



KLC 'Ohana News

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



JANUARY 2022

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joel Martyn

ATTENTION KLC COMMITTEE HEADS AND CONGREGATION

The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for February 27th, immediately following service. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the congregation with annual reports from the various committees, task forces, and ministries. Please make plans to attend. **January 21ST will be the deadline for Committee heads to get their reports to Cate.** The annual report will be published a minimum of 2 weeks ahead of the meeting.



KEIKI CHRISTMAS

One of our annual community outreach projects is to purchase Christmas gifts for the children served at Keolahou Food Pantry. Parents are able to select and wrap one of these gifts for each of their children. Due to the tremendous generosity of our congregation, we were able to provide a gift for every child served at the Keolahou Food Pantry. Our KLC Ohana made a brighter Christmas for many of our local families. Thank you for the love you have shared with them!



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Happy New Year! As the new year begins, we often reflect on the past year and make resolutions and aspirations for the coming year. When I reflect on this past year, it is clear that we, as a congregation, have faced and overcome many challenges together. There have been plenty of uncertainties and unexpected events throughout the year. Yet, our ohana has maintained their faith and support for one another, placing our trust in our Lord Jesus Christ.

As the new year begins, I cannot begin to tell you what it will look like as the year unfolds. I am, however, certain that God will always be with us and that we must continue to be faithful disciples and put our trust in him. No doubt the New Year will hold surprises for us, celebrations, joys, as well as challenges.

As a resolution or promise, make it a point to start each day of this New Year with a prayer and a quiet time for meditation. Our lives get so busy that often we neglect what is most important, like our times of communication with God. Prayer is simply talking to God and listening to him. Daily prayer becomes as natural as breathing as we thank God for his blessings, share concerns, ask for guidance, help, forgiveness, or simply to tell God what's on our hearts.

We have so much to thank God for this past year. We are grateful that we are once again able to worship together inside our church. We are grateful that we have safety protocols in place to help us worship safely. We are grateful for Pastor Joel's successful surgery and his progressive recovery. We are grateful to those who serve our congregation in so many different ways. We are also so grateful for the continuous support and faithfulness of our KLC ohana. But most of all, we are grateful to God for all He has given to us!

I look forward to seeing what God has planned for KLC in 2022!

Blessings for the New Year,

Renee Romerdahl



MANY MAHALO'S

Many Mahalo's to all who continue to give of themselves to our congregation, especially during our Advent and Christmas season.

Thank you, Pastor Roxanne Whitelight, for such a kind, gentle and relevant message during this most precious time of the year.

Vicki, Keli and Jessica Nelson-thank you for the wonderful addition of environmental colors, lights and good feeling.

Marilyn Hopkins-thank you for setting up the hosts and following through on important behind the scenes things-Thank you Hosts for welcoming everyone.

Andrea Harris-thank you for your continued follow through and support of overseeing all of the floral arrangements. Never a worry on this end.

Andrea Harris and Zel Terluin-thank you for working on assisting and going with the flow of everything.

Cate Evert-thank you for above and beyond everything. Someone else in your position would not be around for services on weekends and special days at all!!!!!!

Stacie and Larry-thank you for your gift of beautiful voices.

All Chimers- Thank you for your playing on Christmas Eve. It was so much fun to be able to get together and play again.

Stacie-Thank you to Linda, your MOM!!!!!!!!!! She will always be welcome to join us!!!!

Dear Hula-Sally, Sue, Vicki, Jessica, Natalie and Tori. Thank you for your beautiful dance/sacred gesture on Christmas Eve. There were a number of people who called asking specifically if you were going to be there.

All of these are such special ministries in our church. If you are ever wondering how to become part of any of these ministries or more, please ask. Each ministry is always open to adding more enthusiastic people.

Christmas Greetings from Bishop Andy



Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." -- Matthew 1:18-21

Dear People of the Pacifica Synod,

God be with you as you prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, this Christmas. I have found myself reflecting on Mary and Joseph this Advent season. When both were engaged, neither knew what their future would bring. The appearance of the angel Gabriel in Luke 1 tells how Mary discovered she would become an unwed mother. The above passage from Matthew tells us that Joseph decided to quietly get out of the engagement once he learned she was pregnant. But God had other plans in mind. Despite the difficulties ahead, God asked Mary and Joseph to put their faith in the one who promised to save God's people. They did so and are remembered as models of faith for Christians like us.

We are facing continued difficulties ahead. The omicron variant of the coronavirus is spreading rapidly, and we are not sure how great a toll that will take on our health care system, nor how deadly this variant might be. Our country continues to be divided politically, and often we cannot come together to make important decisions. Many in our world struggle with loneliness and anxiety, as months of living apart from each other to protect our physical health has taken a toll on our mental health. It is into this world that Jesus Christ is born anew not only at Christmas, but every day.

This Christmas, I encourage you to do as Mary and Joseph did and put your faith in the God who saves us. I pray that you will see signs of Christ's presence as you go through times of difficulty, signs that give you peace. I pray that Christ will help all of us love each other so much that we will listen to each other and live out the unity Christ alone can bring. I pray that the healing power of Christ's resurrected presence will fill us with hope as we continue to seek to protect ourselves and our communities from the effects of the virus.

Joseph was told by the angel: Mary will bear a son who will save God's people from their sins. That Son has saved us and will continue to be with us each and every day. Jesus will bring the gifts of hope, love, and peace, even in the midst of difficulties.

God bless you as you celebrate Christmas this year. God nourish you with faith, such as the faith that sustained Mary and Joseph. And God be with you in 2022 and beyond, filling you with joy, hope, peace, and love.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Bishop Andy Taylor/he, him, his
Pacifica Synod of the ELCA



Council Secretary's Report from the December 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 Sue Moorcroft.

Pastor Joel did not submit a report due to his absence. Pastor's salary will be partially covered with disability insurance provided through the Synod. We will ask Rev. Whitelight to cover for Pastor Joel through January. Cate reports that the office is running smoothly in his absence. The Council continues to hold Pastor up in prayer.

Renee shared an open letter from our Pacifica Synod Bishop, Andy Taylor. He reminds us of the gifts of hope, love, and peace that Jesus brings even in the midst of difficult times. Renee also submitted an outline of the work the Council has completed for the year. KLC has been awarded the \$1,500 Mathew 25 Grant for which Renee applied. It will be used for our outreach programs to feed the hungry. Due to the on-going pandemic, the Council is forming a Covid Task Force. It will help implement procedures and protocols based on the fluctuating information provided by the State and County.

Margie provided the Treasurer's report. KLC has a bank balance of approximately \$40,000. Year to date income was \$329,850; and year to date expenses were \$331,921.

The next KLC Congregational Meeting will be held February 27th. End of year committee reports are due to Cate by January 21st. The Church Council Nominating Committee will include Joel Rudow, Holly Pendergast, and two members of the congregation. They will be seeking two new Council Members.

The next regular virtual meeting will be January 18th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Pendergast

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



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 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.



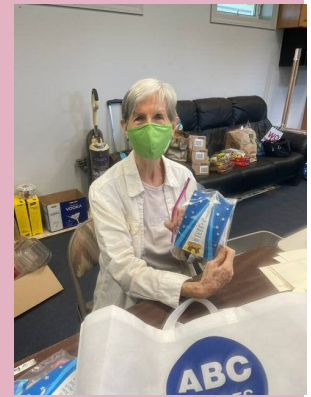
IT'S A WRAP

On Saturday, December 4th, some of the members of the Community Outreach committee along with enthusiastic volunteers worked an assembly line putting together over 125 hygiene bags. Mahalo to Jerry Kistler, Hilary Glassel, Margie Terluin, Sue Moorcroft, Victoria Gonzalez, & Sarah Dickmeyer, who made short work of gathering the items to share holiday blessings to the recipients at the Keolahou Food Pantry. It was a labor of love and we are so grateful to everyone who donated a monetary gift or purchased some of the 14 items that were placed in each bag. This year, deodorant was added along with 2 dental floss (which were donated by Dave & Dee Readers' dentist along with 144 toothbrushes) and band aids.



We put a separate baggie inside that included a spiritual message, a beautiful handmade Christmas card done by Sue Moorcroft, 2 packages of hot chocolate, and lots of candy canes. This outreach project would not have happened without the generosity of our congregation and volunteers.

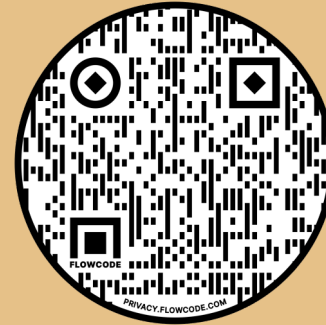
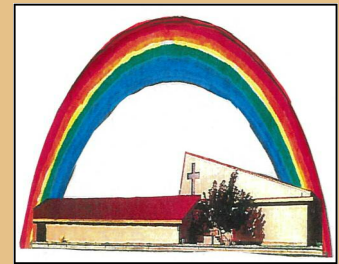
Everything was delivered on December 9th by Zel & Margie Terluin. Ten overflowing heavy plastic bins were dropped off at the pantry. The volunteers there were overwhelmed by what we were providing and mentioned that some people had already been asking if the bags were going to come. We also were told that the Maui Food Bank shelves are somewhat bare. So let's see what we can do to provide extra items on January 2nd to help curb the hunger for those in need.



Important Statistics

November	2020	2021
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	88—Including online views	59
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$28,910	\$43,496
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$281,494.75	\$275,500.53

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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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:
January 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!

HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)

Jack Bendon	1/1
Loretta Dahlin	1/6
Doak Schoennemann	1/6
Valaida D'Alessio	1/7
Carol Swanson	1/9
Mark Beyersdorf	1/10
Taylor Steed (Rudow)	1/10
Karen Carlson	1/13

Kathy Krueger	1/14
Sue Olson	1/15
Jerry Kistler	1/17
Oliver Stafford	1/17
Steve Moksnes	1/29
Elaine Ziegler	1/29
Dave Ballaine	1/30



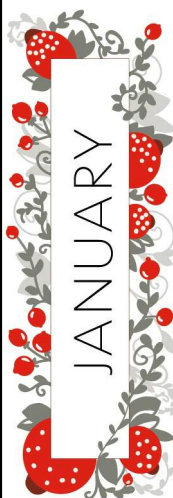
HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O! (Happy Anniversary!)

Anthony & Malysa Scibelli January 5, 2010
Eric & Elisabet Jorgenson January 23
Jerry & Susan Embree January 25, 1963





Kihei Lutheran Church January 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	27—Office Closed 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	28 12pm AI-Anon 7pm Church Council via Zoom	29 5pm Tongan Church	30 9am Prayer Shawl Hui	31—New Year's Eve— Office Closed 12pm AI-Anon 8pm Tongan Church	1—New Year's Day
2—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	3 10am Faith Journey—Zoom Don't Forget	4 12pm AI-Anon to call	5 11:30am Rotary 5pm Tongan Church People to	6 9am Prayer Shawl Hui check in	7 12pm AI-Anon on them	8 9am Keiki Clothing Exchange
9 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	10—Committee Meeting Day—All Meetings online, over the phone or by email 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	11 12pm AI-Anon 5pm Finance Committee Via Zoom	12 11:30am Rotary 5pm Tongan Church	13 9am Prayer Shawl Hui	14 12pm AI-Anon	15
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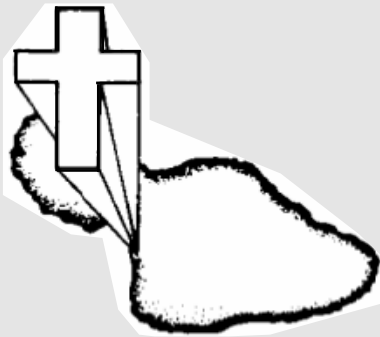
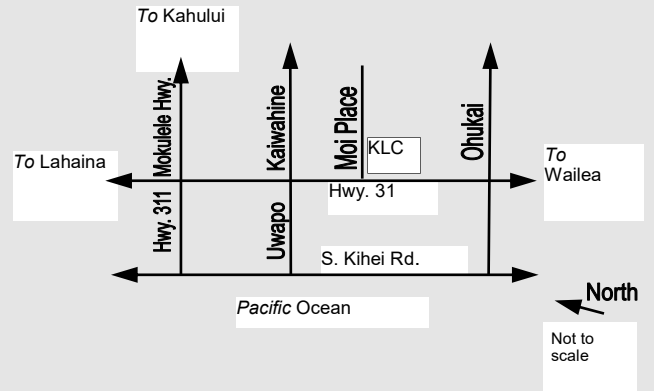
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 Pastor Joel Martyn
 Music Coordinator Beth Fobbe-Wills
 Church Administrative Asst. Cate Evert
 Bookkeeper Sue Whitney

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

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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