



KLC 'Ohana News

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



DECEMBER 2022

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Service Info

We will be having one Christmas Eve service beginning at 4:00 on December 24th. The service will include readings, communion, and music from soloists, our choir, the congregation, and our chimes group. We will conclude with the lighting of candles while singing Silent Night as our hula group dancing the traditional Filipino 'Pandango sa llaw' ('Dance of Light'). Please accept our invitation to join us during this holy time to worship Christ Jesus as we remember and celebrate his birth. After the service we will sing carols and then have dinner with a bonfire. **Don't forget to also join us the next day for our Christmas Day service beginning at 9:00 am. Mahalo.**



CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING &
BUDGET VOTE



Sunday, December 11th right after service.

ATTENTION KLC MEMBERS! DECEMBER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

In an effort to streamline the budget process our church Council is publishing a final budget for approval at the meeting on December 11th. You may pick up a paper copy of the packet at the church or [click here](#) to receive it digitally. The packet includes 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. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

KEIKI CHRISTMAS

This year we will purchase gifts for 100 children who are served at the Keolahou Food Pantry. This outreach project is funded by your generous donations to the Keiki Christmas fund. The suggested donation amount is \$15 per child. If you would like to contribute to this project, then please mark your donation "Keiki Christmas". Wrapping paper is also needed. Both partial and new rolls are accepted. You can bring wrapping paper to church on Sunday or during office hours. For more information, please contact Renee Romerdahl or Nels Romerdahl, 808-874-5695.



End of Year Donations

Your generous gifts are always needed and appreciated this time of year, and any gift you can give will be a blessing. Additional gifts to the general fund are always most helpful, but you may also make gifts to support the building fund, community assistance, or any other need.

The IRS requires that charitable donations must be received at KLC, or postmarked, by December 31 in order to be counted as 2022 charitable deductions. Contributions brought to KLC or postmarked on or after January 1 will be counted as 2023 charitable deductions, no matter what the date is on the check.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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This past month has brought about much change in the life of our congregation. We are currently in a period of transition as Pastor Joel went on disability, leaving his call here at Kihei Lutheran Church. The bishop came to Hawaii to meet with the congregation and leadership to offer his support and assistance during this time. He is currently working on finding an interim pastor for us who will support us, lead us into the future, and through a permanent call process. We welcome back Pastor Roxanne Whitelight who will be with us during Advent, Christmas and January until an interim pastor arrives. We also welcome Pastor Ron Rucker, a potential interim minister, who will lead us in worship on December 18 while he is on island visiting from Alaska.

On December 11, there will be a congregational meeting during which time there will be a pastoral update and the 2023 budget will be presented for approval. When you review the budget, you will see that many line items have been cut or reduced in efforts to lower our budget. During the past two years our expenses have exceeded our income. This year as of November 26, we are \$22,652 "in the hole". Last year the amount was about the same. Both years we have taken \$10,000 from the Ray Benson fund to help cover expenses. However, we cannot continue to do this, and the fund is rapidly depleting. Our ministry is vital, so we must be good stewards to support the ministry, use funds wisely, budget within our means, and work together to ensure the future of KLC. The church council and the finance team have worked hard to prioritize our needs and budget accordingly in developing the 2023 operating budget.

Please continue to support Kihei Lutheran during this time of transition by attending church, the congregational meeting, and our ministry through your time, talents, and finances. Together we are the church!

Lastly, as we enter the Advent season let us remember that this is a time of hope, anticipation, and preparation. Not only for the birth of our Savior but also for the future of Kihei Lutheran Church.

Let Us Walk Into the Light Together,

Renee Romerdahl

The true light that gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. John 1:9

MAHALO NUI LOA

Thank you to everyone who supports KLC by your presence, in person or online; by your giving; by offering your time and talents; by your prayers.

Thank you to all who gave Estimate of Giving cards during our stewardship campaign. We received 35 cards totaling \$151,861. Of course, you can still bring or send your card any time.

Thank you to all who sent checks or provided to our church in any way. You are all so appreciated.



Movie Night

Please join us for another KLC Movie/Bingo Night Saturday, December 17th. Bingo starts at 5:00 and the movie WHITE CHRISTMAS will start at 6:00 or when it gets dark. Please bring your sweet/savory snacks and something to sit on. We will have a little bonfire and s'mores. Also, BYOB. Everyone is invited so bring your friends.

Council Secretary's Report from the November 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 devotion and prayer by Renee Romerdahl.

Renee has been very busy in the past month. She finalized the planning, and then hosted the Evening of Remembrance without Pastor. She organized and participated in many meetings with Mutual Ministry Team, KLC Council, the Synod Bishop, and the congregation regarding Pastor Joel. She arranged pulpit supply for November, December, and January. She began shopping for the Keolahou Keiki Christmas gifts. And she learned that the Mathew 25 Grant that she applied for has been approved, we will be receiving \$1,000 to apply towards our monthly commitments to Keolahou.

Margie reports that by the end of the month KLC will have a bank balance of approximately \$17,000. Year to date income was \$264,235; and year to date expenses were \$280,788. Weekly giving last week was \$1,976.

The Council has finalized the proposed 2023 budget. A congregational meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2022 to approve the budget.

The Council discussed pulpit supply and the parsonage in light of Pastor Joel's departure.

The next regular virtual meeting will be December 20th at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Pendergast

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

Mahalo

Sunday, November 13th, congregation members stayed after service to help fill the Thanksgiving bags that were delivered on Thursday Nov 17th. Food for 80 families was purchased by COAT (Community Outreach/Assistance Team), through grants and generous donations received. Fifteen individual items were placed in the bags. Breakfast goodies were provided, for those who were able to help. Mahalo to Sarah for making her now famous Cherry Bars and Oatmeal CC bars. Everyone enjoyed the food and drinks after what was referred to as "Organized Chaos", by many helping hands.

Mahalo to everyone that stayed to help along with other thanks to Vicki, Keli and Jessica Nelson (for all their hard work), Sue Moorcroft, Hilary Glassel, Jerry Kistler, Our Knitting group, and Cate (who is always willing to pitch in when needed). TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More. We make a great TEAM.

Margie Terluin,
Co-Chair community Outreach

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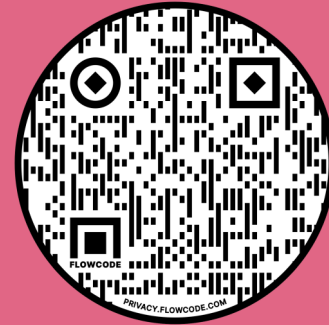


The volunteers from Keolahou are pictured with Vicki, Jessi, and Jerry. They were so grateful to KLC. The food supply at the Food Bank as well as Costco is dwindling, while those in need are greater in number.

Important Statistics

October	2021	2022
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	45—In Person 9—Streaming Views	42—In Person 194—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Views	225—In Person 18—Streaming	208—In Person 774—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$34,228.00	\$15,321
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$232,004.53	\$216,961.72

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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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl

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.

The Prayer Shawl Ladies



Next Meeting will be:
December 20th 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:
Not until the New Year.
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!)



Bob Schumacher	12/1
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
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
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
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 2022

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



Staff

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

Worship Area Coordinators

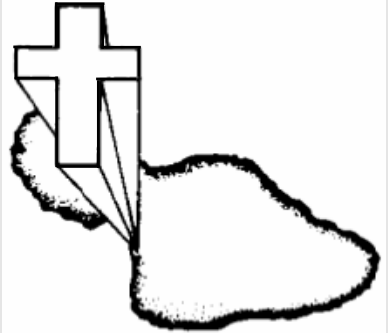
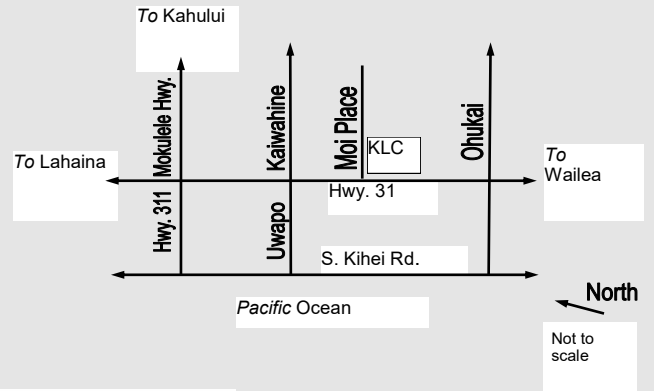
* Chimes & Choir Director Beth Fobbe-Wills
 * Flowers Andrea Harris
 * Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins

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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