



KLC 'Ohana News

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



JUNE 2024

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

WE ARE HIRING

Kihei Lutheran Church is looking to hire a church sexton for part-time work. The sexton position would be responsible for light maintenance and groundskeeping at the church and parsonage, preparing spaces for meetings and events and meeting with vendors/contractors doing work for KLC. You will be working in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. Send a cover letter specific to the job and your resume to personnel@kiheilutheran.org.



To see the job description for the sexton position, please [click here](#).

ARE YOU PREPARED? HURRICANE SEASON STARTS

JUNE 1ST

HURRICANE SEASON—BE PREPARED! Hurricane season in Hawaii begins June 1st and goes through November 30th. The National Weather Service is predicting a near-to-below average central Pacific hurricane season for 2025. Potentially that means we could see 1-4 storms. Even though there is a lower prediction than previous years, NOW is the time to get ready for ANY possible emergency. Start putting your supplies together-water, non-perishable food, propane, first aid supplies etc. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE...DON'T BE A VICTIM**, take this warning seriously so you and your ohana will be safe if the big one hits. Remember...it is not if... but when... **PLEASE BE PREPARED!**



ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER



Ron R
Rucker



Aloha from Pastor Ron,

Happy Easter. Jesus is risen. Jesus is risen indeed. Alleluia.

As I write this article, I realize we have just one Sunday left in the Easter season and then we have Pentecost Sunday. This year, Pentecost Sunday has four important aspects. Three of these aspects actually occur every year but the fourth one is unique to this year. The three recurring aspects are that we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending on and indwelling the disciples 50 days after the resurrection. It is one of two Sundays Lutherans are encouraged to wear my favorite color, red, and it is the last Sunday before 6-months of common green. Unique to this year is that it is Beth's and Cate's last Sunday after many years of providing strong leadership to KLC in both administration and music. They have served KLC far and beyond expectations of their positions. Yes, they will be sorely missed, but we must as a congregation claim God's promise that resurrection comes and that we as a church will experience a new beginning.

Also, as I write this, Cate's replacement has begun training and work, at least one musician is being interviewed, and the Call Committee is conducting an interview yet this week. Change is in the wind. Change is God's promise of resurrection, a new beginning.

My thanks to Phil Proctor and Chris Golding for preaching while I was on vacation and at Pacifica Synod Assembly. As always, they did fantastic. Our vacation was wonderful although a bit chilly. I got to see Paxson play in his first two little league baseball games and Reagan participate in her first middle school track meet. Nanette stayed in Alaska for two more weeks after I left and got to have much more quality grandchild time including multiple sleepovers. It was good to be there for the end of the school year. Assuming we will still be serving you come August and the start of another school year, Nanette will return to Alaska in early August to help with the grandkids and I will join them in late August and early September. The church council has already approved my being gone and Chris Golding has agreed to do church for you on August 31st and September 7th.

Are you aware that the Little Hoku preschool that rents space from us is a Montessori school? I recently came across a quote from Maria Montessori that reads: "Everyone talks about peace, but no one educates for peace. People educate for competition and this is the beginning of war. When we educate to cooperate and be in solidarity with one another, that day will be educating for peace." A very interesting perspective and thought. What do you think?

Finally, an Evangelical Covenant pastor I knew when we were both serving churches in Bethel, Alaska, shared with me the following quote from David French in the New York Times: "There is another faith, one far removed from the headlines – that is doing something else entirely. Quietly and patiently, person by person. This faith loves its enemies. It mends the broken heart. And it declares, by word and deed, that no one is too lost to experience the love of God." I think this is you KLC.

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

Aloha,

Aloha,

At the end of the month my term on council will end and I will no longer be serving as the president of our congregation. I wish to thank all of you for the support that you have continuously shown to me throughout the past several years. It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve our congregation alongside members of our church councils.

During my terms as president, I have stood alongside you through some difficult and challenging times, as well as celebratory times. I have led during COVID, Pastor Joel's leave of absence, resignation, and untimely death. I worked closely with the Bishop during these times of transition, finding pulpit supply, hiring an interim minister, and leading the transition team with their work to help the congregation heal and move forward into the future. I also worked on developing and writing the Ministry Site Profile currently being used for the call process for finding a permanent pastor for our congregation. I have witnessed our congregation heal, recover, and move forward into a brighter future. I'm excited for the journey ahead and look forward to learning what God has planned for us!

I've also been privileged to work closely with our amazing committees and teams. I worked closely with the property team, and like many of you, helped in preparing and renovating the parsonage for the arrival of Pastor Ron and Nanette. We also prepared and put in a new lawn in the backyard and landscaped. I assisted in worship; serving as an assistant minister, reader, communion server, pianist, soloist, choir and chime member, served as a lay minister, led worship and delivered sermons. I served on the Fire Committee and assisted with the Lahaina fire relief efforts, as so many of you have as well. I also served on the Community Outreach Team, shopped each year for all the keiki Christmas gifts, and wrote grants to help feed the hungry in our community. I lent a hand with the Education Committee as well, teaching Sunday School to our youth on a rotational basis. As president, I also served on the Mutual Ministry Team. Of course, Fellowship was another area of involvement. We all enjoy and participate in fellowship at KLC!

It is the fellowship, love, aloha, and welcoming that make KLC such a special place. It wouldn't be the same without all of you. We are an ohana, that works together, worships together, and plays together. My church family is so important to me. I couldn't have done this job, or served our congregation without all of you and your support. It really does take a village and a lot of helping hands!

I continuously share the message that we are the church. I hold this truth close to my heart. While my term as president comes to an end, my involvement at KLC will continue. My sincere hope is that all of you continue to support the next KLC Church Council, and that you will also find ways to become involved, join a committee, volunteer and serve.

May God Bless You All,

Renee Romerdahl

Council Secretary's Report from the May 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 Renee Romerdahl.

Pastor Ron Rucker reported that he had a good vacation. Looking at Aug 31st and Sept 7th for the next trip. We received another huge grant to cover the next year for most of the organizations we work with.

Treasurer Margie Terluin reported that the giving for the week of May 14th was \$9,248. Year-to-date income is \$138,300.73, and year-to-date expenses are \$114,090.61. The balance in the General Fund as of 5/20 is \$108,469.57.

Cate's last meeting. Gerry starts the 27th and will be with Cate for some training time.

Worship is meeting a little later to go over things with Beth before she leaves. They are interviewing a pianist next week.

Ohana strong gave an update that the Back to School even is July 12. They are still working on the bus situation. It needs to be moved to a different location to even be towed. Coordination amongst a mechanic and tow company to come at the same time would be great.

A personnel committee/task force interviewed 3 people for the Admin position and Gerry Alexander has accepted the position. \$22/hr and starts May 27th.

Committee Team/Promotional Fair went well. We will do it again when more people are on island and possibly around the anniversary of the Lahaina fire because some members from LDR are coming to the island at that time.

We have a job description for a sexton. Recommended pay \$18/hr. Administrative team will have oversight of vacation time.

The Aumillers have been accepted as members of the church.

Irrigation repairs are done at both the church and parsonage.

We are working on getting documents together to complete the ELCA Credit Union information for church credit cards.

The Music Directors end date will be June 15th since music has been planned through then end of the month.

The next regular meeting will be June 17th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

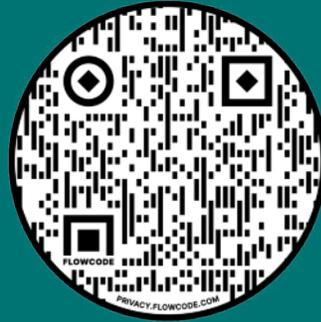
Rhonda M. Bode Stoltzfus, Co-Secretary

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

Important Statistics

April	2024	2025
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	63—In Person 100—Streaming Views	94—In Person 273—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	251—In Person 399—Streaming	376—In Person 1091—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$17,234.21	\$19,531.34
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$83,883.38	\$93,321.73

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 is on their summer schedule of meeting only once a month. If you need a prayer shawl or have any questions please contact the office and Gerry 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:
June 17, 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!)

Kristian Romerdahl	6/1
Gina Johnson	6/3
Kate Sauer	6/5
Julie Kukui Nunan	6/6
Susan Embree	6/7
Sharon McElroy	6/10
Janet Judson	6/11
Molly Bell	6/12
Lynn Carlson	6/12
Emma Pilotin	6/15

Dave Handley	6/20
Bev Gessel	6/21
Anthony Scibelli	6/22
Sheila Turnbull	6/22
Laura Stimac	6/23
Ron Steben	6/23
Sandi Martinsen	6/24
Mikhaela Galindo	6/26
Jeanne Vorhes	6/30



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

Steve & Billie Moksnes	6/6/1961
Steve & Robyn Webb	6/11/2011
Dave & Sam Mather	6/19/1981
John & Nancy Norman	6/23
Eric & Renee Romerdahl	6/25/1983
Mike & Holly Pendergast	6/25/1994
Phillip & Stacie Proctor	6/24/2000
Don & Joy Nelson	6/29/1991





Kihei Lutheran Church June 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	2 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	3 12pm Al-Anon	4 11:30am Rotary	5 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes	6 11am PB&J Making 12pm Al-Anon	7
8 9am Worship 10am Potluck 3pm Tongan Church	9 10am Faith Journey— Zoom 7pm Worship Team— Zoom Don't Forget	10 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Committee to call	11 11:30am Rotary People to	12	13 12pm Al-Anon 3pm Pre-Set for OKE on them	14 9am Ohana Strong
15—Father's Day 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	16 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	17 12pm Al-Anon 7pm Church Council to call	18 11:30am Rotary People to	19 11am Hygiene & Snack Bags check in	20 12pm Al-Anon on them	21
22 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	23 10am Faith Journey Don't Forget	24 12pm Al-Anon to call	25—Newsletter Deadline People to	26	27 12pm Al-Anon on them	28
29 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	30 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	1 12pm Al-Anon	2 11:30am Rotary People to	3	4—Independence Day— Office Closed 12pm Al-Anon	5

Staff

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

Worship Area Coordinators

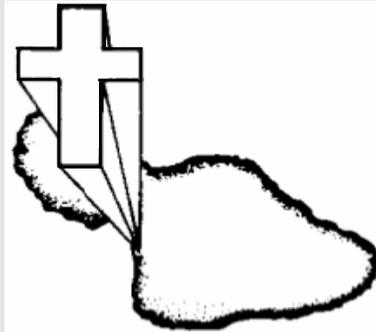
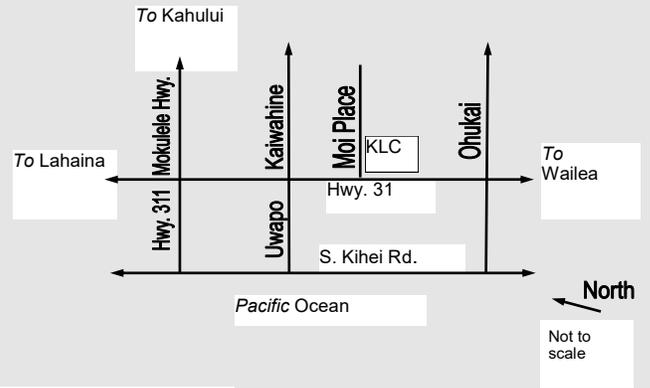
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 Worship Assistants/Readers Zel Terluin

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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