



KLC 'Ohana News

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



MAY 2022

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joel Martyn

ALOHA FROM PASTOR JOEL



Joel Martyn



Aloha Kihei Lutheran Church Members and friends,

I understand that many of you have been concerned about me and my health and where I am at with all of that. I haven't yet given an update due to my mom having been in the hospital close to death with blood clots in her lungs and double pneumonia. I wasn't able to update my family until she was healthy again as I didn't want it to affect her recovery in any way. I updated them the first week of April. And now it's your turn to know how I am doing.

Toward the end of March 2022, I had my first three-month CAT scan and MRI of my abdomen and pelvis to see how things were going in there. This is standard protocol for anyone who has had a cancerous tumor removed from their body. I was anxious and yet excited to see the results of those scans. The scans revealed more tumors in the abdomen and in my lungs. As you can imagine this information was devastating for me and for my family. I have not been given a prognosis, but the oncologist has me on a treatment plan for the next four years and is very optimistic that we can put this cancer in remission. That was encouraging for me.

So, what kind of cancer is it? The cancer is called Renal Cell Carcinoma (clear cell) and unbeknownst to me I have had it since I was twenty-eight years old.

What is the treatment that I am receiving? I am receiving a brand-new cutting-edge treatment that was approved while I was in the hospital after surgery. It is called immunotherapy and is targeted specifically for the cancer that has currently taken up residence inside me. This therapy has been putting people like me who have metastatic disease into remission, even outright curing some.

How does immunotherapy work? This type of cancer has to avoid my immune system for it to continue to grow and so it has many long arms (proteins) and those arms are longer than the immune system cells arms. Think of it like a bully who puts his longer arm on the head of a smaller person who is trying to hit them but can't reach because the bully's longer arms are holding it back. So, the immune system cells can't reach the cancer cells to kill them and so the cancer cells divide and grow. What the immunotherapy medication does is it give the immune system cells swords (so to speak) that allows them to cut the arms of the cancer cells. Now the immune system can get close enough to destroy the cancer cell. There is no place the cancer can run or hide to evade the immune system now. It is being destroyed.

Does it have any side effects? Yes. Lots of them. The biggest side effect that I am experiencing is lots of **pain and inflammation** that moves around my body. Inflammation occurs where the immune system is actively attacking the cancer cells. So, although pain and inflammation are uncomfortable, they are signposts that my body is fighting the cancer. **Fatigue** is another symptom. My muscles get really tired really fast, and my body has put most of its energy into fighting off the cancer. I'm also experiencing Mouth sores. Sensitive hearing. Ringing in the ears. Dizziness. Irritability. Sadness. Stress. Muscle cramps. Blurry vision. Anxiety. Insomnia. Micro twitching in my legs...

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What can I do to help?

It's totally understandable that you would want to help me and my family in any way that you possibly can. Helping gives us a sense of control during a time where we feel out of control. And I want to be able to give that to you.

How you can help.

Letter's, cards, emails of encouragement are a wonderful and meaningful way of support.

Occasional premade dinners. Contact Mutual Ministry first. Phil Proctor, Renee Romerdahl, Marilyn Hopkins.

Sign up to help our church committees (Ministry Teams) to take some of the weight off.

Continue to give your offering to the church and give more than you have before. The church body is important. KLC is important, and to know that I don't have to worry about the church's finances would be a huge burden taken off my shoulders.

Grant me grace and understanding when I just can't seem to make it to the office.

Pray for me but in a very specific way that I will teach you.

Prayer Class

I would like to teach a class on prayer and the powerful creative ways in which we can pray. God has given us amazingly creative minds that can be utilized in creative prayer. I am not certain when the class will start, soon most likely and will take place on Sunday mornings after worship in the worship space. It will be 30 minutes to an hour long and will take place over two maybe three Sundays consecutively. I will post an example of creative prayer at the end of this letter.

Mutual Ministry Team

The Mutual Ministry Team is headed up by Phil Proctor along with Marilyn Hopkins and Renee Romerdahl. They will be made aware of any updates to my health on a weekly basis and will be able to help answer your questions as we move forward.

Will I be able to work?

Yes. I am able to work full time and look forward to it every day. I will be posting the hours that I am in the office very soon so that you can come and visit with me, and we can talk, and I can answer any questions that you might have. I am also available to help with any spiritual needs or prayers that you might be needing as well. Just let me know. There will be times where I am unable to come into the office because I'm just not feeling strong enough to get here. But please know that even though I am not physically sitting at my desk in the office I am still working at home and communicating with Cate in the running of the church facility, calling people to chat, planning, doing sermon prep, researching, and praying for each of you.

Communication

I understand the importance of communication during times like these when your pastor is dealing with some very difficult challenges. To keep the rumor mill suppressed and to ensure that correct information is being communicated, we (Pastor and Mutual Ministry) will be publishing in the bulletin and eblast a short update as to what is happening. We will also publish my immunotherapy infusion dates and any other significant scans and tests that I might have to endure. I want to be totally transparent with you all and keep you in the know. That way you will know how to pray for me as well.

Pastor Joel



Speaking of Prayer, here is the example of imaginative prayer that I was talking about before.

There are five steps that you can follow in this prayer for me.

1. Close your eyes and calm your body and your mind. Begin by praising God for all of the wonderful things that God has done in your life. Feel the sense of gratitude flowing out from your heart and truly give thanks and praise to God. Spend some time doing this, maybe 2-3 minutes or longer if you'd like.
2. Next, in your mind's eye, bring your attention to me. See what I look like and hold me up. Imagine that you can see inside of my abdomen and lungs (gross I know) and all of the cancer cells and tumors, but don't see them as gross lumps of ugliness. No, imagine them as clusters of beautiful shining diamonds. Just let your imagination move your awareness. There may be a lot of diamonds or very few. The location, size, shape etc. doesn't matter because you are looking at a spiritual representation of the cancer.
3. Now, imagine all your unconditional love and gratitude flowing out of you as a bright white light and shooting into each diamond that is there. Also imagine that God's unconditional love is shining into each diamond with a light brighter than any other. Filling those diamonds with love to their absolute capacity. Now imagine those diamonds becoming fragile because of the sheer amount of love flowing in. Becoming brittle, flaking, and finally dissolving into nothingness until they're gone.
4. Next, see my body filled with that same unconditional love light, healed, and transformed.
5. Finally, give thanks to God for God's complete healing that has occurred in my body. And for the lessons learned and the changes that have occurred within body and soul. End with Amen. Or so be it.

EASTER MAHALO



Many Mahalos go out to all who contributed their time and talents to the most important week of our church year.

To Dave Ballaine, Zel Terluin and Phil Proctor for the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday. For Stacie Proctor and Larry Manning's beautiful gift of song during the reading of the Passion and throughout the week leading to and including Easter Sunday.

For all who contributed to the church environment and making our sanctuary so beautiful for Easter Sunday-Larry Manning, Mark Haley, Sue Moorcroft, Richard Gesch, Stacie and Phil Proctor, Cate Evert, Keli Nelson, Kate Sauer, Jeane Raine and Andrea Harris.

I special Mahalo to Vicki Nelson and her artistic leadership in creating an environment of worship which led us to the cross of Jesus, his death and resurrection.

For Marilyn Hopkins and her leadership in organizing our Hosts, the first people who greet our congregants and visitors-thank you.

To our Arts groups, and their leaders, Hula and Chimes. Sally Handley-Your wonderful gifts of sacred gesture and music brought many to celebrate His rising from the dead and giving us new life. Chimes-such a prayerful "God Is So Good" was executed in a humble and delightful manner that brought smiles to people's hearts.

Without all of these hands freely giving of themselves, we would not have had the meaningful celebration of Easter. Thank you for your incredible and continued gifts to our Ohana.

Beth Fobbe-Wills

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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He is Risen!! Our Easter Services proclaimed the Good News to those attending our services both in person and on-line. Our Easter Service had over one hundred views and the Easter Hula "Was It A Morning Like This" has 820 views at last count! What a great outreach for others to learn about and experience Kihei Lutheran Church!

At our April Congregational Meeting a letter was passed out from Pastor Joel to everyone in attendance and was mailed to those not in attendance. Pastor Joel wants everyone to know and understand his current health situation and how we can best support him. He is being very transparent and wishes to keep you well informed. The Mutual Ministry Team will be working closely with Pastor Joel and will receive weekly updates from him. Changes and updates as they occur will be published in the e-blast and weekly bulletins. We have agreed that it is best for the Mutual Ministry to act as a liaison between Pastor Joel and the congregation so that Pastor does not become overwhelmed at having to repeat information individually to everyone.

We know that you love Pastor Joel and that you want him to know our love and support. So, how can you best show him this love and support? Pastor has provided the following suggestions:

1. Pray for him
2. Send letters, card, emails, and words of encouragement
3. Sign up to help our church committees
4. Consider joining Mutual Ministry
5. Give your financial support to the church, so Pastor doesn't have to worry about the church's finances, which is a huge burden to him.
6. Contact Mutual Ministry to provide a pre-made dinner (We are currently working on the details. Please let us know if you would be able to provide a dinner.)
7. Grant Pastor grace and understanding when he is unable to make it to the office and needs to work from home.

Financial support is a big burden for Pastor, the finance team, and the church council. Giving has dropped off substantially, and our Easter offering was surprisingly low as well. We are approaching summer when giving drops off even further, so your generosity is especially appreciated at this time! You can follow our finances by reading the Caring and Sharing Weekly Report which is printed in the Sunday bulletin.

Lastly, thank you to those who attended the Congregational Meeting and elected new members to our church council. I am grateful to everyone who lends a helping hand. We ALWAYS need more volunteers to help our committees and with various projects. I'd be happy to talk to you about how you can become more involved in the life of KLC.

In His Service,

Renee Romerdahl

Mutual Team Members: Marilyn Hopkins, Phil Proctor, Renee Romerdahl

Council Secretary's Report from the April 2022 Council Meeting



A regular meeting of the KLC Council was held virtually via Zoom with a quorum present. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Margie Terluin.

Pastor Joel was absent from the April Council meeting. Renee gave an update on Pastor's latest health report. The Mutual Ministry Team and/or Pastor will inform the congregation at the upcoming Congregation meeting.

Renee's report expresses thanks to the Worship team for enhancing our Holy Week and Easter services. The KLC live stream is gaining more viewers. Our in-person worship is changing with Covid-19 restrictions loosening.

Margie's Treasurer's report states that KLC has a bank balance of approximately \$42,395. Year-to-date income was \$94,434; and year to date expenses were \$86,410. Weekly giving was surprisingly low especially given that it was the Holy Week and Easter.

The Nominating Committee has three people to put on the ballot for the Congregation meeting on Sunday, April 24, 2022.

Monthly money transferred into the Reserve Properties Funds will be suspended through December 2022.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Pendergast

To see a copy of the approved March Council Minutes please [Click Here](#).

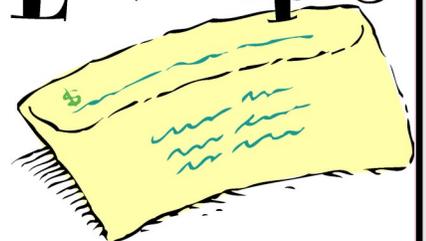
GIVING ENVELOPES

Yes, we are just beginning 2022 and definitely do not want to rush the year, but we would like to ask you to think ahead to the coming year and how you would like to give your commitment to the church. Since many of you are either giving online, mailing your checks to the church, or bringing your donations on Sundays, we wish to only order giving envelopes for those who will actually use them. If we order by June, and definitely no later than July, we will get a discount that will greatly help our budget.

Please consider the process that works best for you for giving. If you wish to continue using a giving envelope, we will gladly order for you. If so, send an email or a note to Cate or put a message in the offering bowl when you are at worship.

Blessings and aloha,
Marilyn, Financial Secretary

Offering Envelopes





STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

As we rejoice in the glory of the resurrection we celebrated on Easter Sunday, we can't help but ponder all that Jesus went through for us. Remembering that God provides all for us, up to and including our salvation through His son's life, death and resurrection, a natural next step is to know that we are truly and remarkably loved. Now what do we do with that personal revelation?

God gave us a role to play in this world. If we follow God's guidance and the teachings of Jesus, we know we can and should help one another. This does not mean just our families and friends, but beyond to our community, the earth, and the world. KLC has wonderful programs in place to spread God's love:

- Keolahou Food Pantry donations of food, money and gifts
- Ohana Klothing Exchange (formerly KKE)
- Kihei Youth Center
- Prayer shawls
- Confirmation classes
- Monday Faith Discussions
- Sharing love within our church with the groups that are beginning to meet again
- Music

Through our giving to the Synod we spread that love even further to programs across the country and the world, and programs to protect our world.

When you support the KLC budget you are doing so much more than paying our bills. You are making a difference. Think about that the next time you make your donation to the church. Feeling God's love and the love we are sharing, consider making an extra donation.

1ST QUARTER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

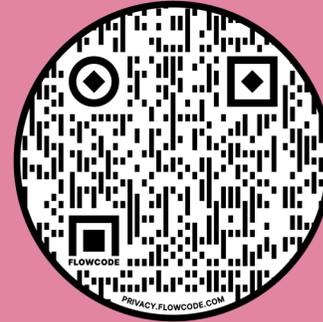
Statements for the first quarter have been emailed using the emails in the church directory. If you did not receive your first quarter statement and would like to have it, please contact Marilyn Hopkin, Financial Secretary, at (808) 250-3710 or financesec@kiheilutheran.org.



Important Statistics

March	2021	2022
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	81—Including online views	180—Including Streaming Views
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$23,575.00	\$22,061.00
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$68,427.60	\$63,884.62

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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Your Assistance Needed



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Hui is running low on money to buy yarn to make more shawls. If this is a ministry you care about, please consider a donation. We also need your help to give away shawls. Since we don't know all the needs or all the joys, we are asking that you take a shawl to anyone you know who is either having a hard time OR having a wonderful day. A big thank you from all the knitters and crocheters.

God bless,
The Prayer Shawl Hui



Church Council

Next Meeting will be:
May 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



MEN'S GROUP

Next Meeting:
When Scheduled

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!)

Carol Gesch	5/1
Nancy Dennison	5/3
Curt Holt	5/3
Bailey Pendergast	5/5
Eryn Pendergast	5/5
Renee Romerdahl	5/7
Lloyd Amundson	5/9
Malysa Scibelli	5/11
Mark Haley	5/11
Deja Campos	5/14

Lisa Gonzalez	5/15
Jack Jorden	5/18
Neil Turnbull	5/18
Duane Chaney	5/24
Don Lee	5/24
Dori Thorngren	5/24
Saylor Pearl	5/26
Danny Boren	5/27
Julie Rekow	5/30



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

Steve and Heather Ceccanti	5/5/2001
Tony and Karen Gucci	5/19/1989



Kihei Lutheran Church

May 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	2 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	3 12pm AI-Anon	4 11:30am Rotary	5 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	6 12pm AI-Anon	7 9am Ohana & Keiki Exchange
8 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	9 Committee Meeting Day—All Meetings online, over the phone or by email 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	10 12pm AI-Anon 5pm Finance Committee Via Zoom	11 11:30am Rotary	12 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	13 12pm AI-Anon 2pm Pest Control Par 3pm Pest Control Church	14
15 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	16 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	17 12pm AI-Anon 7pm Church Council via Zoom	18 11:30am Rotary	19 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	20 12pm AI-Anon	21
22 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	23 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	24 12pm AI-Anon	25— Newsletter Deadline	26 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	27 12pm AI-Anon	28
29 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	30— Memorial Day—Office Closed 10am Faith Journey—Zoom	31 12pm AI-Anon	1 11:30am Rotary	2 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	3 12pm AI-Anon	4 9am Ohana & Keiki Exchange

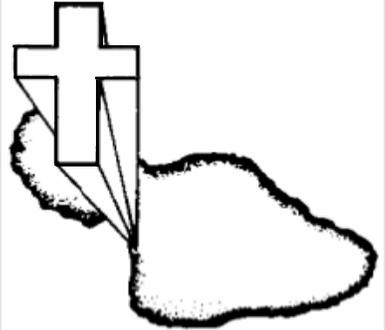
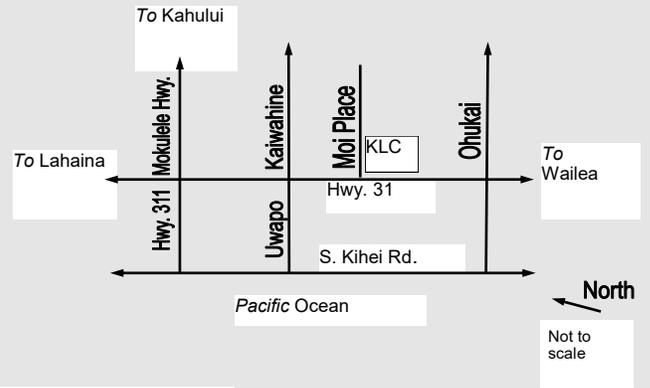
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 Pastor Joel Martyn
 Music Coordinator Beth Fobbe-Wills
 Church Administrative Asst. Cate Evert
 Bookkeeper Sue Whitney

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

Other Contacts
 Treasurer Margie Terluin
 Financial Secretary Marilyn Hopkins
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 E-mail Prayer Chain Cate Evert

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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