, if you don't do online giving you can still mail in donations to the church. We will be coming in once a week to make sure those get counted. Mahalo for your generosity during this time.

# Make Your First Donation

NEW TO GIVELIFY? START GIVING IN 60 SECONDS!

- Download the free Givelify app
- Locate your place of worship
- Tap Give
- Choose your gift amount
- Select an envelope
- Tap Give Now
- Create your account
- Enter your payment information
- Set up recurring giving to your home place of worship by navigating to the home screen, selecting your most recent gift, and selecting Set Recurring.

Leave this slip for the next person to discover, connect, and give.







# **Our Church Directory is Online!**

# View our church directory online or via the FREE mobile app today.

To view the directory online, go to **members.InstantChurchDirectory.com** and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app. Please make sure the church has your current email or you won't be able to access the directory. Just email Cate with your name, email, phone number, address, and any other information and she can get you into the directory.

If you would like to update your information, please email Cate with your changes. If you would like a printed version, please let the office know.

Please note that the directory is still a work in progress and is being updated regularly.

# Need help or have questions? Please contact: Cate at klc@kiheilutheran.org



Our Church Directory is powered by *Instant Church Directory*.





# 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
Jami Casey	4/15
Victoria Gonzalez	4/17

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



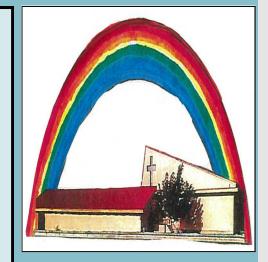
# HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O! (Happy Anniversary!)



Keli & Vicki Nelson	4/1/1989
Larry & Denise Ankrum	4/6/1963
Ron & Gloria Carlson	4/6/1963
Bryan & Rhonda Taylor	4/8/1989
Joel & Nancy Smith	4/23/1960

# Important Statistics

February	2019	2020
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	208	235
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$32,378.26	\$39,417
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$69,601.26	\$67,559



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This is a seemingly simple church ministry. Several people knit and crochet shawls and they are given to people at times of illness, loss, or personal difficulties, and also for marriages, baptisms, graduations and happy occasions. With this simple ministry goes the strength of God's love within these stitches. Please help us give away our shawls. Such a wonderful way to share love.

God bless,

The Prayer Shawl Hui



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



Men's Hui

**Next Meeting:** No Meeting in April

All are Welcome

### **Administrative Office Hours:**

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

website!

## LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK

If you haven't already "liked" our page: 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

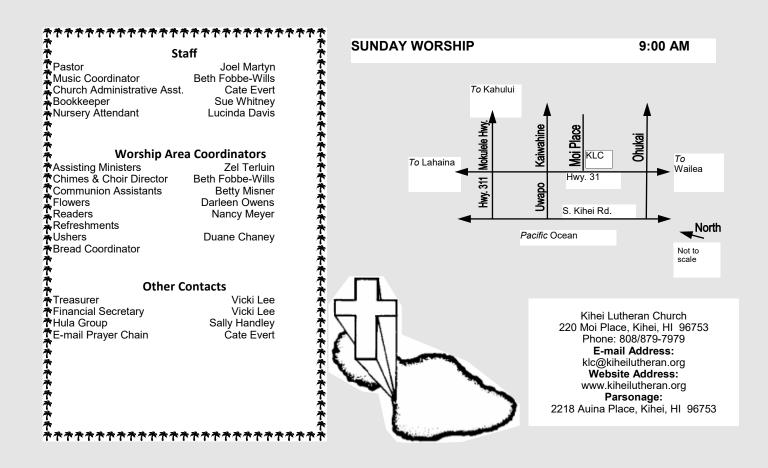


# Kihei Lutheran Church





SATURDAY	4	11		18	25—Newsletter Deadline	2 9am Keiki Klothing Ex- change 7pm Tongan UMC Choir
FRIDAY	દ	10—Good Friday Office Closed		17—Office Closed	24 On them	1 12pm Al-Anon Meet- ing 7pm Korean Acts Church
THURSDAY	2 7pm KLC Special Coun- cil Meeting—Online	9—Maundy Thursday	CHECK III	<b>16</b> Executive Committee— Online	23 Chack in	30
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TUESDAY	31	_	to call	14	21 7pm Church Council— Online	
MONDAY	30	6 *corol *'aoo	Doll L Folget	13—Committee Meeting Day—All Meetings online, over the phone or by email Admin Committee Adult Ed Committee Fellowship Committee Finance Committee Property Committee Worship Committee	20 Don't Forget	27
SUNDAY	29	5—Palm Sunday		12—Easter Sunday	19	26



"Where all know they are beloved children of God"

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