

SEPTEMBER 2020

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joel Martyn



DONATIONS WANTED

This has been an unusual year in many ways. Not only can we not spend time with you, but also we are currently unable to worship together in our church building. Through it all, our work as a church continues. Our staff still works, in fact even more hours, to record worship services and handle daily needs. We "visit" our ohana through phone calls and in other creative

ways, help with needs, collect and deliver food, and all the other things it takes to support the congregation and the community.

Without our regular visitors, with some members choosing to move closer to mainland family, and with job loss on the island as across the country, we are now at a point where the gifts coming to KLC are smaller than the expenses we still have to pay. We have gone through the budget to lower or eliminate as many expenses as possible, many resulting from KLC and other groups not being fully open at this time. We received a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan from the federal government to cover payroll for a while, but those funds have been used. We now must rely on contributions, which have begun to lag behind expenses.

We are asking for your help if you are able to do so. Please consider making a donation to the continuing life of KLC. Any amount will help. Small contributions blend together to become large blessings. You can give through the church website, www.kiheilutheran.org by clicking on the "Give" button at the top right of the home page. Or you can download the "Givelify" app to your iPhone or Android, then search for Kihei Lutheran Church. Both are completely safe and easy to use. Of course, checks in the mail work too.

We look forward to the time when we can all be together again sharing worship and friendship. Until then, our prayers are with all of you. Take care, stay well, and know that you are loved.

SERVICE LINKS FOR THE PAST MONTH

Sunday, August 2nd: <u>Here is the link to the service</u>. Blessings upon you all.

Sunday, August 9th: <u>Here is the link for this morning's worship service.</u> Feel free to share with your friends.

Sunday, August 16th: <u>Here is the link to the Service.</u>

Sunday, August 23rd: <u>Here is the link to the Service</u>. I hope and pray that we can meet again to worship in person soon.

Sunday, August 30th: <u>Here is the link for Sunday's worship service.</u> Feel free to share the link. Also, <u>click here for the words</u> to the hymns if you would like to sing along.



MOVING BETWEEN PHASES OF WORSHIP

MOVING THROUGH IT

At a special meeting on July 9, Council made the following determinations regarding

movement between the phases of worship. Decisions will be made based on Maui County data. For purposes of worship during the pandemic, phases are as follows:

- 1. Digital worship
- 2. Outdoor worship
- 3. Indoor worship

You probably read the guidelines for KLC to go through those three phases of worship. Since there was concern that we might not have 14 consecutive days of zero new cases on Maui for several months which would prevent us from ever going to the next higher phase, this was amended to needing 7 consecutive days of zero new cases to move to the next phase. We realize many of you are looking forward to having worship indoors.

Beginning at the end of July and tracking weekly from Wednesday to Wednesday, if in any one-week period we have more than 7 new cases that are not related to one cluster we will go back down one phase. If there are more than 20 new cases within any one-week period, we go back to Phase 1.

The office is closed for the time being. Cate will be on vacation for the first two weeks of September and then will be on quarantine for the second half of September. She will be working from home once she get back on island. If you need anything, 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 <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.



GOD'S WORK—OUR HANDS

A funny thing happened when Donna Smith went shopping in Walmart a couple of months ago. She noticed they had flip-flops on sale for just a dollar a pair. So she asked if she could buy 600 pairs....and she could!!

They are now awaiting distribution next month to local schools and other organizations that have come to depend on this annual gift from Kihei Lutheran

Church as our response to the ELCA's "God's Work – Our Hands". In past years we have collected hundreds of 'slippahs' by asking individual members of our congregation to purchase them and bring them in to the church over several Sundays. But since we are all doing less in-person shopping and are unable to come to church on Sundays, we are asking for your participation in a different way this year (easier and safer).

In order that Donna does not bear the entire cost herself (Walmart actually had a few more than 600 pairs so she just put the whole \$650+ on her visa card!), and also to start building up a fund for next year, please consider 'adopting' some of these already-purchased flip-flops (half-a-dozen, a couple of dozen or whatever you are comfortable with) and send in your check to the church office by September 15 to cover the cost of your donation (or you can drop your check off at our next food drive-thru on September 19). Checks should be payable to KLC and be marked 'Flip-Flops'.

Mahalo for your faithfulness in continuing to support this important ministry.

ALOHA FROM PASTOR JOEL





I learned something the other day. I know, it's a little bit hard to believe but it's true. I learned of a great way to flip the switch in your mind from a depressive state of existing, in whatever moment you are in, to a joyful state of existence. It really is quite fascinating how it works, and I wanted to share it with you all as soon as I could.

This is a rough period of time for our nation, our church, our relationships, school, work, pretty much in every sector of our lives. Covid has not been kind to us. And for many of us, including myself, the lack of social contact, deep and meaningful in person relationship, the fear of what would or could happen if we happened to become exposed, has led many of us into a depressive state of being. Some deeper than others. But it remains to say we have all been affected, one way or another. The fear of having been exposed and then having exposed others is also something that weighs heavily on our hearts. I don't know about you all, but I suspect that if you are similar to me, the potential for tragically altering another person's life because of my own carelessness would weigh heavily on my soul. I don't want that weight, so I take precautions. I wear a mask, I wash my hands, I remain with those friends that I have made an agreement with to create a bubble of relationship, where we only socialize with one another and we abide by the set of rules that we came up with to protect one another. Social aspects of life are important and needed.

But our brains are not used to all these micro and macro decisions that we are having to make, that may have huge impacts on another person's life. We begin to experience decision fatigue and our brains begin to go numb. We get tired easily. Have to rest our eyes. We begin to feel sad, aggravated, annoyed, anxious and many other things. I experience a brain shutdown around 2pm every day. Depression can set in. It's difficult living this way.

So, as I reference at the beginning, the thing that I learned is a psychological tool which is known to flip the switch in our brains to change and enhance our state of mind. It's simple. Watch videos of babies laughing. It automatically changes our brain chemistry and enhances our state of wellbeing. Baby goat videos also work for me, because, come on... they're cute baby goats in pajamas expressing true unadulterated joy! Here are a couple of links to help you out.

Babies Laughing https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yua-n02p4TY

Baby Goats https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q9BAHM8KTWE\

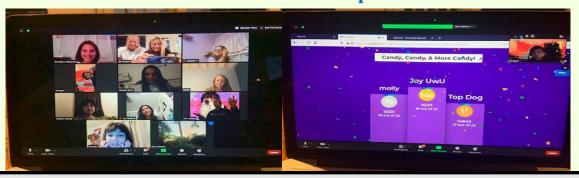
My guess is that when you start to watch the video you can't help but to smile. That's what I mean. The switch has been flipped. Enjoy it.

Christ's peace and love be with you all, Pastor Joel

The J-Walkers are staying connected!

The youth group met for a fun night of online KAHOOTS! The next challenge night is Saturday, August 29.

The fun never stops!



REPORT OF THE AUGUST 18 COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the Council was held by Zoom with a quorum present.

Pastor Joel reported that he has communicated with 15 members and 8 non-members. Phil gave some reminders and some thoughts about the 2021 budget process happening now.

Margie reported that contributions are currently lagging behind expenses. We have a bank balance because of carry-over from 2019. Marilyn and Margie will work together to draft a letter to go to our members and friends here and on the mainland about our current financial situation and asking for those who are able to help to make a donation of any size.

Keiki Klothing Exchange provided a "Reopening Plan B." It is scheduled to take place at KLC on September 5. Those who wish to attend will reserve a time online and fill out a form to let volunteers know what items they are looking for. Donations and sorting will take place prior to the event, volunteers will pre-sort and bag items as requested, attendees will drive up to the KLC sidewalk, and volunteers will put the bag of items in their trunk. There will be minimal personal contact and lots of sanitizing. All will wear masks and volunteers will wear gloves.

The next regular virtual meeting will be September 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments about any Council meeting can contact a Council member or ask your question in the online Question Box.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Hopkins

To see a copy of the approved July Council Minutes please click here.

ZOOM GET TOGETHERS

Because times are still so uncertain, it is always a good idea to still stay connected to people any way we can. One way would be through zoom get togethers. Some groups have been Zooming for a couple months. To help gauge the interest in these types of get-togethers, please contact the office at klc@kiheilutheran.org with an idea or something you may want to discuss. An example could be a bible study, coffee and conversation, catch up on weekly events, etc. It is nice to see

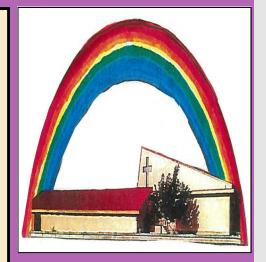


each other. It really lifts the spirits of those who have been gathering in this way. For example, the choir has been meeting every other week for a Happy 40 minutes. This is not a commitment, it is just another way to connect. If anyone would like to be a part of the choir Happy 40 minutes (this doesn't mean you

have to be part of the choir now [©]), learn about using Zoom and how easy it is, please contact our Music Coordinator, Beth Fobbe-Wills at beth@willsmaui.com.

Important Statistics

July	2019	2020		
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	101	No Numbers Due to Covid		
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$30,548.85	\$22,192.13		
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$215,597.74	\$185,901.69		



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 Hui is meeting at KLC on Thursdays from 2:00-3:00. But be aware that there may be times we need to change that. Please join us to make shawls, pick out a shawl to give away (or keep for yourself) or just sit and talk. We would love to see you.

God bless,

The Prayer Shawl Hui



Next Meeting will be: When Scheduled



Men's Hui

Next Meeting: When Scheduled

All are Welcome

Administrative Office Hours:

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



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 website!

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



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HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)

Nancy Jorden	9/2			
Tiffany Winn	9/2			
Maggie Vorhes	9/6			
Phillip Proctor	9/6			
Sharyl Boren	9/7			
Joel Smith	9/7			
Joleen Pilotin	9/11			
Todd Lawson	9/12			
Syd Dahlin	9/14			
Pam Kamoku	9/14			

Rhonda Stoltzfus	9/14
Cheri Beyersdorf	9/17
Geri Brannon	9/19
Nancy Kentz	9/20
Angelina Campos	9/21
Alexandra Kennedy	9/21
Carolyn Rixey-Wagner	9/26
David Stoltzfus	9/26
Luke Vance	9/27



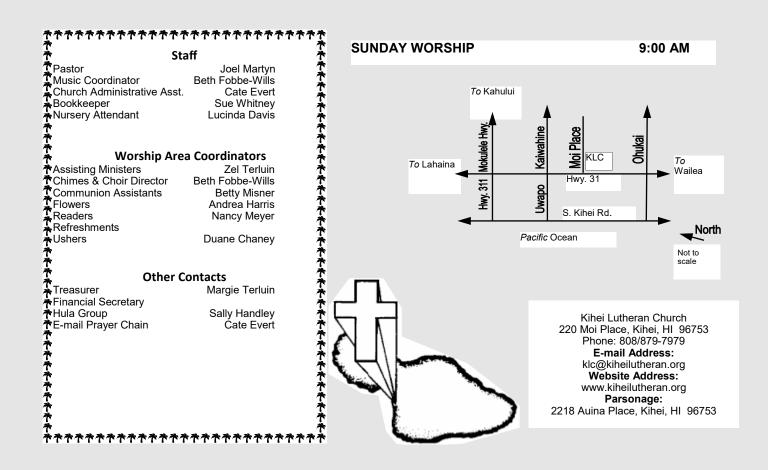
HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O! (Happy Anniversary!)



Miguel & Lisa Gonzalez	September 2, 2001
Duane & Linda Chaney	September 10, 1988
Syd & Loretta Dahlin	September 17, 1955
Zel & Margie Terluin	September 21, 1980
Curt & Gail Holt	September 22, 1973
Greg & Ede Stratton	September 27, 1975



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Lutheran Church	eptember 2020	WEDNESDAY	2	6	People to	16	23	People to	30
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7		MONDAY	31 10am Faith Journey	7—Labor Day- Office Closed 10am Faith Journey	Don't Forget	14—Committee Meeting Day—All Meetings online, over the phone or by email 10am Faith Journey Admin Committee Adult Ed Committee Fellowship Committee Finance Committee Finance Committee For Committee Finance Committee For Committee	21 10am Faith Journey	Don't Forget	28 10am Faith Journey
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