



KLC 'Ohana News

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



DECEMBER 2021

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joel Martyn

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We will have 2 services on Christmas Eve. They will be at 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. [CLICK HERE TO SIGNUP](#). The sign-ups will be open until it is full. So sign up as soon as you can. After it is full we can no longer accept reservations.



With COVID we are still limited with the number of people we can have at our services. The service will include readings, communion, and music from soloists, the congregation, and our chimes group. We will conclude with the lighting of candles while singing Silent Night and our hula group dancing the traditional Filipino 'Pandango sa Ilaw' ('Dance of Light'). Please accept our invitation to join us during this holiest time to worship Christ Jesus as we remember and celebrate his birthday. Masks must be worn at all times. Mahalo.

ATTENTION KLC MEMBERS!

CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING & BUDGET VOTE



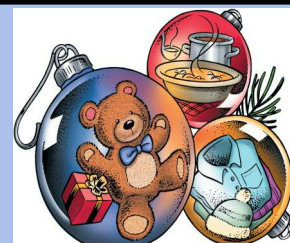
Sunday, December 12th right after service.

In an effort to streamline the budget process our church Council is publishing a final budget for approval at the meeting on December 12th. [Please click this link for the meeting agenda, the full budget, and a condensed version for you to look at before the meeting.](#) The full budget has every line item in it and includes notes. The condensed version is just the bottom line for each budget section. There will be copies available the day of the meeting. If you take a copy that day, please take it home to recycle or dispose.

KEIKI CHRISTMAS



We will continue our tradition of purchasing gifts for the children served at Keolahou Food Pantry. These gifts will go to more than 100 children from local families in our community that need our assistance. Due to COVID we are asking that you make a monetary donation towards the purchase of gifts for the keiki rather than purchasing gifts yourself. The suggested donation is \$15 per child, but donations of any amount are greatly appreciated.



Donations can be sent to the church office or left in the offering plate. Please be sure to clearly label your donation Keiki Christmas either at the bottom of your check, or on an envelope containing your donation. We are also accepting donations of wrapping paper. Both new rolls and partial rolls are gratefully appreciated. They can be left at the church office or brought to church on Sunday mornings. For questions or further information please contact Nels or Renee Romerdahl, 874-5695.

CHRISMONS

















We decorate our Christmas tree every year with Chrismons. We have been asking people to add to those to our tree when they come for service so that everyone has a chance to help decorate. Here is a little background on Chrismons.

Chrismons are Christmas decorations using Christian symbols. The word is a combination of Christ and monogram (symbol). They help Christians to remember that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus's birthday. They are often used on Christmas trees in churches and Christian homes.

Frances Kipps Spencer of Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia, made the first Chrismons intending that visitors that came to her church would hear the story of Jesus explained through her original Chrismons.

Chrismons are traditionally colored white and gold – White is the liturgical color for Christmas and symbolizes that Jesus was pure and perfect. Gold symbolizes His majesty and glory. They can be made from many different materials such as syrafoam, plastic canvas, beads, pearls, ribbon, etc.

Here are some symbols that are common Chrismons and what they represent to Christians.

	The Cross symbolizes that Christians believe Jesus Christ died for everyone on a cross		The Butterfly is a symbol for transformation and the immortal soul
	The Fish is one of the oldest Christian symbols. The letters, from the Greek word for fish (ichthus) stand for Jesus		The Anchor Cross reminds Christian's that Jesus is the anchor of their faith
	A Five Pointed Star represents the five wounds of Jesus on the cross		The Shepherd's Crook or Staff remembers that Jesus sometimes called himself a shepherd. It can also represent the shepherds who were the first people told about the birth of Jesus
	The Crown is the symbol that Jesus is King. It shows that Christians believe Jesus is ruler over heaven and earth		The Shell is a symbol for baptism. It reminds Christians of the water that they are baptized on. It is also a sign of Pilgrimage, as Pilgrims to the Holy Land (Israel) would use a shell as a drinking vessel
	The Dove is the symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit		The Lamp and The Candle both represent that Christians believe Jesus is the Light of the world
	The Triquetra is made of three loops making a triangle representing the three parts of the trinity, God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit		The Cup or Chalice is a symbol of Communion. It also represents God's forgiveness
	The Angel reminds Christians of the angels who told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. It can also represent the second coming of Jesus, which the Bible says will start with an Angel blowing a trumpet		The Lamb is a symbol for Jesus who is sometimes called "The Lamb of God"
	The Heart is a symbol of love and reminds Christians that God is Love		The White Rose is a symbol for purity and can represent Mary



ALOHA FROM PASTOR JOEL

We wanted to share some news with you about pastor Joel. If you haven't heard, Pastor Joel will be out for a while. He was having some sharp pains on his right side. CAT scan revealed a very large mass on his right kidney. Both the kidney and the mass need to be removed. Surgery has not yet been scheduled but will happen soon. Because of that mass, he has been asked to not move around much. The service recordings and Midweek Moment video devotions will be put on hold for the time being. Right now, prayers are requested for not only Pastor Joel and his family but also for the church staff. The following links are two update videos Pastor Joel put together in case you missed them.

[1st Video Update](#)

[2nd Video Update](#)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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As we enter this advent season we share hope, love, peace, and joy; all symbolic in our advent wreath. They are also exactly what we wish for Pastor Joel as he faces health issues, surgery, and recovery. Our prayers and support go out to him and his family during this difficult time. We pray that God's healing hands will be upon him and that he and his family are surrounded by His love and peace.

It is times such as these where our congregation remembers that we are ohana and that We are the Church. As disciples we remain faithful, and support our church, and one another though good times and difficult times. We remember that into our darkness, God brings light.

Please worship with us during the four Sundays of Advent as we prepare for the birth of Christ. We are fortunate to have Pastor Roxanne Whitelight lead us in worship during this time. She has prepared a special series of sermons for our congregation during the Advent season. Take time this Advent season to slow down, make room in your hearts for Jesus and take a moment to enjoy the hush of Immanuel, God with us. Join us, and remember that His presence in our lives is a gift we can open every day of the year.

God's Blessings,
Renee Romerdahl

*This Advent, Lord, come to the manger of my heart.
Fill me with Your presence from the very start.
As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given,
Remind me of the gift You gave when You sent Your Son from Heaven.
The first Christmas gift, it was the greatest gift ever.
You came as a baby born in a manger.
Wrapped like the gifts I find under my tree,
Waiting to be opened, to reveal Your love to me.
Restore to me the wonder that came with Jesus' birth,
When He left the riches of Heaven and wrapped Himself in rags of earth.
Immanuel, God with us, Your presence came that night.
And angels announced, "Into your darkness, God brings His Light."
"Do not be afraid," they said, to shepherds in the field.
Speak to my heart today, Lord, and help me to yield.
Make me like those shepherd boys, obedient to Your call.
Setting distractions and worries aside, to You I surrender them all.
Surround me with Your presence, Lord, I long to hear Your voice.
Clear my mind of countless concerns and all the holiday noise.
Slow me down this Christmas, let me not be in a rush.
In the midst of parties and planning, I want to feel Your hush.
This Christmas, Jesus, come to the manger of my heart.
Invade my soul like Bethlehem, bringing peace to every part.
Dwell within and around me, as I unwrap Your presence each day.
Keep me close to You, Lord. It's in Your wonderful Name I pray.
~Renee Swope, "The Manger of My Heart"*



Council Secretary's Report from the November 2021 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 Renee Romerdahl.

Pastor Joel did not submit a report due to his absence. We learned on November 11th that Pastor Joel has an unexpected and severe medical condition that will result in a long term absence from work. Renee has been in contact with our Synod leadership. We will have Reverend Roxanne Whitelight fill in for Pastor Joel through the Christmas season. Renee reminds us that we are the church, we are the disciples, and that while our pastor may not be with us in person, he is with us in spirit. Continuing to be faithful, pray, and support one another is the best thing we can do right now.

Cate Evert provided a brief description of the Treasurer's report. KLC has a bank balance of \$28,323.

The KLC 2022 Budget will be submitted to the congregation at its Annual Meeting on December 12, 2021.

The next regular virtual meeting will be December 28th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Pendergast

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

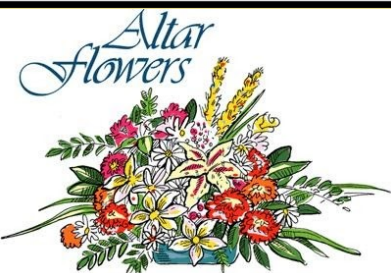
Stewardship Thanks

The official stewardship campaign has ended, but the concept of stewardship goes on. We thank all who mailed or brought a pledge card. If you have not yet provided your pledge card in its self-addressed, sealed envelope, there is still time. In fact, you can bring or send it to the church office anytime.

Even though it's a blind pledge and no one is going to see your pledge, it's helpful to know how many people will participate in supporting KLC in 2022. Please send your envelope to the office.

Your support of KLC, its programs and staff is greatly appreciated. We look forward to a successful year ahead.

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Flowers for 2022

Flower sign up for the new year has started. Please consider sharing flowers with church to recognize loved ones or special events in your life. Please see Andrea Harris to sign up. Mahalo.

SERVICE LINKS SUSPENDED...FOR NOW

Because of Pastor Joel's medical news we have decided to suspend the recording of the services. Pastor Joel is the person who edits the service and then sends it out every Sunday. With him being off right now, there is no one available to do that for us. We are currently working on setting up our streaming equipment. Once that is up and running, we will be able to have the service available live and saved for individuals to view during the week. Mahalo for your understanding.



Thanksgiving Boxes/Hygiene Bags

Once again this year our Holiday Outreach for Keolahou Food Pantry was able to provide pre-packaged meal boxes (containing 15 food items including a small canned ham), delivered by Maui Food Bank. Like last year, we are blessed by the generosity of the Maui Food Bank as they will provide 150 meal boxes at no cost to the church.

We have collected all the items needed to put together hygiene bags for the community at Keolahou Food Pantry. Those will be put together on Saturday, December 4th, by our Community Outreach and Assistance Team. We are planning on making 125 bags and will deliver them sometime before Christmas.

Mahalo to all those who donated not only funds, but time, to make this project happen. It may not be much, but to those who receive these packages it can mean the world.

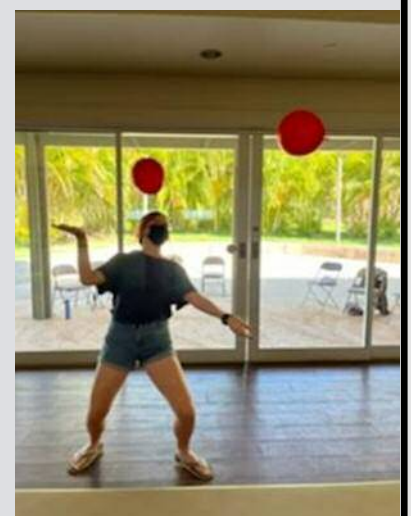
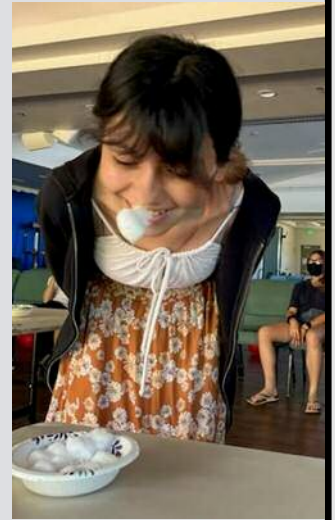


The J-Walkers (Walking with Jesus)

The J-Walkers were reunited in person on November 21st. It was an action-packed day! We helped with the Thanksgiving hygiene bags, had our 2nd Annual Minute-To-Win-It Challenge (Ezra was the winner), had an old-fashioned snowball fight, and celebrated the J-Walkers' birthdays. It was a blast!

It was also bittersweet since it was our final event as Youth Leaders. It has been such a blessing to work with our fabulous youth, and it is our prayer that God will send new leaders to take our place. Thank you for supporting us throughout the years that we have served in this ministry.

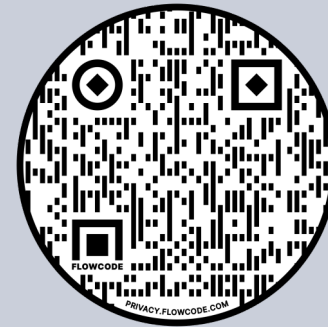
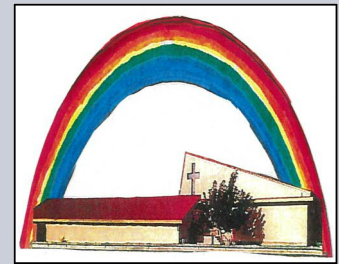
Barbara & Joel Rudow
Annalisa Figueroa



Important Statistics

October	2020	2021
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	62—Including online views	49—Including online views
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$24,418.00	\$34,228.00
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$252,584.75	\$232,004.53

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
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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:
Dec 28th 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!

HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



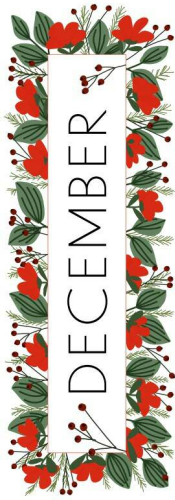
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Keli Nelson	12/3
Barbara Rudow	12/4
John Bendon	12/5
Denise Ankrum	12/9
Luke Bendon	12/11
Diana Hill	12/11
Erik Jorgenson	12/11
Molly Lawson	12/12
Lisa Paulson	12/12
Eric Romerdahl	12/13
Marilyn Fornwall	12/14
John Thorngren	12/14

Heather Ballaine	12/15
Melanie Spencer	12/16
Gretchen Romerdahl	12/20
Janice Porter	12/21
Hilary Glassel	12/22
Vicki Lee	12/23
Margie Terluin	12/24
Holly Pendergast	12/25
Emily Pluchos	12/25
Keek Hottendorf	12/27
Jack Wierzba	12/27
Lottie Ali	12/29
Deidre Tegarden	12/29
Jerry Embree	12/31

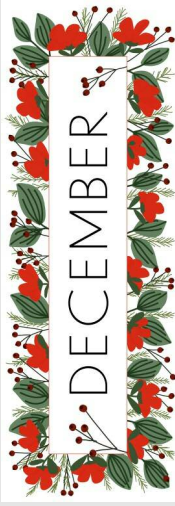
HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O! (Happy Anniversary!)



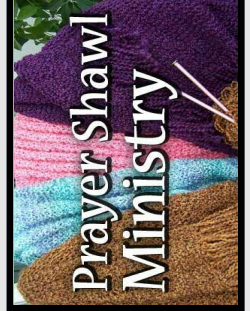
Doug & Lisa Paulson	December 2, 1995
Jeff & Charlotte Wright	December 2, 1972
David & Kathy Krueger	December 18, 1971
Tony & Carol Wakefield	December 19, 1964
Todd & Molly Lawson	December, 21 1991
Duke & Sharon McElroy	December 23, 1963
Neil & Sheila Turnbull	December 25, 1985
Eric & Joleen Pilotin	December 27
Jerry & Berta Sieck	December 27, 1975
Bob & Jane Schumacher	December 29, 1991
David & Rhonda Stoltzfus	December 30, 1995



Kihei Lutheran Church December 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 9am Worship 1pm Korean Acts Church 5pm Tongan Church	29 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	30 12pm Al-Anon—Outside	1 11:30am Rotary 5pm Tongan Church	2 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 530pm KLC Zoom Happy 40 Min	3 12pm Al-Anon	4 9am Keiki Clothing Exchange
5—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	6 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	7 12pm Al-Anon	8 11:30am Rotary 5pm Tongan Church	9 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	10 12pm Al-Anon	11
12—Congregational Meeting 9am Worship 10am Congregational Budget Meeting 5pm Tongan Church	13—Committee Meeting Day—All Meetings online, over the phone or by email 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	14 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Committee Via Zoom	15 11:30am Rotary 5pm Tongan Church	16 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	17 12pm Al-Anon	18
19 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	20 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	21 12pm Al-Anon	22 5pm Tongan Church	23 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	24—Christmas Eve— Office Closed 12pm Al-Anon 6pm Worship 8pm Worship	25—Christmas Day—Newsletter Deadline
26 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	27—Office Closed 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	28 12pm Al-Anon 7pm Church Council via Zoom	29 5pm Tongan Church	30 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 530pm KLC Zoom Happy 40 Min	31—New Year's Eve— Office Closed 12pm Al-Anon 6pm Korean Acts Church	1—New Year's Day 9am Keiki Clothing Exchange
	Don't Forget	to call	People to	check in	on them	



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

Staff

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

Worship Area Coordinators

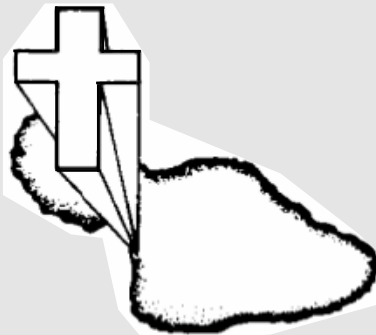
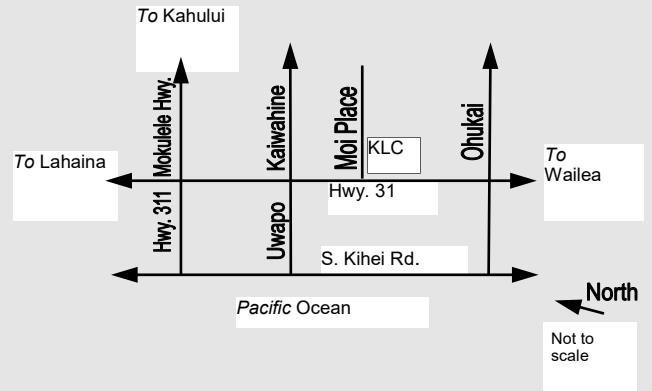
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 Flowers Andrea Harris
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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