



# KLC 'Ohana News

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



MARCH 2024

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is on March 5th. We will be having an evening service starting at 6:00 PM. There will be the imposition of ashes and communion. We hope to see you there.



Holden  
Evening  
Prayer



## Mid-Week Lenten Holden Evening Prayer

Every Wednesday during Lent, March 12th, 19th, & 26th, April 2nd & 9th we will be hosting Holden Evening Prayer starting at 5:30 pm. It is a service with prayers and singing throughout. Everyone is welcome to join. There may even be some soup afterwards. We look forward to seeing all of you.

## Lenten Church Environment

Members of the congregation will see something different in front of the sanctuary this month. We are not placing celebratory flower arrangements in front of the lectern. In keeping with the solemn nature of Lent we have prepared a planter filled with cactus and succulents such as Jesus might have seen during his 40 days. Also, we have included a purple viola, our Lenten color, and finally a Crown of Thorns.



## Jeane Raine Memorial

The family of Jeane Raine would like to invite everyone who loved Jeane to come to her memorial service on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at Kihei Lutheran. A Celebration of Life will be held the next day, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm at Auntie Kali's Cottage, 530 Kumulani Drive in Kihei.

## ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER



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Rucker



Aloha from Pastor Ron,

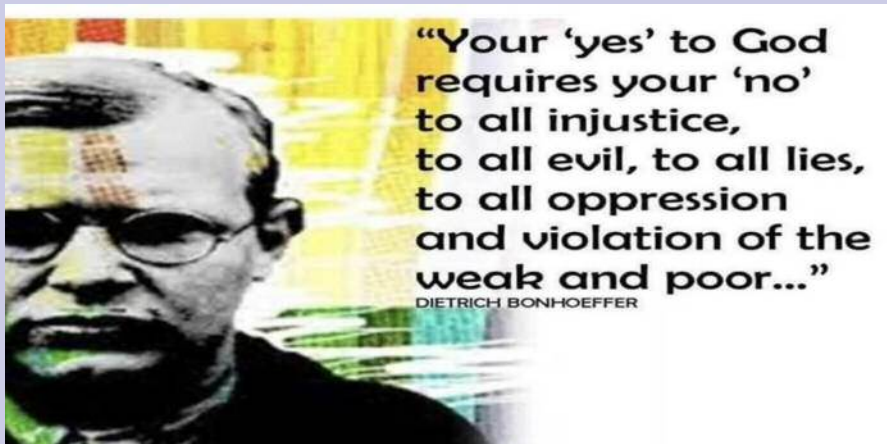


First, let people know who you are and who you stand for in no uncertain terms.

Second, at the end of service on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, I gave some ballpark summary numbers about what KLC has been doing since the August 2023 fires. I think Margie does a phenomenal job leading all our outreach efforts and providing detailed information on what we do. I have in several conversations provided these ballpark dollar figures with a common response – why don't we hear this. Not only did you get a chance to hear them, but now you can see them in writing. KLC is roughly a half million dollar relief agency. We have received grants for approximately \$300,000 from Lutheran Disaster Response, \$100,000 from the Pacifica Synod Disaster funds, and slightly over \$100,000 in direct donations to KLC for disaster relief. These are hard dollars and do not account for all the in-kind donations of food and products we have received since the fires from around Canada and the United States. The vast majority of the funds have been distributed directly to eight agencies hands-on serving in the trenches so to speak. We have retained some funds for purchasing food and supplies for our hands on service projects like PBJ sandwiches, hygiene bags, and food that our distributed by others. All of our grants expire in May. We are currently evaluating whether a need exists for additional funds prior to May, and what funds we think we should be requesting for projects beyond May.

Third, our Congregational Report from February 23<sup>rd</sup> shows that for the second year in a row out of six years reported, our income has exceeded our expenses. Well done you good and faithful servants. Additionally, our average attendance numbers are trending up slightly.

Our world has changed and continues to change. For us, that means we need to trust God, love God, and love others. And one more thing, we must continue to serve others, so with that in mind, I leave you with these words from Dietrich Bonhoeffer.



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

As members of Kihei Lutheran Church we know and understand that WE are the church, it is not the building that is the church. However, our building provides a place for us to worship and serve God through our ministry and programs. We haven't always been fortunate to have a church building. For many years we worshiped in the cafeteria at Kihei Elementary school. Each Sunday everything was hauled out of a storage shed and then put away again for the following Sunday; chairs, Rubbermaid containers with supplies, a sound system, electric piano, Sunday school supplies, etc. Prior to that time church was held at beach parks and homes. We have come along way since 1987 when Kihei Lutheran was first organized.

It is our responsibility to be good stewards of our church properties. We must maintain the church, surrounding property, and the parsonage. We have a property committee that oversees these properties and their maintenance, making sure everything is in working order. For many years Sue Moorcroft has been the chair of the property committee. Her dedication and service has been greatly appreciated. The membership of the committee has changed throughout the years, and has recently dwindled. Our property team currently consists of Sue and our a council representative Mark Haley. We NEED members on the property committee!!

I believe there is a misunderstanding of what is expected of property committee members. If you serve on the property committee you are not expected to know carpentry, plumbing, or gardening or be a handyman/woman, or electrician. What is expected is that you care for our properties, by insuring that they are taken care of and well maintained. The property committee keeps record of what needs repairing, arranges for bids from tradespeople, and arranges for the repairs. They also organize work parties for volunteers to help with simple tasks such as gardening. If you love our church, then you are qualified to serve on the property committee.

The council has recently been made aware of multiple repairs and maintenance that needs to be done to both the church property and the parsonage. A prioritized list is being created, we are asking for bids, and we are working on financing. The church irrigation system is currently going through repairs, which will help with our water loss and water bills. The parsonage roof is leaking in two places, the slider glass doors are broken and need to be replaced, there are windows that also need replacements and the master bedroom is missing closet doors. These are the top priorities right now, but there are other items that need tackling as well. We must maintain our properties and it is our job to take care of them.

Please consider volunteering to serve on the church property committee. You can speak to Sue or Mark if you would like more information or would like to help the property committee. Also, please let them know if you know a roofer or contractor that you would like to recommend.

Many Hands Make Light Work,

Renee Romerdahl

## Church Council

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, the entire Church Council met in person, shared a potluck meal and discussed church business. The meetings are normally held via Zoom due to the many locations of the members. It was a valuable meeting for the Council, giving everyone a

chance to talk to each other face to face. A huge Mahalo goes out to Rhonda Stoltzfus for traveling from Missouri to attend the meeting. She is a seasoned Chimer and played on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, along with our wonderful, playful hand chimes choir. Council elections are coming up and we would like to ask all to prayerfully consider joining the council to assist with the current and future decisions on behalf of all of our members.



## Council Secretary's Report from the February 2025 Council Meeting



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

Pastor Ron Rucker reported that we have 2 people who would like to become members. Jeane Raine's service will be presided over by Ron with Dave Krueger giving the homily. We also have two baptisms the following Sunday for the Handley's grandchildren. He is working hard on separation of former pastors and current members.

Treasurer Margie Terluin reported that the giving for the week of February 18th was \$8,854. Year-to-date income is \$50,794.77 and year-to-date expenses are \$40,158.12. The balance in the General Fund as of 2/18 is \$90,110.25.

We had security tech replace a motion sensor in the back that was going off randomly. Hopefully that will stop false alarms and calls. We also will need a roach treatment in the kitchen area.

Discussion was had about reviewing the housing compensation package for the new pastor. This needs to be thought about as we also work through other staffing changes. Cate feels that her main job can be done with 19 hours a week and a possible 4 day work week. Cate is hoping to be a possible on call position and be done in the office June 6<sup>th</sup> but on call until 30<sup>th</sup> of June. Someone needs to be in place by May 26<sup>th</sup> to have adequate time to train. The music position was discussed and it was decided the church really needs a keyboard person to start. It may have to be subs to start off with until we are able to find a permanent solution.

The policy about hiring church members was changed. All contractors will be hired through a bidding process.

Property needs was talked about especially things having to do with the parsonage. New closet doors, roof, sliding doors (2 don't work), trim painted and the inside painted are just among some of the issues. Laura will spearhead a team to take a look at the previous reserve study to incorporate what needs to be done with suggestions on what we should be doing year to year.

A personnel committee/task force will be discussed at the next meeting and the committees will have a promotional fair after the April congregational meeting.

The preschool requested watering more frequently. Other suggestions were given for them to move things around so that the grass wouldn't get as bad. A letter will be sent to the school with suggestions.

The next regular meeting will be March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda M. Bode Stoltzfus, Co-Secretary

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

# PB & J Ministry

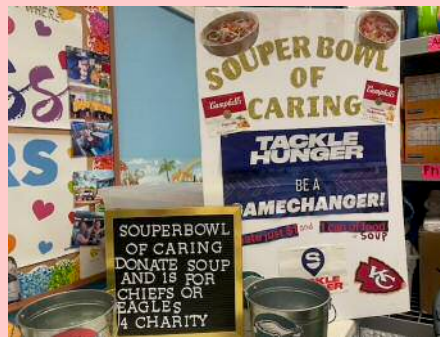
The need to provide food for the unsheltered in our community keeps growing, and in response starting with our March 7th session KLC will raise the number of sandwiches we make each month from 120 to 160. We already have an outstanding group of dedicated volunteers who show up every month. In light of the increased production, it would be good to have a larger pool from which to draw when any of our regulars cannot make it (or would just like to take a break for a month). If you are willing to have your name added to our roster of PBjammers so we could call on you if needed, please forward your contact info. (e-mail or text) to Margie (e-mail: margiet3511@gmail.com cell: 808-283-2525) or Hilary (e-mail: hilary.glassel@gmail.com cell: 808-359-7713). It is truly a fun group that gathers on one Friday morning a month for just a couple of hours – please consider joining us.

Our last sandwich making event on February 7<sup>th</sup> went well in our new location in the sanctuary. We wanted to send a positive message for all who receive these, so this month our bags were decorated for Valentines Day. We also have a message for the month. February's message was "I Love Jesus." Mahalo to everyone who volunteers to be part of the PBjammers!!



## Community Outreach

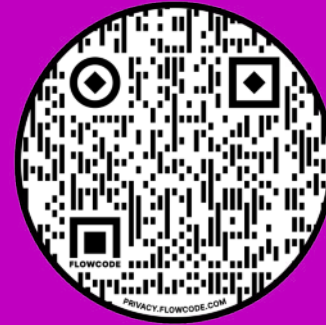
The Community Outreach room was overflowing with canned and boxed food to be delivered to Keolahou Food Pantry. We made 100 snack bags for ACCW (A Cup of Cold Water), Souperbowl of Caring was a big hit. We collected 63 cans of soup and \$203.22 for the food pantry. Just take a look at all the food we were able to bring to Keolahou. We have never had this much.



## Important Statistics

January	2024	2025
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	74—In Person 354—Streaming Views	83—In Person 181—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	297—In Person 1415—Streaming	333—In Person 722—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$19,922.09	\$20,020.77
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$19,922.09	\$20,020.77

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 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. If this is a ministry you care about, please consider a donation. We rely on donations to purchase more yarn and are in need of some more funds. Mahalo for your help.

## Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Ladies



**Church Council**

Next Meeting will be:  
March 18th, at 6:00 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](http://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!)**



Larry Nelson	3/2
Dave Spencer	3/2
JoAnn Patterson	3/3
Charlotte Wright	3/8
Nels Romerdahl	3/20
Doug Paulson	3/21
Mo Hottendorf	3/21

Nathaniel Bell	3/26
Owen Pendergast	3/26
Peter Vorhes	3/26
Zel Terluin	3/28
Micheala Scibeli	3/28
Teri Ocean	3/31

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



Peter & Jeanne Vorhes	3/1/1991
Larry & Donna Nelson	3/3/1962
Jake & Linda Hangartner	3/4/2006
Romy & Debbie Galindo	3/9/1996
Tom & Cheryl Rietz	3/15/1985
Mike & Gina Johnson	3/24/1990
Joe & Nancy Kentz	3/27/1993



# Kihei Lutheran Church March 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23—Congregational Annual Meeting 9am Worship 10am Congregational Meeting 3pm Tongan Church	24 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	25 12pm AI-Anon	26	27 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes	28 12pm AI-Anon	1 9am Ohana Strong 3pm Jeane Raine Memorial
2—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	3 10am Faith Journey— Zoom <b>Don't Forget</b>	4 12pm AI-Anon <b>to call</b>	5—Ash Wednesday 11:30am Rotary 6pm Ash Wednesday Service <b>People to</b>	6 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes <b>check in</b>	7 11am PB&J Making 12pm AI-Anon 3pm Pre-Set for OKE <b>on them</b>	8 9am Ohana Strong 3pm Jeane Raine Memorial
9 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	10 10am Faith Journey— Zoom 7pm Worship Committee	11 12pm AI-Anon 5pm Finance Committee	12 11:30am Rotary 5:30pm Midweek Lenten Service	13 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes	14 12pm AI-Anon 3:30pm Pili'ani Villages HOA	15
16 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	17 10am Faith Journey <b>Don't Forget</b>	18 12pm AI-Anon 7pm Church Council <b>to call</b>	19 11:30am Rotary 5:30pm Midweek Lenten Service <b>People to</b>	20 9am Prayer Shawl 11pm Hygiene Bags 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes <b>check in</b>	21 12pm AI-Anon <b>on them</b>	22 9am Keonekai Villages HOA
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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**

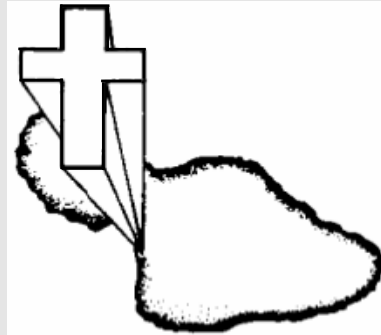
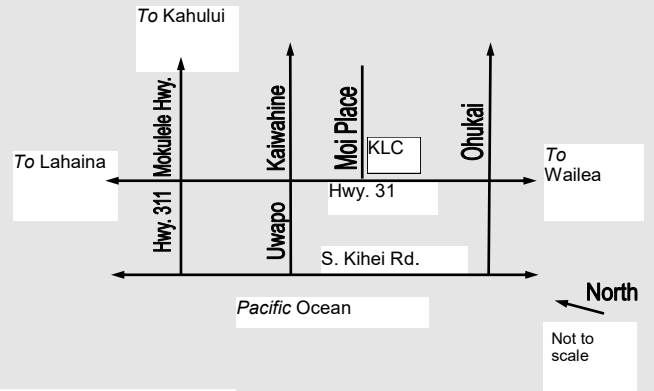
Chimes & Choir Director Beth Fobbe-Wills  
 Flowers Andrea Harris  
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins  
 Worship Assistants/Readers Zel Terluin

**Other Contacts**

Treasurer Margie Terluin  
 Financial Secretary Marilyn Hopkins  
 Hula Group Sally Handley  
 E-mail Prayer Chain Cate Evert

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**9:00 AM**



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