



# KLC 'Ohana News

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



OCTOBER 2023

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

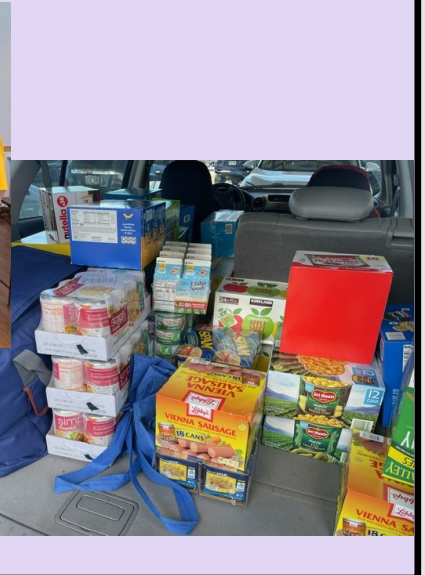


## Trunk or Treat

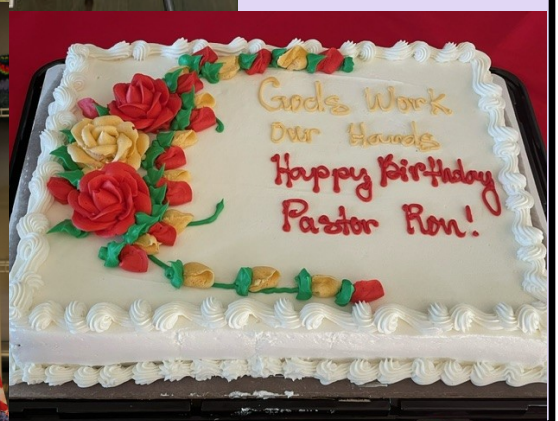
We thought it would be fun to do something for those people displaced by the Lahaina fire as well as our local community. So, we will be hosting a Trunk or Treat at the church from 5:00-7:00 pm, on October 31st of course. Everyone is welcome and all are encouraged to participate. If you are like Cate in the office and can't come up with a good idea, there are kits available on Amazon for low prices and free shipping with prime. Just search Trunk or Treat kits. The more people we have that are willing to participate, the more memorable it will be for those that may need a little pick me up during this time. Remember, Lahaina had a huge Halloween celebration on Front Street every year. So this will be a tough year for a lot of people. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Nelson. The church will be providing the treats to hand out. Mahalo for all your help with this.

## God's Work. Our Hands Update

Sunday, September 10th, was the ELCA's annual God's Work Our Hands. This year's celebration was different than originally planned due to the disastrous wildfires in Lahaina and Kula. Many generous donations poured in after the August 8th fire. Community Outreach and Cate worked overtime to organize and sort through the hundreds of donations to find the proper distribution outlets to help those in need. Slippers, back packs filled with school supplies and food (donated and purchased) were blessed by Pastor Ron on that Sunday. These items have been and will continue to be distributed to those affected by the fire as well as to those in need of assistance. Kihei Lutheran Church is extremely grateful for the outpouring of donations, whether physical or monetary. We appreciate the kindness and compassion of all of you, individuals well as churches. Mahalo Nui loa, this truly was God's Our Hands working together to help our island community. Not only was it God's Work Our Hands, we also celebrated Pastor Ron's birthday. Happy Birthday Pastor Ron.



# God's Work. Our Hands Continued





Ron Rucker

## ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER

Aloha from Pastor Ron,



I have been reflecting on the months of August and September here on Maui and at KLC. There has been a little bit of bad or sad surrounded by a whole lot of good. Nanette and I ended August with a wonderful Bishop's retreat on Kauai. And then September took off with a bang. College football is back and I had the most amazing birthday celebration with several of my in-laws and many of the KLC 'ohana. Mahalo for your care. Now I am looking forward to the return of many of our "snowbirds."

Nanette leaves late Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, to finish up the end-of-tax season in her office in Alaska. She will have a chance to finish up some of her clients in-person and assist with other returns needing to be done in the office. Of course, she will also have the chance for some children and grandchildren time just about halfway between their summer visit to Maui and their Christmas visit to Maui. Nanette returns October 16<sup>th</sup> and will be on furlough until just before Christmas. I believe her plan is to continue to work remotely from the parsonage.

Several people have already expressed interest in joining KLC this fall. If you are interested, please contact Cate in the office by phone at 808-879-7979 or by email at [klc@kiheilutheran.org](mailto:klc@kiheilutheran.org). We need information to determine who may or may not need a new members class and when we can receive members during a church service and have a new member lunch with the council.

The members of the Community Outreach and Assistance Team (COAT) continue to amaze me with their commitment and thoroughness. They are in the process of shifting to Phase 2 relief support which is a mid-term phase. Eventually they will shift to long-term relief support. I have signed on as a Disaster Spiritual Care Provider with the American Red Cross.

The first four informal surveys by the Transition Team yielded some very interesting and useful information. We are continuing a slow, deliberate approach to the transition process. There are some joint events between the Fellowship Team and the Transition Team in the next month. One will include an opportunity for small group, informal survey input. November will have some more formalized group input sessions. Our tentative, ultimate goal is to have the key transition process document called the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) completed and submitted by the end of January. That will move us from the transition stage to the call process. That means in January we should constitute the Call Committee. Contact Renee, the office or myself if you are interested in serving on the Call Committee.

Change is in the KLC future – period. We cannot go back and we certainly cannot stagnate. So let us move forward always remembering the words of Roy T. Bennett: *"The past is a place of reference, not a place of residence; the past is a place of learning, not a place of living."*

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.



## Property News

Aloha everyone. For the October Property Cleanup we will be cleaning the parking lot. We will do this on Saturday, October 14th, starting at 7 am. Bring shovels, rakes, gloves and scoopers. If you have any questions, please call Sue Moorcroft.

## Presidents Message

The month of October is always a time at KLC when the Church Council reviews the proposed budget for the following year and the Stewardship Committee is busy working to prepare for the annual stewardship campaign. I must admit that while growing up in the Lutheran Church I always disliked the annual stewardship drives and felt uncomfortable during them. The pleas to give reminded me of television evangelists and organizations asking us to reach deep into our pockets and give. It never seemed like the church was satisfied with the levels of giving. Yet, as I grew older and became more involved in the church I began to realize that everything we have is God's and that we are only giving back what is already His. I also learned the inner workings of the church, the financial budgets, spending, and how money is crucial for a church to do its ministry, and to keep the doors to the church open.

The last few years have been a difficult time for KLC in many ways, but especially financially. The previous two years, our expenditures were more than our income. Thankfully, this year we have been able to keep our expenditures within the amounts we have received. The ONLY reason that this has occurred is because our interim pastor has a lower salary and he does not require health insurance or a pension plan. So, we must all keep this in mind when we consider our giving since the current year does not reflect an accurate financial picture of KLC.

Our budget and expenses will increase with the call of a new pastor since the salary may be higher and we will need pay for health insurance and a pension plan. If we were doing that today, we would not have enough money. There are also additional expenses in calling a pastor, including airline flights, and moving expenses. We need to understand that we simply are going to need more income.

We all give in so many ways both with our time, talents, and monetary gifts. I still don't feel very comfortable during Stewardship Drives asking for money or with giving instructions during worship services on ways to give your offerings to KLC. However, the message needs to be given, heard and understood in order for our church to continue its great ministry.

Pledge cards are given out during the Stewardship Campaign as a way for you to make a commitment towards supporting our congregation. It allows you to plan for giving and add it to your budget. It is a response to God's gifts to us and a statement of thanksgiving. Sometimes your pledge may need to be revised due to personal circumstances. However, your pledge card still gives us an idea of what to expect from everyone and how to budget. As stated above, our expenses will be increasing. So, the question is, how will you help the ministry of our congregation with your finances?

During the past month I have heard from you about all the things you love about KLC. That we are a huge family that cares for one another and our community. That you are excited about the future, feel we are headed in the direction, and thankful to be here! Your financial pledge and commitment will help ensure this ministry will continue and flourish in the future!

Renee Romerdahl

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7

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## Be the Change

For the October Be the Change, we will be putting the funds towards the purchase of the Thanksgiving Boxes for Keolahou Food Pantry. We were able to order the boxes through the Maui Food bank and they will include 1 Chicken Stuffing, 1 Mashed Potatoes, 2 Macaroni and Cheese, 2 Green Beans, 2 Canned Yams, 2 Canned Vegetables, 1 canned fruit, 1 corn muffin mix, 1 cream of mushroom soup, 1 canned ham, and 1 canned cranberry. Each box costs \$9.50. Any help you can give will be much appreciated. If you have questions, please speak to Margie Terluin.





## Council Secretary's Report from the September 2023 Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the KLC church council was held virtually via Zoom with a quorum present. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer by Pastor Ron Rucker.

Pastor Ron Rucker has been visiting both church members and non-members offering them the sacraments if they desire. He has been meeting with a group of pastors here on Maui. Mel Eisenhart, of the Ohana and Keiki Exchange, shared with him that three groups are interested in doing pop-up distribution events with them and gave him a list of the specific items the exchange needs. He has spoken with Bishop Dave Naglar who is overseeing a potential grant for ongoing fire relief.

Treasurer Margie Terluin reported that the giving for the week of September 13 to 19 was \$6,932.02. Year-to-date income is \$205,010.39 and year-to-date expenses are \$190,930.23.

Property committee chair, Sue Moorcroft, reported that Dave Dewey is scheduled to look for the water leak in the irrigation system.

The transition team has finished the survey, is consolidating and will publish the results.

Keli and Vickie Nelson have purchased and will install a motion sensor solar light in the parking lot. Zel Terluin is going to seek bids to replace the non-working outdoor lighting.

The audit team has finished their reports.

The October noisy offering will go toward the Thanksgiving boxes for the Keolahou pantry.

There will be a gathering for the youth and young adults in July of 2024.

The next regular virtual meeting will be October 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Dickmeyer, Secretary

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

## How Can I Help?

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

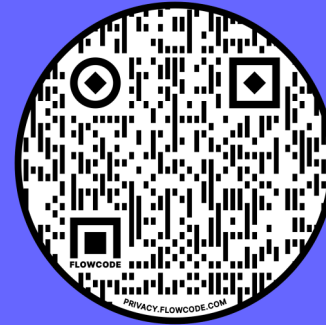
- Watch for the Stewardship information to arrive in the mail and prayerfully be part of the campaign that begins the first week of November.
- Give to Be the Change. The money given in October will be used to help purchase the Thanksgiving Boxes for Keolahou Food Pantry.
- Come to game nights.
- Say "Yes!" to one of the projects that are coming up for property, the holidays, giving to the fire survivors, the food pantry or whatever else comes our way.



## Important Statistics

August	2022	2023
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	32—In Person 247—Streaming Reach	51—In Person 802—Streaming Reach
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach	128—In Person 988—Streaming	204—In Person 3207—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$24,795	\$23,934
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$168,406.62	\$160,228.37

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.



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## Prayer Shawl Ministry



### Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Hui will be back to their monthly Thursday morning gathering at 9 am sometime in October. Please see the eblast for an update once the office is notified. 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**



**Church Council**

Next Meeting will be:  
October 24th at 7:00 PM Via Zoom



**MEN'S GROUP**

### Men's Hui

Next Meeting:  
October 24th at 5:00 p.m.

*All are Welcome*

#### 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](https://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!)**



Stacie Proctor	10/3
Karen Gucci	10/5
Marcia Stafford	10/7
Bev Schifferling	10/9
Nicholas Scibelli	10/10
Gail Caires	10/15
Paul Emanovsky	10/21

Sanni Tharp	10/25
Dave Krueger	10/26
Dave Mather	10/27
Bob Nelson	10/28
Jake Hangartner	10/30
Brooke Cuomo	10/31

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



Lynn & Karen Carlson	October 2, 1965
Mark Haley & Larry Manning	October 4, 1986
John & Kristi Bendon	October 9, 2004

# Kihei Lutheran Church October 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	2 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	3 12pm Al-Anon	4 11:30am Rotary	5 9am Prayer Shawl	6 12pm Al-Anon	7 9am Ohana & Keiki Exchange
8 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	9 10am Faith Journey— Zoom 7pm Worship Committee <b>Don't Forget</b>	10 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Committee <b>to call</b>	11 11:30am Rotary <b>People to</b>	12 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir <b>check in</b>	13 9:30am HMSA 12pm Al-Anon <b>on them</b>	14 7am Property Clean- up Day
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22 9am Worship 10am Brunch after Service 5pm Tongan Church	23 10am Faith Journey— Zoom <b>Don't Forget</b>	24 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Men's Hui 7pm Church Council Via Zoom <b>to call</b>	25—Newsletter Deadline <b>People to</b>	26 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes <b>check in</b>	27 12pm Al-Anon <b>on them</b>	28
29 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	30 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	31 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Trunk or Treat	1 11:30am Rotary	2 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes	3 12pm Al-Anon	4 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**

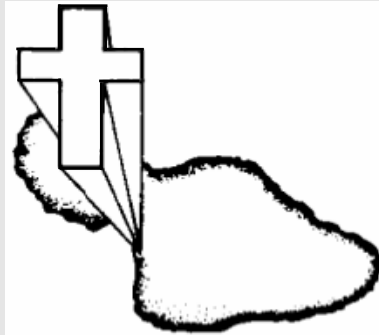
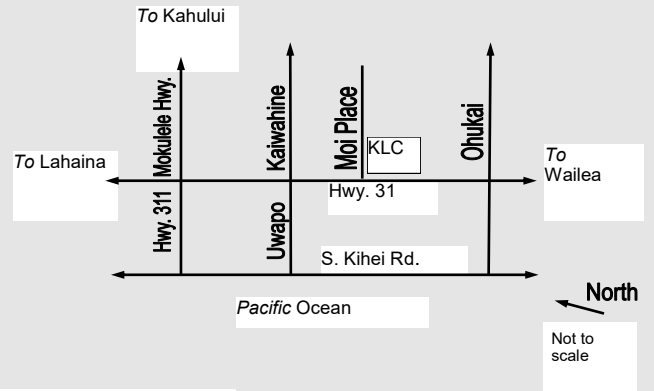
Chimes & Choir Director Beth Fobbe-Wills  
 Flowers Andrea Harris  
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins

**Other Contacts**

Treasurer Margie Terluin  
 Financial Secretary Marilyn Hopkins  
 Hula Group Sally Handley  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**9:00 AM**



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