



KLC 'Ohana News

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



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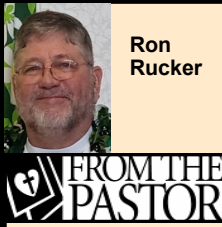
KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

Gods Work. Our Hands

September 10th is the ELCA's God's Work Our Hands Sunday. From August 6th - Sept 3 Community Outreach would like you to participate by purchasing "Slippers or Supplies". We will be carrying on Donna Smith's slipper drive for some of our elementary schools on the island and will be adding school supplies to be given to those schools who don't need the slippers. Baskets will be available for your donations on August 6th, and if you are not a shopper, monetary donations are welcome and the KLC shoppers will be going around looking for great deals. Please mark your checks for GWOH so we know where to put it. So please use your hands and feet to take part in our annual church God's Work Our Hands ministry. Mahalo.





Ron Rucker

ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER

Aloha from Pastor Ron,

I wish to share first with you a sad update concerning Pastor Joel. Joel's cancer has not been responding to treatment and has, in fact, spread to part of his brain which is causing pain and hallucinations. We need to increase our prayer efforts on behalf of Joel, Mandy, Ezra, Rowan, and family and friends asking God for comfort, healing, peace, and strength always remembering to ask that God's will be done.

We anticipate resurrection of the music program in September. A new quartet has been meeting at the parsonage off and on this summer and we are getting ready to sing for you. Also, at the July Council meeting, the council approved reinstatement of the choir position. Beth has set up a get together for musicians the end of August with rehearsals beginning early in September. Thanks to all who are interested in providing special music to enhance our worship experiences. On that line, I believe I have been remiss in thanking those who have already been steady enhancers of worship at KLC. First, there are Mark and Zel who do the Pu Wehe at the start of every service. Then there those who sing the Kyries and the Psalm; Keli, Stacie, and Zel. Then there is also mister do-it-all Phil and his gourd drum and trumpet. And finally, there is Sally and the Hula dancers. There is also the chimers or ding-a-lings as I call them and Larry and Stacie who sang at Easter. Also there were Cate and Don who filled in on the keyboard. I know I am probably missing some of you and I apologize. But most importantly the one who keeps everything organized and pulled together is Beth. I do not think I can say enough about the quality and quantity of music here at KLC, which is all shepherded by Beth. Again, thanks to all.

We now have a Transition Team who is beginning a slow process of defining who KLC was, is, and should be. There will be meetings and surveys to gather input from congregational members. This process ultimately leads to a Ministry Site Profile (MSP). Once the MSP is approved by the congregation it is made available to the Synod Bishop and is put online throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America organization. That way our MSP is available for many pastors to look at if they are for some reason interested in a change of call or a new call. After the MSP is approved, then a Call Committee will be appointed to review the applications of those pastors interested in being considered for call to KLC provided to us by the Bishop . Because we had no interest expressed in serving on the Transition Team by congregational members, the council discussed our backup plan and five council members volunteered to serve as the Transition Team. They are: Dave Ballaine, Mark Haley, Vicki Nelson, Renee Romerdahl and Zel Terluin. Thanks for stepping up to the plate.

This Transition Team process reminded me of a recent conversation I had with a former KLC member who now lives on the mainland. I call this the tale of two congregations. They were expressing regret, so to speak, that the church they were now attending seemed to have no opportunities for new members to serve. This is one style of congregation which is offset by congregations, more like KLC, that struggle to get enough volunteers to fill all the service positions and so we overload the volunteers we have. Remember, it takes a village, not 2 or 3 streets, to raise a child or serve a church in God's kingdom. Thanks for being such a welcoming and wonderful congregation but we still need to be better.

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.

STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE

We want your input. Please be part of this short-term team to plan for 2024. It's all about doing our best as a church for God's people. Call or email Marilyn (808-250-3710/markenhop@gmailcom) or Cate at the office to let us know you want to join in this important time to look toward our future through the stewardship campaign.





Time of Transition at KLC

A transition team report

We have five members of the congregation who will be serving on the transition team. Those members are Dave Balline, Mark Haley, Vicki Nelson, Renee Romerdahl and Zel Terluin. They met this past week with Pastor Ron to begin their work of helping the congregation to transition from our past to the future. In the next couple of months we will be reflecting on our past; looking at who we were as well as who we are today. We will revisit nostalgic memories, recognize losses that we have experienced, and celebrate our strengths. These reflections can give us assurance the God is with us, even as we acknowledge and grieve what we have lost, and will give us strength to move forward as a congregation.

We are not alone in our losses, as many congregations across the nation and globally have been suffering similar losses to ours. Congregations have aging members, empty pews, a lack of young families, children and youth, declining offerings, lack of participation, ending of programs, and a lack of people entering the ministry. These types of changes frequently lead to losses that can pile up and snowball creating anxiety; often trapping us in sadness, anger, fears, and uncertainty about the future. Disengaged congregations fail to deal with these losses, ignore the reality of their losses, are burned out, and have difficulty moving forward.

However flexible congregations recognize the importance of caring for one another in a family of faith. They recognize what they have lost, take time to grieve, and use the memories of the past as a source of wisdom to build a vision for the future. Thinking about the past and the differences from today, recognizing how we have changed and continue to change helps move a church forward into the future.

The transition team will be starting by leading members and friends of the congregation in a period of self discovery where we will revisit the past, and our special memories, recognize how we have changed, celebrate our strengths and recognizing what makes KLC so special.

We will need everyone's help with this first stage of transition. We recognize that there will be different opinions and viewpoints, that people are at different stages in dealing with our losses, and that change can be difficult. It is vitally important that we hear all voices, and thoughts as we review our church history, including our losses, gains, and strengths. I can't begin to encourage you enough to fully participate and let your voice be heard.

Please watch for announcements about upcoming opportunities of different forums for sharing and gathering our thoughts and feelings regarding the past and moving forward into the future.

In the meantime, feel free to contact any member of the transition team with your thoughts, ideas, and questions.

Walking In Faith With You,

Renee Romerdahl

"Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things: Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you" Isaiah 42:9



Council Secretary's Report from the July 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 Zel Terluin.

Pastor Ron Rucker reported that the transition team is getting started, and also we will hopefully have the choir back in the fall. The Sunday morning Adult Bible Study group is finishing up their study of Revelation and looking ahead to a new study. In the past month Pastor Ron has participated in the Sunday adult study, the Monday Faith Journey via Zoom, and Margarita Monday at the Maui Coast. The Men's Hui is hoping to start up again. Pastor also asked the council to consider what other programs and studies would be both desirable and feasible.

Administrative Assistant, Cate Evert, reported that the defibrillator needs a new battery. Zel Terluin offered to pay for it.

Treasurer, Margie Terluin, reported that the weekly giving deposited from 7/04 to 7/11 was \$10,379.00. Year-to-date income was \$155,231.37 and Year-to-date expenses were \$137,497.89.

The council appointed Ollie Stafford, Janet Harp and Debra Bowers to the audit team.

Pastor Ron Rucker reported that the parsonage electric bills have gone down.

For the Year 2023-2024, the council elected Zel Terluin as President, Renee Romerdahl as Vice-president, Sarah Dickmeyer as Secretary, and Margie Terluin as Treasurer.

The council voted to reinstate the choir director position beginning August 1, 2023 and to fund Pastor Ron's attendance at the Bishop's Retreat.

The next regular virtual meeting will be August 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Dickmeyer

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

Welcome One and All!

If you are or would like to be part of the Performing Arts groups - choir, chimes, hula or environmental, there will be a get together at the church. This get together will celebrate us—the good work we have done and the work we will now build back for our congregation.



Who: All KLC Arts Members-Choir, Chimes, Hula and Environment and All who are interested in joining any of these groups.

Potluck Dinner on Thursday, August 31, beginning around 5:00 p.m., at KLC.

This will be a time for us the gather in fellowship to talk story, dream and eat good food. Bring your absolutely favorite potluck item to eat to share. Bring what you would like to drink.

Most Importantly...

If you have been thinking of joining any of these groups, now is the time to do so!
All are welcome into these ministries of our church.



Christmas in July!

For the month of July, the Community Outreach Team hosted Christmas in July!

Week 1 was the first Sunday of the month, where 160 additional hygiene items were donated for the Keolahou Food Pantry along with our food items. A table was set up every Sunday, where fun 4th of July and summer goodies along with Christmas items were available as a Mahalo for all the generous donations.

The “Be The Change” box was decorated and bright colored posters were created to bring attention to the ongoing ministry. The team used this time to kick start the end of the year Thanksgiving boxes and Christmas hygiene bag projects by gathering items early to make sure we can provide to all in need. The second and fourth Sundays had amazing Christmas treats and special juices set out for Fellowship. Mahalo to all of our great bakers, and a special Mahalo to Jessica Nelson for helping make everything special. We were lucky to have a 5th Sunday this last month so the Noisy Offering topped off the monetary donations to be used to purchase all the additional items we need to complete the donations. The volunteers at the Food Pantry have let us know that the need is greater than ever so we will be making over 100 hygiene bags. We hope everyone stopped by the table and picked up a snack or fun item. Mahalo to everyone for making Christmas in July so awesome!



How Can I Help?

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

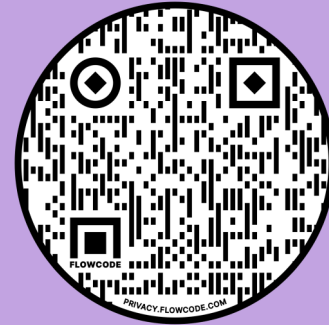
- Be part of the Stewardship Task Force to offer ideas for the 2024 campaign. Contact Marilyn or the office.
- Consider being part of a team as Council begins the new year.
- Give to Be the Change. The money given in August will support Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- Be a host on Sundays. It's a great way to meet and greet friends and new friends. Contact Marilyn to join in.
- Volunteer to read scripture on Sunday. Contact Beth.
- Talk to visitors or someone you don't know well after worship.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Important Statistics

June	2022	2023
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	41—In Person 89—Streaming Views	54—In Person 300—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Views	165—In Person 354—Streaming	217—In Person 1202—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$15,399	\$14,966
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$125,386.62	\$117,725.37

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 on Hiatus until September. If you need a prayer shawl or have any questions please contact the office and Cate will be able to assist you.

The Prayer Shawl Ladies



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Hui

Due to lack of participation, the Men's Hui has been postponed until the end of September. We realize many of us travel during these summer months so hopefully more of our KLC men will be available then. Please consider being part of a really fun and enlightening evening when we meet in September. Details to follow.



Next Meeting will be:
Aug, 15 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



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!)



Anthony Scibelli	8/3
Donna Nelson	8/4
Joy Nelson	8/4
Reef Boren	8/5
Gina Casey	8/9
Jill Jennings	8/9
Sue Moorcroft	8/9
Craig Weber	8/11
Larry Manning	8/12
Dee Reader	8/13
Ede Stratton	8/14
Joan Grotz	8/15

Jessica Nelson	8/15
Gloriann McDowell	8/17
Braxton Cuomo	8/20
Jeanine Hay	8/23
Sharon Begalke	8/24
Kirsten Paulson	8/25
Andrea Harris	8/26
David Martinsen	8/27
Tayon Spencer	8/27
Carolyn Young	8/27
Sam Mather	8/30

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



Dave & Melanie Spencer	August 3, 2007
Peter & Janet Harp	August 6
Keek & Mo Hoffendorf	August 14, 1993
Leib & Peggy Alexander	August 15, 1987
Don & Sharon Begalke	August 16, 1986
Oliver & Marcia Stafford	August 21, 1987
Brad & Diana Hill	August 26, 1960
Jim & Andrea Harris	August 27, 1983





Kihei Lutheran Church August 2023



SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
30 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	31 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	1 12pm Al-Anon	2 11:30am Rotary	3	4 12pm Al-Anon 3pm School Parent Night	5 9am Ohana & Keiki Exchange	6— Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	7 10am Faith Journey— Zoom Don't Forget	8 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Committee 6:30pm Worship Committee to call	9 11:30am Rotary People to	10	11 12pm Al-Anon on them	12 Joshua Gonzalez Grad Party
13 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	14 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	15 12pm Al-Anon 7pm Church Council Via Zoom	16 11:30am Rotary	17	18 12pm Al-Anon	19	20 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	21 10am Faith Journey— Zoom Don't Forget	22 12pm Al-Anon to call	23	24	25 12pm Al-Anon on them	26
27 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	28 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	29— Newsletter Deadline 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Men's Hui	30	31 5pm KLC Arts Potluck	1 12pm Al-Anon 2pm Pest Control Parsonage 3pm Pest Control Church	2 9am 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

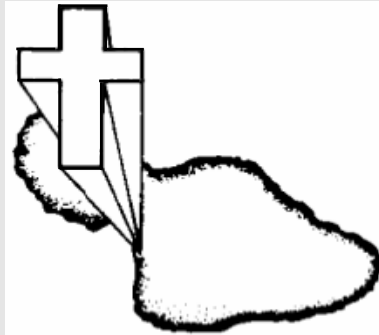
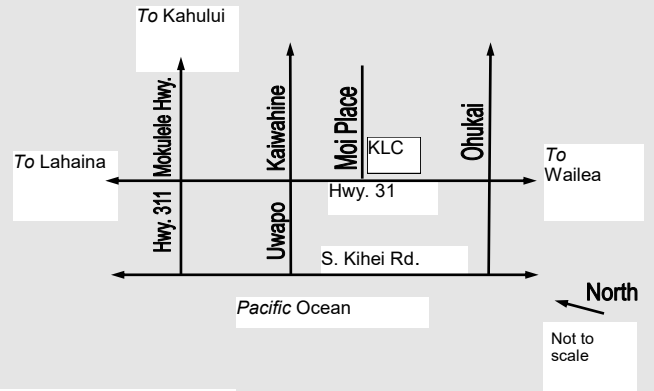
Chimes & Choir Director Beth Fobbe-Wills
 Flowers Andrea Harris
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins

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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