



KLC 'Ohana News

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



JUNE 2023

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

ARE YOU PREPARED? HURRICANE SEASON STARTS **JUNE 1ST THRU NOVEMBER.**

HURRICANE SEASON—BE PREPARED! Hurricane season in Hawaii begins June 1st and goes through November 30th. The National Weather Service is predicting NEAR-TO-ABOVE-NORMAL CYCLONE ACTIVITY to possibly affect Hawaii this year due to El Nino. Potentially that means we could see 5-7 storms. NOW is the time to get ready for ANY possible emergency. Start putting your supplies together-water, non-perishable food, propane, first aid supplies etc. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE...DON'T BE A VICTIM, take this warning seriously so you and your ohana will be safe if the big one hits. Remember...it is not if... but when... PLEASE BE PREPARED!



SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC AND DANCE

If you would like to be part of special music/dance during service this summer, please send Beth (beth@willsmaui.com) a note or talk to her after service. You may also contact Cate at the office (klc@kiheilutheran.org). Beth will help in selecting something if you are not sure what you would like to do. Consider sharing one of your many gifts with the congregation this summer. Check your calendar, talk to Beth and branch out to the congregation!!!!

Summer is here!!! Let's enjoy the precious time we have together.





Ron
Rucker

ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER

Aloha from Pastor Ron,



Hurricane season and summer have arrived. That means two things: first, attendance and giving at worship are down mostly because many members are off island visiting family. Yes, we may have more visitors but they probably have home congregations that they are supporting even while they are gone. That means that it is important that those who are part of our ohana are needed to continue to support KLC and its ministries. And yes, expenses are down but that is mostly because I am a pretty inexpensive pastor. There are some potential costly items staring us in the face, and the next pastor will most likely require more support than I do.

The second thing about this time of year is that Nanette is back and our daughter, Julie; her three kids; Reagan, Paxson, and Knox; and later her husband, Josh, are on island for all of June and part of July.

I am looking forward to the new council convening in July. Renee and I have been meeting almost weekly to acquire the documents we think the Transition Team will need to begin to do their work. If you would like to serve on the six or seven member Transition Team, please let Renee, myself, or the office know in writing.

The primary function of the Transition Team is to write the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). When completed the MSP is posted online throughout the ELCA churchwide. It allows pastors looking for a new call to get an initial look at KLC and KLC's needs. If they are interested in being considered for the KLC vacancy they, then, submit their paperwork for further consideration. In order to prepare the MSP, the Transition Team needs complete and good answers to three questions: Who are we? Who is our neighbor? And what is God calling us to do? The answers to these questions need to be realistic. Remember that the church of our youth, that most of us older individuals remember fondly, no longer really exists. So, what is our niche? Maybe take time to read some online articles about what churches are becoming today, or feel free to talk to me?

The grass is growing in the parsonage backyard. There are a few spots that are still being difficult but I actually mowed a few spots and weed wacked a few other spots in the backyard on May 26th. If you are in the neighborhood, you know – on island, stop by and check it out.

I speak often about grace and law. In my opinion, most churches that appear to be “thriving” preach law or prosperity. In my homily on May 28th I mentioned comments by Martin Luther in his “Augsburg Confessions” on the beliefs of the anabaptists. Simply speaking, their focus is on what I do to earn my salvation or the law. I do not believe that this is what Christ taught or even asks of us. Martin Luther had another saying that I think also addresses this concept: “To be convinced in our hearts that we have forgiveness of sin and peace with God by grace alone is the hardest thing.” Why? Because it takes **us** out of the equation and we don't like that. Somehow, I think that is what sin is, period.

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

As you all are aware, Kihei Lutheran is in the process of transition. Pastor Ron joined us in January as our interim minister and has been supporting and assisting us for the past several months. It is now time to begin forming a transition team. The transition team usually has 5-7 members who are responsible for research, analysis, documentation and a self study of the congregation, its ministry, and our community. The work of the transition team will include:

- Studying the congregation and surrounding community
- Developing questionnaires and compiling the data
- Leading small discussion groups with members and friends of the congregation
- Establishing and affirming core values of the congregation
- Help in developing and/or affirming our mission statement
- Affirming our vision statement
- Defining our purpose and direction
- Discovering who we are and what God is calling us to do
- Assessing the congregation's financial reality and stewardship of resources
- Identifying our congregation's strengths, challenges, and needs
- Working to identify the strengths, skills, and gifts required of our future pastor
- Compiling information and writing the ministry site profile document (which is then sent to the Synod)

The transition team's work is completed once the ministry site profile has been approved by the congregation and is accepted by the Synod office. Once the ministry site profile is completed, a Call Committee will be formed whose work will be to identify the candidate who is best suited to lead our congregation into the future.

There is a time commitment required in being a part of the transition team. The team will usually meet weekly, and members will need to attend/lead some additional meetings with members of the congregation. The transition team will be selected at the July Church Council meeting. Our goal is to have the ministry site profile completed by the end of the year and ready to post by January. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please give it prayerful consideration, and then contact the church office.

In HIS Service,

Renee Romerdahl

Flowers For Service

There are lots of open dates remaining for the year! Please consider signing up for flowers on the KLC calendar and sharing God's floral bounty with our congregation for Sunday services. The flowers are yours to take home or share with family and friends. If you have any other questions, please contact Andrea Harris.





Council Secretary's Report from the May 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 Sarah Dickmeyer.

Pastor Ron reports that he has had trouble receiving calls with his cell phone. He is addressing the issue with his service provider. He officiated a vow renewal service last week. He is meeting with the Monday Faith Journey group. He is working with Renee on Transition Team formation, including obtaining census data for Kihei and Maui County. He continues to work on our constitution. He will be attending a Pastor's conference on Kauai in the fall, and will need housing.

Council President, Renee Romerdahl, reports that this past month our congregation elected Vicki Nelson, Dave Ballaine, and Joshua Gonzalez as new members which will begin their terms on July 1, 2023. They also reelected Sarah Dickmeyer and herself to a second term. Pastor Ron will be installing at a church service that has yet to be determined. She has been working with Pastor on preparing for the Transition Team to get started. She will be off-island over the summer, returning July 13th.

Treasurer, Margie Terluin reported that last week's giving was \$1,926. Year-to-date income was \$116,804. Year-to-date expenses were \$96,354. It was noted that Pastor Ron's compensation package is giving us a surplus.

The next regular virtual meeting will be July 18th at 7:00pm via Zoom.

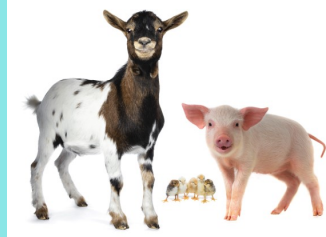
Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Pendergast

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

Community Outreach Update

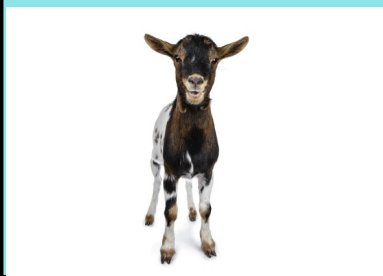


The funds collected in January for Be the Change and the Noisy offering went to God's Global Barnyard through the ELCA. We received \$668 and were able to donate 5 Goats, 1 Fish Farm, 6 Chicks, 2 Honeybees, and 2 Piglets. For our second Noisy Offering of the year, we were able to donate \$313.30 to the Kihei Youth Center. From our monthly food donations to Keolahou Food Pantry we have gathered 1,544 items so far this year. Mahalo to everyone for all your donations.



Be the Change for June will go toward more support for the Worship team. They need funds for communion supplies, environmental items, sound equipment improvements (which are always ongoing) etc... Any additional funds to this team only helps us to enhance our services.

Christmas in July is coming next month. Since half of the year will be over, we to get a jump start on hygiene items, for our end of the year Outreach Ministries. More information will be coming during the middle of the month.



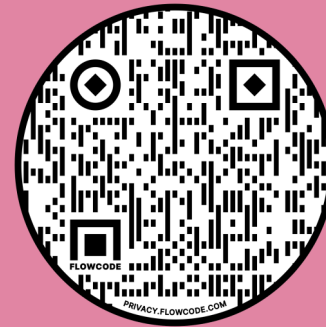
We thank everyone for their ongoing support, either monthly by bringing food the 1st Sunday of the month or by their financial support of the food pantry, and other Outreach projects.



Important Statistics

April	2022	2023
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	111—In Person 89—Streaming Views	100—In Person 388—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Views	442—In Person 357—Streaming	501—In Person 1939—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$21,856.00	\$29,230.80
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$85,740.62	\$84,235.30

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.

The Prayer Shawl Ladies



Next Meeting will be:
When Scheduled in
June. Or 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:
June 27th 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!)



Kristian Romerdahl	6/1
Gina Johnson	6/3
Jeane Raine	6/3
Julie Kukui Nunan	6/6
Peter Harp	6/6
Susan Embree	6/7
Sharon McElroy	6/10
Janet Judson	6/11
Molly Bell	6/12
Lynn Carlson	6/12
Emma Pilotin	6/15



Dave Handley	6/20
Bev Gessel	6/21
Anthony Scibelli	6/22
Sheila Turnbull	6/22
Laura Stimac	6/23
Ron Steben	6/23
Sandi Martinsen	6/24
Mikhaela Galindo	6/26
John Hay	6/30
Jeanne Vorhes	6/30

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



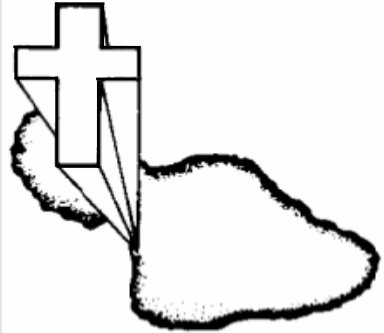
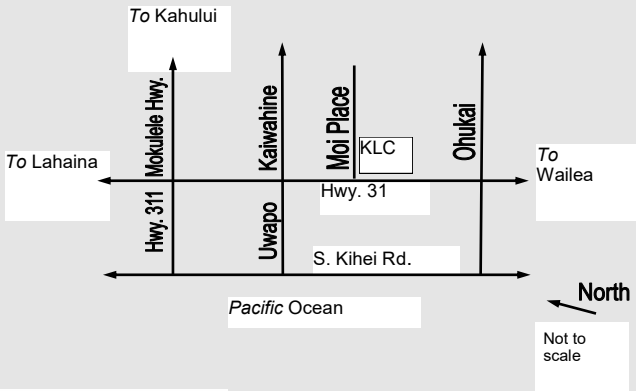
Steve & Billie Moksnes	6/6/1961
Steve & Robyn Webb	6/11/2011
Dave & Sam Mather	6/19/1981
Don & Vicki Lee	6/23/1973
John & Nancy Norman	6/23
Eric & Renee Romerdahl	6/25/1983
Mike & Holly Pendergast	6/25/1994
Phillip & Stacie Proctor	6/24/2000
Don & Joy Nelson	6/29/1991



		Kihei Lutheran Church June 2023					
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
28—Pentecost Sunday 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	29—Memorial Day— Office Closed 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	30 12pm AI-Anon	31	1 9am Prayer Shawl Hui	2 12pm AI-Anon	3 9am OKE (Ohana & Keiki Exchange)	
4—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	5 10am Faith Journey— Zoom Don't Forget	6 12pm AI-Anon to call	7 11:30am Rotary People to	8 9am Prayer Shawl Hui check in	9 12pm AI-Anon on them	10	
11 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	12 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	13 12pm AI-Anon 5pm Finance Committee Via Zoom 6pm Worship Committee Via Zoom	14 11:30am Rotary	15 9am Prayer Shawl Hui	16 12pm AI-Anon	17	
18—Father's Day 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	19 10am Faith Journey— Zoom Don't Forget	20 12pm AI-Anon to call	21 11:30am Rotary People to	22 9am Prayer Shawl Hui check in	23 12pm AI-Anon on them	24	
25—Newsletter Deadline 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	26 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	27 12pm AI-Anon 5pm Men's Hui	28	29 9am Prayer Shawl Hui	30 12pm AI-Anon	1	

SUNDAY WORSHIP	9:00 AM
----------------	---------

SUNDAY WORSHIP	9:00 AM
----------------	---------



Kihei Lutheran Church
220 Moi Place, Kihei, HI 96753
Phone: 808/879-7979
E-mail Address:
klc@kiheilutheran.org
Website Address:
www.kiheilutheran.org
Parsonage:
2218 Auina Place, Kihei, HI 96753

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Where all know they are beloved children of God”

Address Correction Requested

Non-Profit Org.
U. S. Postage
Paid
Permit 47
Kihel, HI

Kihei Lutheran Church
220 Mo'i Place
Kihei, Maui, Hawaii 96753
(808) 879-7979