

MAY 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.

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

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

A COUPLE OF NOTES FROM PASTOR JOEL

For the last month we have had Virtual Services on Sunday's. We also did something different for Holy Week which will be discussed on the next page. We will continue this every Sunday until we can once again meet together. In case you missed it, here is what was sent out.

> 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 Palm Sunday, April 5th. You can also download the bulletin to follow along here.

Click here to see the Service for Easter Sunday April 12th.

Sunday April 16th: Click here for the Welcome, Prayers and Readings. Please Click here for the Sermon. Last but not least, Click here for the Keiki Message.

Sunday April 26th: One note on the service. During the gospel reading and the sermon, the camera that is on me is completely out of focus. The issue is not your computer, it's because I neglected to focus the camera. Oh well. I hope you enjoy. Click here for the Service.

HOLY WEEK IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

This year we had a unique challenge when it came to the most important celebration of the church year. We normally all gather together and celebrate the triumphant entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, gather for the meal on Maundy Thursday, contemplate and grieve the night of Good Friday, then come back to witness the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior on Easter Sunday. This year we were not able to do those things. Pastor Joel, with the help of Rev. Roxanne WhiteLight and others, put together some monologues of people who were there on Jesus' journey as well as some adult education pieces about what happened on that day in Jesus' life. Just so everyone can see what we did this year, the following are all the monologues and educational pieces for the week.

Palm Sunday

<u>Click here to see the Service from Palm Sunday, April 5th.</u> You can also download the bulletin to follow <u>along here.</u> Click this link for the <u>Adult Education Video.</u>

Monday of Holy Week

The first link is a Holy Week Monologue where we get to hear from Mary Friend of Jesus, the Mary who anointed Jesus feet with oil. I hope you take a few minutes to watch it and contemplate. The Second Link is the Adult Education piece.

Monologue Click Here. Adult Education piece click here.

Tuesday of Holy Week

Today we see a short message from Mary Mother of Jesus. Thank you Stacie proctor for your willingness to be a part of this series. Blessings to you all. Remember to STAY HOME and wash you hands.

Monologue Click Here. Adult Education piece click here.

Wednesday of Holy Week

Today we see a short message from Judas. Blessings to you all.

Monologue Click Here. Adult Education piece click here.

Maundy Thursday

Happy Maundy Thursday. The day in the life of the church where we celebrate the mandate given by Jesus to "Do this in remembrance of me..." and to serve one another. When Jesus was with his disciples in the upper room, they were in the midst of celebrating the Seder, the holy meal of remembrance and thanksgiving for God rescuing the Jewish nation from Egypt. So tonight we invite you to join with us in this short Seder dinner. We will also hear a short message from Simon Peter toward the end of the meal.

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal of Remembrance <u>click here.</u> Adult Education piece <u>click here.</u>

Good Friday

The Holy Week monologues stand in place of a traditional good Friday service. I hope you enjoy hearing a word from the Roman soldier (thank you Phil Proctor for your willingness to help out) and a wonderful exposition on good (or not so good) Friday in our online adult education experience with the Rev. Dr. Roxanne Whitelight.

Monologue Click Here. Adult Education click here.

Holy Saturday

Today we meet Salome, friend of Jesus and companion to Mary Magdalene.

Monologue Click Here. Adult Education click here.





ALOHA FROM PASTOR JOEL



Joel

Aloha KLC Ohana!

As we have encountered this Global Pandemic called COVID-19 or Coronavirus, I can say without a doubt, "we've never done it this way before"!

First, I want to express appreciation for your consistent prayers as our leadership team navigates these times of challenge both in our personal lives, in addition to the burden we carry for Kihei Lutheran Church.

We are in this together, but more than that, God is walking through the fire with all of us, and I believe we will come out the other side in victory!

We are grateful to the Lord for the way He has provided for His Church over the years. God is so faithful, and the aspect of giving is one of the most puzzling to the world around us in that when we give, we open ourselves up to the blessings of God in a significant way.

If you are unemployed at this time, we will pray God will either restore the job you had before these challenging days or assist you in finding a better one! God is still a God of miracles and provision! As you know, if you have attended here for any amount of time, we believe in the importance of tithing. Not only is this how the church becomes stronger, but we believe it is also how each one of us learns to trust God!

The Bible says in Malachi 3:10 – "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,' says the LORD of hosts, 'if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows."

While it may be a few weeks before we can gather together in the Sanctuary to receive an offering, I would encourage you to consider staying faithful in your giving. We have a variety of ways for people to give, whether it is through U.S. Mail, online, or app!

Mail: Feel free to mail your envelope with your offering check in to the church Website: kiheilutheran.org Go to the top right corner and click on the orange "Give Online" link and follow the prompts.

Givlify App: Find the Givelify App on the app store or google play, download and follow the directions. Locate Kihei Lutheran and make your donation there.

Please know that regardless of what your giving ability is at this time, you are loved and appreciated! As you pray for us, we pray for you, and we WILL get through this!

If you are looking for a greater connection with myself and your church community, please sign up for one of our "Coffee Times with Pastor Joel" Zoom events. Every Monday and Wednesday from 10-10:30am and 6-6:30pm. You can sign up here https://signup.com/go/GbWkSOc Blessings in Christ, Pastor Joel Martyn

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Aloha KLC 'Ohana,

I hope you and your family are in good health during this "new normal". I find myself doing a lot of reflecting these days (after too much binge watching). No doubt, you have heard the phrase "We're all in this together." It's cliche for sure, but let the reality of that sink in for a second. The <u>entire</u> world is in this unique social club. And while I would definitely prefer to have my "membership" revoked from this club, I take solace in knowing I am not alone. (Even when our physical distancing makes me feel lonely sometimes.) I also came across this scripture from Romans 5:2-4; Through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Let's reflect on hope. Reflect on the countless beautiful stories of hope such as mask making, donations, support for first responders and health care workers that have spawned out of this suffering. Please share your stories of hope directly with one another and then consider sharing your stories with the office and/or Pastor Joel. Let's focus on hope!

In the spirit of hope, I offer a few updates from the council and the business side of our church. Council continues to meet bimonthly for pastoral and financial updates. I am happy to report that KLC continues to be financially solvent during these uncertain times. This is a direct result of our 'ohana sending in their gifts and offerings. Let us give God the glory for this good news.

You may also remember from my last update that KLC applied for the payroll protection program (PPP) through the recently approved CARES act. Based upon our current expenses, KLC applied for \$38,000 in funds that could be used for payroll, mortgage interest and utilities. In the initial process, KLC did not "make the cut" before the first set of funds dried up. In fact, my first edition of this newsletter submission had updates that detailed the difficult process and the uncertainty of approval.

However, as of this writing I am happy to report that KLC has been approved and our PPP loan should be funded in the coming weeks. This is indeed great news but it is important to note that these funds from the federal government cannot be used to cover direct ministry expenses. Your weekly gifts and offerings will ensure things like our contributions to the Kealahou Food Pantry can continue during these uncertain times.

Let us continue to be united in prayer for our world, one another, and our beautiful church.

Sending shakas, virtual hugs, love and Aloha to each of you!

Phil



College Student Update

The current situation our world is in caused all of us to live our daily lives very differently. Some of our KLC college kids were quickly relocated back home to Maui, and some are sheltering in peace wherever that may be. All of them, no matter where they are, are now tasked with online schooling for the remainder of this semester. For 5 of our KLC college students, they are not able to celebrate their Spring 2020 commencement ceremonies the way they thought they would. We'd like to recognize these young women and congratulate them on their 4 years of hard work and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Kayana Kamoku

April 24, 2020: Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona, Bachelor of Science in Biology with an Emphasis in Pre-Medicine

Future plans-Kayana will be moving to the Big Island and will be working at Kīpuka O Ke Ola, a rural healthcare clinic that caters to native Hawaiians and mental health (but still has regular general practitioners and OB/GYN) and has native Hawaiian health practices like la'au lapa'au, in Waimea.

Kaylee Kuzelka

May 8, 2020: Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Bachelor of Science in Molecular and Cellular Biology

Future Plans-Kaylee will be pursuing a PhD in Biochemistry at the University of Illinois' School of Molecular and Cellular Biology.

Kirsten Paulsen

June 13, 2020: Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, Bachelor of Science in Anthropology specializing in Archeology with a certificate for GIS (Geographical Information Systems) Future plans-Kirsten will be continuing on to graduate school at Oregon State University for a Masters of Art in Applied Anthropology.

Emma Pilotin

April 24, 2020: Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona, Bachelor of Science in Biology with an Emphasis in Pre-Medicine

Future plans-Emma will be moving to Tucson, Arizona where she will be finding employment and studying for the MCAT, then starting her medical school application process in the spring of 2021.

Emily Pluchos

May 17, 2020: University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington, Bachelor of Arts with a Spanish Culture and Literature major and Theatre Arts minor.

Future plans-Emily will be staying in Tacoma for at least three to six months to work and enjoy some more time there. She would eventually like to move to Southern California and get into acting.

Well done, Ladies. We are proud of you!

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.

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- Choose your gift amount
- Select an envelope
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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



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HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



| Carol Gesch | 5/1 |
|-------------------|------|
| Nancy Dennison | 5/3 |
| Curt Holt | 5/3 |
| Bailey Pendergast | 5/5 |
| Eryn Pendergast | 5/5 |
| Renee Romerdahl | 5/7 |
| Lloyd Amundson | 5/9 |
| Malysa Scibelli | 5/11 |
| Deja Campos | 5/14 |

| Lisa Gonzalez | 5/15 |
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| Jack Jorden | 5/18 |
| Neil Turnbull | 5/18 |
| Duane Chaney | 5/24 |
| Don Lee | 5/24 |
| Dori Thorngren | 5/24 |
| Saylor Pearl | 5/26 |
| Danny Boren | 5/27 |
| Julie Rekow | 5/30 |

HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O!

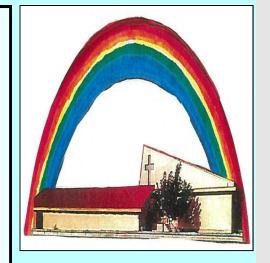
(Happy Anniversary!)

Steve and Heather Ceccanti 5/5/2001 Tony and Karen Gucci 5/19/1989



Important Statistics

| March | 2019 | 2020 |
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| Average Sunday Worship Attendance | 222 | COVID-19 no accurate numbers |
| Offerings For The Month (members & visitors) | \$38,037.16 | \$24,949.36 |
| Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors) | \$107,638.42 | \$92,508.36 |



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.



Even though we are not getting together at the church right now, prayer shawls are still available and are still being made by the Prayer Shawl prayer snawls are still available and are still being made by the group. Now is a good time to share the love of God with friends and family who might be facing extra challenges. If you would like one for yourself or to give away, call Cate and arrange to pick up a shawl on the day she is at the office. Please do not just show up at the church. Prior arrangements need to be made.

God bless,

The Prayer Shawl Hui



Next Meeting will be: When Scheduled



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Next Meeting: No Meeting in May

All are Welcome

Administrative Office Hours:

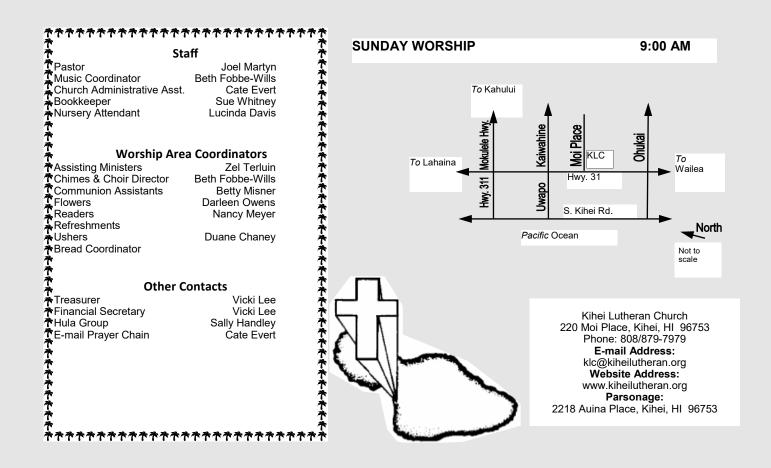
Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 AM—5:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

website!

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| | *************************************** | SATURDAY | 2 | 6 | | 16 | | 33 | 30 | 6 9am Keiki Klothing Ex- change |
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| Kihei Lutheran Church | May 2020 | WEDNESDAY | 29 | 9 | People to | 13 | | ²⁰ People to | 27 | ဇ |
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| × | | MONDAY | 27 | 4 | Don't Forget | 11—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 Youth & Family Committee | 18 Don't Forget | 25—Newsletter Deadline Memorial Day—Office Closed from Home | 1 |
| | * | SUNDAY | 26 | က | | 10—Mother's Day | | 17 | 24 | 31 |



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