



KLC 'Ohana News

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



MAY 2023

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker



Calling All Singers!! Young and Old!! A Seasoned Singer or a Wanna-Be!! All Are Welcome!!

Kihei Lutheran Church has always had a strong tradition of multiple musical groups. Over the past seven years, due to people moving off island, passing away and aging, we have lost the majority of our choir members. Many people would love to have a choir but we need singers. That is the reason behind this note. I am asking anyone interested in being in a KLC choir to contact me directly. Even if you have previously

been in the choir, you need to contact me if you are interested in being a part of this new group. I will need to know the following:

1. Your Name.
2. Your Preferred Singing Voice-SATB-if you are not sure of this, we can easily figure this out.

That's it. We need new blood in this organization. We have a good core in some of the sections, but not all. Be a part of this new growth.

Email me as soon as possible so that we can make a decision on building this new KLC group. A decision will need to be made by July 1. beth@willsmaui.com

How Can I Help?

Here are a few suggestions of things you can do for May. We're sure you can think of other ways to be involved.

- Get to know your Council members - Mark Haley, Dave Ballaine, Renee Romerdahl, Sarah Dickmeyer, Joshua Gonzalez, Vicki Nelson, Sue Moorcroft, Don Sauer, and Zel Terluin.
- Bring a friend to church.
- Talk to visitors or someone you don't know well after worship.
- Bring a snack for hospitality time.





Ron Rucker

ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER

Aloha from Pastor Ron,



Alleluia! Jesus is risen. Alleluia indeed!

April was an amazing month. Nanette made it through another tax season. The end of Lent and the beginning of the Easter seasons were amazing. Thanks to the kindness and leadership of the KLC worship team and KLC's many different worship leaders, I experienced for the first time as a pastor many new and special Lent and Easter events. Mahalo.

Of course, a special thanks goes to Beth for coordinating all the Easter related services and music. She works fulltime yet finds the time to encourage and work with all the liturgical and special music providers. Beth, you are amazing.

Speaking of liturgical and special music providers. The music provided by all enhanced our worship experience immensely. Thank you. You are all the salt of the earth.

The election of new council members is complete. Thanks to those who ran and those who were present for the congregational meeting and vote. I do believe that there are still one or two vacancies on the council, so we are still interested in having the council appoint members to these vacancies for one year. It is important to have a full and active council for the next few years. If you are interested, please contact the church office, Renee, or myself. In a play on the end of our worship services – the election has ended, now the service begins.

It is time for the congregation and the council to begin focusing on the transition process. This begins in seriousness when the council appoints a transition team. The transition team's primary tasks are to answer questions like: Who are we? Who is our neighbor? What is God calling us to be? And finally, what is God calling us to do? Each of these basic questions has any number of internal or supporting questions that must also be answered along the way. Again, if you would like to be a part of the transition team, please contact the church office, Renee, or myself.

Nanette and I would like to thank the congregation and especially the volunteers for making backyard grass a possibility at the parsonage. The parsonage yard gets better and better every week. And, of course, Eric Romerdahl deserves special recognition for designing the project, acquiring materials, and then going to the parsonage several times each day to water the new backyard grass seed while I have been on vacation.

Finally, speaking of vacation, thanks for allowing Nanette and I some time off so quickly. Before this interim pastorship was in anybody's mind, we had bought tickets to see Jersey Boys in Anchorage with Nanette's sister Peggy and her husband, Boyd, for his 75th birthday. We had a great time. Our son, Joe, came to pick us up at the airport and surprised us by bringing our youngest grandchild, Knox, with him. What a special treat. I also found out that walking and rain in Wasilla is a lot colder than Kihei.

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

Alleluia! Jesus is risen. Jesus is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presidents Message

This past month was a busy one as it immediately began with Holy Week. What beautiful services we had to celebrate the resurrection on Easter Morning! A special thank you to everyone who helped make it such a special morning.

On Earth Day we had a work party at the parsonage where 14 volunteers with 28 helping hands worked together to restore the lawn in the backyard. This was a major task as we spread 330 cubic yards of dirt rolled the dirt, spread seed, raked and rolled it once again! A hedge of eighteen crotons was also planted along with some ti plants. The backyard has been transformed! Sprouts of green should be appearing very shortly! I am so grateful to all the volunteers who helped with this project as it wouldn't have been possible without all of you.

Our annual April Congregational Meeting was also held this month to elect members to the KLC Church Council. The 2023-34 Church Council terms will begin on July 1, 2023. Our newly elected members are Dave Ballaine, Joshua Gonzalez and Vicki Nelson. Sarah Dickmeyer, Mark Haley and I were elected to serve a second term. I am grateful for all of our church council members and for their willingness to serve Kihei Lutheran as a member of the council.

Pastor Ron and I will be meeting at the beginning of this month to begin working on preparing for a transition team. The main purpose of the transition time is to "mobilize, discover and generate the capacity to thrive anew" and "to discover a new and deepened sense of identity and purpose for the congregation". This will be an exciting time for our congregation in which you will all play an important role. As we plan for the future, we can be sure that God has great plans for us.

Thanking God For You,

Renee Romerdahl

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3



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 Mark Haley.

Pastor Ron reports that he continues to meet with individuals and groups. The Transition Team for calling a new pastor will begin next month. Pastor will be off island for one week starting April 24th and return the following Monday. Pastor emphasizes the importance of greeting folks before service in addition to the '3 minutes' after.

Council President, Renee Romerdahl, reports that much of her work this past month has been centered on the parsonage landscaping and solar panels. Easter and Lent were beautifully celebrated, and many visitors have complimented our services. Renee will start working with Pastor at the beginning of May on the process of starting the transition team

An inspection of the church property's water systems revealed some major problems that are required by the County of Maui to be remediated. The Property Team is working to get the project started.

Janet Harp, with the Finance Committee, reports that last week's giving was \$3,851. Year to date income was \$90,239. Year to date expenses were \$76,386.

The next regular virtual meeting will be May 16th at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

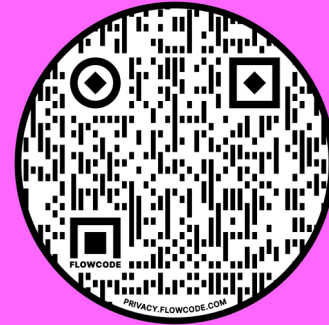
Holly Pendergast

March's Council Minutes were accidentally left out of the council packet and therefore not approved. There will be two month's of minutes to look at in the next Newsletter. Mahalo for your understanding.

Important Statistics

March	2022	2023
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	51—In Person 93—Streaming Views	100—In Person 259—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Views	255—In Person 465—Streaming	398—In Person 1035—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$23,575	\$18,383
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$68,427.60	\$54,914.50

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

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:
May 16th 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:
May 23rd at 5:00
p.m.
All are Welcome



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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!)

Carol Gesch	5/1
Nancy Dennison	5/3
Curt Holt	5/3
Bailey Pendergast	5/5
Eryn Pendergast	5/5
Renee Romerdahl	5/7
Lloyd Amundson	5/9
Malysa Scibelli	5/11
Mark Haley	5/11
Deja Campos	5/14

Jerry Sieck	5/14
Lisa Gonzalez	5/15
Jack Jordan	5/18
Neil Turnbull	5/18
Duane Chaney	5/24
Don Lee	5/24
Dori Thorngren	5/24
Saylor Pearl	5/26
Danny Boren	5/27



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

Steve and Heather Ceccanti	5/5/2001
Tony and Karen Gucci	5/19/1989





Kihei Lutheran Church May 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	1 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	2 12pm Al-Anon	3 11:30am Rotary	4 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	5 12pm Al-Anon 4:30 pm Ka Ono Ulu Commu- nity Association	6 9am OKE (Ohana & Keiki Exchange)
7—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	8 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	9 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Committee Via Zoom 6pm Worship Committee Via Zoom	10 11:30am Rotary	11 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	12 12pm Al-Anon	13
14—Mother's Day 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	15 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	16 12pm Al-Anon 7pm Church Council via Zoom	17 11:30am Rotary	18 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 11am Clergy Lunch at Church 6pm Chimes	19 12pm Al-Anon	20
21 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	22 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	23 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Men's Hui	24	25—Newsletter Deadline 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	26 12pm Al-Anon	27
28—Pentecost Sunday 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	29 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	30 12pm Al-Anon	31	1 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	22 12pm Al-Anon	3 9am OKE (Ohana & Keiki Exchange)

Staff

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

Worship Area Coordinators

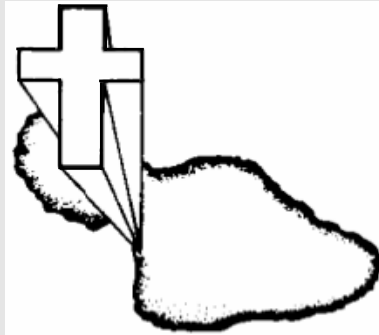
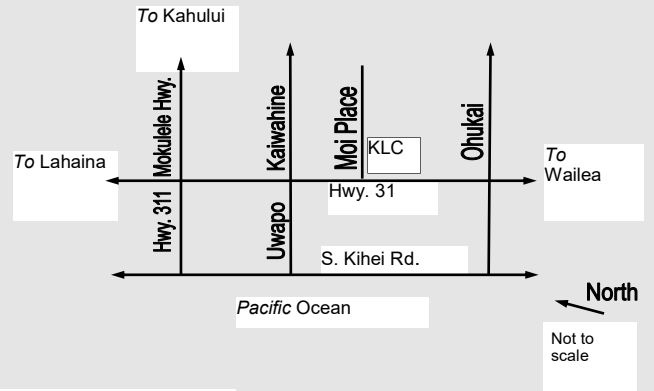
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 Flowers Andrea Harris
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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