



KLC 'Ohana News

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



FEBRUARY 2024

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

PAY-DOWN-THE-MORTGAGE FEBRUARY

We are once again working toward paying down the principal of the KLC mortgage. We currently owe \$339,020.57 and pay \$2,537 each month. As we pay toward lowering the principal, we will pay less in interest, leaving more of each monthly payment to go toward what is actually owed.

We have many generous members and friends at Kihei Lutheran. Two of them have offered \$10,000 each (total of \$20,000) to match whatever is actually given to this paydown campaign. Let us all accept that offer and make it our congregational challenge to give our own total of \$20,000 (or more), thus collecting every penny of those offered matching funds. That would lower our total mortgage significantly, saving us much in interest and bringing the payoff date much closer.

Send or bring your checks to KLC, marked "Principal." Put them in the offering bowl, in the Be-the-Change Box or in one of the fish bowls. Add your change, your dollar bills, \$5 bills or larger. Let's fill up everything!!

The Be-the-Change Box will be on the host table during February.
Fish bowls will be near the refreshments and at the back of the sanctuary.
Members of the Stewardship Team will provide some extra refreshments

February 11 – Bake Sale

We have wonderful cooks and bakers at KLC. Please share your tasteful talents by bringing a tray of your favorites to be sold at the bake sale. For you buyers, there will be no prices. Just give what your tastebuds tell you to give when you look at these tempting treats.

February 25 – Ice Cream Sundaes

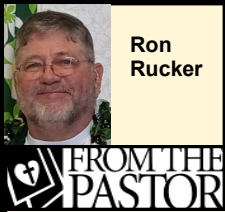
Everything will be provided for you to dig in and add your favorite toppings

What a joy it would be to have a mortgage burning party soon!

Annual Congregational Meeting Set for February 18th

Congregational
Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting has been set for February 18th after service. The report packet will be available for pickup starting the first Sunday of February. If you would like a copy sent to you, please let the office know. Members, please plan to attend so that we may have a quorum and are able to conduct important church business. Mahalo.



Ron Rucker

ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER

Aloha from Pastor Ron,

I am writing this article for the newsletter late. Yesterday was Sunday, January 28th, the first Sunday in my second year on island serving you and the community O Kihei Lutheran Church (KLC). I announced at the start of church yesterday that Nanette and I have accepted and the church council has approved the indefinite month-to-month extension of my contract to serve for up to two years and possibly three years. That means that essentially Nanette and I are not going anywhere anytime soon.

That being said, the Transition Team is reigniting the fire in the transition process. There will be more information gathering in the next month or two with the ultimate desire to have a document called the Ministry Site Profile approved and published within the next 6 to 9 months. Once the MSP is published, the Transition Team is disbanded and Call Committee is put into action. KLC can anticipate any time after the MSP is published to begin receiving from interested pastors what is called the Rostered Leaders Profile (RSP). The RSP is sort of a combination of a job application and resume. There is a Synod committee that reviews these RSPs to determine eligibility and conformity with congressional needs and then the committee with the concurrence of the Bishop sends RSPs to our Call Committee for consideration. If a candidate seems desirable after an initial review by the call committee, then they will most likely conduct a phone interview. If the candidate still appears desirable then an in-person interview is scheduled. When this process is completed to the satisfaction of the Call Committee and they have a candidate to recommend for call, a congregational meeting will be called for the purpose of issuing a call. There is no way to know what quality of candidates will be made available and how long this process will take, but in the end the Call Committee, the Council, and the congregation need not feel pressured to call someone because Nanette and I intend to be here until you find the right fit for your next pastor.

I recently read an article by a religion teacher in a non-religious school. I know it almost sounds strange. They asked his 6th grade students to answer a question about why there are churches. I would like you to begin thinking on this same line, so I am going to ask you some questions to begin formulating your answers. This will help in the transition process because some of these questions may be similar to or the same as questions soon to be posed by the Transition Team. Why do churches exist? What is the purpose of churches? Why is there a Kihei Lutheran Church? Why do you attend KLC? What are some things you really like about KLC? What are some things you really don't like about KLC and would like to see changed? What are the different ministries of KLC? Are all of the ministries internally controlled at KLC? Or are some of the ministries externally controlled with KLC support? Can you identify which are which? Are there too many ministries at KLC? Are there other ministries KLC needs to start and support? Just trying to get the thinking juices flowing.

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.



GAME NIGHT/POTLUCK

We are planning a game night and potluck for February 16th starting at 6:00 pm. If you would like to bring your favorite game we will see what everyone is in the mood for or even have more than one game going at a time. Please bring a dish to share and a beverage of your choice. If you have any questions, please contact the office via phone or email. Mahalo.

Presidents Message

This month we will be holding our annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 18, immediately after the church service. During this meeting there will be annual reports, a report from the transition team, and the election of the nominating committee for Church Council. This is an important meeting to attend as it will provide you with information from all the committees and teams, including our financial health, and all areas of ministry at KLC.

February has also been designated for paying down the church mortgage. Our monthly mortgage payment is \$2,537 which comes out of the general budget. Half of the amount we pay goes towards interest. The contributions that we make this month will be directly applied to the principal owed on the mortgage which is approximately \$340,000. The more we pay to the principal, the sooner the mortgage will be retired. Please prayerfully consider making a gift towards paying off the mortgage. It would make a wonderful Valentine's Day Gift to KLC !

I just spent the last two evenings with Bishop Dave Naglar as he met with both the Church Council and the Transition Team. He led us in rich discussions and was able to provide us with insights and guidance for this period of transition. As we continue to move forward, we pose the following question to the congregation; **"What do you hear God's calling us to do and be as a congregation?"**

Listening for HIS call,

Renee Romerdahl

Proverbs 3:6 Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.



We had a new council secretary voted in at this last meeting. Therefore there is going to be some transition and figuring things out before we are all on the same page. For January there is no council report at this time. Please stay tuned for when that will start up again.

To see a copy of the approved November Council Minutes since there was no meeting in December [please Click Here.](#)

ASH WEDNESDAY

We will have one worship service on Wednesday, February 14th, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join us. We can't wait to see you.



GIVING STATEMENTS NOW AVAILABLE

2023 END-OF-YEAR STATEMENTS!!!

The end-of-year statements were hand delivered to those who were at church on Sunday, January 28th. The rest were mailed out the following week. If you didn't receive one or have any questions, please contact the office and Cate will direct you to the correct person to talk to. Mahalo.

Christmas Eve Services and Mahalo's

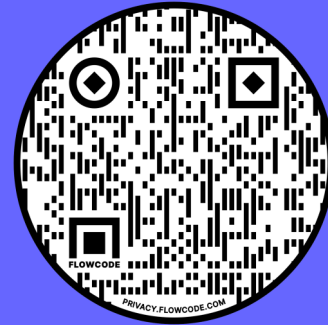
Christmas Eve services were very beautiful. The attendance at the 5:00 service surpassed everyone's expectations. The alter was beautifully adorned with blue satin with stars and ribbon's that shone from behind by twinkling lights. Mahalo to Vicki, Jessica and Keli who made the alter so beautiful, along with Worship Team members and everyone who participated in the service to make it spectacular. Here are various pictures to share from the services. Kihei Lutheran Church is so blessed by so many amazing singers, dancers, soloists, chimers, and a pianist who plays so beautifully. We are led by a Pastor who has become the heart and soul of KLC this past year. Mahalo to the Wesleyan Tongan Choir, who "blew the roof off the sanctuary" with their Tongan version of O Holy Night. Mahalo to those who brought poinsettias to beautify the alter as well as Nanette and Pastor Ron for the special floral arrangement. Emmanuel (God with us) was definitely present.



Important Statistics

December	2022	2023
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	85—In Person 266—Streaming Reach	142—In Person 393—Reach
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach	319—In Person 0—Streaming	709—In Person 1,917—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$35,210.00	\$46,603.92
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$274,050.72	\$267,321

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Hui meets on Thursday mornings 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



Church Council

Next Meeting will be:
February 20, at 7:00 PM
Via Zoom



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



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!)

Jeff Wright	2/3
Stephanie Mohr	2/5
Simon Stoltzfus	2/7
Jan McDonald	2/8
Harper Hottendorf	2/9
Dave Reader	2/10
Kathleen Reiser	2/10
Jeanie Vance	2/11
Brad Hill	2/14

Carol Wakefield	2/14
Billie Moksnes	2/15
Kayana Kamoku	2/15
Connie Pluchos	2/19
Marilyn Hopkins	2/22
Richard Gesch	2/25
Lanyssa Kennedy	2/27
Jeff Baker	2/27



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

David & Sally Handley	February 14, 1985
Edward & Lindsay Schafer	February 23, 1986
Jack & Nancy Jorden	February 28, 1960
Bryan & Megan Pearl	February 29, 2012





Kihei Lutheran Church February 2024



SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
28 9am Worship 5pm Tongan Church	29 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	30 12pm Al-Anon	31	1 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes	2 12pm Al-Anon 3pm Pre-Set for OKE	3 9am Ohana & Keiki Exchange	4—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	5 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	6 12pm Al-Anon	7 11:30am Rotary	8 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes	9 12pm Al-Anon	10 10am Little Hoku Open House
11 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	12 10am Faith Journey— Zoom 7pm Worship Committee	13 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Committee	14—Ash Wednesday 10am Healing Trauma Workshop 11:30am Rotary 7pm Ash Wednesday Ser- vice	15 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes	16 12pm Al-Anon 6pm Game Night & Potluck	17 9am Maui Canoe Club	18—Annual Congregational Meeting 9am Worship 10am Annual Meeting 3pm Tongan Church	19 10am Faith Journey	20 12pm Al-Anon 7pm Church Council via Zoom	21 11:30am Rotary 5pm Holden Evening Prayer/Meal	22—Newsletter Deadline 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes	23 12pm Al-Anon	24 1pm Cheri Beyers- dorf Celebration of Life
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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

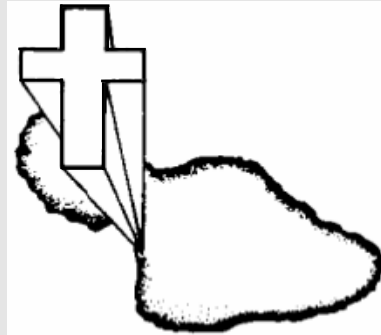
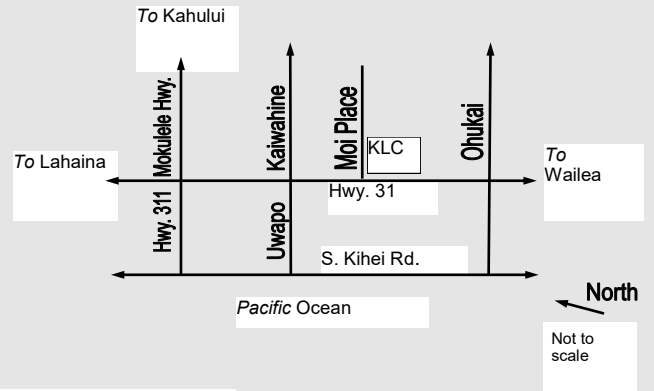
Chimes & Choir Director	Beth Fobbe-Wills
Flowers	Andrea Harris
Hosts Coordinator	Marilyn Hopkins

Other Contacts

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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