



KLC 'Ohana News

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



MARCH 2023

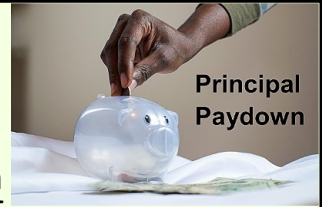
KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

PAY-DOWN-THE-MORTGAGE THANK YOU! MAHALO!

Thanks be to God for what He has given us and what we give back!

You are so appreciated! We so far raised \$19,880 in checks and \$654.22 in cash plus the \$25,000 generously given as matching funds. This gives a total of \$45,534.22. February has ended, but we aren't stopping there. You can continue to give toward the principal of the mortgage any time. Any amount is helpful to both lower the principal and lower the interest we pay. When we close this debt we can put our money to better use for God's people.

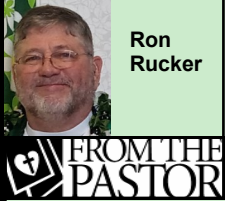


Marilyn and the Stewardship Team

Souper bowl of Caring

On Sunday, February 12th, we collected 60 cans of soup and other items along with \$136 that were donated as you selected the team you wanted to win the Super Bowl. A check and the soup were delivered by Pastor Ron, Zel and Margie along with 503 other items collected in January and February. Pastor Ron had an opportunity to meet the Coordinator of the pantry (Aloha) and some of the volunteers at Kelahou. Mahalo for your continued generosity and support of the Keolahou Food Pantry.





Ron Rucker

ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER

Aloha from Pastor Ron,

Well, here I am approaching the end of my first 6 weeks on island. I am slowly acclimating to both the climate and the geography. And, of course, the most exciting news is my wife, Nanette, will also be on island starting February 27th. She has been working excessively hard to prepare for the transition from working in the office to working remotely. I believe she has now told me that she has allocated both Tuesday and Wednesday for catch-up, recovery, and setting up her remote work station, and that on Thursday she will return to a schedule that includes appointments, however that will work.

There continue to be somewhat smaller projects around the parsonage being done mostly by Eric Romerdahl including the renovation of the master bath, which isn't quite so small. Renovation of the backyard, and removal of shelves and an old refrigerator from the parsonage garage are larger projects in personnel and scope yet to be completed.

I have the wonderful opportunity to continue to meet with members of KLC and others, although I am fully aware that I need to do even more. I also continue to be involved in the life of KLC by participating in every group meeting I can, and in the life of Kihei, in general, by participating in gatherings and meetings with other clergy and more.

We are now in the season of Lent. It was exciting to have an Ash Wednesday service, and we will continue with short Wednesday evening Lenten services. Lent is typically a somber season of fasting (giving up something important to us), reflection, and repentance. This Lenten season, I encourage all of us to focus on repentance and thanksgiving - in fact, joyful thanksgiving for the great gift of adoption and salvation God gives to us in Christ Jesus.

Finally, it is exciting to anticipate the return of adult education on Sunday mornings after worship. We begin this on Sunday March 5th with the start of a study in the Book of Revelation. Come join us.

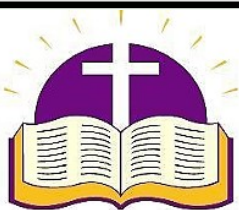
If you need my assistance feel free to call Cate in the church office or to call or text my cell phone, 907-841-6992.

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

Midweek Lenten Services: Sing with All the Saints in Glory



Please join us for our Lenten midweek series, "Sing With All the Saints in Glory." Every Wednesday during Lent starting at 7:00 PM.



Sunday Morning Adult Study

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Please join us starting March 5th for an adult study on the Book of Revelation. We will meet in the lower classroom after Sunday service is concluded. Please feel free to grab a snack from hospitality and come and see what it's all about.

Presidents Message

This month the Church Council Nomination Team of Keli and Vicki Nelson, Janet Harp, and Marilyn Hopkins will begin the search for new council members. They may be asking you to consider serving our congregation by submitting your name for the church council elections to be held in April. You may think that you are not qualified to serve, or that it takes too much time, or it might be something you have always avoided. So, I ask you to prayerfully reconsider your position as you may actually be the perfect person to serve on the KLC Church Council.

Our Congregational council consists of up to 12 congregation members and the pastor. We currently have 3 open positions and 2 people leaving council because they have reached their term limits. This means that we have 5 vacancies on the council that need to be filled.

Our church council works together to serve our congregation, to plan and coordinate the work within the church; "with a general oversight of the life and activities, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America."

We have virtual meetings on Zoom on the third Tuesday of every month. Our meetings average about 1 hour in length. As a council member you also serve one of the church committees as a liaison between the committee and the church council. This can be a committee on which you are already involved with or serve on. Given that there are an average of 737 hours in a month, giving a couple of hours of service to our congregation is a small ask.

With our church currently in a transitional phase it is the perfect time to consider serving on the church council. You must be a member of the congregation in order to serve on church council. Associate members and nonmembers are not eligible. However, if you are a member who does not live on Maui full time, you are also encouraged to consider serving on council. Having a wide representation of our congregation on the church council is beneficial.

The willingness to serve and make a contribution to the life of our congregation is significant and greatly appreciated by all. Please let one of the Church Council Nomination Team members know if you are interested in serving on council. We welcome all questions and inquiries regarding our time and service on the KLC church council. Simply ask a current council member or me if you would like more information.

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*

In His Service,

Renee Romerdahl



Council Secretary's Report from the February 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 Holly Pendergast.

Pastor Ron reports that he has met with several members and non-members over the last month. He has attended several committee meetings, as well as the pastors' conference in Honolulu. He is meeting with a local interfaith group to discuss LGBTQ+ issues. Pastor is preparing for Ash Wednesday and Lenten services. He is starting an adult class on Sundays covering the Book of Revelation. He and Renee have decided on tentative office hours of 8:30-4:30, with Mondays and Saturdays off. Pastor Ron has gone through our constitution, and plans on proposing amendments to bring it up to current ELCA guidelines. Pastor Ron will be making contact with folks who haven't been to church in a while. Please reach out to him if you would like to chat.

Council President Renee Romerdahl has met with our ELCA liaison along with Bishop Nagler to get us started on the transition and call process. She also worked to create a landlord/tenant contract for the parsonage that will require an annual inspection. Negotiations for the contract with Little Hoku Preschool for the 2023-24 school year have been finalized. She has worked to ensure the parsonage will be ready for Pastor's wife to arrive at the end of the month.

Treasurer Margie Terluin reports that KLC has a bank balance of approximately \$36,395. Year-to-date income was \$39,946; and year to date expenses were \$30,686. Weekly giving and rent last week was \$3,800. The mortgage principal pay-down account has \$42,555.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Pendergast

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

How Can I Help?

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

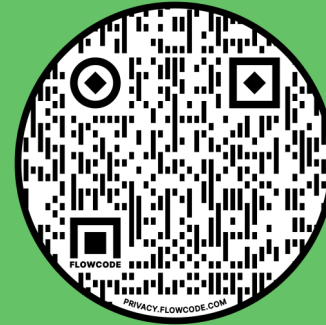


- Adopt an outdoor bulletin board for Lent and Easter.
- Donate a lamp for the parsonage. See Sue Moorcroft or Renee Romerdahl.
- Bring in a piece of driftwood or a smooth rock for below the altar
- Attend the adult study of the Book of Revelations after Worship
- Come to the Wednesday Lenten "Sing with the Saints" beginning at 7:00 PM.
- The Nominating Committee will be looking for people to serve on Council. Prayerfully consider giving your time and talent through Council.
- Give an hour to the 'Ohana and Keiki Clothing Exchange the first Saturday of any month
- Bring food for the Keolahau Food Pantry the first Sunday of any month
- Offer to help Jessica Nelson set up refreshments on Sundays. Or bring a snack for after worship.
- 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 an organization such as Hale Makua.
- Continue to give to Be the Change
- Continue to give toward paydown of the mortgage principal.

Important Statistics

January	2022	2023
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	58—In Person 0—Streaming Views	61—In Person 188—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Views	288—In Person 0—Streaming	307—In Person 942—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$20,871	\$17,324.50
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$20,871	\$17,324.50

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 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.

The Prayer Shawl Ladies



Next Meeting will be:
March 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 and 29th
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!)

Larry Nelson	3/2
Dave Spencer	3/2
JoAnn Patterson	3/3
Charlotte Wright	3/8
Nels Romerdahl	3/20
Doug Paulson	3/21

Mo Hottendorf	3/21
Nathaniel Bell	3/26
Owen Pendergast	3/26
Peter Vorhes	3/26
Zel Terluin	3/28
Micheala Scibeli	3/28
Teri Ocean	3/31



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

Peter & Jeanne Vorhes	3/1/1991
Larry & Donna Nelson	3/3/1962
Jake & Linda Hangartner	3/4/2006
Romy & Debbie Galindo	3/9/1996
Tom & Cheryl Rietz	3/15/1985
Mike & Gina Johnson	3/24/1990
Joe & Nancy Kentz	3/27/1993





Kihei Lutheran Church March 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	27 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	28 12pm Al-Anon	1 11:30am Rotary 7pm Midweek Lenten Ser- vice	2 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	3 12pm Al-Anon	4 9am OKE (Ohana & Keiki Exchange)
5 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	6 10am Faith Journey— Zoom Don't Forget	7 12pm Al-Anon to call	8 7pm Midweek Lenten Ser- vice People to	9 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes check in	10 12pm Al-Anon 4pm Piliani Villages AOA on them	11 8:30am Kihei Holiday AOAO
12 9am Worship 10am Worship Team Meeting 5pm Tongan Church	13 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	14 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Committee Via Zoom	15 11:30am Rotary 7pm Midweek Lenten Ser- vice	16 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	17 12pm Al-Anon	18
19 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	20 10am Faith Journey— Zoom Don't Forget	21 12pm Al-Anon 7pm Church Council via Zoom to call	22 7pm Midweek Lenten Ser- vice People to	23 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes check in	24 12pm Al-Anon on them	25— Newsletter Deadline Keonekai Villages 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

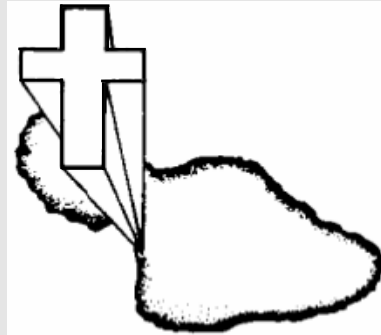
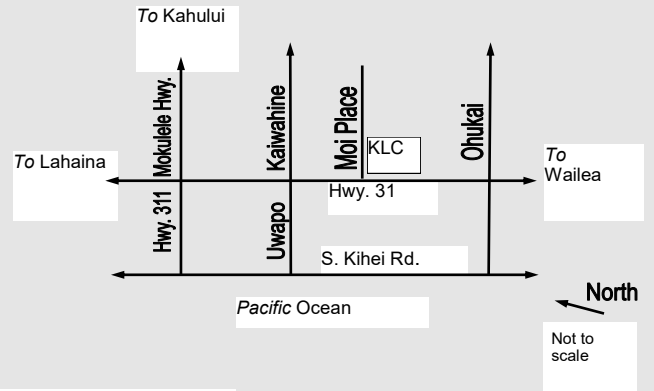
Chimes & Choir Director Beth Fobbe-Wills
 Flowers Andrea Harris
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins

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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