



KLC 'Ohana News

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



APRIL 2024

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

ATTENTION KLC CONGREGATION

A Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, April 14th following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect members for the 2024-2023 Church Council. Please make plans to attend as we need a quorum to conduct business.

Congregational
Meeting

Property Beautification

The planter boxes on your way up to the church have been replanted by Cindy Kaahanui (our church cleaner) and her family in loving memory of Cindy's husband Harold. The succulents are many different varieties as well as many colors. Each box is decorated with pretty stones , shells and colored marbles. We appreciate their willingness to plant and care for the boxes. It is truly a generous gesture to enhance the beauty of the church. Mahalo Nui loa! Stay tuned as we are planning on getting a name plate to add to the one already there.





Ron R
Rucker

ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER

Aloha from Pastor Ron,



Jesus is risen. Alleluia, Jesus is risen indeed.

Now, I have been to the Lahaina area numerous times since the August fire, although I have not yet been into the downtown, heavily affected area of Lahaina. I have, however, seen reports that the Lahaina Banyan tree appears to be returning to life. I am reminded of Ash Wednesday when we talk of dust to dust and ashes to ashes. I am also reminded of the many fire ravaged forested areas I have driven through in Alaska and Canada only to see new growth, new life springing up out of the ashes. Finally, I also remember the spring ritual of burning grass yards and fields that combines dethatching and fertilizing so that the fields and yards green up and grow more quickly. Are these all indications that God's system is designed to perpetuate life from death? Possibly, at least I want to think so.

To the best of my knowledge, this congregation of KLC has a long history of supporting other community service organizations: the Keolahou Food Pantry (KFP), the Kihei Youth Center (KYC), and the Ohana Klothing Exchange (OKE) formerly known as the Keiki Klothing Exchange (KKE). We have also had individual members assisting with and volunteering at three other community service organizations: A Cup of Cold Water (CCW), Feed My Sheep (FMS), and Maui Rescue Mission (MRM). Since the fires, each of these organizations has experienced an increase in clientele and needs. Shortly after the fires, we began supporting a new relief organization, Kelawea Mauka Lahaina (KML). In fact, we requested, received and have now depleted a six-month \$20,000 grant from Lutheran Disaster Response specifically to support KML. All of this and all of the other fire response funds KLC received required us to create a Fire Response Team (FRT). With promise of support from Synod Fire Response funds, the FRT embarked on identifying and procuring a satisfactory van for the use of KML in their ongoing services to eliminate the expense and need for renting vans. That van project is fully operational now. Part of the Fire Response Team on behalf of the entire FRT met with three representatives from the Lutheran Disaster Response organization. With their guidance, the FRT is communicating with all seven of these community service organizations to identify needs and estimated costs for the coming year. The FRT is intending to submit a new year-long grant proposal to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR). Currently, we are estimating a grant request of about \$112,000 dollars. Additionally, we still have fire relief funds that were donated directly to KLC that we are using for emergency and unplanned expenses such as the twenty cases totaling 800 bottles of water already provided recently to CCW. Your FRT and your Community Outreach and Assistance Team (COAT) are hard at work serving those in need for any reason on Maui. What a blessing to be a part of this exciting ministry.

We all experience drama or trauma in our lives that causes us to feel burned up or even dead. But just as Jesus was raised from the dead, just as the Banyan tree and fields have new life, God is able and willing to create new life from the ashes and dust that we walk in. We just have to let God be God.

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.



Council Secretary's Report from the March 2024 Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the KLC church council was held via Zoom with a quorum present. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer by Sue Moorcroft.

Pastor Ron Rucker reported Kiley picked up the new van for Kelawea Mauka. We donated 20 cases of water to A Cup of Cold Water and will be helping them with more things along the way. Passion week is coming fast.

Treasurer Margie Terluin reported that giving for the week of March 10 was \$5,851.08. Year-to-date income is \$72,509.09 and year-to-date expenses are \$63,758.37. Balance of the Fire Relief Fund is \$46,824.02. The mortgage after the paydown from February is now \$287,351.07.

There are 4 people who are willing to serve on council. They are Rhonda Stoltzfus (off-island representative), Marty Atrops, Laura McClellan, and Marilyn Hopkins will complete Dave Ballaine's final year. These individuals will be voted in at the congregational meeting in April.

There is still more discussion to be had with OKE but there may be new solutions coming in the near future.

The congregational meeting date was approved for April 14th right after service.

The kitchen air conditioner is in disrepair and will be replaced instead of just fixed.

Next regular meeting will be April 16th, 2024, at 7:00 om to be held virtually.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Sauer

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

Palm Sunday

Mahalo to the Tongan Congregation who masterfully decorated the church for Palm Sunday. It was a beautiful sight to behold as we arrived to church to hear The Passion Story according to Mark 14.1-15:47, was read by Pastor Ron, Laurie Atrops and Zel Terluin. The music played by Beth was very moving as well as spiritually uplifting. It was wonderful lead in to Holy Week. Mahalo to everyone behind the scenes from the worship team for all you do to make our services so special.



New Outreach Ministries

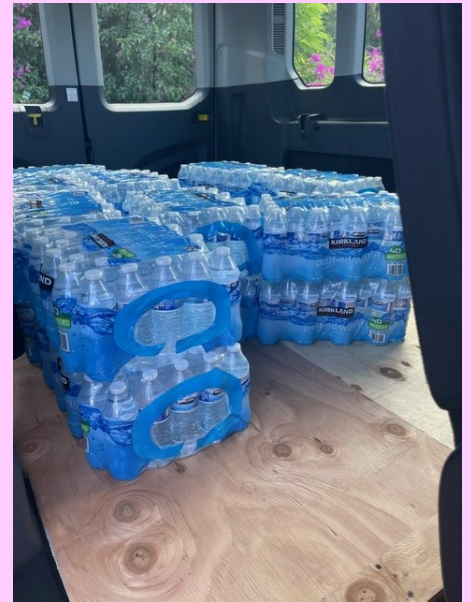
Our COAT team met in January for their 2024 planning session. It was decided that along with Keolahou FP and Kihei Youth Center and Kelaweia Mauka the group is adding 3 new nonprofits who are in need of assistance, especially after the Maui Wildfires. Please join us in welcoming Maui Rescue Mission, A Cup of Cold Water and Feed my Sheep who will now be part of our giving this year.

Laura McClellan spoke to the congregation about the needs of Maui Rescue Mission (MRM) on the second Sunday of March in our new Ministry Moment. Please take a look at the bulletin board, or speak to Laura directly if you are interested in finding out more. We will be asking for help throughout the year to provide items that are needed to carry out their important ministries in our Maui Communities.

Last Monday Pastor Ron drove Zel and Margie to A Cup Of Cold Water (in Wailuku, where he skillfully parked) and 20 cases of water were delivered to Marilyn (the ACCW coordinator), who was thrilled to receive them since their normal supplier was out of water. It was a GOD thing.

It was Pastor Ron's last time to drive the van as it was turned over to Kiley Adolpho from Kelaweia Mauka this past week to use for the delivery of fruits, vegetables and daily meals to the people in the Kelaweia neighborhood in Lahaina. The license plate on the van is 739 TXG which was deemed "Thanks God", for the many blessings and opportunities KLC has been provided to serve those on Maui and all over. This includes donations from the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

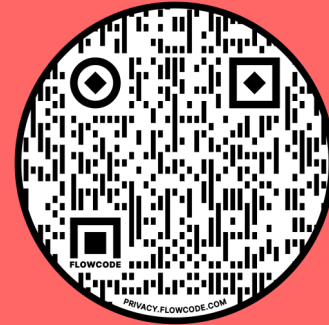
COAT is making 60 snack bags to be delivered this upcoming week to ACCW using food purchased at Costco by Hilary and Margie. This will be placed in specially designed paper bags done by our Sunday School youth. (Thanks, Dori for including this in your lesson plan and to the Keiki who helped.) There will be more forthcoming. Thank you for continuing to support Community.



Important Statistics

February	2023	2024
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	96—In Person 195—Streaming Views	138—In Person 287—Reach
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach	385—In Person 778—Streaming	550—In Person 1148—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$19,207	\$21,055
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$36,531.50	\$40,977.09

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 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



Next Meeting will be:
April 16th, at 7:00 PM
 Via Zoom



Men's Hui

Next Meeting:
When Scheduled

All are Welcome

MEN'S GROUP

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!)

Fred Trott	4/1
Joshua Gonzalez	4/2
River Boren	4/3
Dawn Misner	4/5
Makena Smith	4/11
Elisabet Jorgenson	4/14
Jami Casey	4/15

Victoria Gonzalez	4/17
Berta Sieck	4/21
Vicki Nelson	4/25
Erica Pilotin	4/25
Steve Webb	4/25
Aliyah Spencer	4/30
Bryan Pearl	4/30



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

Keli & Vicki Nelson	4/1/1989
Larry & Denise Ankrum	4/6/1963
Ron & Gloria Carlson	4/6/1963
Bryan & Rhonda Taylor	4/8/1989
Joel & Nancy Smith	4/23/1960





Kihei Lutheran Church

April 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31—Easter Sunday 8:30am Easter Worship 10:30am Easter Worship 3pm Tongan Church	1—Office Closed 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	2 12pm Al-Anon	3 11:30am Rotary	4 9am Prayer Shawl	5 12pm Al-Anon 3pm Pre-Set for OKE	6 9am Ohana & Keiki Exchange
7—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	8 10am Faith Journey— Zoom 7pm Worship Committee Don't Forget	9 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Committee to call	10 11:30am Rotary People to	11 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes check in	12 12pm Al-Anon on them	13
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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

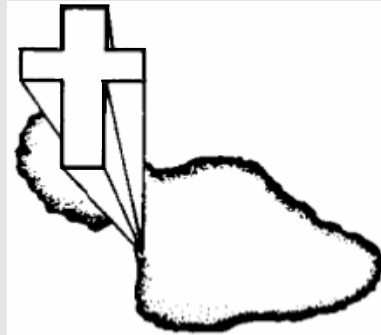
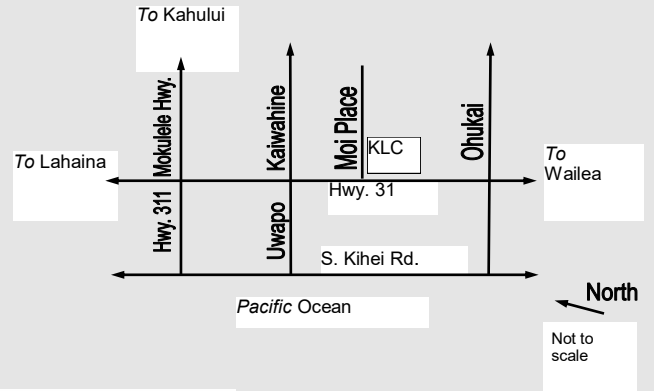
Chimes & Choir Director Beth Fobbe-Wills
 Flowers Andrea Harris
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins

Other Contacts

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 Hula Group Sally Handley
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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