



KLC 'Ohana News

To Share the love and word of God through worship and service to others.



AUGUST 2021

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joel Martyn

Please join us for the August Back to School Keiki Klothing Exchange!



We are having a workday on Friday, August 6th, from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm. We are accepting and sorting donations during this time as well as packing any pre-order bags for Saturday.

The actual Exchange is on Saturday, August 7th, and we need help from 7:00 am – noon. Shopping times are from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Activities include setting up tables, accepting and sorting donations, checking in shoppers for their appointments, and cleaning up when it's done.

Please help us make a difference in our community by joining this exciting and fun ministry. The Signup Genius link is below. Please contact either Janet Harp or Stefani Cuomo if you have any questions.

Mahalo!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4faeac2aa2f4c07-july1>

BE THE CHURCH

BE THE CHURCH FOR AUGUST

Mahalo to everyone for the past couple of months. We have helped out the church office with supplies, the worship team, and started a Christmas in July fund to begin to help with our Thanksgiving boxes and Christmas hygiene bags for Keolahou Food Pantry. Thanks to all your generous donations, we have able to add \$3,039 to help with these expenses.

This month we are looking more at home. The summer months tend to be a little slower here on the island. This year has been a little different with the island filling with visitors, but we still have restrictions in place and therefore have not had as many visitors to the church on Sundays. We are looking for an "Adopt a Bill." Even though we may not be doing as much on the church grounds, there are still bills to be paid. We are asking for a little extra for the electricity, water, rubbish, lawn maintenance, etc. Keeping all of these going during this time will ensure that we are prepared when we open back up fully.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

"Contribution statements for January through June of 2021 have been sent out via email. If you did not receive your statement and would like a copy, or have any questions regarding the statements, please contact Financial Secretary Joel Rudow at Financesec@kiheilutheran.org or 808-446-6919."





ALOHA FROM PASTOR JOEL



Joel
Martyn



It's been a tough year and a half. It's been the most challenging year and a half of my life and of my career as a pastor of Word and Sacrament. The covid-19 pandemic has been an unruly and disruptive occupant in our lives, not unlike a roommate who is always disrespecting your space, always eating your food, and using your things including your toothbrush at times, because they can. The thought of that sends a shiver down my spine. The disruption to my life, our lives, the life of the church that the pandemic has caused has been catastrophic. The world is suffering.

It's easy for us human beings to turn inward during times of great stress, where we feel safe and comfortable. And it is within that turning inward that we tend to think that all is well and good, and that life should get back to "normal". And it all may be well and good for you/me, but within that narrow perspective of "self" we tend to overlook the fact that other people are suffering and hurting, and life is very much not "normal". And if life isn't normal for the other, if we are disciples of Jesus, then life cannot logically be normal for us because the "other," whoever that might be, is suffering. This is a part of the oneness that we all exist within.

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Jesus mandates to us that we are to "love one another". If we are to follow that mandate truly as disciples of Jesus, then there cannot be any turning inward. We must be able and willing to see through the lens of love and grace the perspective of those around us. And we must be willing to accept that person's perspective even if it doesn't match up to our own.

Loving one another during a pandemic means doing what is best for everyone. It means putting another person's needs before our own. It means utilizing grace, forgiveness, and patience with your faith community and its leadership no matter how frustrating things can get.

I understand that we all are desiring a bit of normalcy in our lives and in the life of our church 'ohana. But we are going to have to be patient for a time yet. To bring some of that normalcy back, the worship team, along with myself, have decided to bring back some elements of the liturgy that we all miss from before the pandemic. The synod is recommending that worship services not exceed 45 minutes in length, which is a recommendation that we will be following as best we can. Beginning on August 1, we will be facing what used to be the front of the worship space, processing forward to the altar for communion distribution, and presenting the offering at the altar.

We are also trying to figure out how to best have a coffee time fellowship following worship beginning sometime in the middle of August.

You are a resilient community and I thank God every day for you! Continue to pray for one another, offering support and care. Check in with those people whom you haven't seen in a while and make those reconnections. And of course, love one another as Christ has loved you.

Blessings,
Pastor Joel Martyn

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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This summer has given me time for self-reflection, praying, and relaxation. It has also provided me time to read and learn more about discipleship and being a good steward. Stewardship being defined as God's people living through their faith, using their gifts, making Christ present to one another

through compassion, love and service. So often stewardship is thought of as synonymous with money; when in reality it is about giving. Giving of your love, sharing your time and talents, and serving others. We should give thanks to God for all our blessings and then share them with others. We are called upon to help our church family and our community as followers of Christ.

You have probably heard requests for help within our church as we seek help for projects, committee members, and leaders. So often we fall into the trap where we think "Oh, they don't need me, there are plenty of others to help", or "So and so always does that" or "I don't think I'm qualified" or "I won't be much help". The truth is, you are needed and God will provide for you. There is always someone to help you or show you what to do. You know the old saying "Many hands make light work". The problem starts when there are not enough hands.

One of our most successful and well-known outreach programs is the Keiki Clothing Exchange. This program provides clothing, toys, and much needed items to hundreds of local families every month. Unfortunately, the leader of this program has had to step down from her position due to health reasons. So, not only do we need volunteers, but also someone to serve in a leadership position. If this is an area of ministry that interests you, or if you have organizational skills that you can share, we could really use your help to serve on this committee. Every month Janet Harp puts notices in the bulletin for help, and stands before the congregation asking for volunteers. I'm sure everyone is thinking "She will get plenty of volunteers, she doesn't need me". Just the opposite is true. In order for the program to be able to continue we need YOUR help as stewards. We simply need you to come and help, with no experience needed. Just bring your hands and an open heart to serve our island community.

While the Keiki Clothing Exchange has a critical need for help, all of our teams/committees need more helping hands. I ask that you please prayerfully consider how you can share your time and talent to serve others and help our church family and community. Remember our mission statement: *"To share the love and word of God through worship and service to others"* and ask yourself "How am I serving others?"

Grace and Blessings,

Renee Romerdahl

SERVICE LINKS FOR THE PAST MONTH

Sunday, July 4th: Aloha friends. [Here is the link for today's worship service.](#) I think everyone will agree that it is wonderful having the comfortable cushy chairs back. Blessings to you all.

Sunday, July 11th: Aloha friends. [Here is the link to today's worship service.](#) It has been really nice having the comfy chairs back in the worship space. Hope to see you soon.

Sunday, July 18th: Aloha my friends. [Here is the link to today's worship service.](#) Thank you to the entire worship team and Host's for all of the wonderful ministry leadership that you have blessed KLC with over this past year and a half. Blessings to you all.

Sunday, July 25th: Aloha my friends. [Here is the link to today's worship service.](#) God's abundant blessings. And remember, Gratitude for what we have been blessed with, with the intention of using those blessings to serve others, leads to abundance of blessings. You are loved.

DIGITAL

WORSHIP



Report from the July Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the KLC Council was held virtually via Zoom with a quorum present. The Church Council is studying Power Surge, by Michael W. Ross. Chapters 4, 5, and 6 were discussed in the hour before the regular meeting, which served as a devotional.

Pastor Joel reported that over the past month he has been working on his continuing education, and readings. He has done maintenance work at the parsonage. Pastor participated in an online worship experience with Reverend Doctor Roxanne WhiteLight. Additionally, Pastor made phone calls to 21 members, 11 non-members, conducted 4 private baptisms, and 2 weddings in the last month.

Margie reported that KLC received \$794 in offerings in the previous week. The general account balance is \$26,094. The 'Be the Church' fundraising in July focused on Christmas in July for Outreach. \$501 has been raised so far. 'Be the Church' has raised \$2,700 in total. We are grateful for such blessings.

Renee had been on vacation, and therefore did not have an official report for the Council.

Cate reported on the possibility of a local rotary club renting KLC for their meetings. We will know of their decision next month.

The Council elected new officers. Margie Terluin will continue to serve as Treasurer. Holly Pendergast will continue to serve as Secretary. Sarah Dickmeyer will serve as Vice President. Renee Romerdahl will continue to serve as President.

Dave Martinsen announced his resignation from the Council. He and Sandi will be moving to the mainland in August. We are grateful for his service, and will miss his and Sandi's faithful presence in our congregation.

The next regular virtual meeting will be August 17th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Pendergast

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

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Aloha Everyone. In case you missed it, here is some news. Please welcome to the world Julie Kukui Nunan born on June 6th. God's blessings to Roxi, Neil, Grandma Vicki, Grandpa Keli, and Auntie Jess.



Trust

“Jesus is not a fund-raiser. He talked about money a lot, but not because he wanted people to give to any particular cause. He talked about money because he cared about us and because he knew that what we do with our money affects who we are spiritually.” (Giving to God, Mark Allan Powell, 2006, page 54)

**“I’VE
GOT
YOUR BACK.”**
-God

Eleven of the 39 parables are about money. Money/wealth/possessions are mentioned in about 2300 verses of the Bible. God specifically says to give 10% of our wealth to Him first. (Deut. 14:22-23 and elsewhere) But look closely and you will find that there is a spiritual connection to these mentions of wealth. Deuteronomy 14:23 says “In this way you will learn to live in deep reverence before God, your God, as long as you live.” (The Message Bible)

We have all been through some rough times these past 18 months. We have all been through some rough times before the pandemic, and for many these rough times continue. When times get tough, we often think first of our financial life because our finances are often the first things affected. It is in the hard times that we must trust the most. It could well be the hardest thing you do, but trust. In good times and in bad. God has your back, always.

I have spent time in the past 30+ years volunteering with groups that provide food for those who can’t afford it. It is always amazing to me to hear the people who come for food praising God – sometimes loudly! Where you might expect to see people low and dejected, you instead see people smiling and grateful and full of love for you as a volunteer and especially for God as the ultimate provider. And when there is a jar available for donations, these people who have practically nothing, put in a few coins or a dollar bill to help the organization help others. Somehow, they never lose their trust that He will take care of them, and they want to be a part of taking care of others. It’s heartwarming.

So, give to God first. You might be surprised at how well things go for you. Then again, you might not be surprised at all, simply because you trust.

LITURGY

WORSHIP SPACE AND LITURGY NEWS

As you have noticed, we have been changing the seating and areas of the church to accommodate Pacifica Synod, County and State guidelines. We are moving more comfortably into our church facility. The cushioned chairs are back, and we have moved more toward what the interior has formerly been. We will continue to wear masks

as stated by our county and state for indoor worship. We will continue to socially distance, especially inside the facility.

The Pacific Synod has requested that all churches adhere to a service length of no longer than 45 minutes. We are moving toward a full liturgy that will stay within the boundary of 45 minutes. The full liturgy includes additional readings and prayers, as well as music that we had to take out due to the confines of Covid mandates.

Thank you for being such patient and faithful supporters of our church as we will continue to maneuver our worship space to accommodate all that has been asked of us.

COLORS AND THE ENVIROMENT OF OUR CHURCH

There have been comments on the colors used in our church. We have used seasonal colors in our church for many years. The colors have always been used with the cloth that covers the altar table. These colors are throughout the church to help signify the church seasons. When determining the type of materials used for cloth used in churches, the following guidelines are given to us:

- Do the materials serve the liturgy and appropriately express the liturgical season and specific celebration?
- Are the materials "from the people" -- reflective and expressive of the congregation's ethnic cultures, art, and sensibilities?
- Do the materials represent the best the community has to offer, reflecting the gifts and giftedness of the worshiping community?
- Are the materials authentic and real, representing the best of God's good creation?
- Are the materials friendly to the environment? Do they reflect good stewardship of God's good earth? • Are the materials lovingly made or chosen specifically for your parish needs, rather than purchased from a store or catalog?

The colors serve to adorn the worship space, and to call attention to the nature of the season or festival being celebrated. A brief summary of their usage, according to the church year, follows.

Advent: Blue is associated with Advent, suggesting hope.

Christmas: White, calling to mind the purity of the newborn Christ, and to our light and joy in him.

Baptism of Our Lord: White (see Christmas).

Time after Epiphany: Green is used for its symbolism of our growth in Christ.

Transfiguration of Our Lord: White (see Christmas).

Ash Wednesday: Purple is the preferred color as this is the first day of Lent.

Lent Purple is typically associated with Lent, suggesting repentance and solemnity.

Sunday of the Passion: Scarlet is the preferred color of this first day of Holy Week, as it suggests the deep color of blood.

Days of Holy Week: Scarlet or purple may be used for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday: For this fourth day of Holy Week, celebrated as the institution of the Lord's Supper, scarlet or white is used.

Good Friday: No vestments or paraments are used on this day, after the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday night.

Vigil of Easter: White or Gold suggests of joy in the Resurrection is used on this night.

Easter Day: White or gold is suggested for this day.

Sundays of Easter: White suggests the joy of the resurrection.

Day of Pentecost: Red as the color of fire is used on this day when we remember the tongues of fire descended on the crowd in Jerusalem.

The Holy Trinity: White is suggested, the expression of joy in the mystery of the Triune God.

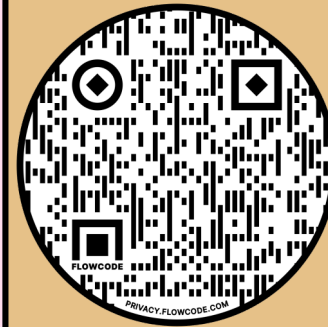
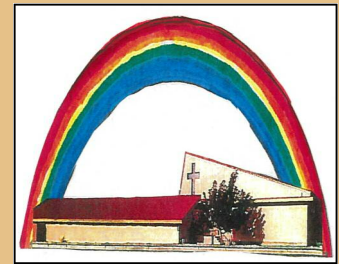
Time after Pentecost: Green is used, to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.

If you would like to read additional information, it can be found by [clicking here](#).

Important Statistics

June	2020	2021
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	87—Including online views	58—Including online views
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$21,836.20	\$16,808
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$163,709.56	\$143,448.49

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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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:
Aug 17th 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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Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



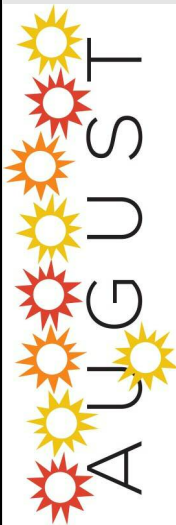
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Larry Manning	8/12
Dee Reader	8/13
Ede Stratton	8/14
Joan Grotz	8/15

Jessica Nelson	8/15
Gloriann McDowell	8/17
Braxton Cuomo	8/20
Jeanine Hay	8/23
Sharon Begalke	8/24
Kirsten Paulson	8/25
Andrea Harris	8/26
David Martinsen	8/27
Tayon Spencer	8/27
Carolyn Young	8/27
Sam Mather	8/30

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



Dave & Melanie Spencer	August 3, 2007
Peter & Janet Harp	August 6
Keek & Mo Hottendorf	August 14, 1993
Leib & Peggy Alexander	August 15, 1987
Don & Sharon Begalke	August 16, 1986
Oliver & Marcia Stafford	August 21, 1987
Brad & Diana Hill	August 26, 1960
Jim & Andrea Harris	August 27, 1983



Kihei Lutheran Church August 2021



SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
1—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church 5pm Tongan Church	2 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	3 12pm AI-Anon—Outside	4 5pm Tongan Church	5 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy 40 Min	6 12pm AI-Anon—Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	7 9am Keiki Clothing Exchange	8 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church 5pm Tongan Church	9—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 Don't Forget	10 12pm AI-Anon—Outside 5pm Finance Committee Via Zoom	11 5pm Tongan Church	12 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy 40 Min	13 12pm AI-Anon—Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	14
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 Bookkeeper Sue Whitney

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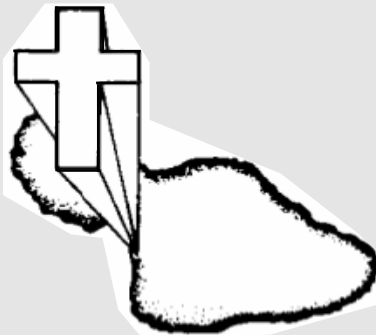
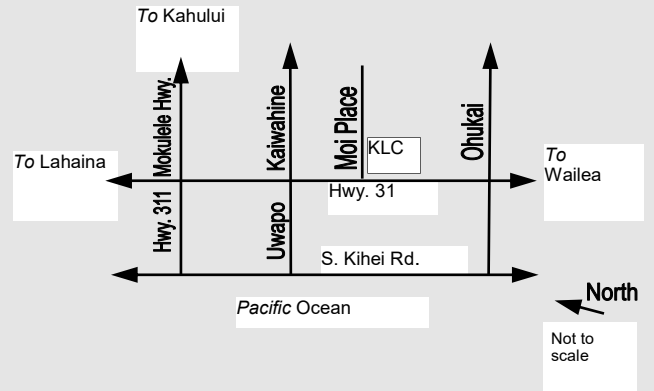
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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