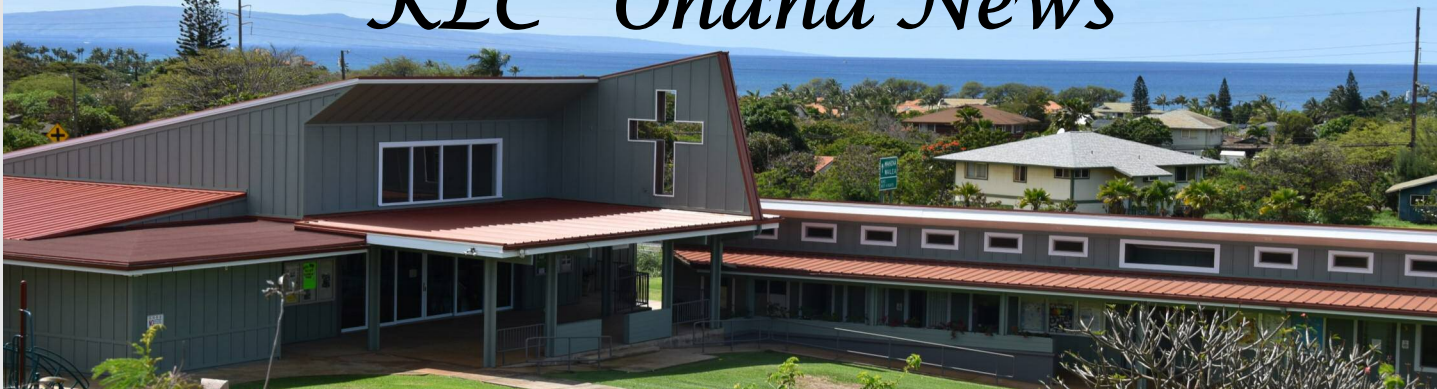




KLC 'Ohana News



DECEMBER 2020

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joel Martyn

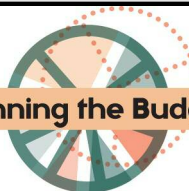
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

With the special issue of COVID this year, KLC will hopefully be having 1 service on Christmas Eve starting at 6:00 PM. The service will include communion and a lot of music from all of our cantors. The service itself will be completely outside and there will be a sign-up, so that means limited seating. If the weather permits, we will conclude with the lighting of candles with a cantor singing Silent Night and our hula group dances the traditional Filipino 'Pandanggo sa Ilaw' ('Dance of Light'). Please accept our invitation to join us during this most holy time to worship Christ Jesus as we remember and celebrate his birthday. **AS WITH ALL THINGS COVID, WE MAY HAVE TO GO TO A DIGITAL SERVICE. PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE 24TH.**



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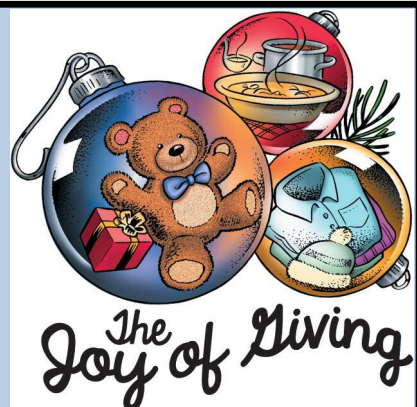
Planning the Budget

ATTENTION KLC MEMBERS! DECEMBER 6th MEETING

In an effort to streamline the budget process our church Council is publishing a final budget for approval at the meeting on December 6th. [Please click this link for the meeting agenda, the full budget, and a condensed version for you to look at before the meeting.](#) The full budget has every line item in it and includes notes. The condensed version is just the bottom line for each budget section. There will be budgets available the day of. We are asking that if you take one of those on the day, to take it home with you to dispose of. We will also have elections of new council members as we were unable to have a meeting earlier in the year.

KEIKI CHRISTMAS

Santa's elves have been busy already, shopping the sales and purchasing gifts for the children served at the Keolahau Food Pantry. You can help with this community service project by making a monetary donation. The suggested donation amount is \$15 per child, but we gladly accept donations of any amount. Help make Christmas a little brighter for our local families by either sending a check to church, by placing your donation in the offering plate, or by giving on line. Just remember to clearly state that it is for "Keiki Christmas" either in the notation at the bottom of your check or on an envelope containing your donation. Donations of wrapping paper (full or partial rolls) are greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Renee and Nels Romerdahl at 874-5695. Mahalo!



The Joy of Giving



ALOHA FROM PASTOR JOEL



Joel
Martyn



Among the vast amount of Christmas legends, there is one that involves, believe it or not, a Christmas spider. According to this legend, when Joseph was warned in a dream to flee from King Herod and the massacre which he intended to inflict upon the children of Bethlehem, several animals from the manger decided to accompany the Holy Family on their journey. Each of the animals was determined to protect the baby Jesus, and each felt sure his or her particular talents would prove invaluable in that task. There also happened to be a spider who wanted to come, yet none of the other animals felt the spider would be helpful. After all, she was only an insect. She had no keen ears or sharp teeth, no strong bones, and no claws whatsoever. However, the spider persistently pleaded to be included. At last the other animals agreed she could join them, provided she did not get in the way.

Unfortunately, as the journey unfolded, all of the other supposedly brave animals either were frightened off or were distracted. They ended up returning home or embarking on a more appealing adventure of their own. With Herod's troops on the march, and with the Holy Family growing more and more tired, Joseph and Mary had little choice but to try to hide. Finding a small and inconspicuous cave, they huddled inside seeking shelter and rest, with the donkey and the spider their only remaining companions. Holding Jesus in her arms, Mary gently rocked him to sleep, and, for a while, it appeared everything would be fine. The only immediate problem was the chill in the air. Seeking to be of help in some small way, the spider carefully wove a web over the opening of the cave to try to keep the baby warm.

The spider had just finished her weaving when suddenly voices were heard outside the cave. The soldiers had caught up with the Holy Family, and they were diligently searching the entire area. When they came to the cave where the Holy Family was hidden, both Mary and Joseph held their breath, certain their doom was upon them. Yet the soldiers passed by the cave. One soldier said it was a waste of time to search it since anyone who had entered the cave would have broken the spider's web over the opening. Thus it was that the seemingly insignificant spider saved the day; and the legend goes on to say that this is why we hang tinsel on our Christmas trees ... to remind us of the silver strands of the web which the little spider wove ... and to remind us that no act of kindness, no act of courage, no act through which we seek peace with justice is ever wasted.

The legend also reminds me that someone once suggested we need not only to keep Christ in Christmas but also, believe it or not, to keep Herod in Christmas, because Herod, like Pharaoh before him, worships the love of power (enforced by violence) rather than the power of love. And in turn, Herod reminds us all that we do not live in an ideal world but one where we often face both the threat and the destructive reality of violence.

For the followers of Jesus, then, to be alive in him—to be alive in the adventure the Christ Child calls us to—is to side with all those who are vulnerable, even as the Christ Child was vulnerable. It is to kneel in the manger before the Prince of Peace and then to go out to weave whatever webs we can as we continue to commit ourselves to acting justly, loving tenderly, and walk humbly with God.

Blessed Advent and Joyous Christmas,
Pastor Joel



REPORT OF THE NOVEMBER 17TH COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the KLC Council was held virtually via Zoom with a quorum present. Council regrets the need to accept the resignation of Mo Hottendorf. We all thank her for this service to KLC.

Pastor Joel had 25 visits by phone calls and text conversations. Twenty-one solar panels have been donated for the parsonage solar system. Labor and parts to install will be \$3,500 which will be paid with reserve parsonage property money (Line Item 4314/4614)

Phil reflected on his time as President of Council and his willingness to continue to help the church he loves.

Income last week was \$5,293; giving year-to-date is \$284,521.

Year-to-date expenditures are 297,822.

Because of the PPP loan, there is a balance in the general account of \$31,789.

The stewardship campaign ended with 34 pledge cards for a total of \$167,124.

A mailing campaign requesting donations from approximately 5,000 ohana and visitors to cover KLC costs has so far brought in \$13,495.

The final draft of the 2021 budget was approved to go to the congregation at the December 6 meeting. The agenda includes approval of the 2021 budget and election of congregational council members. Because it is necessary to have a quorum at this meeting in order to conduct business, Council members will be making phone calls to members asking for your participation either in person or via Zoom. If you have not used Zoom, we have volunteers who will help you through the sign-in process. Don't worry. It's not hard.

The Eagle Scout project by Scout Wright to refurbish the KLC playground has been approved by the Boy Scouts and will proceed, beginning December 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 and closed with prayer by Pastor Joel. The next regular virtual meeting will be December 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

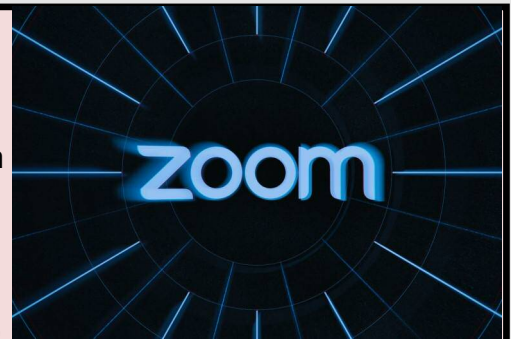
Marilyn Hopkins

To see a copy of the approved October 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 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 😊), learn about using Zoom and how easy it is, please contact our Music Coordinator, Beth Fobbe-Wills at beth@willsmaui.com.



SERVICE LINKS FOR THE PAST MONTH

WELCOME TO
ONLINECHURCH

Sunday, November 1st: Aloha my friends. [Here is the link to the worship service.](#) I hope and pray that you are all doing well and staying healthy.

Sunday, November 8th: Grace and peace be with you all! [Here is the link to the worship service.](#)

Sunday, November 15th: [Here is the link for worship.](#) I really do hope that you enjoy it. I look forward to seeing you all in person soon. Mahalo!

Sunday, November 22nd: [Here is the link for the worship service.](#) Blessings to you all.

Sunday, November 29th: Aloha friends. [Here is the link to today's worship service.](#)



STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Campaign has ended for this year with 34 pledge cards for a total of \$167,124. We will always accept pledge cards in the mail to add to the total. If you can't do it that way, please feel free to email the church office with your pledge as well. Mahalo to all of those who have helped out.

A mailing campaign requesting donations from approximately 5,000 o'hana and visitors to cover KLC costs has so far brought in \$13,495. We are ever so grateful to all of our visitors to our church. Mahalo to those who have given so far. We are receiving more donations daily. If you would still like to give please see the article below for all the different ways you can give.

**Donations
are Greatly
Appreciated!**

WAYS TO GIVE

This has been an unusual year in many ways. Although we are worshipping inside and outside the church building, we are still unable to spend time with all of you. 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.

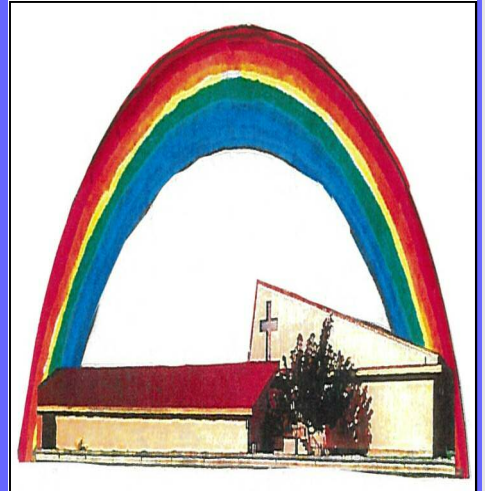
THANKSGIVING BOXES & HYGEINE BAGS

As we leave behind the fall season of Thanksgiving and head into Advent, the Community Outreach & Assistance would like to share our overwhelming gratitude to all who participated in the giving of food and hygiene items that we provided to Keolahou FP during the past 2 months. We had 150 boxes of Thanksgiving Meals delivered by the Maui Food Bank through Keith Wright. He was a tremendous help organizing and getting those boxes put together and delivered. We are blessed to have Keith and the MFB as our ministry partners. They were distributed along with the 130 hygiene bags that our COAT assembled on Nov 14th. A donation of 144 toothbrushes and toothpaste were given to us by Margaret Garcia DDS from Kihei. A women who didn't leave her name called the church office and spoke to Cate, wanted the church to know how much she appreciated the food and hygiene items. She was extremely grateful. We also received an email from Aloha, the KFP coordinator, letting us know again how grateful they for our partnership, in providing for so many that have so little. In closing , here are pictures of the Outreach Project: Mahalo Nui Loa to everyone who made this project possible. Margie Terluin.



Important Statistics

Oct.	2019	2020
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	112	53
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$22,047	\$24,418
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$279,717.25	\$252,584.75



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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 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



**Church
Council**

Next Meeting will be:
December 15 at 7:00
p.m. Via Zoom

Men's Hui



MEN'S GROUP

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



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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!

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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.

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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?

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HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



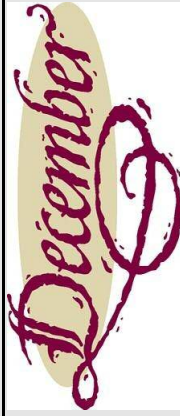
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Barbara Rudow	12/4
John Bendon	12/5
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Luke Bendon	12/11
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Erik Jorgenson	12/11
Molly Lawson	12/12
Lisa Paulson	12/12
Eric Romerdahl	12/13
Sharon Schoenemann	12/13
Marilyn Fornwall	12/14
John Thorngren	12/14

Heather Ballaine	12/15
Melanie Spencer	12/16
Gretchen Romerdahl	12/20
Janice Porter	12/21
Hilary Glassel	12/22
Vicki Lee	12/23
Margie Terluin	12/24
Holly Pendergast	12/25
Emily Pluchos	12/25
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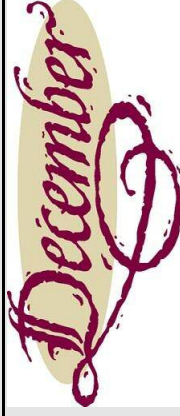
HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O! (Happy Anniversary!)

Doug & Lisa Paulson	December 2, 1995
Jeff & Charlotte Wright	December 2, 1972
David & Kathy Krueger	December 18, 1971
Tony & Carol Wakefield	December 19, 1964
Todd & Molly Lawson	December, 21 1991
Duke & Sharon McElroy	December 23, 1963
Neil & Sheila Turnbull	December 25, 1985
Jerry & Berta Sieck	December 27, 1975
Bob & Jane Schumacher	December 29, 1991
David & Rhonda Stoltzfus	December 30, 1995





Kihei Lutheran Church December 2020



SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church 5pm Tongan United Methodist	30 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	1 12pm Al-Anon—Outside	2 5pm Tongan United Methodist	3 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 5pm KLC Zoom Happy Hour	4 12pm Al-Anon— Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	5 9am KKE	
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14—Committee Meeting Day—All Meetings online, over the phone or by email 10am Faith Journey—Zoom Admin Committee Adult Ed Committee Fellowship Committee Property Committee Worship Committee Youth & Family Committee	15 12pm Al-Anon—Outside 7pm Church Council via Zoom	16 5pm Tongan United Methodist	17 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 5pm KLC Zoom Happy Hour	18 12pm Al-Anon— Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	19		
20 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church 5pm Tongan United Methodist	21 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	22 12pm Al-Anon—Outside	23 5pm Tongan United Methodist	24—Christmas Eve— Office Closed 6pm Worship	25—Christmas Day— Office Closed— Newsletter Deadline 12pm Al-Anon— Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	26	
27 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church 5pm Tongan United Methodist	28 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	29 12pm Al-Anon—Outside	30 5pm Tongan United Methodist	31—New Years Eve— Office Closed 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside	check in	on them	2 9am KKE

Staff

Pastor Joel Martyn
 Music Coordinator Beth Fobbe-Wills
 Church Administrative Asst. Cate Evert
 Bookkeeper Sue Whitney
 Nursery Attendant Lucinda Davis

Worship Area Coordinators

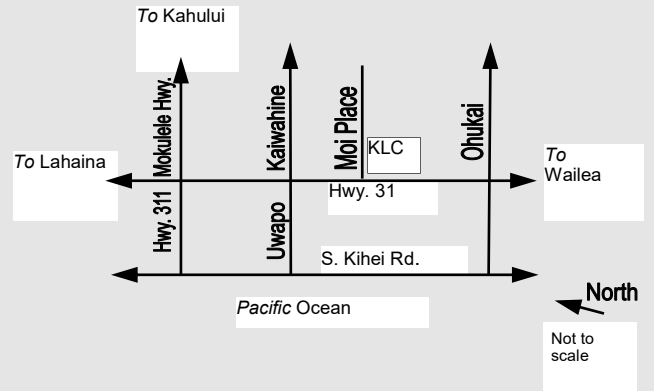
Assisting Ministers Zel Terluin
 Chimes & Choir Director Beth Fobbe-Wills
 Communion Assistants Betty Misner
 Flowers Andrea Harris
 Readers Nancy Meyer
 Refreshments
 Ushers Duane Chaney

Other Contacts

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 Hula Group Cate Evert
 E-mail Prayer Chain

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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