



KLC 'Ohana News

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



OCTOBER 2021

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joel Martyn



Miracle Story from the Lutheran World Relief magazine.

Blessed Be

On August 4, 2020, a massive explosion destroyed the port in Beirut, Lebanon. Lutheran World Relief was devastated to learn that as many as 190 people died and more than 300,000 people lost their homes in a city where a serious economic crisis and growing outbreak of COVID-19 were already causing widespread suffering.

Shortly after the blast, LWR learned that three shipping containers holding more than \$600,000 worth of quilts and kits, intended to help refugees and other vulnerable communities in Lebanon, had arrived at the port just six days before the explosion. Initial reports from authorities said the containers had been destroyed – just when their contents could be of most use to families in crisis.

It took weeks for LWR's staff and partners to gain access to the blast site. In addition to the overwhelming humanitarian need they found throughout the city, the port itself was chaos, and safety and security were a challenge. But once officials were able to dig their way through the wreckage, a blessing arose out of the ashes: they found that the containers full of LWR quilts and kits had been shielded from the blast by a large concrete building.

While the containers were damaged, the seals were intact and the material inside had been spared. In just the right place, at just the right time, hope arose out of the darkness.

Our team and partners rejoiced and acted as quickly as they could to mobilize distribution for the most-affected families. Primarily, these families were refugees from Palestine and Syria, who had already fled harrowing situations in their home countries – only to meet more struggle and crisis in Lebanon. Tonight, more than 24,000 children, women and men are wrapped in your love, and blessed to know that even in a difficult time, they are not alone.

SERVICE LINKS FOR THE PAST MONTH

Sunday, September 5th: Aloha KLC 'ohana and friends. There are three different links for today's worship service. The first one is the service, the second is the bulletin, and the third is a tutorial so you can look at both the service and bulletin at the same time. [Service Link](#). [Bulletin Link](#). [Tutorial Link](#).

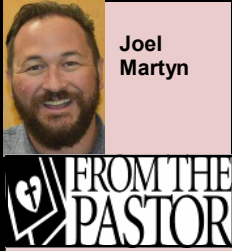
Sunday, September 12th: Aloha friends and 'ohana. Here are the links to today's worship service. [Service Link](#). [Bulletin Link](#). [Tutorial Link](#).

Sunday, September 19th: Aloha friends and KLC 'ohana. [Here is the link to today's worship service.](#)

Sunday, September 26th: Aloha friends. [Here is the link to today's worship service.](#)



ALOHA FROM PASTOR JOEL



God is doing something new. The answer I receive in the depths of my soul as I cry out to the Lord in prayer about the uncertainty of everything, the state of our world, the pandemic and the fragility of life; “I am doing something new.” God is doing something new.

The world is changing before our very eyes. From the macro perspective of what we see regarding the state of our country and governments around the world to the micro perspective of the very real changes that are happening in our community, in our church and in our lives. Life is not as it once was. But...

God is doing something new. In the Midweek Moment for September 29th, I read a passage from Proverbs chapter 3 verses 5 and 6 which reads; *“Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all of your ways acknowledge him and he will make your path straight.”* This passage means a lot to me because it strengthens me and reminds me that Jesus is walking with me, guiding, and directing me forward. When I have those moments of doubt and despair, whether it’s due to the pandemic, or an issue in my personal or professional life, or just not knowing what is going to happen in the future, this verse tends to pop into my mind. I hear the Spirit in my soul telling me to trust. Don’t do it yourself. Lean on me and I will show you the way forward. I am doing something new.

Sometimes it’s difficult to trust that Jesus is leading us into something new, something good, something amazing for our life. Giving up our fears and need to control what’s happening around us is foreign to how our brains function as human beings. But, with giving up our fears and need to control comes joy and peace. The trick is being able to recognize that you are being led by fear and control and in that recognition, remembering that Jesus is leading you forward and making your path straight. What would you rather be led by? Fear or Jesus? I will choose Jesus every time because with that comes the wonderful understanding of peace, joy and love. The opposite of that is anxiety, worry, and hate. Who wants to live their life in fear? If you were made to choose between eating a piece of cake or death, which would you choose? Cake of course. Choose life. Choose to trust Jesus. He is leading us forward.

God’s blessings everyone.

Pastor Joel



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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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This month is Pastor Appreciation Month, the perfect time for us to recognize Pastor Joel and let him know how much we appreciate him. Please take a moment to thank him personally for all has done for our congregation, especially with the extra challenges faced this past year.

Pastor Joel we are so appreciative or your ministry at Kihei Lutheran Church.

We pray the following for you:

Guidance: For the paths your feet will daily follow

Wisdom: For the counsel you are asked to give

Compassion: For those you are called upon to help

We wish the following for you:

Strength: To stand for what is true and right, even when there is opposition

Courage: To press on, even when things seem routine

Perseverance: To follow the desires God has placed in your heart, even when you doubt

We give to you:

Support for your leadership

Appreciation for your calling and gifts

Thanks for the person you are in Christ

Thanking God For You,

Renee Romerdahl

KLC Church Council President

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you: consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Hebrews 13:7

The J-Walkers

The J-Walkers are back in action, helping with worship. Kudos to Ezra, Tori, and Natalie for being greeters, and to Rowan and Tori for being readers. It's great to be worshipping together in person again!





Report from the September Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the KLC Council was held virtually via Zoom with a quorum present. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer by Joel Rudow.

Pastor Joel reported that over the past month he has worked with the Hale Kau Kau Board to plan their next steps. Pastor has begun a 'Midweek Moment' video devotion that focuses on self-care. Pastor is maintaining the parsonage's landscaping, sprinkler system, and PV system. Pastor worked with Beth and Cate to plan and record two virtual worship services due to the Covid spike. Cate and Pastor are learning how to use the online streaming hardware, which will be used to stream worship services to Facebook. Pastor was able to minister at two deaths this month. Additionally, Pastor made phone calls to 36 members, 5 non-members, and officiated at one wedding in the last month.

Joel Rudow presented the Treasurer's report. The general account balance is \$17,000. It appears as though we will be required to use the memorial funds to meet expenses.

Renee submitted grant applications to the Pacifica Synod for money that will be used to maintain an outreach program feeding people in need. The grant will help with our monthly commitment to Keolahau Food Pantry and our Thanksgiving Boxes. Finances have been a main focus for Council this year. We currently have a deficit of \$22,000. The PPP loan helped us last year, and the Ray Benson fund will help this year, but we must remain fiscally responsible while we develop the 2022 budget.

Cate reports that she is planning on returning to work in the office October 4.

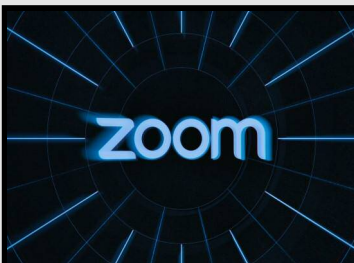
KLC stewardship campaign will begin in October.

KLC 2022 Budget is in the process of being developed. Committees are submitting their numbers for compilation.

The next regular virtual meeting will be October 19th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Pendergast

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



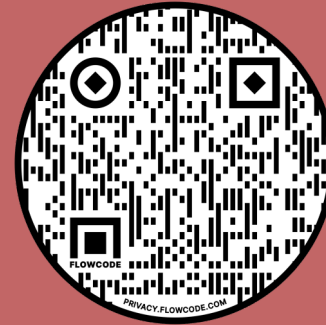
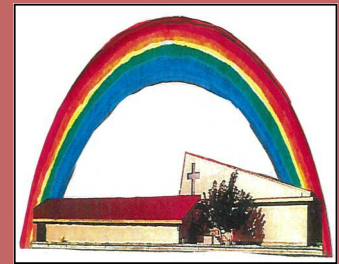
MISS SEEING EVERYONE?

Join us for KLC Happy 40 on Thursdays at 5:30. Send an email to Beth at: beth@willsmaui.com. 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.

Important Statistics

August	2020	2021
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	50—Including online views	44—Including online views
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$22,148.06	\$19,603.50
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$208,049.75	\$179,546.99

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:
Oct 19th 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!)



Stacie Proctor	10/3
Karen Gucci	10/5
Marcia Stafford	10/7
Bev Schifferling	10/9
Nicholas Scibelli	10/10
Gail Caires	10/15
Paul Emanovsky	10/21

Emily Strauser	10/21
Alexander Lawson	10/25
Sanni Tharp	10/25
Dave Krueger	10/26
Dave Mather	10/27
Bob Nelson	10/28
Jake Hangartner	10/30
Brooke Cuomo	10/31

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



Lynn & Karen Carlson	October 2, 1965
Mark Haley & Larry Manning	October 4, 1986
John & Kristi Bendon	October 9, 2004
Joel & Barbara Rudow	October 11, 1986



Kihei Lutheran Church October 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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
3—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church 5pm Tongan Church	4 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	5 12pm AI-Anon—Outside	6 5pm Tongan Church	7 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy 40 Min	8 12pm AI-Anon—Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	9
10 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church 5pm Tongan Church	11—Committee Meeting Day—All Meetings online, over the phone or by email 10am Faith Journey—Zoom 6pm Worship Committee	12 12pm AI-Anon—Outside 5pm Finance Committee Via Zoom	13 5pm Tongan Church	14 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy 40 Min	15 9am Premier Benefit Consultants 12pm AI-Anon—Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	16
17 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church 5pm Tongan Church	18 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	19 12pm AI-Anon—Outside 7pm Church Council via Zoom	20 9am Premier Benefit Con- sultants 5pm Tongan Church	21 9am Prayer Shawl Hui— Outside 530pm KLC Zoom Happy 40 Min	22 9am Premier Benefit Consultants 12pm AI-Anon—Outside 6pm Korean Acts Church	23
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Staff

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

Worship Area Coordinators

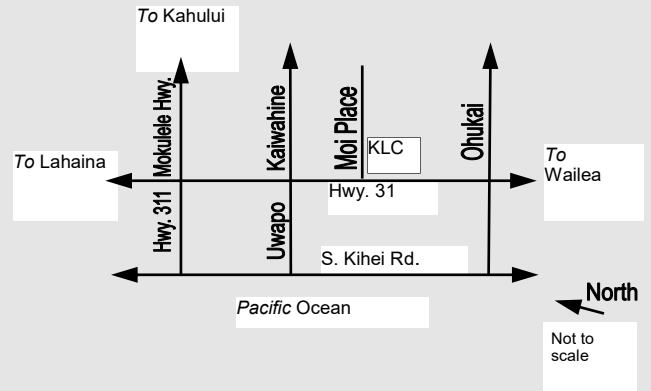
Chimes & Choir Director Beth Fobbe-Wills
 Flowers Andrea Harris
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins

Other Contacts

Treasurer Margie Terluin
 Financial Secretary Joel Rudow
 Hula Group Sally Handley
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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