



KLC 'Ohana News



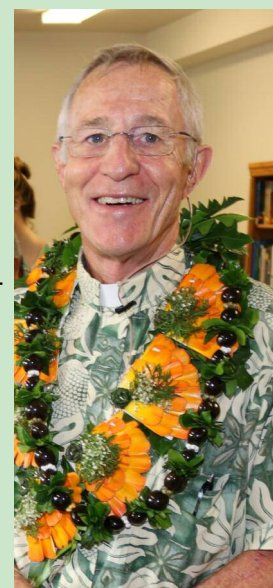
MAY 2021

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joel Martyn

CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR BARBER WORD AND SACRAMENT MINISTRY-2021

The Rev. David J. Barber was ordained on June 20, 1971 at Hope Lutheran Church (TALC) in Ladyship Wisconsin by the Reverend William Hood, Pastor of Hope Lutheran Church. Pastor Barber served his first call as Pastor/Worker Priest at Faith Lutheran Church in Lander, Wyoming until 1980. From 1980 – 1997 he was called as Associate and then Senior Pastor at Zion Lutheran in Loveland, Colorado. Next, he served as Interim Pastor at Spirit of Joy and then Our Saviour's Lutheran Churches, both in Fort Collins, Colorado. In 2000 he served as Interim and then Called Pastor to Lutheran Church of Honolulu (2000 – 2006) and then as Interim and Called Pastor at Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii from 2007 – 2011. He served as Interim Pastor at Bethel Lutheran in Windsor Colorado in 2015. He was called back to Hawaii by the end of that year to serve as Interim Pastor at Kihei Lutheran until 2017. From 2018 – 2020 he served as Interim Pastor at Calvary by the Sea in Honolulu. Pastor Barber has served in a variety of leadership positions on many church boards and community organizations. His skill at leading and coaching congregations to define and actualize their purpose and mission especially in times of transition and conflict has been key to his success as an Interim Pastor. Throughout his ministry and personal living, God's life-giving sustenance of grace, forgiveness, justice and mercy for all peoples and creation has been the core and focus of his preaching and teaching, continuing education and travel. Pastor Barber is filled with immense gratitude and deeply honored by all the many people and ministry opportunities that have crossed his path and he hopes to have made a difference in the lives of the people and the congregations he has served.



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

1st Quarter Contribution Statements

In order to save on postage, 1st Quarter Contribution Statements are being sent via email. Please watch for your statement, and contact Financial Secretary Joel Rudow with any questions. Joel can be reached at Financesec@kiheilutheran.org or 808-446-6919.



ALOHA FROM PASTOR JOEL



Joel
Martyn

Aloha my friends,

I have been thinking quite a bit over the course of the last month, after Easter of course, about the future direction of KLC, the ministries and the people we serve as a community who follows the teachings of Jesus, the structure of our church, leadership job descriptions, vision ministry, mission, and the roles in which we all play a part.

Right now the most important item on my long list of items to get accomplished is, along with the churches Nominating Team, finding individuals who are willing to serve a term on the church council. Every church that I have been a part of, and served in the role of pastor, has had difficulties finding people who would be willing to serve even to the point of desperation. It's common in the Lutheran tradition for people to be teased with having to serve on the council if they miss a ministry team meeting or don't show up to the annual meeting etc. We all laugh when we hear it, and it is funny, but it's also a veiled threat because we have all seen it happen somewhere. But it does more harm than good. I haven't seen it here, but I have seen it many times in my career.

It doesn't have to be this way. Being on the church council is a point of honor and should be viewed as such. If you really think about it, all of the church members are trusting you to help run this church to best of your abilities. The church council plays a very important function in the life of KLC. They handle the financial decisions and make sure that all of the other ministry teams are functioning as they should be so that the ministries that we all agreed upon can be done in our community. And none of them are alone. All work together for the glory of God, to the best of their abilities and gifts.

My friends in order for us to move forward in ministry as a community of Christ everyone needs to participate. It's very easy to get comfortable in our church life while we trust others to run everything, but those "others" who have been doing so much for the life of this church will get tired and burn out and maybe even leave. I'm not saying that this will happen, and I admit that it is one of my fears, but I am saying that it could happen, and I know because I have seen it too many times in other churches.

My "ask" of all of you who are reading this article is that you please pray about it. We need council members, pray about it. We need Ministry Team members desperately, pray about it. We need leaders to help move us into the next phase of KLC's life in ministry. We need folks who will keep everyone in prayer. We need people who are willing to regularly call other members and friends of the church to make sure they're doing well. Right now we have a lot of needs. This is your chance to step up and help us make KLC the best community of disciples that we can be.

If any of these positions resonate with you, after you pray about it, please let me or the church office or anyone who is currently on the council know. If you are willing to serve on the council please let the nominating team, myself or the church office know so that we can answer all of your questions and fully inform you of the duties and responsibilities. We have all been called to minister to the world. What role are being called upon to fulfill in the life and ministry of KLC?

Many blessings and mahalo's to all of you,

Pastor Joel

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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I must admit, as a teacher, I've been anxiously awaiting the month of May. This has been an extremely difficult year for schools, teachers, students, and their families. This year May means the end of this crazy school year! The other day I asked my first-grade students to list five things they

wondered about. On the top of one of my student's lists was "I wonder when everything will get back to normal." Isn't this something we all wonder every day? We are starting to see small changes, even in our worship services as we may now participate in services with our voices in responses and songs.

The end of May also means my temporary position as president ends. While I wasn't expecting to serve as president again when I was elected to the church council in December, it has been an honor and privilege to serve. The time has gone quickly, as while I was hesitant about the extra time commitments, I have actually enjoyed serving as president and haven't found it to be a "burden" in any way. Instead, I have felt uplifted and feel blessed to be able to serve our congregation during these difficult times. As I told Pastor this past Sunday, I feel that God has called me to serve, and I am willing to continue to serve our congregation in any capacity in the future; as president or not.

It seems so timely that the first reading for the last Sunday in April was from 1 John 3:16-24 where we are reminded that we should help and love one another. One of the ways we can love and help each other is by serving our congregation. I am thankful for all the helping hands throughout the year, in so many different capacities. We all have gifts to share and are blessed by the diversity and talents that are shared with us. God sent His son to be the ultimate servant. When you volunteer you are following the very example Jesus set for us- giving of yourself for other people.

One way you can give of yourself is to serve on church council. Serving on church council is a very rewarding experience, it provides an opportunity to help strengthen and grow our ministry. This is an especially important time as we emerge from the pandemic. When you serve and give of your time and energy for someone else, you get emotionally and spiritually recharged. It gives more meaning to your life as a servant of Christ. Serving on church council can actually be a fun, enlightening experience. Our meetings are efficient and are usually one hour or less in length. I ask that you think and pray about whether this would be a good way for you to give and show generosity to our congregation. Instead of listing the reasons not to serve, think of all the reasons and benefits to serve. To learn more about church council, please contact a member of the nominating committee, a church council member, Pastor Joel or me. We look forward to hearing from you!

Your Servant in Christ,

Renee Romerdahl

Nominating Committee: Barbara Rudow, Vicki Nelson, Janet Harp, Dave Martinson

Church Council Members: Renee Romerdahl, Keli Nelson, Holly Pentergast, Joel Rudow, Sue Moorcroft, Janet Harp, Dave Martinson

SERVICE LINKS FOR THE PAST MONTH

Easter Sunday, April 4th: Aloha everyone. [Here is the link to Easter Sunday Service.](#)

Sunday, April 11th: Thanks to the generosity of the Synod we had a digital service this weekend. [Please click here to watch it.](#)

Sunday, April 18th: Aloha everyone. [Here is the link to the service.](#) We are once again singing in church with our masks on! What a glorious day!

Sunday, April 25th: [Here is the link to today's worship service.](#) Enjoy.

DIGITAL

WORSHIP

Help Wanted

Looking for a few good men and women for up to 4 open council positions.

This is an exciting time for the church as we come out of the darkness of the pandemic and into the light of renewed purpose. We are looking for individuals who are interested in helping us rediscover who we are as a church and how we can best serve God and our community.

Join an already strong and efficient church council.

Zoom meetings in the comfort of your own home! Typically, only 1 hour on the third Tuesday of the month. (Occasionally longer depending on the agenda)

Act as a liaison to one (possibly two) ministry teams serving as an avenue for communication between the team and council. Depending on the team, this might mean another Zoom meeting per month.

Great Finance Team – budget process is a breeze!

Council officers are chosen by the council (you may be asked to assume an executive role). If you are interested in joining this fun and dynamic team, please contact a member of the nominating committee or Pastor Joel. Committee members are Barbara Rudow, Vicki Nelson, Dave Martinsen, and Janet Harp.



“BE THE CHURCH”



The church needs a little help at this time. We want you to be a part of the solution. There are items and needs for which the church could use some financial assistance. We will have a board out on Sundays and some envelopes that you can take to help contribute. This month we will be working on items for the office to continue to run efficiently. Each month we will switch to another church committee in need. If you would be willing to donate, all you have to do is take an envelope and bring it back the next Sunday and place it in the offering bowl. Monetary donations would be best so that we can make sure to get exactly what we need. However, the office could always use forever stamps. Know that anything donated helps this year to keep things moving at the church without spending from our very tight budget. Mahalo for all your help.



KEOLAHOU FOOD PANTRY

The Next food collection for the Kealahou Food Pantry will be this Saturday, May 15th, from 9am to 10pm. You may also bring the food to the church on Sunday, the 18th. There will be a receptacle provided by the door of the old kitchen. Mahalo.



REPORT OF THE APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

A regular meeting of the KLC Council was held virtually via Zoom with a quorum present. Janet Harp lead the group in a devotion titled, "I'm Happy for You. Not"

Pastor Joel reported that over the past month he presided over the memorial service for Cathy Trott, provided one private baptism, held Holy Week and Easter services, participated in two online clergy gatherings, taught an online class called 'Making Sense of the Cross', worked on creating a new church structure to reduce pressure on volunteers, and worked with the Worship Team to decide on allowing singing and responsive litanies at worship again. Additionally, Pastor made phone calls to 20 members and 12 non-members in the last month.

Margie reported that KLC received \$4,185 in offerings in the previous week. The general account balance is \$31,605. The Financial Committee is still awaiting the go ahead to submit the PPP loan forgiveness application.

Renee briefed the Council on her activities during the previous month. Holy Week and Easter were busy. Renee worked with the Mutual Ministry Committee to contact congregants to get feedback on our KLC ministry, attended an ELCA stewardship workshop, and attended the Finance Committee meeting. Renee also finalized the contract with Little Hoku Preschool.

Sue reported that Dewey Irrigation came to the property last month to repair a leak in the system.

The Council agreed with the recommendations of the Finance Committee to carefully watch our spending and cut back when able. It was also decided that the Choir Director's salary would be suspended during this fiscally difficult time, with the understanding that it would be reinstated when choir started again. A 'Wish Board' will be created, which will be a way for members and visitors to donate money toward a specific church need, such as office supplies or utility bills.

The Council's Executive Committee was given authority to approve the writing of grants for church purposes.

KLC's video surveillance system will get a new video recorder.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm, and closed with prayer by Pastor Joel. The next regular virtual meeting will be May 18th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Pendergast

To see a copy of the approved March 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.

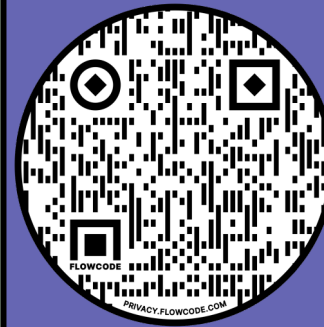
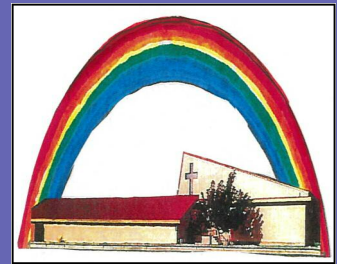
God bless,

The Prayer Shawl Hui

Important Statistics

March	2020	2021
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	166—Including online views	81—Including online views
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$24,949.36	\$23,575
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$92,508.36	\$68,427.60

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.



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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:
May 18th 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



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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!

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!)

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
Jack Jordan	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



Kihei Lutheran Church May 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25—Newsletter Deadline 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church	26 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	27 12pm Al-Anon—Outside	28	29 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 5pm Maundy Thursday Wor- ship	30 12pm Al-Anon— Outside 5pm Good Friday Wor- ship	1 9am KKE
2—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Easter Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church	3 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	4 12pm Al-Anon—Outside	5	6 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy Hour	7 12pm Al-Anon— Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	8
9—Mother's Day 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church	10—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 Youth & Family Committee	11 12pm Al-Anon—Outside 5pm Finance Committee via Zoom	12	13 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy Hour	14 12pm Al-Anon— Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	15 9am Keolahou /food Pantry Food Drop Off
16 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church	17 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	18 12pm Al-Anon—Outside 7pm Church Council via Zoom	19	20 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy Hour	21 12pm Al-Anon— Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	22
23—Pentecost Sunday 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church	24 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	25—Newsletter Deadline 12pm Al-Anon—Outside	26	27 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy Hour	28 12pm Al-Anon— Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	29
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Staff

Pastor Joel Martyn
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 Church Administrative Asst. Cate Evert
 Bookkeeper Sue Whitney

Worship Area Coordinators

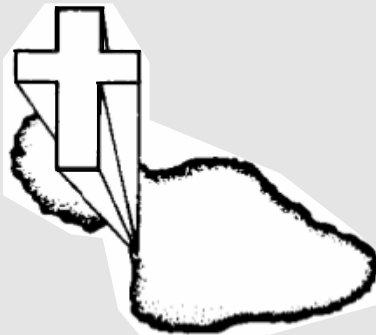
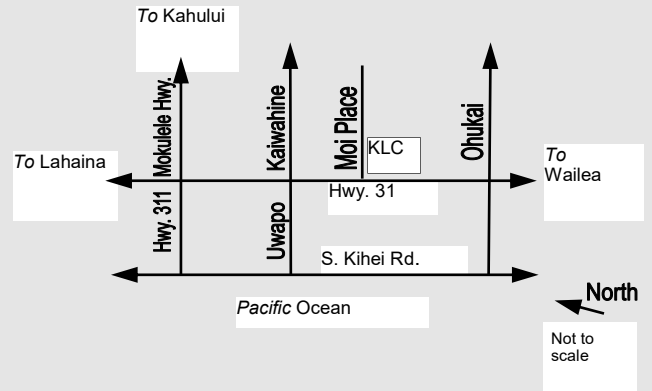
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 Flowers Andrea Harris
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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