



KLC 'Ohana News

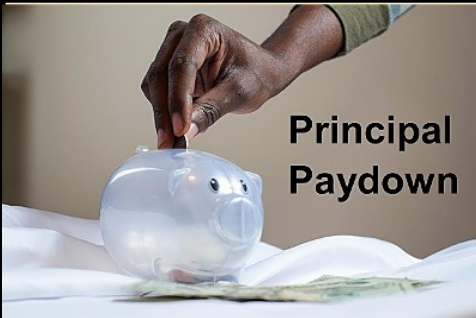
To Share the love and word of God through worship and service to others.



FEBRUARY 2023

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Run Rucker



Principal Paydown

February is Pay-Down-the Mortgage Month

We currently have a mortgage in the amount of \$400,696.65 that is paid from our general fund. The monthly payment is \$2,537, and of that \$1,044.23 went toward principal for January 2023 and \$1,492.77 went toward interest (this changes monthly). We were able to pay \$14,685.82 on principal in 2022. Every time we pay extra on the principal, we are a bit closer to closing the mortgage. More on principal means we pay less interest, the principal payment rises, and we are another step closer to being debt free.

It would be great if we could use that money to help the community. To get closer to that goal, the entire month of February will be Pay-Down-the-Mortgage month. We are asking you to donate with the promise that everything collected will go directly on the principal, allowing us to pay off the mortgage more quickly.

As an **incentive** to giving, two members of our church have generously offered **\$25,000 in matching funds**. That means every \$1.00 you give will have the effect of \$2.00. That includes all the money put in the Be-the-Change box. Since we anticipate your generosity, we will have a fishbowl for overflow. When that overflows, we will provide another container. We will take change, small bills, large bills, small checks, large checks, stocks or whatever else you would like to donate. You can put your donation in one of these containers, put it in the Sunday collection bowl, pay on Givelify or mail it to the office. No donation is too small or too big. Every penny you can offer is greatly appreciated.

For those who watch the live stream or find us on Facebook, know that we consider you all part of our 'ohana. Even though you are not physically with us in the building, we see your names and your comments and know you are part of Kihei Lutheran Church. We hope you feel this connection as well and want to help us pay down this debt so we can use future donations to help God's people.

As a **thank you** for your participation and your donations, Marilyn Hopkins, financial secretary and chair of the stewardship team, has offered to provide a special homemade refreshment item for each Sunday in February. We wish we could share these refreshments with those who watch our online services, but the technology to send baked goods through streaming has not yet been invented.

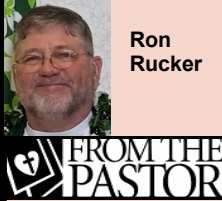
Please pray for how you can help toward this major fundraiser. As we become debt free, we can move on to doing God's work. Together we will make a difference.



GIVING STATEMENTS NOW AVAILABLE

2022 END-OF-YEAR STATEMENTS!!!

The end-of-year statements are here and will be at the host table at services. After that, they will be mailed out Tuesday, February 7th. If you have any questions, please contact the office and Cate will direct you to the correct person to talk to. Mahalo.



ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER

Ron Rucker

Aloha from Pastor Ron,

I am here and about as excited as I can be for an oldster. I enjoyed my trial run on December 18th and I enjoyed even more my first official Sunday, January 22nd, as your current interim pastor.

When I arrived on the island, I was told that there had been 19 workers at the parsonage on the Saturday 3 days before my arrival. And there have been people there working almost every day since I have been here. I cannot tell you just how much your care and efforts have affected me. I tell my wife every time I talk to her how amazing and wonderful you all are.

Speaking of my wife, Nanette, she will be here on February 27th. She had a number of work related issues to resolve in-person in Alaska before she could begin working remotely from here. We currently rent one side of a duplex from our son which we will continue because it is right next to his house and our former house that we our renting to our daughter, son-in-law, and 3 grandchildren.

It has been and will continue to be a whirlwind pace for the foreseeable future. I have already had 2 meetings with some other local pastors, a meeting with the KLC Community Outreach and Assistance Team and my first KLC Church Council. So far all I see are dynamic and engaged leaders, and what a blessing they are. I have also already had my first visitors from Alaska staying at the parsonage and dinner with a niece and her husband from Idaho.

On the Sunday afternoon before I left to come here on Monday, the vast majority but not all of my family in Alaska gathered for January birthdays and to send me on my way to you. A picture of the group and a picture of wife (in the heavy red coat) and 3 of her 5 sisters are below.

If you need my assistance feel free to call Cate in the church office or to call or text my cell phone, 907-841-6992.

May God's grace and peace fill you with joy and wonder.



Presidents Message

This past month, I have witnessed an outpouring of love and support for Kihei Lutheran Church displayed by members, visitors and friends of the congregation. On January 1, I spoke about new beginnings for Kihei Lutheran Church and how we would be moving and transitioning into the future.

I also asked you for help with the preparing the parsonage of our interim pastor, Pastor Ron Rucker, who would be arriving shortly. The response was overwhelming! We had numerous volunteers who provide time, materials and funds to help us repair and prepare the parsonage. We even had visitors come to help! I can't begin to express my gratitude to all of you for your generosity and support.

This past month I have also recognized many returning faces who are coming back home! We are so delighted to reconnect with you! Our ohana is blessed by your presence and we look forward to you taking the journey into the future along side us. I have heard many say they have been reading the newsletter, keeping up with the events at KLC, and that they have been keeping in contact with members of our congregation. If you have been away for a while, this is a great time to come see us!

Of course, our biggest event this past month was the arrival of Pastor Ron Rucker, who began his ministry with us on Sunday, January 22. I'm pleased to say that the church was full of worshipers to warmly welcome him to KLC. Pastor Ron was well received by the congregation. We even had a family visit whose young son commented that he doesn't like going to church, but he really liked our church and our pastor. If you were unable to attend this service, I hope that you will be able to join us again soon.

We have two special Sundays this month that I hope you will be able to attend. On Sunday, February 12th, the Pacifica Synod Bishop Dave Naglar and Pastor JP Sabbithi will be here to preside over services. Pastor JP, who resides on Oahu, is an assistant to the bishop providing support for us. We will be having a brunch with conversation following the service to which you are all invited. Then, the following Sunday, February 19th, we will be having our annual congregational meeting where reports from the 2022 church year will be presented.

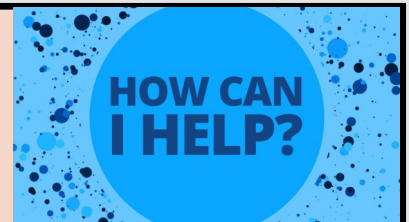
We continue to grow and thrive and are excited for the journey ahead.

Trusting in HIS Care,

Renee Romerdahl

How Can I Help?

We all have a talent to share, a helping hand to lend, an idea to offer, or a way to be involved with KLC. Here are a few suggestions for February. Of course, you are encouraged to join in anywhere you see a need or want to be a part.



- Join in the fundraiser to help pay down the mortgage.
- Attend the annual meeting after worship. February 19th.
- Come to the Ash Wednesday service on February 22nd.
- Bring food for the Keolahau Food Pantry the first Sunday of the month.
- Give a can of soup or chili on Super Bowl Sunday that will go to the Keolahau Food Pantry. Plus support your favorite team by voting with dollars, also for the food pantry.
- Help at the 'Ohana and Keiki Clothing Exchange on February 4 for a half hour, an hour, or more.
- Offer to help Jessica Nelson set up refreshments on Sundays
- Take a prayer shawl to someone you know having a hard time, having a birthday, a birth or any happy event; or take a bunch of prayer shawls to any organization that can give them to their patrons, helpers or friends.



Council Secretary's Report from the January 2023 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 Margie Terluin.

The Council welcomed our interim Pastor, Ron Rucker to the Council. Pastor Ron reports that he has already met with local clergy, as well as some of our Committees.

Council President, Renee Romerdahl has been busy this past month. The following is a list of her activities:

- Held conversations with Bishop Naglar regarding the interim minister position, met with Administration and Executive team to develop the interim minister contract, and wrote the interim minister contract and presented it to Pastor Rucker; Coordinated travel arrangements with Pastor Ron; and Found temporary housing for Pastor Ron.
- Met with Administration and Executive teams to develop the preschool contract for 2023-2024, and wrote the preschool contract and sent it to Little Hoku Preschool along with a letter.
- Visited the parsonage with Zel, making a priority list of projects; asked the congregation for their help with the parsonage; had my husband demolish the bathroom tub and tile surround, replace it, fix irrigation, light fixtures, replace broken fans, move furniture, take multiple trips to the dump, weed the front yard, and more; purchased a new dryer and queen bed for the parsonage; shopped for and purchased all bedding, small electrical appliances and other items on my list; and helped work on the parsonage.
- Led worship and delivered the message on Sunday, January 1.
- Wrote e-blasts and messages for the newsletter and bulletins.
- Sneaked away for five days to help my mother move into assisted living in Bellevue, WA.

Treasurer, Margie Terluin reports that KLC has a bank balance of approximately \$32,997. Year to date income was \$18,238; and year to date expenses were \$11,440. Weekly giving and rent last week was \$3,000.

KLC will hold a Congregational Meeting on February 19, 2023 to present annual committee reports and elect a Council Member Nomination Team. Janet Harp and Keli Nelson's term on Council will come to an end this year. They will work with other congregants to recruit five to six people to join the Council.

The next regular virtual meeting will be February 21st at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Pendergast

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

Congregational Meeting

ATTENTION KLC CONGREGATION

The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for February 19th, 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. The annual report will be published a minimum of 2 weeks ahead of the meeting.

ASH WEDNESDAY

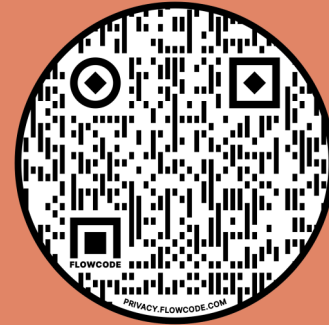
We will have one worship service on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join us. We can't wait to see you.



Important Statistics

December	2021	2022
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	80—In Person 0—Streaming Views	85—In Person 266—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Views	319—In Person 0—Streaming	338—In Person 1,065—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$30,674	\$35,210
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$306,174.53	\$274,474

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



Church Council

Next Meeting will be:
February 21st 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:
March 1st
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!)



Jeff Wright	2/3
Stephanie Mohr	2/5
Simon Stoltzfus	2/7
Jan McDonald	2/8
Harper Hottendorf	2/9
Dave Reader	2/10
Kathleen Reiser	2/10
Jeanie Vance	2/11
Brad Hill	2/14

Carol Wakefield	2/14
Billie Moksnes	2/15
Kayana Kamoku	2/15
Connie Pluchos	2/19
Marilyn Hopkins	2/22
Richard Gesch	2/25
Lanyssa Kennedy	2/27
Jeff Baker	2/27

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



David & Sally Handley	February 14, 1985
Edward & Lindsay Schafer	February 23, 1986
Jack & Nancy Jordan	February 28, 1960
Bryan & Megan Pearl	February 29, 2012



Kihei Lutheran Church February 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	30 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	31 12pm Al-Anon	1 11:30am Rotary	2 9am Prayer Shawl Hui	3 12pm Al-Anon	4 9am OKE (Ohana & Keiki Exchange)
5 9am Worship 10am Worship Team Meeting 5pm Tongan Church	6 10am Faith Journey— Zoom Don't Forget	7 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Committee Via Zoom to call	8 11:30am Rotary People to	9 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes check in	10 12pm Al-Anon on them	11
12 9am Worship 10am Brunch 5pm Tongan Church	13 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	14 12pm Al-Anon	15 11:30am Rotary	16 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	17 12pm Al-Anon	18
19 9am Worship 10am Annual Congregational Meeting 5pm Tongan Church	20 10am Faith Journey— Zoom Don't Forget	21 12pm Al-Anon 7pm Church Council via Zoom to call	22—Ash Wednesday— Newsletter Deadline 7pm Ash Wednesday Ser- vice People to	23 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes check in	24 12pm Al-Anon on them	25 9am Hale Hui Kai Association Meeting
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Staff

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

Worship Area Coordinators

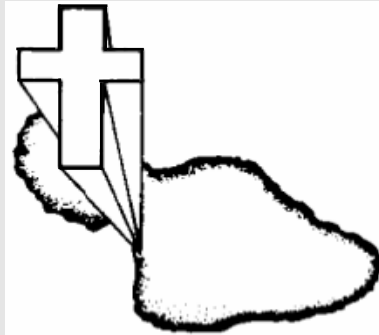
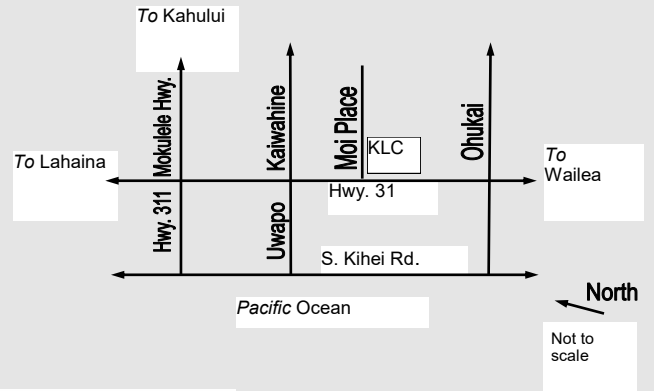
Chimes & Choir Director Beth Fobbe-Wills
 Flowers Andrea Harris
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins

Other Contacts

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 Financial Secretary Marilyn Hopkins
 Hula Group Sally Handley
 E-mail Prayer Chain Cate Evert

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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