



# KLC 'Ohana News

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



SEPTEMBER 2021

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joel Martyn

## Services Online for the Next 3 Weeks

*Worship*  
WITH US ONLINE

We are still in unprecedented times with Covid case numbers on the rise here on the islands. Because of the requests from our Mayor and Governor, we will suspend face-to-face worship services for 3 weeks and meet virtually. After 3 weeks, we will again look at the requirements and suggestions of our Mayor and Governor and re-assess our worship plans. This is not a move we make lightly. We do not wish to go back to digital worship only, but the Delta Variant is extremely contagious, and we don't want anyone to be in danger.

### Here are the things we would like you to know:

- We will record the service and send it out for all of you to worship in the safety of your homes.
- We are preparing to record a full service as we have been doing live since the beginning of August. This includes worship music (such as The Kyrie), hymns, all the readings, prayers and the sermon.
- We will include a link to the bulletin and the service. Pastor is creating a "how-to" so that you can view the service and the bulletin side-by-side on your computer.
- Communion will be a part of the service. We are asking that you have bread and wine/juice available.

### Things we would like you to do while we cannot be together:

- Call or email the office with prayer request - (808) 879-7979, or [klc@kiheilutheran.org](mailto:klc@kiheilutheran.org). We have a fabulous team of prayer warriors who will pray for you and your loved ones. We might not be able to see you, but we care about what is happening in your life and want to provide support.
- Send Praise Reports for good things happening to you or your families.
- Please consider joining our prayer team. All you have to do is call Cate to be added to the list and pray when she sends a prayer request.

### Reaching out to Our Neighbors

- God's Work, Our Hands happens to fall on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Because we will not be meeting in person, we have a solution.
- We want to ask the congregation to "reach their hands" inside their cupboard to bring cans or boxes of food to the church to help Keolahou Food Pantry. This will allow us to help our neighbors!
- **Collection date will be Saturday, September 11, from 9:00-10:00. Load up your car and drop off your food, paper products or toiletries and bring to the church.**
- The Be the Church for September will go to the Keolahou Food Pantry.
- All funds donated during the month for Be The Church will be used to offset our normal \$600 that we give to Keolahou every month to help them with their call.
- You may send in your donation in the mail or use our Givelify App. If using the app, please make sure to write a memo so we know that it is for the Food Pantry.

Let's all pray that this too shall pass and that we can all be flexible. Remember, most of what happens in the world is out of our hands. It's how we deal with those obstacles that define who we are.

## ALOHA FROM PASTOR JOEL



Joel  
Martyn



Aloha my friends,

I find myself sitting here in my office trying to think of something amazing to write for the newsletter and am coming up short. It seems that all I can really think about is this very real spike of Covid 19 Delta variant that we are experiencing here in the islands and across the mainland. I find myself asking “How long O Lord?...” I’m exhausted and frustrated. I find myself grieving for what once was. And angry that the world is the way it is. And my guess is that if I am feeling this way, many of you are feeling this way as well.

You know, our human brains were meant to be able to take in traumatic events such as we are experiencing, but on the village level, not on the global level. Not when we are inundated with tragedy after tragedy through the news, social media, the internet and so many other sources. Our brains are not wired for that amount of trauma processing. And so, we/you might find yourself getting fatigued easily, having feelings of depression or anxiety, or even becoming numb to the information that keeps on coming. Where we once would experience compassion and empathy, now we might be experiencing something called Cognitive Dulling.

Cognitive dulling is a form of mental fatigue that leads to difficulty concentrating, decreased productivity, and a decline in emotional and mental health. Cognitive dulling is the result of being in survival mode for the last year and a half due to Covid-19 which has cause us to endure heightened stress levels, changes in our routines and environments and fear the future. Cognitive dulling is a combo of decision fatigue and all the other things that we have experienced throughout this pandemic. We are constantly in survival mode which affects the way in which we function mentally, physically, and spiritually.

So, what can we do to combat cognitive dulling?

Self-care, self-care, self-care

Meditation, keeping a healthy diet, doing a hobby that you enjoy, taking a bath, playing with your kids or pets, going for a walk, exercise, reading...

Check in with yourself

Self assess. How are you doing? What is your stress level? Are you being kind to yourself?

Reduce the amount of decisions that you must make.

For example, to make meal planning easier, prepare enough meals for the week over the weekend. Plan what you’re going to wear in advance.

Ask for help

Talking to a friend or a loved one and seeking help from a professional can improve mental health significantly. **Please do not be afraid to reach out to me if you are in need of some pastoral care. A lot of the time being able to vent frustrations in a safe space can open up a lot of room for healing to occur.**

If you feel that you have reached your limit and you need to talk to someone please reach out. I am available to meet with you either in person, over the phone or through a confidential Zoom session. You can call the church office or email me at [kiheipastor@gmail.com](mailto:kiheipastor@gmail.com)

Remember that you are loved. Remember to call each other. Support one another. Lift each other up. We are a community and as a community it is each of our responsibility to check in on one another. And don’t forget to pray.

God’s blessings ‘ohana,

Pastor Joel Martyn

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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In September we traditionally participate in God's Work Our Hands as a congregation to support our local community. In past years we have collected food, back to school items and clothing, as well as hundreds of pairs of slippers for the keiki at our local schools. Even though we are not meeting in person during the first 3 weeks of September, we don't want to forget our neighbors or God's Work. Our Hand."

**"God's work. Our Hands"** is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

This year we are asking you to show discipleship by finding simple acts of service that you can achieve by simply reaching out and touching others with kindness. One way to start is by helping to support Keolahou Food Pantry. Our church commits to providing food items and \$600 monthly to this important ministry. Without our monthly support the Keolahou Food Pantry would not be able to serve our community. So many local families depend upon the food items they are able to get from the pantry. The demand has been even higher this past year due to the effects of the pandemic. On Saturday, September 11, please use your hands to take a can or cans of food out of your pantry and bring them to church to share with the families served at Keolahou Food Pantry. We will have volunteers at the church from 9:00-10:00.

Be the Church will also be focused this month on helping to raise funds to help with our commitment to providing \$600 a month to the Keolahou Food Pantry.

Food is a basic necessity of life, providing sustenance for those living in our community is a basic act of service that will touch the lives of many local families.

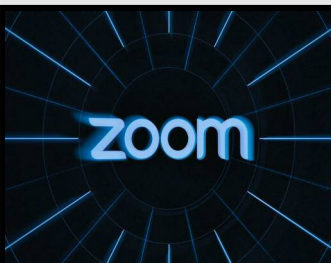
**"God's work. Our hands."**

In His Service,

Renee Romerdahl

*He who is generous will be blessed,  
For he gives some of his food to the poor.  
Proverbs 22:9*

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



## MISS SEEING EVERYONE?

Join us for KLC Happy 40 on Thursdays at 5:30. Send an email to Beth at: [beth@willsmaui.com](mailto:beth@willsmaui.com). We will add you to the list for a weekly invitation to join in our happy 40. You don't need to join each week, just when you feel like it. However, you will get an invitation through your email each week. Join us! We have been doing this since Covid hit and it is so nice to touch base with everyone. It can really be a great boost to end the week. Many of those who join us on Thursdays just like being able to talk about their week with all those who are there. I know that it is a highlight of the week for both Cate and Beth every week.

BE THE CHURCH



## Be the Church/Keolahou Food Drive

Be the Church would focus this month on “Reaching Out to our Neighbors” in conjunction with God’s Work, Our Hands. Since we actively contribute to Keolahou Food Pantry by sending them \$600 monthly we ask that the BTC donations go toward that payment.

On Sept 11th, people will be at the church from 9-10 am for our congregation to “reach their hands” inside their cupboard to bring additional cans or boxes of food to supplement the Food Pantry, thus helping neighbors in need. It will be a drive by drop off, so all are welcome.

You never know who you are helping when you give. I met up with a former co-worker on Saturday where she was taking her grandchildren to get a haircut. I haven’t talked to her in years. As I relayed what I am doing now that I have retired, I mentioned continuing working with the food pantry at Keolahou. She stopped talking and said “you know, Marge, my mom used to need food from there, and when we were down and out, I used to go there. She expressed her gratitude to me for all KLC does to support the food pantry and was touched to know I was still involved after all these years.

A can of food, a bag of food, it doesn’t matter how much you give, if you know you ARE reaching out and helping your neighbors.

Mahalo,  
Ke Akua me Ke Aloha,  
Mergie

## Keiki Klothing Exchange for September Canceled.

Aloha, Maui! We apologize for the late posting about September's Exchange. Our community's health is our top priority, and we have come to the decision to cancel the September Exchange. We hope to resume in October, and we will keep you posted. Mahalo, Maui. These have been trying times that we're looking to navigate with as much grace as possible. Our community is strong and we'll all work through this.



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

## SERVICE LINKS FOR THE PAST MONTH

**Sunday, August 1st:** Aloha friends. [Here is the link to today's worship service.](#) Sorry for the bad angle, someone kicked the tripod on their way into the sanctuary. I hope you enjoy it nonetheless. Blessings.

**Sunday, August 8th:** Aloha KLC ‘ohana and friends. [Here is the link to today's worship video.](#) Due to technical difficulties once again, this is an audio version of the service. So sit back, relax and listen to worship. Remember, you are all loved!

**Sunday, August 15th:** Aloha friends and KLC ‘Ohana. [Here is the link to today's worship service.](#) No technical difficulties this week. Please stay safe out there. And remember that you are loved!

**Sunday, August 22nd:** Aloha friends and KLC ‘ohana. [Here is the link to today's worship service.](#)

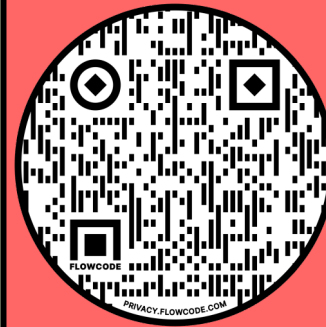
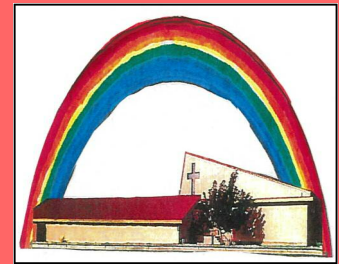
**Sunday, August 29th:** Aloha KLC ‘Ohana and friends. [Here is the link to today's worship service.](#)



## Important Statistics

July	2020	2021
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	86—Including online views	71—Including online views
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$22,192.13	\$16,495
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$163,565.49	\$159,943.49

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.



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](http://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:  
Sept 21 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:klc@kiheilutheran.org)



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## HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)

Nancy Jorden	9/2
Tiffany Winn	9/2
Maggie Vorhes	9/6
Phillip Proctor	9/6
Sharyl Boren	9/7
Joel Smith	9/7
Joleen Pilotin	9/11
Todd Lawson	9/12
Syd Dahlin	9/14
Pam Kamoku	9/14

Rhonda Stoltzfus	9/14
Cheri Beyersdorf	9/17
Geri Brannon	9/19
Nancy Kentz	9/20
Angelina Campos	9/21
Alexandra Kennedy	9/21
Carolyn Rixey-Wagner	9/26
David Stoltzfus	9/26
Luke Vance	9/27



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

Miguel & Lisa Gonzalez	September 2, 2001
Duane & Linda Chaney	September 10, 1988
Syd & Loretta Dahlin	September 17, 1955
Zel & Margie Terluin	September 21, 1980
Curt & Gail Holt	September 22, 1973
Greg & Ede Stratton	September 27, 1975





# Kihei Lutheran Church

## September 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church 5pm Tongan Church	30 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	31 12pm AI-Anon—Outside	1 5pm Tongan Church	2 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy 40 Min	3 12pm AI-Anon—Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	4
5 9am Online Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church 5pm Tongan Church	6—Labor Day—Office Closed 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	7 12pm AI-Anon—Outside	8 5pm Tongan Church	9 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy 40 Min	10 12pm AI-Anon—Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	11—Kealahou Food Pantry 9am-10am Drive By Food Collection
12 9am Worship Online 1pm Korean Acts Church 5pm Tongan Church	13—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	14 12pm AI-Anon—Outside 5pm Finance Committee Via Zoom	15 5pm Tongan Church	16 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy 40 Min	17 12pm AI-Anon—Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	18
19 9am Worship Online 1pm Korean Acts Church 5pm Tongan Church	20 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	21 12pm AI-Anon—Outside 7pm Church Council via Zoom	22 5pm Tongan Church	23 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy 40 Min	24 12pm AI-Anon—Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	25—Newsletter Deadline
26 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church 5pm Tongan Church	27 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	28 12pm AI-Anon—Outside	29 5pm Tongan Church	30 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy 40 Min	1 12pm AI-Anon—Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	2 9am Keiki Clothing Ex- change



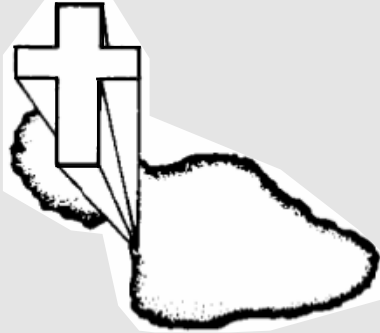
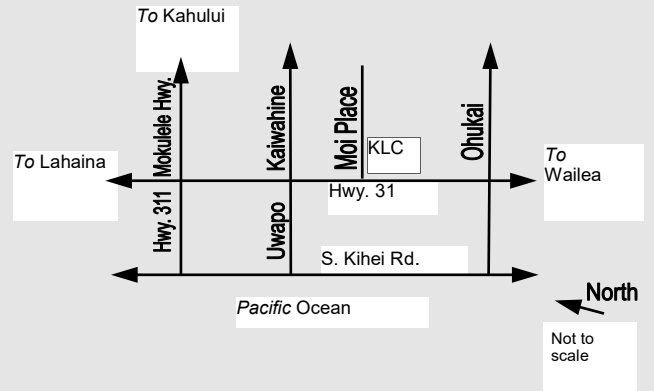
**Staff**  
 Pastor Joel Martyn  
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 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**9:00 AM**



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