



# KLC 'Ohana News

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



SEPTEMBER 2024

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

## God's Work. Our Hands.

Saturday, September 7th, will be a workday organized by Community Outreach. Starting at 1:00, a simple sandwich lunch will be provided for those who have donned their gold and black t-shirts to come and help work on the ministry projects we currently provide for.

We will be putting together:

- 100 snack bags for A Cup Of Cold Water and Keolahou FP
- 180 hygiene bags for the 3 groups (Maui Rescue Mission, ACCW, and Feed My Sheep)
- We will continue our ongoing monthly sandwich making of 120 PB&J sandwiches to be picked up the next day.
- We also will be making small first aid baggies and women's personal hygiene bags.

Approximately 30 people have committed to helping, but there are more t-shirts available. Let Margie or Hilary know you are coming and pick up your shirt. This is the first time we are asking everyone at KLC to put their hands to work to help support some of our ministry partners. Pictured below is the 2023 dedication of slippers and backpack. Mahalo for your support.

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be dedicating all of our hard work from September 7th for God's Work Our Hands. In addition to our normal God's Work Our Hands, the ELCA is celebrating its 50th year of World Hunger on October 16th. To be a part of this monumental day, KLC will be collecting food every Sunday until then. There will be containers on the front lanai every Sunday, for the congregation to continue our awesome mission of helping those in need. Please take part by bringing a can or box of food every Sunday until October 16th. These acts of service allow us to explore one of our most basic Lutheran convictions: "All of life in Jesus Christ-everyday acts of service in every daily calling, flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's Grace"

## God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024





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## ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER

Aloha from Pastor Ron,



Nanette and I are thoroughly enjoying our time here in Maui. We have come to love being in Kihei and we love being a part of the KLC ohana. You have accepted us and you care for us as ohanas do. Our reality, however, is that we cannot stay here forever even if we want to. So, there will come a time when we return to our family in Alaska. The following picture is of most of our Alaskan family and 3 members of my family from the mainland at my ordination 6 years ago. On August 20<sup>th</sup>, the date of the council meeting last month, this picture and one of Nanette's mother, Ruth, with 3 of her grandchildren were posted, which was the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nanette's mother's arrival in God's arms, just 16 short days after my ordination. Ruth is sitting in the wheelchair next to me, holding my hand.



The primary purpose of the June council meeting was to approve the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and appoint the call committee. Earlier in June, Bishop Dave Nagler indicated to me that he could accept some type of term call, for a specified time, for Nanette and I here at KLC. The council responded positively zeroing in on a 4-year term call. The council postponed action on the MSP and the call committee so that they and Nanette and I could go through a discernment process until the next council meeting, which turned out to be the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. After much prayer and conversation, lots of vacillation back and forth, we came to the conclusion that there were two huge negatives outweighing all the positives. The first negative was that Nanette and I could possibly miss all but one year, if not all, of our oldest granddaughter's middle school and high school years. The second negative was what pastor looking for a call that might be right for KLC would be missed during the years of the term call.

And so, with trepidation, I said to the council that Nanette and I decided we should continue with the month-to-month extensions of my current interim contract until KLC finds the right pastor to call. We reiterated our commitment to stay here in this journey with the KLC ohana until a pastor is called. The meeting ran long and so approval of the MSP and appointment of the Call Committee was postponed again until the September council meeting. The transition and call process is continuing to move forward.

Nanette and I dearly love each and every one of you. This has been a 50-year dream come true for me. I can't imagine leaving here and you, but I know it will come to pass. I preach often about trusting God and ultimately that is what you and we have to do. God has a plan and we have faith.

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.



## Presidents Message

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Church Council met on August 20, where new council members were welcomed and officers were elected. New members are Marilyn Hopkins, and Rhonda Stoltzfus. We are very grateful for their willingness to serve the congregation. Officers are Renee Romerdahl, president, Sue Moorcroft, vice president, Vicki Nelson/Rhonda Stoltzfus, co-secretaries. Margie Terluin has graciously agreed to serve as treasurer. She is not a council member but attends council meetings as KLC's treasurer.

Many of you are wondering where we are in the call process. We started to form the Call Committee in June, but postponed it so that Pastor Ron could consider taking a term call to serve as KLC's pastor. The Council agreed to this postponement and to reconvene in August to hear his decision and move forward. After much contemplation and prayer, Pastor Ron and Nanette decided it was in everyone's best interest that he not take a term call. He will instead continue to serve as our interim pastor during the call process.

Next steps; we will finalize the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and the Call Committee this month. Pastor JP, Assistant to the Bishop, will set a meeting time with the Church Council, Transition Team, and Call Committee to review the MSP and then it will be activated. Pastor JP will be available to assist the Call Committee in beginning their work once the MSP is activated.

The Call Committee will then begin to work together to identify the candidate who is best suited to lead us into God's future. The Call Committee will look for the "right" candidate to call based on our mission, vision, and needs. They will not be looking for a clone or an innocuous person to hire. They will not have a predetermined mindset about the next minister. It may take a short time, or a very long time before the Call Committee finds our next pastor. We must be patient for God to send the "right" pastor to us. Only HE knows our future and HIS plans for us.

Please to keep KLC in your prayers at this time as we move forward.

Renee Romerdahl



**We did have a council meeting in August but as of the writing of the newsletter I did not have a summary of the meeting. Please stay tuned to next month for a copy of the approved minutes.**

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

## Continuing To Provide For The Community

Community Outreach continues its mission of purchasing extra food items for our ministry partners. With the grant funds, we have been able to purchase bulk food items from Costco. Hilary and Margie went to Costco to shop, purchasing over \$600.00 in miscellaneous items for Keolahou and A Cup of Cold Water since the shelves of food at the Maui Food Bank do not have enough quantity at this time. Everything purchased, including the monthly donated food collected from the congregation, was delivered on August 27th. Jerry, Zel and Margie were able to use the new carts that the church purchased to make the delivery so much easier. Mahalo to Pastor Ron for purchasing the carts on sale from Costco.



**Thrive**  
Your Impact on Lutheran Disaster Response

## Thrive Magazine Article

There was a great article in Lutheran Disaster Relief's Thrive Digital Magazine. This article is regarding the work of Kiley and Kelawea Mauka Community Hub. It mentions us at KLC and the support that we have been able to provide with the help of LDR. If you [CLICK HERE](#), it will take you the magazine and the article is on page 12.



## A Look Ahead

Community Outreach will do a FUNDRAISER BAKESALE on Sunday, November 17th. The team is looking for anyone willing to bake or buy goodies for that day. More details will be available in the coming months.



## All Are Welcome!!

New music has been purchased and is on the way for the start of the musical groups at Kihei Lutheran Church. We are beginning our new music season with rehearsal on Thursday, September 12, 2024. Choir and Chimes would love to invite anyone interested in singing and/or playing.



Choir will meet each week at 5:00 p.m. in the church and Chimes will meet at 6:00 p.m. Right now, we are scheduled to sing or play on Sundays and special services based on each group's availability. Both groups are small, but mighty in enthusiasm and knowledge. For anyone willing to give it a try, we have seasoned singers and chimers ready to share their gift of music with you.

You do not need to have prior experience and all are welcome. If you are interested, contact me at the piano after church, email me at the address below or text/call at the number below. We, the KLC Choir and Chimers, look forward to making music with you this coming year.

Beth

Email: [beth@willsmaui.com](mailto:beth@willsmaui.com)

phone or text at: 651.592.1052

## Stewardship News



## STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE

It's once again time to think about stewardship and support for our church. If you have any thoughts about communicating to our 'ohana about the relationships we enhance as we support God's work through our church and our programs, please join the stewardship task force. This is a short-term commitment of 2 to 3 months. We will share ideas, pick a scripture and a theme and determine how to best share with the congregation, both in house and through streaming. Contact Marilyn Hopkins or the church office to lend your time and ideas.

## Sunday School to Begin

Sunday School for the 2024-25 school year begins on Sunday, Sept. 13. Keiki will join one of our volunteer Sunday School teachers in the classroom area immediately following the Children's Message and will return to be with their families in time for Communion. All school-age kids are welcome to attend.





## Important Statistics

July	2023	2024
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	47—In Person 430—Streaming Views	55—In Person 113—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach	236—In Person 2,146—Streaming	219—In Person 453—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$18,569.00	\$18,396.75
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$136,294.37	\$140,474.40

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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:  
September 17th, 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



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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!)



Nancy Jorden	9/2
Tiffany Winn	9/2
Phillip Proctor	9/6
Sharyl Boren	9/7
Joel Smith	9/7
Joleen Pilotin	9/11
Syd Dahlin	9/14

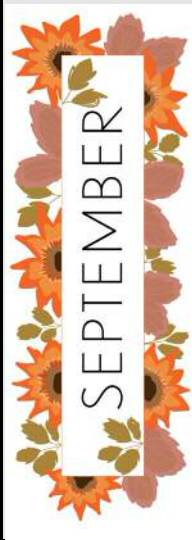
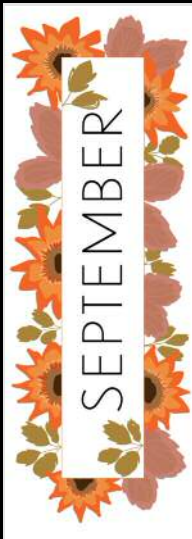
Rhonda Stoltzfus	9/14
Nancy Kentz	9/20
Angelina Campos	9/21
Alexandra Kennedy	9/21
Carolyn Rixey-Wagner	9/26
David Stoltzfus	9/26

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



Miguel & Lisa Gonzalez	September 2, 2001
Syd & Loretta Dahlin	September 17, 1955
Zel & Margie Terluin	September 21, 1980
Curt & Gail Holt	September 22, 1973

# Kihei Lutheran Church September 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	2—Labor Day—Office Closed 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	3 12pm Al-Anon	4 11:30am Rotary	5	6 12pm Al-Anon 3pm Pre-Set for OKE	7 9am Ohana & Keiki Exchange 1pm GWOH's Work- day
8—God's Work. Our Hands. 9am Worship 3pm 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 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes <b>check in</b>	13 12pm Al-Anon <b>on them</b>	14
15 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	16 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	17 12pm Al-Anon 7pm Church Council <b>to call</b>	18 11:30am Rotary	19 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes <b>check in</b>	20 12pm Al-Anon 2pm Pest Control Parsonage 3pm Pest Control Church	21
22 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	23 10am Faith Journey <b>Don't Forget</b>	24 12pm Al-Anon <b>to call</b>	25—Newsletter Deadline <b>People to</b>	26 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes <b>check in</b>	27 12pm Al-Anon <b>on them</b>	28
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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**

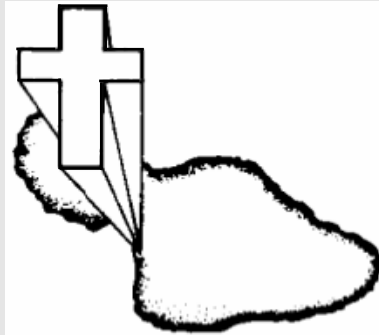
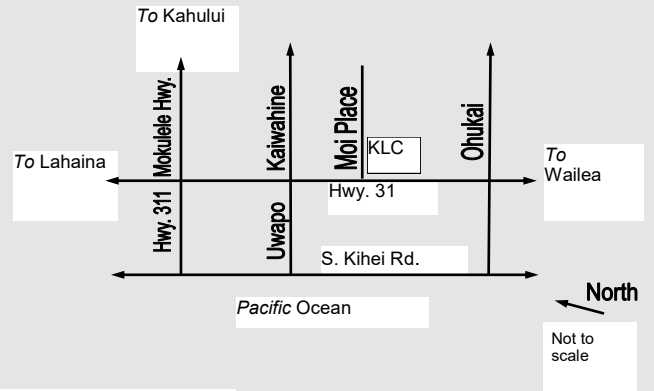
Chimes & Choir Director Beth Fobbe-Wills  
 Flowers Andrea Harris  
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins  
 Worship Assistants/Readers Zel Terluin

**Other Contacts**

Treasurer Margie Terluin  
 Financial Secretary Marilyn Hopkins  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**9:00 AM**



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