



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

HOLY WEEK



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy week is April 13-20. Everyone is welcome to join us during the week. We look forward to seeing you.

- Sunday April 13th—Palm Sunday—Kihei Lutheran Church—9:00 a.m.
- Thursday April 17th—Maundy Thursday—Kihei Lutheran Church—7:00 p.m.
- Friday April 18th—Good Friday—Kihei Lutheran Church—7:00 p.m.
- Sunday April 20th—Easter—Kihei Lutheran Church—9:00 a.m.

Holy Week—What to Expect



Palm Sunday

Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we hear Matthew's account of the passion today and John's version on Good Friday. Though Jesus is obedient even unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. This holy week will culminate in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

Maundy Thursday

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

Good Friday

The service this year will recount the passion according to John. The entire passion will be read with verses of different hymns interspersed throughout the reading for a time of reflection. We will then have the prayers of the ohana or bidding prayer. These prayers are not only for our community here at Kihei Lutheran but also are for all those throughout the world who may not share our faith, who haven't heard the word of God, who do not believe in the Lord, and all those that need healing or help. We then remember Jesus' sacrifice and lay our burdens with him by placing a candle on the cross as we leave the sanctuary in silence.

Easter Sunday

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!



Ron R
Rucker

ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER

Aloha from Pastor Ron,



First, this is not an official Call Committee report that I am about to share. My understanding is that the Call Committee received applications from three individuals wishing to be considered for the KLC pastoral position. The Call Committee setup online interview times for each individual with one withdrawing prior to the interview. After the initial interview process, another withdrew and one said they needed more time to discuss the family impacts of relocating to the islands. The bottom-line is that no current applicant is moving forward in the process. The other somber news is that the Pacifica Synod has no other applicants in the pipeline. The good news is that Nanette and I are prepared to reiterate our commitment to stay at KLC until a new permanent pastor is called or until the congregation decides KLC needs a new interim pastor. Nanette and I are not in a hurry nor planning to leave KLC until you are ready for us to leave. Yes, we are going to look at our schedules and try to create some opportunities for one or both of us to spend a little more time with our family in Alaska.

Second, Council has approved my being off island from May 5th until May 19th. I will be visiting for 9 days in Alaska followed by attending the Synod Assembly, May 16-17, in California. I will be making a presentation to the assembly on our continued fire relief efforts.

Third, as we move closer to the time Beth and Cate will leave us, we need to be getting ourselves ready for a new era. In some ways that means reevaluating and rethinking some of what we do and how we do it. In that vein, I am asking for two individuals who would like to serve with the pastor as a hymn selection committee. For the last, how many years, Beth in her two employee roles here at KLC has done almost all of the hymn selection and liturgical planning. She has provided her guidance to the Worship Team for their concurrence. There was a time when the entire Worship Team was involved with hymn selection but at best that was unwieldy. If you would like to be a part of the hymn selection committee, please email or text Cate, the office, or myself. I will take the names with my recommendations to the Worship Team for their approval.

Finally, now is not the time to be fearful, nervous, or scared. KLC's future is in the hands of God. Now is the time to trust that God does, in fact, have a plan for KLC. Our job is to be in relationship with God and each other, to love and serve God and each other. Think of simple dry seeds in the ground or trees bare of leaves and their patience. When the time is right God, brings forth new beginnings, new buds, new life. That will happen here at KLC as well. We just need to be patient and trust God. That is what Nanette and I are doing, and you can too.

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.

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.



Holden
Evening
Prayer



Mid-Week Lenten Holden Evening Prayer

Every Wednesday during Lent we have been hosting Holden Evening Prayer starting at 5:30 pm. We have two opportunities left for you to join in, April 2nd and 9th. 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.

Council Secretary's Report from the March 2025 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 Mark Haley.

Pastor Ron Rucker reported that we have received another grant from Lutheran Disaster Response to go to Nā Kia'i O Maui. Pastor will be gone to Alaska starting May 5th and will then attend the Synod Assembly May 16-17 before returning. Sub-pastor's have been found for the time he will be gone.

Treasurer Margie Terluin reported that the giving for the week of March 18th was \$7,766. Year-to-date income is \$81,709.39 and year-to-date expenses are \$62,123.08. The balance in the General Fund as of 3/18 is \$105,301.94.

Cate reported that she is continuing to work and that there are two and a half months before she leaves KLC.

Ohana strong is still trying to get a mechanic to KLC to work on the bus so that it can be driven somewhere for further repairs. They are hoping to have it ready by July 5th. They have their 501c3 complete and are hiring a tax person for the first year of doing taxes for the organization. Vicki mentioned a mechanic as a possibility to help out.

A personnel committee/task force was established to find replacements for both the music position and the office position. Those members are Marilyn Hopkins, Vicki Nelson, Sue Moorcroft, & Zel Terluin. Phil Proctor will be available to help with the music portion specifically.

The facility planning task force gave an update. They met and looked at the previous reserve analysis. Their goal is to have a plan of the next steps for short/mid/long term needs by April to present at the next congregational meeting.

Committee Team/Promotional Fair will be happening at the next congregational meeting. There was also discussion about figuring out what committees are still functioning.

The April congregational meeting will be held on May 4th because of all the Easter celebrations during April.

The nominating committee will need to find 5 representatives for council for next year.

There is an irrigation problem at the parsonage. Vicki will contact Billy to get an estimate of what needs to be done and possibly have the work done.

The next regular meeting will be April 15th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda M. Bode Stoltzfus, Co-Secretary

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

ATTENTION KLC CONGREGATION

A Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, May 4th, following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect members for the 2025-2026 Church Council as well as updates from Pastor and a committee team fair. Please make plans to attend as we need a quorum to conduct business.

Congregational
Meeting

Important Statistics

February	2024	2025
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	128—In Person 287—Streaming Views	115—In Person 158—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	510—In Person 1148—Streaming	460—In Person 630—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$21,055	\$25,029
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$40,977.09	\$45,049.77

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

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. 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.

The Prayer Shawl Ladies



Next Meeting will be:
April 15th, at 6:00 PM
via Zoom

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 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	31 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	1 12pm AI-Anon	2 11:30am Rotary 5:30pm Midweek Lenten Service	3 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes	4 12pm AI-Anon	5
6—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	7 10am Faith Journey— Zoom 7pm Worship Committee Don't Forget	8 12pm AI-Anon 5pm Finance Committee to call	9 11:30am Rotary 5:30pm Midweek Lenten Service People to	10 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes check in	11 11am PB&J Making 12pm AI-Anon 3pm Pre-Set for OKE on them	12 9am Ohana Strong
13—Palm Sunday 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	14 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	15 12pm AI-Anon 7pm Church Council	16 11:30am Rotary	17—Maundy Thursday 9am Prayer Shawl 11am Hygiene Bags 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	18—Good Friday—Office Closed 12pm AI-Anon 7pm Good Friday Service	19
20—Easter Sunday 9am Easter Worship 3pm Tongan Church	21—Office Closed 10am Faith Journey Don't Forget	22 12pm AI-Anon to call	23	24 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes check in	25—Newsletter Deadline 12pm AI-Anon on them	26
27 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	28 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	29 12pm AI-Anon	30	1 9am Prayer Shawl 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes	2 12pm AI-Anon	3

Staff

Pastor Interim Pastor Ron Rucker
 Music Coordinator Beth Fobbe-Wills
 Church Administrative Asst. Cate Evert
 Bookkeeper Sue Whitney

Worship Area Coordinators

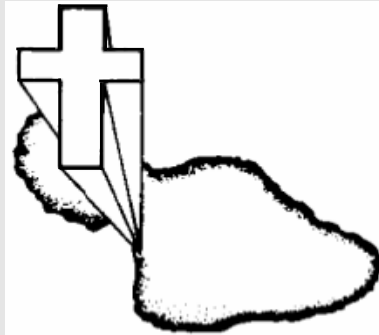
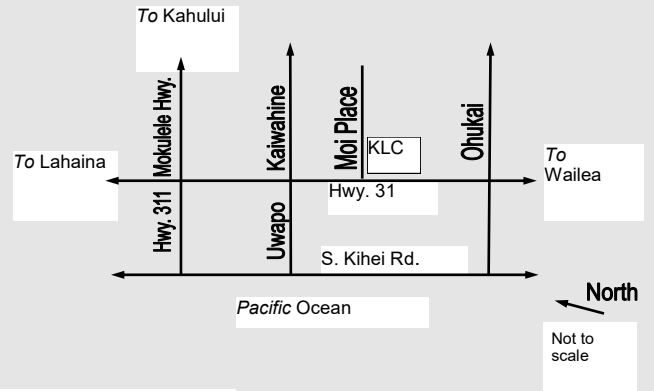
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 Flowers Andrea Harris
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins
 Worship Assistants/Readers Zel Terluin

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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