



KLC 'Ohana News

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



APRIL 2023

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

HOLY WEEK



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

WORSHIP SCHEDULE Holy week is the first week of April and concludes on Easter Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join us during the week. We look forward to seeing you.

- Sunday April 2—Palm Sunday—Kihei Lutheran Church—9:00 a.m.
- Thursday April 6—Maundy Thursday—Kihei Lutheran Church—7:00 p.m.
- Friday April 7—Good Friday—Kihei Lutheran Church—7:00 p.m.
- Sunday April 9—Easter—Kihei Lutheran Church—8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Week—What to Expect



Palm Sunday

Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we hear Matthew's account of the passion today and John's version on Good Friday. Though Jesus is obedient even unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. This holy week will culminate in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

Maundy Thursday

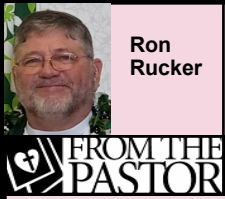
With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

Good Friday

The service is based on the Stations of The Cross—a devotion that was developed in the Middle Ages by the Franciscans as a way of allowing people who could not travel to the Holy Land to walk where Christ walked on the day of his passion. By the end of the 17th century many churches had stations, or stops, arranged at intervals along their walls, each with a cross and beneath that cross a representation of an event in the passion narrative. Nine of the fourteen stations are taken directly from scripture; the other five come out of the earliest traditions of the church. Each station has a devotion wherein a narrator will speak, followed by a meditation or thought. Following the meditation there will be a prayer, after which a candle will be extinguished, signifying the ebb of Christ's life.

Easter Sunday

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!



ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER

Aloha from Pastor Ron,

My wife, Nanette, and I wish to express our amazement and gratitude at the overwhelming care, graciousness, hospitality, and kindness we have received from all of you who are part of the KLC community. She has been trying to manage her work schedule to keep some evenings somewhat open and most of Sundays. This will become more difficult for her over the next few weeks as another tax deadline approaches. She and I will be returning to Alaska around April 24th or 25th. I will only be gone a week but it will include a Sunday, April 30th. Nanette will be gone two or three weeks more than I.

Music, especially church music, is very important to us. She has been accompanying church music for approximately 60 years and I have been singing in churches and elsewhere almost that long. For Easter, Beth has been working with a group of six to eight persons on a four part tenor/bass hymn. A men's quartet has also begun gathering at the parsonage on Monday nights to begin putting together some more special music. Finally, we are hoping with council's blessing to begin an expanded choir program this fall. If you are interested in singing in the choir or doing some special music, let Beth or Cate know. I will not encourage you to tell me because, truth be told, I'll probably forget to tell those other important persons.

Speaking of council, elections are coming up. As someone with extensive lay leadership experience in the past, I cannot overemphasize the importance of the council to the function and ministry of KLC or any church. Both members and associate members may be elected to council. Members have both voice and vote. Associate members have voice but not voting privileges. The current council has been operating at three-fourths strength and two members are required to terminate their council service per our constitution. That means that there are five vacancies to be filled, so, if you are interested and willing to serve on council please let one of the nominating committee members know.

By the way, this council is hugely important over the next year or so because they are the driving force behind the Transition Team and the Call Committee. Those two groups will have immense impact on who and when a permanent pastor comes to serve KLC.

Prepare yourselves because the busy time of Holy Week and Easter is upon us. Looking forward to seeing you in the many different worship opportunities.

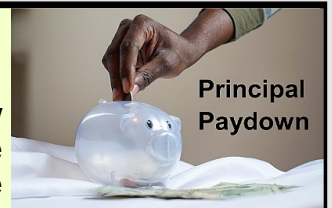
Finally, I have not and will not talk much about stewardship because I was raised with stewardship being personal. Stewardship is, however, key to our Christian life, and the viability of any congregation. Do not get me wrong. stewardship is service, both financially and physically. In order for KLC to do what we believe we are being called to do takes both your money **and** you. It is almost real baseball season, so the question is, will you step up to the plate.

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, repentance and wonder this Easter Season.

PAY-DOWN-THE-MORTGAGE

The final amount received to pay down the principal is \$46,984.22, giving us a new mortgage balance of \$351, 469.11. If you wish to pay toward the principal in the future, please be sure to write "principal" on your check or envelope. If you just write "mortgage," your money will go toward the regular monthly mortgage payment. The response to this fundraiser was wonderful. You made a nice dent in our mortgage which will make a nice dent in the interest we pay.



Presidents Message

As a child I learned the sayings “March goes in like a Lion, and out like a Lamb” and that “April Showers Bring May Flowers” which always seemed to hold true, especially living in the Pacific Northwest. Spring is typically a time of rebirth, planting, and home repairs after the winter season.

This April, Kihei Lutheran will be experiencing rebirth, planting and repair at our parsonage. It is time to tackle the backyard landscaping as we repair landscape damage and prepare to replant the lawn.

As always, many hands make light work. There will be a work party at the parsonage on Saturday, April 22. We will be moving 110 sacks of dirt from the driveway to the backyard where they will be split open and spread in preparation for planting grass seed. All helping hands are welcome as there will be plenty of tasks for all! If you have a dolly, wheelbarrow, utility knife or rake then please bring them with you as we will need these tools. If you do not have any of these, then just bring your helping hands.

Work parties such as these are a part of stewardship. Sharing your time, talents, and finances are all a part of stewardship. Service comes in many different forms; providing refreshments or flowers on Sunday, being a greeter, participating in music ministry, serving on a committee, volunteering time for special projects, playing a role in Sunday services, serving on church council, or spreading dirt at the parsonage. There are so many ways in which you can participate in the life of Kihei Lutheran and support our ministry.

Stewardship is simply recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God and being grateful and generous with those gifts. Sharing your gifts and time touches so many both within and outside of our congregation. Please consider how you might give your time and talents to our congregation. It might be spreading dirt at the parsonage, helping with Sunday services, getting involved with a committee or special project, or even serving on church council. The joy that comes in serving and giving back is ten fold. Regardless of how you wish to share your gifts, we are grateful to have you as a part of our ohana.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1Peter 4:10

Thanking God for You,

Renee Romerdahl

Helping Hands Needed

What: We need help moving sacks of dirt from the driveway at the parsonage to the backyard where we will open and spread them in preparation for planting grass seed.

Where: Parsonage—2218 Auina Place in Kihei.

Parking is extremely limited; drop equipment at parsonage, let us know you are here, then move your car, we will be parking across the street from Kamalii Elementary and providing shuttle service

When: Saturday, April 22

Time: 8:00AM

Bring: Your loving heart and helping hands *Dolly/Handcart, utility knife, rake if you have any.*

Questions: Contact Sue Moorcroft or Renee Romerdahl





Council Secretary's Report from the March 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 Janet Harp.

Pastor Ron reported that he continues to meet with individuals and groups. He has begun telephoning past congregants. Adult education is going well. Lenten services will move to 5:00

Council President, Renee Romerdahl, reported on the following activities for the church. Interior work in the parsonage was completed in time for Pastor Ron's wife's arrival on February 27. The Mutual Ministry held our first meeting with Pastor Ron on February 27. We will continue to meet on a monthly basis. Planning has begun for the parsonage landscaping project. We are hoping to have stumps ground on Sunday, March 26, and we are looking at another date in April for a work party at the parsonage. We continue to see familiar faces at church on Sunday and have welcomed many visitors from the mainland and Canada. Pastor JP called to check in with me; he continues to keep us in his prayers and offer his support.

Treasurer, Margie Terluin, reports that last week's giving and rent was \$1,626. Year-to-date income was \$63,615. Year-to-date expenses were \$53,810. We have a bank balance of approximately \$38,738.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Pendergast

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

ATTENTION KLC CONGREGATION

A Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, April 23rd following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect members for the 2023-2024 Church Council. Please make plans to attend as we need a quorum to conduct business.

Congregational Meeting

How Can I Help?

Here are a few suggestions of things you can do for April. Of course, you are encouraged to join in anywhere you see a need or want to be a part.

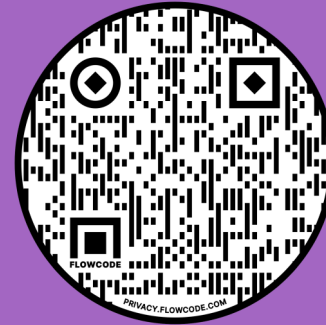


- Attend Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services and help if needed.
- Join us for Easter, either 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. Help as you see a need.
- Attend the adult study of the Book of Revelations after Worship.
- Attend the congregational meeting and elect members for the 2023-2024 Church Council.
- The Nominating Committee is looking for people to serve on Council. Prayerfully consider giving your time and talent through Council.
- The Community Outreach, Finance, & Property teams are looking for more voices. Consider joining one of these.
- Clean some outside bulletin boards. Decorate one of them.
- Give an hour to the 'Ohana and Keiki Klothng Exchange the first Saturday of any month
- Bring food for the Keolahau Food Pantry the first Sunday of any month
- Continue to give to Be the Change
- Continue to give toward paydown of the mortgage principal.

Important Statistics

February	2022	2023
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	76—In Person 146—Streaming Views	96—In Person 195—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Views	302—In Person 585—Streaming	385—In Person 778—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$20,952.62	\$19,207
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$41,823.62	\$36,531.50

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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:
April 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



MEN'S GROUP

Next Meeting:
April 26th at 5:00
p.m.
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!)



Fred Trott	4/1
Joshua Gonzalez	4/2
River Boren	4/3
Dawn Misner	4/5
Makena Smith	4/11
Elisabet Jorgenson	4/14
Jami Casey	4/15

Victoria Gonzalez	4/17
Berta Sieck	4/21
Vicki Nelson	4/25
Erica Pilotin	4/25
Steve Webb	4/25
Aliyah Spencer	4/30
Bryan Pearl	4/30

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



Keli & Vicki Nelson	4/1/1989
Larry & Denise Ankrum	4/6/1963
Ron & Gloria Carlson	4/6/1963
Bryan & Rhonda Taylor	4/8/1989
Joel & Nancy Smith	4/23/1960



Kihei Lutheran Church April 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	27 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	28 12pm Al-Anon	29 7pm Midweek Lenten Ser- vice	30 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	31 12pm Al-Anon	1 9am OKE (Ohana & Keiki Exchange) 5:30pm Movie/Bingo Night
2—Palm Sunday 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	3 10am Faith Journey— Zoom Don't Forget	4 12pm Al-Anon to call	5 11:30am Rotary 3:30pm Piano Tuning People to	6—Maundy Thursday 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship check in	7—Good Friday—Office Closed 12pm Al-Anon 7pm Good Friday Worship on them	8
9—Easter Sunday 8:30am Easter Worship 10:30am Easter Worship 5pm Tongan Church	10—Office Closed 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	11 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Committee Via Zoom 6pm Worship Committee Via Zoom	12	13 9am Prayer Shawl Hui	14 12pm Al-Anon	15
16 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	17 10am Faith Journey— Zoom Don't Forget	18 12pm Al-Anon 7pm Church Council via Zoom to call	19 11:30am Rotary People to	20 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes check in	21 12pm Al-Anon on them	22 6:30pm Joyce Romero Celebration of Life
23 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	24 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	25—Newsletter Deadline 12pm Al-Anon	26 5pm Men's Hui	27 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	28 12pm Al-Anon	29
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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

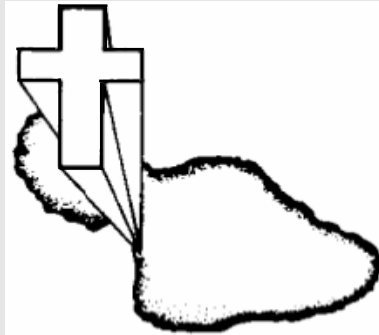
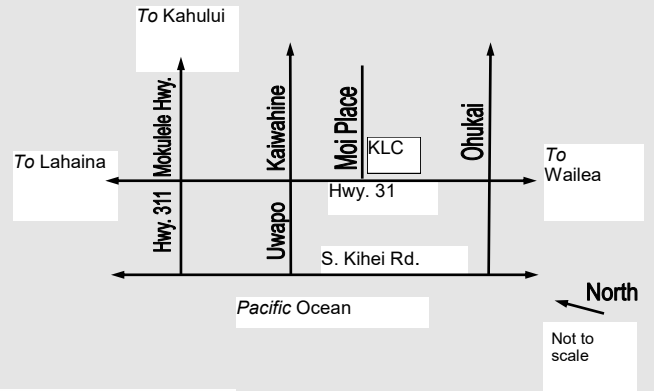
Chimes & Choir Director Beth Fobbe-Wills
 Flowers Andrea Harris
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins

Other Contacts

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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