



KLC 'Ohana News

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



JULY 2023

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker



Christmas in July!

The Community Outreach Team is using the 5 Sundays in July to help kick start the gathering of hygiene items to be used for the end of the year Keolahou Outreach Ministry. Sunday, July 2, is our monthly collection of food items. The team is asking for additional items such as: VO5 shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, small hand sanitizer, liquid hand soap, and individual packages of tissues. Community Outreach/Assistance Team (COAT) will have a table set up weekly on the front lanai to receive hygiene items and money in the Be the Change box. They will also receive the noisy offering on the 5th Sunday. There will be fun weekly giveaways, and they will be providing Christmas cookies and snacks on the 9th and 23rd.

So, if you're looking for a man who likes red, wears shades and is pretty darn cool (No Not Pastor Ron!!!) please stop by the table and help the group gear up for our annual Christmas in July to help Keolahou Food Pantry. "Be the Change and let's have some fun in the process."

Mahalo,

Your friendly neighborhood Community Outreach Team



STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE

We are asking for volunteers to be part of a stewardship task force. This team will meet from the end of August through November to prepare for the annual stewardship drive in October. If you have thoughts about ways to present the needs of KLC and ask our ohana to participate in our financial health, please see Marilyn Hopkins or Cate. We will be joined via Zoom by retired pastor and church finance consultant Stephen Olson. Pastor Olson and his wife visit KLC annually and volunteered to help us with stewardship. All ideas are welcome. We look forward to good discussions leading to good ideas as we plan for next year.





Ron Rucker

ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER

Aloha from Pastor Ron,



Well, I guess we are deep into the summer doldrums. First, this is not a phenomenon unique to KLC. After all, all churches experience these same pains in the summer in varying degrees. Second, you may be wondering what I mean by "summer doldrums." These are the times in the summer when routine family vacations and visitations take member families away from their home churches. The result in most churches, as well as here at KLC, is the suspension of some programs and a reduction in worship attendance and offerings. Third, specifically for KLC, attendance is down but it is slightly better than this time last year. Fourth, also specifically for KLC, giving is down as well, in fact, it is slightly lower than this time last year. Fifth, church operational costs do not take a vacation in the summer, so it is extremely important for members to continue to give even when they are not here. Sixth, there are online options available for regular weekly, biweekly, or monthly electronic giving as well as time specific electronic giving as well. These are available through Givelify.

Speaking of giving and offerings. I have initiated a relatively minor change to how we handle and place the offering plates. They will no longer be located on or returned to the altar. A table is located on the front sanctuary wall between the cross and the sacristy door (opposite the piano). The plates will be located there and returned there. There are several rationale for this change. First, God created and owns everything. We are simply returning to God what is already God's. Second, we need to intentionally focus on and understand the offering as our response of gratitude for the blessings we already received and those blessings we will receive. Third, an altar is typically a place of sacrifice. As Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ was that sacrifice but it is important for us to keep a pure and untainted altar in recognition of what Jesus Christ already finished.

Church leaders are continuing to plan for two upcoming events in the life of KLC. First is the Transition Team. And second is reinstatement of the choir. I am planning to sing, are you?

There are also several ongoing activities at KLC. First is the Sunday morning adult Sunday school class after worship. Second is the Monday Faith Journey on Monday mornings on zoom. Third is the monthly men's hui. If you would like more information on these activities talk to me. Is there something else you would like? A different type of study or a different time? Talk to me. I am, after all, God's and your servant.

Some food for thought: Chad Bird reminds us that when we study the Bible, we must transport ourselves to a different time, language, culture and way of reasoning. For example, our western culture values individualism whereas the biblical eastern culture values community. When we describe emotions, we use abstract terms; Hebrew describes them using concrete bodily experiences. Patient is "long of nose" (עקשן); stubborn is "stiff of neck" (עקשן). God made a concrete covenant with a concrete people in a concrete land.

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.

Presidents Message

This July we welcome new members to the church council. The newly elected council members are Vicki Nelson, Joshua Gonzalez, and Dave Ballaine. Sarah Dickmeyer, Mark Haley and I were reelected to a second term. KLC Church Council Officers for 2023-2024 will be elected at our July 18 meeting.

Another agenda item for the July Church Council meeting is the formation of the transition team. Pastor Ron and I have been gathering resources to support this team as they begin their important work for our congregation. Everyone will play a vital role in the development of our ministry profile. You will be asked for your thoughts and opinions, and to reflect and pray as we answer the questions "Who are we? Who is our neighbor? And what is God calling us to do?"

Keli Nelson, Holly Pendergast, and Janet Harp's service on the KLC Church Council ended on June 30, 2023. I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to them for so faithfully serving our congregation. Their continued dedication to KLC has been greatly appreciated. They have all played a very important role at KLC and I know they will continue to serve in many additional ways in the future!

We all have different gifts and talents that together form our congregation and its ministry. I am reminded of the second reading on Pentecost Sunday from 1 Corinthians Chapter 12: 4-8

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Please take time to think this month about how you can share your gifts and talents with the congregation. It could be serving on the transition team, working the media desk on Sunday morning, assisting with Sunday morning services, providing refreshments, working with a ministry team, or one of the other many ministries we have at KLC.

I ask that you please keep the KLC Church Council and Transition Team in your prayers as they work together to lead us into our future.

Blessings,

Renee Romerdahl



No Council Report for the month of June. There were too many people gone during the month so it was decided to postpone until the July meeting. We will be adding in our new members at that meeting. Mahalo to those who have finished their terms. We are always grateful to those who volunteer to help lead the church.



Question Box Response

Church Signs

Someone asked what is happening with the outdoor signs. Hope this answers the question. But first, it is important to include your name and contact info when using the Question Box so we know who wants the response and to clarify questions as needed. Most questions will not be answered in the newsletter.

The new sign parallel to Pu'unene has been in place since November. This has our church name and worship time. Signs with worship times for Christmas Eve and Easter services are added for those seasons. This sign fits within the County guidelines for a sign that does not require professional installation and printing.

There are discussions and plans in progress to refurbish the original two-sided church name sign.

Since Maui County has very specific regulations for banners, we will seldom use a banner.

If you have further questions, please contact Marilyn Hopkins.

How Can I Help?

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

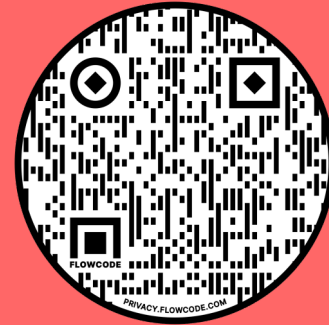
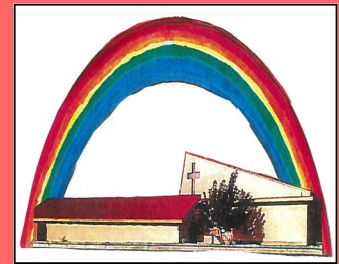


- Join the Stewardship Task Force to offer ideas for the 2024 campaign.
- Get to know your Council members and consider being part of a team - Mark Haley, Dave Ballaine, Renee Romerdahl, Sarah Dickmeyer, Joshua Gonzalez, Vicki Nelson, Don Sauer, Zel Terluin and Sue Moorcroft.
- Talk to visitors or someone you don't know well after worship.
- Bring a snack for hospitality time.
- Read Renee's President's Message for more ideas.

Important Statistics

May	2022	2023
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	35—In Person 88—Streaming Views	56—In Person 254—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Views	176—In Person 439—Streaming	223—In Person 1014—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$24,247.00	\$18,527.07
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$109,987.62	\$102,759.37

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.



Scan this QR Code to get to our Givelify page.

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.

Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Ladies



Next Meeting will be:
July 18th at 7:00 PM
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:
July 25th 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!)

Nancy Smith	7/1
Emma Stoltzfus	7/1
Stefanie Cuomo	7/3
John Vorhes	7/3
Mike Johnson	7/5
Tom Rietz	7/6
Cheryl Rietz	7/7
Debbie Emanovsky	7/8
Debbie Galindo	7/8
Roxi Nunan	7/8
Jan Patrick	7/8
Leib Alexander	7/9
Linda Archer	7/13

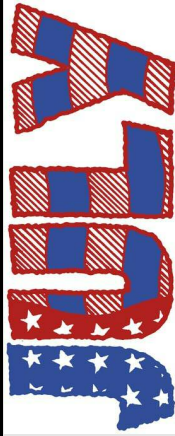
Don Begalke	7/14
Andy Turnbull	7/14
Eric Pilotin	7/15
Megan Pearl	7/15
Nancy Meyer	7/18
Allie Rudow	7/18
Larry Ankrum	7/21
Lindsay Findlay	7/22
Sally Handley	7/24
Kristi Bendon	7/27
Janet Harp	7/27
Ashlynn Kennedy	7/27
Mark Fornwall	7/31



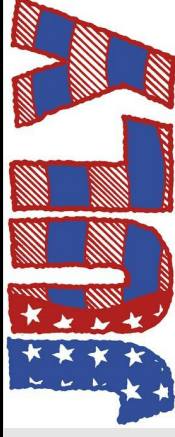
HAU'OLI LA HO'OMANA'O! (Happy Anniversary!)

Mark & Marilyn Fornwall	July 3, 1976
Danny & Sharyl Boren	July 18, 2009
David & Sandi Martinsen	July 20, 2012

Happy
ANNIVERSARY



Kihei Lutheran Church July 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25—Newsletter Deadline 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	26 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	27 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Men's Hui	28	29 9am Prayer Shawl Hui 6pm Chimes	30 12pm Al-Anon	1
2—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	3 10am Faith Journey— Zoom Don't Forget	4—Independence Day— Office Closed 12pm Al-Anon to call	5 11:30am Rotary People to	6 9am Prayer Shawl Hui check in	7 12pm Al-Anon on them	8
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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

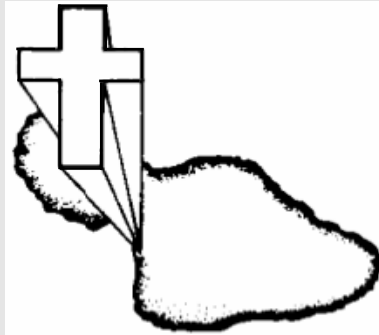
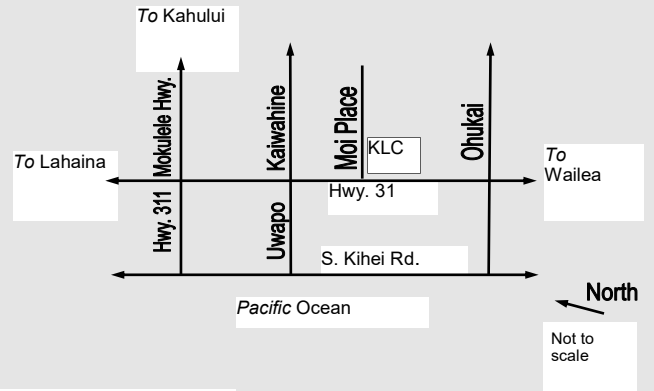
Chimes & Choir Director Beth Fobbe-Wills
 Flowers Andrea Harris
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins

Other Contacts

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 Financial Secretary Marilyn Hopkins
 Hula Group Sally Handley
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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