



KLC 'Ohana News

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



NOVEMBER 2023

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker



KLC 'OHANA – CARING AND SHARING

KLC is a caring and sharing family, and that will be the theme of our stewardship campaign that takes place between November 5 and 19. You will receive your letter from Pastor Ron along with a pledge card and Time and Talent Survey in early November. Then watch your emails and the Sunday worship services for messages from some of our members and people who recently started attending KLC.

Stewardship is all about you and your relationship with God. One way to express that relationship is to support KLC and our programs as we use our experiences through our church to connect with and help God's family, within our church, around the island and even worldwide. We ask for your pledge as your personal commitment to help KLC accomplish all we can for one another, connect and learn and through worship and study, and share through the various opportunities provided to give.

You can bring or mail your pledge card to KLC at any time, OR bring it to church on November 19 when we will collect them during worship. To further celebrate our connection to God and to one another, there will be a potluck after worship on November 19th. We hope you can join us and be part of this family lunch together. Bring a dish to share if you wish. Whether or not you choose to bring food, we want everyone to stay and enjoy the camaraderie of our 'ohana.

You Cannot Outgive What the Lord has Given to You

By Dave Reader, member of KLC for 15 years

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

Our God in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit has given you and me His Love, His Life, and His Promises. One of my favorite hymns is “In The Garden” by Austin Miles (1912). My favorite words in the hymn are “And he walks with me and Talks with me and Tells me I am His Own.”

I was born into a Christian family. I attended Sunday School from ages 5 to 14 every week. My teachers were three very dedicated men who read us Bible stories. I was taught the books of the Bible, and I memorized dozens of Bible verses. On Tuesdays after school my friends and I were invited into a church member's home and formed a Bible Club and later it became “Christian Service Brigade.” Then at age 17 I learned what giving time and talent were all about. Driving alone on a lonely country road, I crashed my car. But behold, three wonderful people Gave their Day over to saving my life. That day I came to believe God had a plan for my life. By having Faith in God and Trusting Jesus, He would always walk at my side. Always! We could talk whenever, and He would hear me. There was no need to fall on my knees (Thankfully true because now I couldn't possibly get up!) Many have told me that mine is a “Childlike Faith.”

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After college graduation I started my career in industrial sales, married my college sweetheart and started a family. When you are 28, already have 4 children and a mortgage on a new house, giving money to charity or church is out of the question. But Christian Stewardship includes your time and talents. So, imagine this - a pastor charged with starting a mission congregation comes knocking on our door. The first service would be in a VFW Hall we could walk to. Thus began six decades as a Lutheran. My time and talent included the Steering Committee, visiting prospective members, greeting visitors and cleaning the hall after services. My friends, you too can give KLC your time and talent in many different ways and let the collection plate pass you by without regret.

Treasure: "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."
" Luke 6:38

My life has been a happy, successful, and amazing one. My home church has always been a special place. It's where I was baptized, confirmed, married, communed, and where my coffin will rest. It's where my faith is refreshed plus Koinonia (fellowship with like minded Christian believers). Of course, I also have a residence home. Both homes require a monthly mortgage or rent payment, utility bills, insurance, and maintenance expenses. We tend to prioritize paying residence home bills but not church home bills. This year when you make your pledge to KLC, make both of equal priority.

The Cup

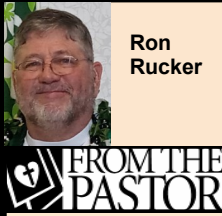
A few years ago I recalled a story my grandmother told me while driving home from church on Sunday. It was about a Texas industrialist (Google: R. G. Letourneau) who gave 90% of his income to his church. Wow, forget tithing, what a spectacular challenge. If you are retired and came to live out your years on Maui, God has certainly blessed you beyond measure. I added up my income (AGI) and decided to take on the challenge. I selected ten favorite charities and KLC. By being more frugal and more careful in investing, there was still a big cup to fill. The first year I emptied the cup to the 10+1. Why did I doubt. Amazingly, God refilled the cup and has done so every year since. You truly cannot outgive what the Lord gives to you. My friends, it's all about Faith and Trust. Think about that when you plan your giving and be generous with your pledge to your Home Church.

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11



Thanksgiving Service and Meal

We will be hosting a Thanksgiving Service and Meal on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd. The service will begin at 10:00 am with the meal beginning at 11:30. There is no need to bring anything as the food will be provided. Everyone is welcome to join with us. So bring a friend or anyone you know who is struggling during this time and just may need a little pick-me-up.



Ron Rucker

ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER

Aloha from Pastor Ron,

Believe it or not, the holidays are almost upon us, which means numerous things. First, many of our so called “snowbirds” have returned or will return soon. Second, it means that we can anticipate the possibility of additional visitors, which means I will need your assistance caring for and welcoming these visitors to KLC worship. Third, I hope to see some more activity to gather information from you-all as to what KLC should look like in the future from the Transition Team. Fourth, we are about to experience several significant times in the church year as we finish off one year with a bang and begin the next year. The new year is year B, the year of Mark.

Finally, these holidays usher in the new year with the season of Advent. Advent is a time of anticipation and expectation. It is kind of like how we are with Christmas presents, yet the Advent present is way, way more than any Christmas present. It is God’s gift of Jesus to us and all of the world. And although we have not finalized our plans, we are going to have Wednesday evening Advent services for three consecutive Wednesdays beginning December 6th. These will be short services focusing on music and a brief devotional. I hope they will begin with a brief fellowship time around sandwiches and soup. The start time is set for 5:00 pm and should end by 6:30 pm.

The council and I are trying to pick a date to receive new members but the office and I also need to determine what processes are needed for the new members, such as a membership class. Council and my intent is to host a get together between the council and the new members over food (go figure).

How are you currently feeling about your faith? Do feel like you could use a little spiritual growth or uplifting? For adults there are currently two opportunities outside Sunday morning worship. After worship, there is an adult Sunday school class that starts about 10:30 and lasts roughly an hour, depending on discussion. We are using a video series by Professor Craig Koester that is taking us through the Bible from a literary perspective. Each lesson is about 30 minutes followed by discussion. Also available at 10:00 am on Mondays by zoom is the Monday Faith Journey group which is hosted by member Mark Fornwall. We are currently going through some writings by Richard Rohr. If those do not interest you, feel free to contact with your interest or suggestion. We are also planning for a Sunday school time for children between the prayer of the day and communion on Sundays. Our tentative start date is the First Sunday of Advent, December 3rd.

Change **is** the KLC future – period. We cannot go back and we certainly do not want to stagnate. Remember this adaption of a poem by Qiniso Mogale: “Rivers never go reverse. So try to live like a river. Forget your past and focus on your future. Always be positive.”

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.

Mid-Week Advent Holden Evening Prayer

We are going to try to add in a little something extra during Advent this year. Every Wednesday from December 3rd—December 24th, we will be hosting Holden Evening Prayer starting at 5:00 pm. It is a service with prayers and singing throughout. Stay tuned as we may even add a meal after the service depending on attendance.



Presidents Message

This month my husband and I set sail on a cruise headed for Israel and Egypt. This was a trip that we had planned for over two years, and one that we had on our bucket list for decades. Everything seemed to fall in line for this being the perfect time to visit during my fall break from school. I looked forward to seeing the sights from the Bible and walking in Jesus' footsteps. We planned on seeing Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the Nile River, Dead Sea, Jerusalem and other historical and biblical sites. We were headed for Haifa, Israel on the first day at sea, when the attacks on Israel began and war was declared. Our captain stopped the ship, announced a change in destination and headed towards Cyprus. The next day our stops in Egypt were also canceled; we now had a total itinerary change and a different vacation being planned for us.

As disappointed as we were, we were also thankful to be safe. Unfortunately, many in Israel were not, and our hearts went out to all of those affected by the violence and this latest war. There was a large number of Christians and Jews on our ship making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. A special prayer service for peace was arranged for all passengers who wished to attend. The service was short, but extremely moving and powerful. Bible verses, Christian prayers and Jewish prayers and chants were offered during the service. It brought people of all races, beliefs, and nationalities together all praying for peace on our earth.

As a congregation and the ELCA, we continuously pray for peace in the Prayers of the Church every Sunday. We pray for those in the Ukraine, Syria, Russia, Israel, and all places with conflicts. There have been wars throughout history, and today there are currently ten wars occurring in our world. When will there be peace? When will people learn how to live with one another in peace and solve problems amicably? We ask these questions and we search for answers. I share with you the following Jewish prayer for peace, used in the service aboard the ship:

*May we merit to bring about the day when war and bloodshed cease,
and a great peace embraces the whole universe.*

*"No nation will lift up a sword to another,
and the art of war will no longer be studied." (Isaiah 2:4)*

*May we live to see the leaders of all nations
inspired to do good with their peoples
and with all other people of the world,
bringing about the fulfillment of the Scriptural blessing,
"I will bring peace to the Earth and you will lie down with no one
to terrify you, and I will bring calm to all victorious creatures
on Earth, and the sword will no longer pass in your land." (Leviticus 26:6)*

*Let knowledge fill the Earth as water fills the ocean,
and let all people of all ethnicities, races, beliefs, genders,
and orientations enjoy true equality, security, safety and
livelihood, in a true spirit of co-existence and cooperation.*

And let us say, Amen

Be the Change

*Be
the
Change*

As we get closer to the Christmas season we take a look at what the church does for the community. One thing that we have done for many years is purchase toys for parents at Keolahou Food Pantry to pick out for their children and wrap them for Christmas. This year is no different. So we decided for the month of November to add to the funds for those toys and wrapping paper by dedicating the Be the Change box to this project. Please feel free to give your loose change or checks into the box on Sunday Morning.



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 Sarah Dickmeyer.

Pastor Ron Rucker has been meeting with two groups of local pastors. He also is working with council to plan a new member recognition on an upcoming Sunday, hopefully followed by a council sponsored brunch, and is looking forward to conducting a baptism in the near future.

Treasurer Margie Terluin reported that the giving for the week of October 18-24 was \$3,701.00. Year-to-date income is \$230,340.08 and year-to-date expenses are \$220,075.32. The balance in the General Fund is \$38,262.85 and the balance in the Fire Relief Fund is \$48,746.61.

The transition team sponsored brunch was a success with substantial attendance.

Council discussed the Ohana and Keiki Clothing exchange's use of church facilities.

After discussion the council voted to accept the 2024 budget as proposed by the Finance Committee.

Council reviewed the report from the Audit Committee and noted the suggestions which they made. Cate Evert is researching a new safe.

Pastor Ron shared that recently we are once again seeing children at Sunday services, and that he has received inquiries about Sunday School. Renee is going to write up a notice for the newsletter and bulletin letting the congregation know that we would like to recommence Sunday School and inviting the congregation to become involved.

Vickie Nelson closed the meeting in prayer.

The next regular meeting will be in person at the parsonage on November 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

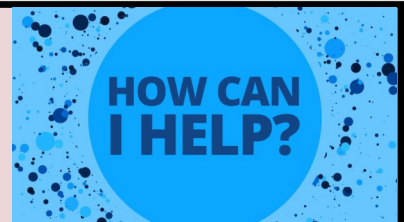
Sarah Dickmeyer, Secretary

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

How Can I Help?

Here are a few suggestions of things you can do during November. We are always busy this time of year, but with the recent wildfires on Maui, the needs are much greater than past years.

- Consider helping at the Kelawai Community Partnership hub in Lahaina. Contact Margie Terluin for information
- Prayerfully give to the Stewardship Campaign for 2024. Read the emails and eblasts, watch the speakers on Sundays, consider the importance of God in your life and how KLC fits into that relationship. Return the pledge card you will receive in the mail.
- Fill out and return the Time and Talent Survey. We want to know where you would like to be part of the ministries or our church.
- Come to the Stewardship potluck on November 19, whether you bring a dish to share or not.
- Give to the Be the Change Box.
- Help provide Christmas gifts for Keolahau Food Pantry. They also need wrapping paper.





Help Our KLC Keiki

We are excited and blessed to have children worshiping once again at KLC! It is important that we provide Sunday School for children on Sunday mornings. Sunday School was discontinued during COVID and was not reinstated due to a lack of children. It is now time to reinstate Sunday School!

We need you to help with teaching Sunday School. This is NOT a weekly commitment, as a schedule will be made in which teachers will rotate. Sunday School will occur during the reading and the sermon with the children returning for communion. You do not need to make Sunday School lessons as they will be provided for you. What we need is for you to share your love of Christ with our keiki.

We also need to restart our Spiritual Growth team which has been inactive since COVID. We currently have a church council member as a liaison for the Spiritual Growth team, but no members! The Spiritual Growth Team plans, implements, encourages, and evaluates activities such as Sunday School, Bible studies, and prayer groups.

Spiritual Growth is an essential to our growth as Christians. Our congregation and keiki **NEEDS** to have this team reinstated to help us move forward. Please prayerfully consider how you could help with the needs in this area by either serving on the Spiritual Growth Team or helping out with Sunday School.

Please contact Pastor Ron or call the church office if you can help with these needs.

Thank you!!!

KLC Game Night Success

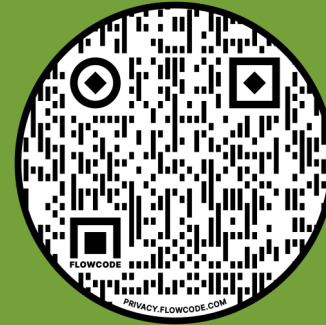
Mahalo to everyone who came out to the first KLC game night. We had about 20 people and a ton of fun was had by all. Stay tuned as more of these will be planned throughout the year.



Important Statistics

September	2022	2023
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	35—In Person 0—Streaming Reach	55—In Person 432—Streaming Reach
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach	140—In Person 0—Streaming	218—In Person 1726—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$33,234.10	\$14,262.02
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$201,640.72	\$174,490.39

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

The Prayer Shawl Hui will be back to their monthly Thursday morning gathering at 9 am. 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



To the right is the mother of KLC Associate Member Deborah Bowers. Her name is Virginia Berry and she is wrapped in her prayer shawl. She was having a bad day and the only thing that comforted her was "being wrapped in prayer from KLC".



Next Meeting will be:
November 15th at 5:00 PM at the Parsonage



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Hui

Next Meeting:
When scheduled.

All are Welcome

Administrative Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday:
9:00 AM—5:00 PM
Friday:
9:00 AM—4:00 PM



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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!)

Tony Wakefield	11/1
Natalie Proctor	11/2
Joy Steben	11/3
Shawna Handley-Stiller	11/7
Darrell Pierson	11/7
Elvin Kamoku	11/8
Joel Rudow	11/9
Kamaehu Spencer	11/9
Michelle Beyersdorf	11/10
Peggy Crossen	11/10
Raymond Steben	11/11

Evelyn Kaya	11/13
Patricia Duckworth	11/14
Quinn Hottendorf	11/17
Andrew Lawson	11/17
Gail Holt	11/19
Ed Shafer	11/19
Peggy Alexander	11/20
Linda Hangartner	11/21
Johnny Romerdahl	11/22
Margaret Luteijn	11/24
Ulla Rothschild	11/27
Morgan Stoltzfus	11/28



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

John & Dori Thorngren	November 2, 1991
Dave & Heather Ballaine	November 26, 1993





Kihei Lutheran Church November 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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
5—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	6 10am Faith Journey— Zoom Don't Forget	7 12pm Al-Anon to call	8 11:30am Rotary People to	9 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes check in	10 12pm Al-Anon on them	11
12 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	13 10am Faith Journey— Zoom 7pm Worship Committee	14 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Committee	15 10am Healing Trauma Workshop 11:30am Rotary 5pm Church Council @ the parsonage	16 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 9pm Chimes	17 12pm Al-Anon	18
19 9am Worship 10am Potluck after Service 5pm Tongan Church	20 10am Faith Journey— Zoom Don't Forget	21 12pm Al-Anon to call	22 People to	23—Thanksgiving—Office Closed 10am Thanksgiving Service 11:30pm Thanksgiving Dinner check in	24—Office Closed 12pm Al-Anon on them	25—Newsletter Deadline
26 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	27 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	28 12pm Al-Anon	29	30 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes	1 12pm Al-Anon	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

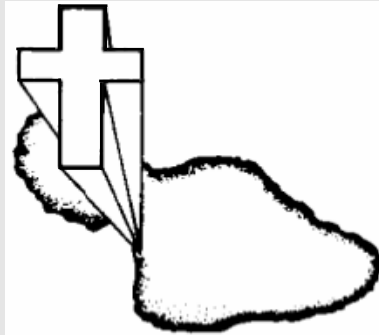
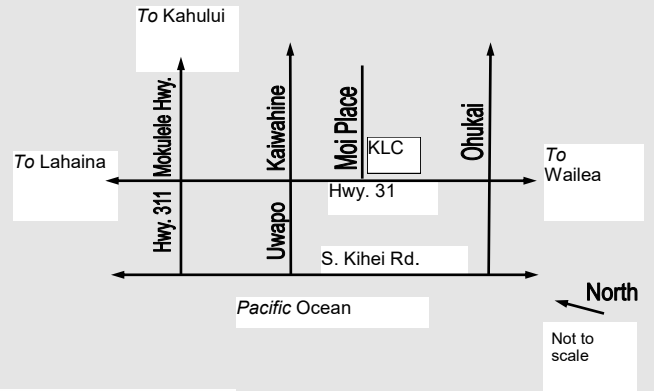
Chimes & Choir Director Beth Fobbe-Wills
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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