



This past year has been unique in the life of KLC. We now have digital meetings, digital or outdoor worship, drive-through communion, and many of us give our donations online. However, our goals are still the same. We want to join together with our KLC ohana as often as possible, even if it means social distancing and face masks. We want to support our staff. We want to continue our programs to help the community.

It's that time of year when we once again plan how we will support our church budget. Over the coming weeks we will provide you with information about our budget and the programs you support through giving. The goal is to have a budget that supports our need and programs with little or no increase to line items.

KLC needs your help to continue serving our congregation and our community. By your pledge, the Finance Committee can plan for our future. All donations are important, big and small. Small gifts blend together to make big blessings. With all our ohana working together we will make good things happen.

The stewardship drive will begin October 18 and continue through November 8. You may turn in your commitment card any time during these weeks.

Our thanks to each of you for your continued love and support.

With aloha, The Stewardship Committee



## THANKSGIVING BOXES AND HYGIENE BAGS

Mahalo to everyone who stopped by the church on September 19th to donate food and misc. items for the Keolahou Food Pantry. The Community Assistance Team is grateful for the 500 plus donations received. The next drop off will be October 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be asking for specific donations of items so that we can begin putting together hygiene bags to be distributed with the 150

Thanksgiving meal boxes from the Maui Food Bank. Items that are in need are: VO5 shampoo, individually wrapped bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Soft Soap, small hand sanitizers, dental floss, individual Kleenex. Food will also be collected but any of the other items will free up funds to purchase the remaining items that are not donated. We also will accept monetary donations. Please mark your donation Keolahou Thanksgiving Boxes/Hygiene Bags. Our Kihei community is in a great need of our support. Please open your hearts and help the Community Assistance/Outreach Team make it possible to helpthose in need. Your Kokua is greatly appreciated.

## 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, <u>www.kiheilutheran.org</u> 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, September 6th: Aloha my friends. <u>Here is the link to the worship</u> <u>service.</u> I hope and pray that you are all doing well and staying healthy.



Sunday, September 13th: Grace and peace be with you all! <u>Here is the link to</u> the worship.

Sunday, September 20th: <u>Here is the link for worship.</u> I really do hope that you enjoy it. I look forward to seeing you all in person soon. Mahalo!

Sunday, September 27th : <u>Here is the link for the worship service.</u> Blessings to you all.



## **COLLEGE UPDATE**

The Fall 2020 semester has affected all of us in different ways, including our KLC college kids. Some of them are attending classes online from home, some are online from their college city, some have decided to take this semester off and some are attending school in-person. Our recent Spring 2020 college graduates are also each doing things differently...working or waiting for work or continuing their

education by jumping right into graduate programs. One thing we all have in common, especially now, is trying to stay safe and do what's best for ourselves, no matter what that looks like. For our not-so-recent college graduate, Allie Rudow, a huge CONGRATULATIONS on her recent engagement to lan with a wedding scheduled for July 2022.

Please continue to keep all of our college kids, whether in school right now or not, recent college graduates and not-so-recent college graduates in your prayers. Thank you!

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

# President's REPORT

I hope this month finds you and your 'ohana well and all healthy.

Our family recently binge-watched the nostalgic reboot of *The Karate Kid* on Netflix called *Cobra Kai*. If you are unfamiliar, *The Karate Kid* was a movie from the early 80s that starred Ralph Maccio and the late Pat Morita as the great sensei, Mr. Myagi. Mr. Myagi provided karate and training lessons that at the time made no sense to the title character, "Daniel-son" (The Karate Kid). Lessons such as painting the fence, sanding the floor and "wax on, wax off" had no immediate connection to the skills of karate. However, we eventually learn that these menial tasks/chores have a higher purpose. The muscle memory that comes from suffering through these chores proved to be exactly what the student (Daniel) needs in order to succeed.

In my own reflections and devotions during this pandemic, I like to think that God is working in similar master-teacher ways. God is with us during our strife, and God is aware of our life well beyond this pandemic. Let us be open to enduring and learning from these times. I personally have found some comfort in revisiting the book of Job. *Wisdom and strength belong to God; counsel and understanding are His. Job 12:13* 

You may remember that back during the summer months, KLC applied and received (loan) funds from the CARES Act or Payroll Protection Plan (PPP). Those funds helped KLC sustain the lean summer months and allowed us to keep our staffing intact. I can report that our Finance Committee is fully prepared to apply for loan forgiveness as soon as our bank and the federal government open the application process. Many thanks to Janet Harp and Margie Terluin for guiding us through this process.

We as a church will also need to look ahead to the 2021 budget. Typically the process goes something like this: Ministries and committees submit budget requests to Finance by late August/ early September. The Finance team looks over these requests in September and October meetings and then sends a first draft to Council for the October meeting. In October, the council takes a first look and makes some suggestions and then sends the draft back to the Finance team. Finance then takes one final look before sending a final budget recommendation to council in November. The Council finalizes, votes and sends a recommendation to the Congregation for approval of the budget at the December congregational meeting. The Congregation makes final adjustments as needed and approves the budget at said meeting. One difference this year will be that the council will be publishing draft budgets during the process and soliciting questions from the congregation along the way. Questions/issues will be addressed and budget drafts will be updated and shared via e-blasts. KLC members are encouraged to be active with this process. The congregational budget meeting has been set for December 6. This may have to happen via a Zoom meeting/online call. Please stay tuned to church communications during this important process.

Let us be willing to "wax on, wax off" faithfully and trust God to enlighten us during these times.

Ke Akua pü

Phil



## REPORT OF THE SEPTEMBER 15 COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the KLC Council was held virtually via Zoom with a quorum present.

Pastor Joel presented lists to each Council member of KLC ohana to contact periodically to see how everyone is during this time when we cannot visit in person.

President Phil Proctor led a discussion about the process of preparing a budget. With so many changes required since we are not worshipping together, Council discussed ways to have the congregation involved in the budget process. There will be an email sent in the future with a draft budget and people will be encouraged to look it over and provide questions and comments. The congregational meeting to review the budget will be held December 6. The stewardship drive to support this budget will begin October 18 and continue through November 8 with commitment cards turned in any time during those weeks.

Margie reported that donations for the week were over \$12,000. We have still spent more than is taken in; however, the general fund balance is still positive. The first group of letters has been sent to visitors from the mainland and around Hawaii requesting donations to help cover costs. Money has already been received.

The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m. The next regular virtual meeting will be October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Hopkins

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

## **ZOOM GET TOGETHERS**

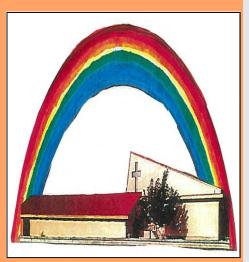
Because times are still so uncertain it is always a good idea to still stay connected to people any way we can. One way would be through zoom get togethers. Some groups have been Zooming for a couple months. To help gauge the interest in these types of get-togethers, please contact the office at <u>klc@kiheilutheran.org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



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 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 <sup>CO</sup>), learn about using Zoom and how easy it is, please contact our Music Coordinator, Beth Fobbe-Wills at <u>beth@willsmaui.com</u>.

Important Statistics						
Aug	2019	2020				
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	101	No Numbers due to COVID				
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$12,767.96	\$22,148.06				
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$228,365.70	\$208,049.75				



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 9:00—11:00. But be aware that there may be times we need **Prayer Shawl** 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



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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 KI C

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 vour 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 vou 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.



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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<sup>®</sup> App store in iTunes<sup>®</sup>, Google Play<sup>™</sup> 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!)



Stacie Proctor	10/3		
Karen Gucci	10/5		
Marcia Stafford	10/7		
<b>Bev Schifferling</b>	10/9		
Nicholas Scibelli	10/10		
Ling Chang	10/15		
Gail Caires	10/15		
Paul Emanovsky	10/21		

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Emily Strauser	10/21		
Alexander Lawson	10/25		
Sanni Tharp	10/25		
Dave Krueger	10/26		
Dave Mather	10/27		
Bob Nelson	10/28		
Jake Hangartner	10/30		
Brooke Cuomo	10/31		

## HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O!

(Happy Anniversary!)

Lynn & Karen Carlson	October 2, 1965	
Mark Haley & Larry Manning	October 4, 1986	
John & Kristi Bendon	October 9, 2004	
Joel & Barbara Rudow	October 11, 1986	



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