



# KLC 'Ohana News

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



JULY 2022

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Joel Martyn

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY MESSAGE

This is the time of year when we are accustomed to hearing from the financial secretary to remind us all that summer is here and that means our bank account is almost empty. We are reminded that this church's budget gets a big boost from visitors and visitors usually don't come to Hawaii in the summer. *I'm not going to do that.*



KLC is here all year round. Every week of the year, with or without visitors, we have a great worship experience with inspirational music and an inspired message. All year long, with or without visitors, we know of the needs around this community and help out through the Ohana Clothing Exchange, Keolahou Food Pantry donations, noisy offerings, and more. The love and sharing and caring – and, yes, the business – of KLC is not a seasonal thing.

*It's our thing!*

We are the church. We love our visitors. We appreciate their donations to KLC. And please know that their donations are generous. Many of our visitors come back year after year because they love KLC and are inspired by the entire worship experience. One man told me after the Easter service how much he enjoyed the service by saying, "I can't explain why, but this service felt different than any I have ever attended, and I just felt good."

I hope we all "just feel good" after every worship service. I hope each and every one of you is inspired by coming to worship here. This is your church, my church, our church. And as our church, we should all want it to succeed. We should all want to keep these doors open to the community. We should all want to help keep our programs going, and our music playing and our love flowing.

Maybe we all need to look at KLC through a visitor's eyes. See the joy that abounds at KLC. Be inspired by the worship and music and message like it's the first time you ever heard it. But know that you have been here before and you keep coming back because you love it here. Know that this is your church, and you want to keep everything going now and moving forward to the future.

Knowing all this, and feeling the love and inspiration of your church, *please* give us your support. Open your pocket books and share your love for KLC so KLC can continue to share love with each and every one of you, every visitor, and the people of this community.

Marilyn Hopkins, Financial Secretary

## ALOHA FROM PASTOR JOEL



Joel  
Martyn



Aloha KLC,

After I finished writing a newsletter article for this month's newsletter, I realized that the content of that article was, for lack of a better term, dense. After re-reading it, and in discussion with our Stewardship leader (also financial secretary, communications director, et al.), I realized that another thought was burning in the back of my mind and within my heart.

I don't know if you have noticed this, but when you come into church on any given Sunday, it just doesn't look like it did 5 years ago. Then we might have seen 100 or so people in worship during the summer months, now we see 30-40. This can be a bit disheartening for many of us because it brings about the logical conclusion in our minds that since there appears to be fewer people coming, then people must have left. If people have left the church, where did they go? Why did they leave? Etc. etc. etc. These thoughts and questions tend to be rather scary and can often spin out of control, create anxiety, and take on a life of their own amongst the membership.

What if I told you that the low attendance on Sunday that we are "seeing" is in fact an illusion? I'm not trying to gaslight anyone reading this who attends in person on Sundays. But it is truly an illusion.

Because of covid, we at KLC have had to implement many changes in the way we "do church" - administer, outreach, pastoral care, congregational care, worship, etc. etc. etc. Those were trying times and the times are still difficult. The need for change was forced upon us. If some changes hadn't happened quickly, then the church would have ceased to exist. Some changes are still necessary.

One of those important changes we made was how we got the worship service and sermon out to the people when we couldn't meet in person. So, we recorded worship, edited, and posted the worship service to each member and friend. Later we received a grant to purchase the equipment we needed to make it possible to live-stream the worship service. This was very successful. Different, new, and convenient for people even during these post-covid times. People from all over the world and Maui, are now tuning in each week to watch and participate in worship with us every week. Last week, while we may have had 35 people in person during worship, we had another 100 or more people tuned in to the live-stream and the recorded version that gets posted on the website. That's over 135 people in attendance for that Sunday! We might not see these people with our eyes. As much as we would like to see them in person and spend fellowship time with them, that's just not always possible. This is a new age in which we are living, that is calling for new and different ways of doing the things that we have always done a certain, comfortable way.

We would be remiss if we didn't embrace the online viewers as part of the worshipping community of KLC. One thing we are trying to do is figure out how we can engage with our online worshippers more efficiently. If anyone has any ideas about engagement with the online viewers, I would like to encourage you to bring your ideas to me or any of the congregational leaders. 135 people in worship last week. That's a blessing! I'm excited to see how many we get to share worship with this week.

Pastor Joel

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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The month of July for many brings thoughts of summer picnics, beaches, camping, activities with family and friends, travel, and long days with plenty of sunlight. Many of us find ourselves traveling to the mainland during the summer months. When you read this message, I will also be off island for a few weeks enjoying summer with family and friends on the mainland. We are so fortunate now to be able to continue worshipping with KLC wherever we may be. The ability to watch our services live or at our convenience is a huge change. In the past I always felt a sense of loss on Sundays when I was not able to worship with my ohana at KLC. But now, I can join you with the link found on our Facebook page! So, please know that while you may not see me physically present at Sunday services during my absence, I will still be worshipping with you!

Attendance is historically low during the summer months at KLC, as is our giving. Even though we may not be physically present, our services and financial expenses continue. This is the time when we especially need offerings and financial support in order to meet expenses. Establishing scheduled giving is one of the best solutions for helping us with funds needed to have a balanced budget in the summer. You can easily set up scheduled giving on the Givelify App where you can set up reoccurring weekly, twice monthly or monthly gifts. You can also choose to give without setting up reoccurring gifts. This is extremely helpful as it allows us to continue to give while we are away during the summer months.

If you haven't had an opportunity to try Givelify, it is quite easy and safe to use. You can either download the app, or you can reach it through our website at [kiheilutheran.org](http://kiheilutheran.org) You will find an orange rectangular button at the top right corner of our website that says Give. Click on this button and you will go directly to Givelify. Then simply select the amount you wish to give and follow the prompts.

We are especially grateful for the summer offerings that we receive. Scheduled offerings are just one way to give during the summer months. Of course, you can always give in person, or by mailing a check to the church office. If you are financially able, you might also consider giving a little extra during this time. Any amount helps as small contributions blend together to become larger blessings.

We are extremely grateful for the many gifts you share with our congregation. The sharing of monetary gifts to keep our ministry going are just one of them. We are blessed by your time, talents, and love that you show to KLC.

May you have a blessed summer wherever you are,

Renee Romerdahl

*Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. Help us to be generous, to share in the blessings of giving as well as receiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



## Council Secretary's Report from the June 2022 Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the KLC Council was held virtually via Zoom with a quorum present. Council welcomed as guests our newest council members; Zel Terluin, Larry Manning, and Don Sauer. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer by Holly Pendergast.

Pastor Joel was absent from the June Council meeting, and he did not submit a report. Renee reported that she remains busy taking care of KLC. She filled in for Pastor one Sunday, and Beth the next. She attended a motivational workshop, reviewed membership rolls, and met with several committees among other things. Renee will be off-island for several weeks; if anything should come up, please reach out to Vice President Sarah Dickmeyer, Admin Assistant Cate, or Pastor Joel.

Margie's Treasurer's report states that KLC has a bank balance of approximately \$38,026. Year to date income was \$138,975; and year to date expenses were \$137,864. Weekly giving was \$1,046.

The Finance Committee was given permission to create a stewardship taskforce, and Cate was given permission to work with the Outreach Committee on our annual rubber slipper drive.

The following Council members were elected serve in office:

President: Renee Romerdahl

Vice President: Sarah Dickmeyer

Secretary: Holly Pendergast

Treasurer: Margie Terluin

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Pendergast

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

### ASKING FOR YOUR HELP

Do you have ideas about marketing or inspiring people? Do you have thoughts about how to encourage support for our church? If so, please join us. A Stewardship Task Force has been established to get congregation thoughts on ways to inspire friends and family of Kihei Lutheran to support the church, its staff and its programs. This task force will also discuss ideas to pay down the principal of the building loan, showing that the sooner this loan is paid the sooner we will be able to put our donations toward doing God's work in the church and community.



This task force will begin mid-August 2022 and continue to no later than the end of November 2022. Meeting times and whether to meet in person or on Zoom will be determined by those involved. Meetings will be planned for every other week unless more meetings are deemed necessary. Part of the work will be accomplished through email communication.

Please be part of this short-term group. Contact Marilyn Hopkins at 808-250-3710 or [financesec@kiheilutheran.org](mailto:financesec@kiheilutheran.org), or you can call the church office and tell Cate you would like to be involved.



# *Ohana & Keiki Exchange*

First Saturday of every month 9-11 am

Kihei Lutheran Church

220 Moi Place Kihei

*Bring what you can*

*Take what you need*

[www.facebook.com/OKEMaui](http://www.facebook.com/OKEMaui)

for more information



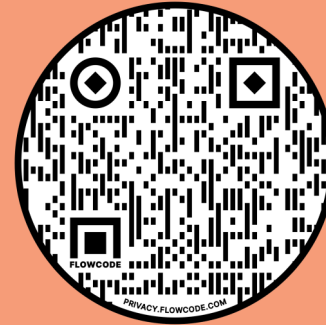
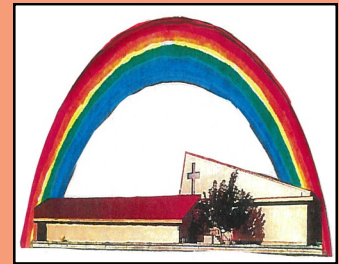
Aloha 'Ohanas! It has been an amazing year of growth so far. We cannot thank everyone enough for your support, donations, patience with ever changing health conditions, volunteering your time and energy. We do have a few announcements to make to help keep everything running smoothly as we continue to grow and serve you, our Maui Ohana.

1. We are getting busier - YAY- but that means we need more volunteers. Please let us know if you can help to sort, run, set up, tear down, help run the welcome desk, or direct traffic. Even if it isn't the exact times on the signup sheet, just shoot us a message or show up and tell us you want to volunteer. Even if it is just 30 minutes that is a HUGE help.
2. **We will NOT be having a JULY event. Too many volunteers off island, and too much competition with lots of amazing local events. The August event will be held as usual. We wish everyone a great, safe holiday weekend.**
3. Please drive slowly in parking lot as there are lots of people walking around. Leave the handicap spots for drop off and handicap parking, and do not park in the grass. We are working at finding parking lot attendants to help.
4. August will be a mini-Keiki fest with local partner providers coming to talk about services they provide. If you run a nonprofit that would like to participate, please let us know. We would love to have you.
5. Please make sure all items are clean, dry, free of any mold/mildew, have all parts, and are in good condition. We have had a few issues the last few months with broken, dirty, ripped and even moldy items being donated.
6. ALL exchange events are being posted on Eventbrite now. Please see attached link for more info about how to sign up to volunteer and attend. Sign up or PM us to help us know if we have enough volunteers for the month. We are posted until the end of 2022. <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../ohana-keiki-exchange-2022...>

## Important Statistics

May	2021	2022
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	67—Including online views	123—Including Streaming Views
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$33,124.89	\$24,247.00
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$126,640.49	\$109,987.62

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.



Scan this QR Code to get to our Givelify page.



### Prayer Shawl—All are Welcome to Join

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



Next Meeting will be:  
July 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



**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](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!



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

Nancy Smith	7/1
Emma Stoltzfus	7/1
Stefanie Cuomo	7/3
John Vorhes	7/3
Mike Johnson	7/5
Tom Rietz	7/6
Cheryl Rietz	7/7
Debbie Emanovsky	7/8
Debbie Galindo	7/8
Roxi Nunan	7/8
Jan Patrick	7/8
Leib Alexander	7/9
Linda Archer	7/13

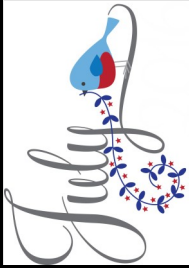
Don Begalke	7/14
Andy Turnbull	7/14
Eric Pilotin	7/15
Megan Pearl	7/15
Nancy Meyer	7/18
Allie Rudow	7/18
Larry Ankrum	7/21
Lindsay Findlay	7/22
Sally Handley	7/24
Kristi Bendon	7/27
Janet Harp	7/27
Ashlynn Kennedy	7/27
Mark Fornwall	7/31



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

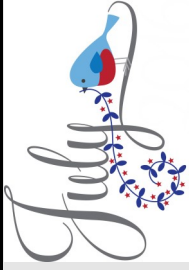
Mark & Marilyn Fornwall	July 3, 1976
Danny & Sharyl Boren	July 18, 2009
David & Sandi Martinsen	July 20, 2012





# Kihei Lutheran Church

## July 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	27 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	28 12pm Al-Anon	29	30 9am Prayer Shawl Hui	1 12pm Al-Anon	2
3—Keolahou Food Pantry Sunday 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	4—Independence Day— Office Closed 10am Faith Journey— Zoom <b>Don't Forget</b>	5 12pm Al-Anon <b>to call</b>	6 11:30am Rotary <b>People to</b>	7 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes <b>check in</b>	8 12pm Al-Anon <b>on them</b>	9
10 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	11—Committee Meeting Day—All Meetings online, over the phone or by email 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	12 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Committee Via Zoom	13 11:30am Rotary	14 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	15 12pm Al-Anon	16
17 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	18 10am Faith Journey— Zoom <b>Don't Forget</b>	19 12pm Al-Anon 7pm Church Council via Zoom <b>to call</b>	20 11:30am Rotary <b>People to</b>	21 9am Prayer Shawl Hui	22 12pm Al-Anon <b>on them</b>	23
24 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	25—Newsletter Deadline 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	26 12pm Al-Anon	27	28 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	29 12pm Al-Anon	30
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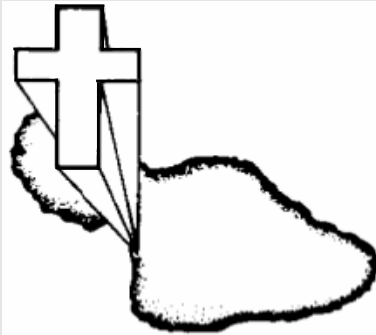
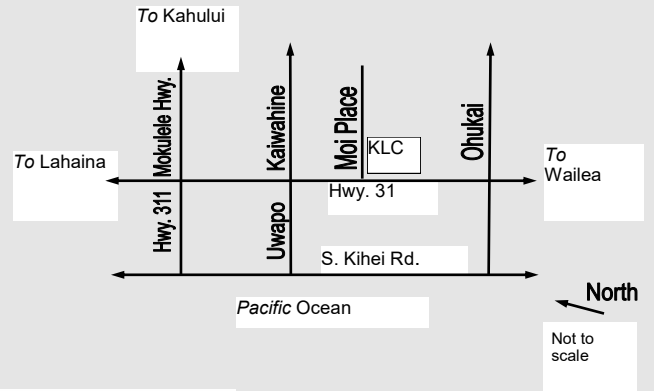
**Staff**  
 Pastor Joel Martyn  
 Music Coordinator Beth Fobbe-Wills  
 Church Administrative Asst. Cate Evert  
 Bookkeeper Sue Whitney

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

**Other Contacts**  
 Treasurer Margie Terluin  
 Financial Secretary Marilyn Hopkins  
 Hula Group Sally Handley  
 E-mail Prayer Chain Cate Evert

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**9:00 AM**



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