



KLC 'Ohana News



MARCH 2021

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joel Martyn

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

We understand that Holy Week doesn't happen until the end of the month and then continues into April. We thought that it would be good to remind everyone now so that they can plan ahead. Times are subject to change as we are still in flux with what is going on with COVID. Mahalo for your understanding.



- Sunday, March 28th—Palm Sunday—Kihei Lutheran Church—9:00 a.m.
- Thursday April 1—Maundy Thursday—Kihei Lutheran Church—5:00 p.m.
- Friday April 2—Good Friday—Kihei Lutheran Church—5:00 p.m.
- Sunday April 4—Easter—Kihei Lutheran Church—9:00 a.m.

The J-Walkers (walking with Jesus)

The J-Walkers are exploring the meaning of Lent with online devotions. We started with Ash Wednesday and will continue our devotions as we make our way to Easter.

We have also been enjoying some fun Zoom games – this week Malia & Keely were the winners of *Box of Lies*, although Joy proved to be quite the contender. 🤔



ALOHA FROM PASTOR JOEL



Joel
Martyn



Aloha KLC 'ohana,

Did you know that Kihei Lutheran Church has a set of promises that were put in play a number of years ago, which the council, ministry teams and all members agreed to abide by? No? We do! This is a wonderful thing to have in place.

These promises are spoken by each member of council at the outset of each council meeting. They read as follows:

Our Promises

TO GOD

- We promise to pray, alone and together, to thank God and ask for God's help in our lives and in our work for our church, and we promise to listen to God's answer to us.

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- We promise to demonstrate our leadership and commitment to our church by our example.
- We promise to support our church's pastor and staff, so their efforts can be most productive.
- We promise to try to discover what is best for our church as a whole, not what might be best for us or some small group in the church.

TO EACH OTHER

- We promise to respect and care for each other.
- We promise to treat our time on council as an opportunity to make an important gift to our church.
- We promise to listen with an open, non-judgmental mind to the words and ideas of others in our church and on the council.
- We promise to discuss, debate, and disagree openly in council meetings, expressing ourselves as clearly and honestly as possible, so that we are certain our point of view is expressed.

Over the course of the next few months, we are going to look at these promises and unpack them a little bit here in the newsletter.

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The first one is pretty self-explanatory. As we well know here at KLC, prayer is powerful. Prayer is what puts us in a relationship with our God. It is what binds us to our creator. We take prayer seriously and understand that when we pray together powerful things can occur. But prayer always starts with thanking God, for all that God has blessed us with. For everything that we have, whether corporeal or incorporeal was brought to us by our creator who loves us.

Listening for God's answer can be the difficult part of prayer for us. As humans we are always wanting to know the answer as soon as possible. But usually, the answer doesn't come very quickly. Typically, the answers come on God's time, not ours. Recognizing the answer when it manifests is the trick. Sometimes the answer is what we want and sometimes the answer is what we don't want. And that can be hard to deal with. We need to trust that God has our best interests in mind, and we should thank God for loving us unconditionally.

Blessings

Pastor Joel

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Thank you to everyone who took time to attend our annual congregational meeting on February 21. The past year was one of unprecedented times which greatly affected the life of our church. Life as we knew it was greatly disrupted. Year end reports were brief as there was a lack of activity for most committees. Yet, the financial committee was still busy for even during a global pandemic, bills must be paid. There are financial struggles all around the world, including at Kihei Lutheran Church. As you heard our financial secretary report, we currently have a \$130,000 short fall for this year.

Just like your household budgets, there are items that must be paid monthly before we purchase items that we may need or want. This is the same with the church budget; KLC must pay salaries, insurance, utilities, and loan payments each month regardless of who is attending church. We are currently only paying for essential items in the budget, and are cautiously watching the spending, being very frugal.

This year we are unable to depend on our visitors, so we must depend upon us to support OUR church. It is difficult to ask when many are struggling financially; however KLC is also struggling. Our church will not be getting any paycheck protection loans, stimulus checks or tax refunds for additional funds. We are simply asking you to consider tithing and giving what you can to support your church. I share this quote with you to contemplate **"The church doesn't exist to collect money. But if it doesn't collect money it won't be here. God instituted the tithe for a purpose."**

I would like to share a website with you that has 31 quotes on tithing and giving that I believe are very thought provoking and inspirational. I suggest that you read one each day this month, as you contemplate how you can financially support our church.

<https://www.crossroadschristian.org/blogs/blog/12691797-thirty-one-days-of-quotes-on-tithing-giving>

Lent is a time for personal and spiritual reflection. Perhaps this year it is a time to reflect on how we can give and support our church family at KLC.

Your servant in Christ,

Renee Romerdahl

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:7

SERVICE LINKS FOR THE PAST MONTH

Sunday, February 7th: Aloha friends. [Here is the link to today's worship service.](#) Take a look and remember to love one another!

Sunday, January 14th: Aloha my friends. [Here is the link to today's worship service.](#) I hope that you enjoy it.

Ash Wednesday, February 17th: Aloha. [Here is the link to the Ash Wednesday service.](#)

Sunday, February 21st: Aloha friends. [Here is the link to today's worship service.](#) Mahalo to you all for supporting KLC during this time.

Sunday, February 28th: Aloha friends. [Here is today's worship link.](#)





REPORT OF THE FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the KLC Council was held virtually via Zoom with a quorum present. Joel Rudow lead the group in a devotion titled, "What Do You Believe?"

Pastor Joel reported that he is transitioning his office hours back to the church office. He will begin leading a six-week book study starting March 1st. Pastor has made phone calls to 56 members and 26 non-members in the last month.

Margie reported that KLC received \$5,032 for offering in the previous week. The general account balance is \$40,317.53. The Financial Committee is still awaiting the go ahead to submit the PPP loan forgiveness application.

Joel Rudow presented a written comparison of KLC's finances between the years 2020 and 2021. There will be a \$129,574 budget shortfall this year. In 2021, KLC will not get a PPP loan, will not be eligible for interest-only mortgage payments, lost 14 pledging individuals/families, and has no contribution campaign planned.

Janet Harp and Dave Martinsen agreed to be on the Nominating Committee. Two other congregants will join them on the team.

The agenda for the upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting was set.

Renee briefed the Council on the yearly lease proposal received from Little Hoku Preschool, along with the recommended changes suggested by the Administrative and Executive teams. The Council will request approval from the congregation that any further negotiations and final decision be made by the Administrative and Executive Committees if needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm, and closed with prayer by Pastor Joel. The next regular virtual meeting will be March 16th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Pendergast

To see a copy of the approved January Council Minutes please [click here](#).



The Prayer Shawl Hui is meeting at KLC on Thursdays from 9:00—11:00. 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

MOVIE/BINGO NIGHT

We will be hosting a movie/fellowship night on Saturday, March 13th. Starting at 5:00 pm we will begin to gather together outside on the lawn, with social distancing. We will start with Bingo. At 6:30 the movie, Darby O'Gill and the Little People will begin. Please bring your own chairs and food/drink. Come for Bingo or just the movie. Either way, it will be good to see all of you. [Please click here to sign up](#) so that we can have your info for tracing purposes. Mahalo.



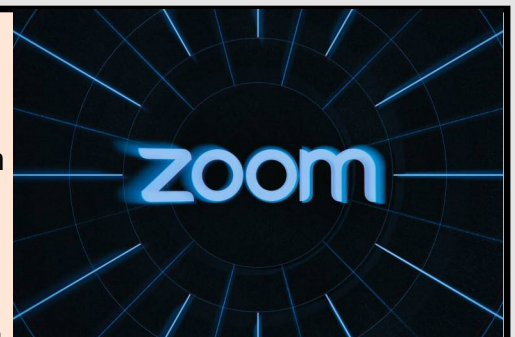
KEOLAHOU FOOD PANTRY

The Next food collection for the Kealahou Food Pantry will be this Saturday, March 20th, from 9am to 10pm. You may also bring the food to the church on Sunday, the 21st. There will be a receptacle provided by the door of the old kitchen. Mahalo.



ZOOM GET TOGETHERS

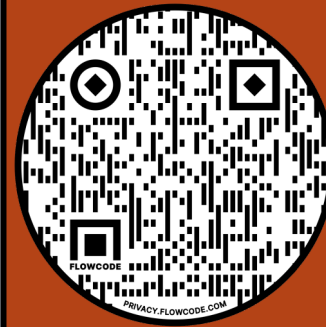
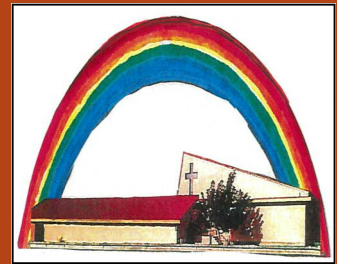
Because times are still so uncertain it is always a good idea to still stay connected to people any way we can. One way would be through zoom get togethers. Some groups have been Zooming for a couple months. To help gauge the interest in these types of get-togethers, please contact the office at klc@kiheilutheran.org 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.



Important Statistics

Jan.	2020	2021
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	140	73
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$28,142	\$23,681.60
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$28,142	\$23,681.60

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.



Scan this QR Code to get to our Givelify page.

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.



Next Meeting will be:
March 16th at 7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

Administrative Office Hours:

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

Men's Hui



Next Meeting:
When Scheduled

MEN'S GROUP

All are Welcome



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!

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!)

Larry Nelson	3/2
Dave Spencer	3/2
JoAnn Patterson	3/3
Charlotte Wright	3/8
June Benson	3/13
Nels Romerdahl	3/20
Doug Paulson	3/21

Mo Hottendorf	3/21
Nathaniel Bell	3/26
Owen Pendergast	3/26
Peter Vorhes	3/26
Zel Terluin	3/28
Micheala Scibeli	3/28
Teri Ocean	3/31



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



Peter & Jeanne Vorhes	3/1/1991
Larry & Donna Nelson	3/3/1962
Jake & Linda Hangartner	3/4/2006
Romy & Debbie Galindo	3/9/1996
Tom & Cheryl Rietz	3/15/1985
Mike & Gina Johnson	3/24/1990
Joe & Nancy Kentz	3/27/1993



Kihei Lutheran Church March 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church	1 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	2 12pm Al-Anon—Outside	3	4 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy Hour	5 12pm Al-Anon— Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	6 9am KKE
7—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church	8—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 Don't Forget	9 12pm Al-Anon—Outside 5pm Finance Committee via Zoom	10	11 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy Hour	12 12pm Al-Anon— Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	13
14 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church	15 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	16 12pm Al-Anon—Outside 7pm Church Council via Zoom	17—Ash Wednesday 5pm Ash Wednesday Ser- vice	18 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy Hour	19 12pm Al-Anon— Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	20 9am Keolahou /food Pantry Food Drop Off 1030am Cathy Trott Me- morial
21 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church	22 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	23 12pm Al-Anon—Outside	24	25—Newsletter Deadline 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy Hour	26 12pm Al-Anon— Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	27
28-Palm Sunday 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church	29 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	30 12pm Al-Anon—Outside	31	1—Maundy Thursday 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 5pm Maundy Thursday Worship	2—Good Friday— Office Closed 12pm Al-Anon— Outside 5pm Good Friday Wor- ship	3 9am KKE

Staff

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

Worship Area Coordinators

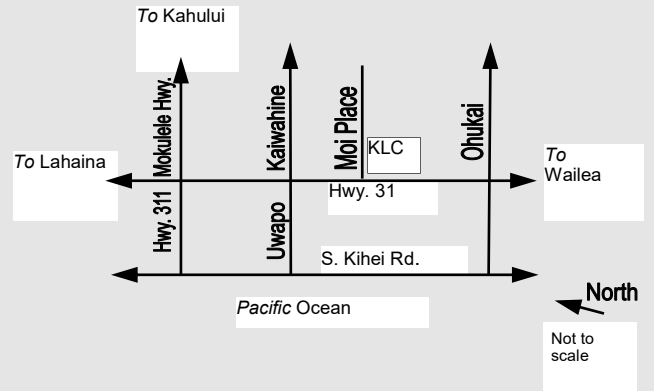
Chimes & Choir Director Beth Fobbe-Wills
 Flowers Andrea Harris
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins

Other Contacts

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 Hula Group Sally Handley
 E-mail Prayer Chain Cate Evert

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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