



KLC 'Ohana News

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

MAY 2024

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

WE ARE HIRING

Kiheil Lutheran Church is looking to hire a pianist and an Administrative Assistant. The pianist should have experience in leading and accompanying music for worship services in a variety of musical styles. The Administrative Assistant should have computer and communication skills. 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 pianist please [click here](#). To see the job description for the Administrative Assistant please [click here](#).



COAT ROOM UPDATE

Community Outreach keeps the program running smoothly. To help this happen, on Saturday, March 13th, team members removed all items from the COAT (community outreach and assistance team) room, sorted, counted and reorganized everything. Thanks to Sue, Vicki, Hilary and Margie for their hard work. At the onset of the August 23 Lahaina/Kula wildfires many people generously donated thousands of products, (especially Cindy and Ivey, our church cleaners). Things were placed wherever there was space. It is now organized and easy to find things you need, all thanks to the wonderful dedicated "worker bees" at KLC.





Ron R
Rucker

ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER

Aloha from Pastor Ron,

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

Since we have six more Sundays in the season of Easter, I thought we should continue to focus on prevalent Easter themes. Is the cross or the empty tomb most important in the life of Jesus and our **own** faith journeys? As I said on Easter, if our God is a God of judgment and punishment, then the cross is most important to us. The cross is where Jesus was the sacrificial lamb paying God's required sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sin. It sure seems to me like a pretty high price to pay, one's own child, just to meet a sacrificial requirement. Yet, that is what many, many Christians believe. On the other hand, if our God is a God of love, then the empty tomb is a symbol of God's love that says there is more to life than death, and that is most important to other Christians. As usual, they are just different perspectives.

That being said, I think it is important for us to continue to focus on Jesus. After all, we call ourselves Christians after Jesus Christ. Who was Jesus? What did Jesus do? What happened to Jesus? The answers to these and other similar questions are found in the gospels. Yes, the entire Bible is important but it must be read through the lens of Jesus in the gospels. I find the following from Barbara Brown Taylor to be an interesting summary of the story of Jesus: "Jesus was not killed by atheism and anarchy. Jesus was brought down by law and order allied with religion— which is always a deadly mix. Beware of those who claim to know the mind of God and are prepared to use force, if necessary, to make others conform. Beware of those who cannot tell God's will from their own."

The Call Committee continues to work on finding a more permanent pastor for KLC. Ohana Strong also continues to try to get the bus moved to a maintenance shop so that it can be made ready to serve the population of Maui. I am sure you often wonder what is happening, if anything. I'm more in the know and I still wonder. It reminds me of the story about how government decisions are made is like elephants mating. It is done at a high level with lots of screaming and it takes two years to get results.

Nanette and I continue to love and be loved, and to support and be supported. This has been one of our most treasured experiences in our lives together. I am looking forward to working with a new council and new staff if only, maybe, for a brief time.

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.

Kihei Youth Center

Thursday, April 10th, Jerry Sieck, Margie and Pastor Ron returned to the Kihei Youth Center to bring some wish list items that will be used to enhance the keiki's time there. A movie theatre type popcorn maker was revealed (along with a case of popcorn and 300 popcorn bags) to the kids. The excitement in the room was infectious. They will use it for special occasions as well as for fund raisers. The Youth Center Ex Director, Lehua Hafoka, also expressed the need for a good set of noncommercial pots and pans for their kitchen along with some cooking utensils. Those were also delivered to them. These items were purchased from the LDR grant that we received around a year ago.



Presidents Message

We all know what a special place KLC is. We see it and hear it weekly from visitors and return visitors. I realized it the very first time I worshiped with KLC 26 years ago in the Kihei Elementary cafeteria. God's aloha flows freely and surrounds us all. What makes it such a special place? It is all of us. We are warm, welcoming, sharing, and helpful to one another. Working together we provide ministry with vibrant worship services, special music, fellowship, outreach, and a welcoming environment. **We are the church!**

These ministry elements do not occur by themselves. It is our hard-working committee members that plan our services, fellowship opportunities, outreach, spiritual growth, environment, and property maintenance, and oversee our finances, contracts, personnel, and more. Unfortunately, many of our committees are made up of mostly council members and some only have one or two members. No one wants to serve on a committee of one or two, and we shouldn't expect a small group to do everything!

We need our congregation to understand the different committees/teams, their function, their needs, and how they can help them. There will be a committee fair on Sunday, May 5, where informational tables will be set up for each committee/team. You will have the opportunity to visit each one, find out more about our committees, and find one that best fits you, your time and interests.

May 5 will be a day about service for the congregation as we elect church council members at the annual congregational meeting and learn about how **we can all serve** our KLC congregation.

We REALLY do need you!

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Renee Romerdahl

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord."

1 Peter 4:10-11

PB& J Update

As always, a huge mahalo goes out to the dedicated ladies (and sometimes a gentleman) who come monthly to make the 160 PB&J's for our ministry partner, A Cup of Cold Water. In April we were joined by two of Hilary's neighbors, Liz and Jill. Their enthusiasm and energy were a delight to all who were there. The bags were decorated with colorful Easter stickers this time around. Mahalo to Joy, Marcia, Gail, Pat, Lindsey, Kate and Hilary who made up our team of PB&Jammers for April as well as those folks who helped in the past year to make this ministry so successful.



Council Secretary's Report from the April 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 Sue Moorcroft

Pastor Ron Rucker reported that he has been to Hale Makua to visit a nonmember, John, who requests communion every once and a while. He also stopped by the church when the Tongans were here to thank them for the Palm Sunday decorations.

Treasurer Margie Terluin reported that the giving for the week of April 15th was \$6,318.34. Year-to-date income is \$105,023.73, and year-to-date expenses are \$84,236.47. The balance in the General Fund as of 4/15 is \$102,794.86.

Cate reported that she is continuing to work on writing procedures for things that she does.

Outreach gave an update of items delivered to Keolahou, some wish list items that were delivered to the youth center, and Margie went with A Cup of Cold Water to deliver 160 sandwiches.

Ohana strong gave an update that the Easter event was well attended. The bus is empty and hopefully will be moved for repairs soon. The van is now full and will be moved once the bus is up and running.

A personnel committee/task force had met twice. Job descriptions were made for both the Administrative Assistant and the pianist. We will begin advertising soon. They want the church to consider hiring a sextant to do all the other duties that do not fall under the Administrative Assistant but have been getting done because of Cate.

Nominating Committee reported that two people are willing to join council. They will be searching for more. Marilyn will make an announcement this Sunday. Pastor Ron suggested that we should also start forming the audit committee now for next year.

Committee Team/Promotional Fair will be held on May 4th after the congregational meeting. Teams need to look at the constitution to see what they are supposed to be doing as teams.

John and Nancy Norman have been accepted as new members.

A new church credit card was discussed. Margie will look into ELCA Federal Credit Union that we were working with the prior to Covid.

An audit was discussed and it was recommended that with all the changes and people leaving that we will hold off this year and an audit will be done early next year.

The next regular meeting will be May 20th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda M. Bode Stoltzfus, Co-Secretary

To see a copy of the approved March 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

March	2024	2025
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	149—In Person 239—Streaming Views	111—In Person 167—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	749—In Person 1197—Streaming	556—In Person 836—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$25,672	\$28,740.62
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$66,649.09	\$73,790.39

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 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



Next Meeting will be:
May 20th, 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!)



Carol Gesch	5/1
Nancy Dennison	5/3
Curt Holt	5/3
Bailey Pendergast	5/5
Eryn Pendergast	5/5
Renee Romerdahl	5/7
Lloyd Amundson	5/9
Malysa Scibelli	5/11
Mark Haley	5/11
Deja Campos	5/14

Jerry Sieck	5/14
Lisa Gonzalez	5/15
Jack Jorden	5/18
Neil Turnbull	5/18
Duane Chaney	5/24
Don Lee	5/24
Dori Thorngren	5/24
Saylor Pearl	5/26
Danny Boren	5/27

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



Steve and Heather Ceccanti	5/5/2001
Tony and Karen Gucci	5/19/1989

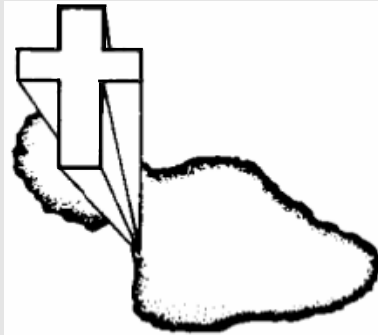
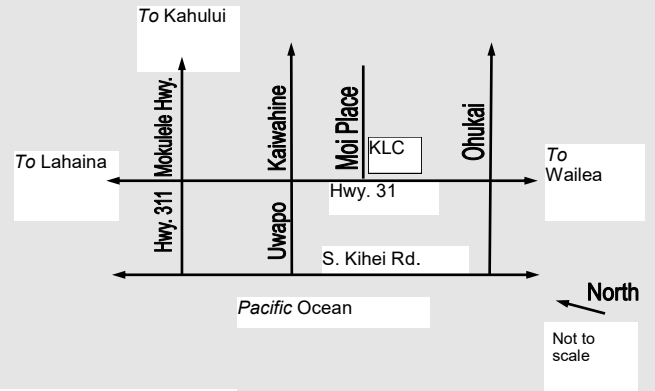


Kihei Lutheran Church May 2025			may			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	28 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	29 12pm Al-Anon	30	1 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes	2 12pm Al-Anon	3
4—Keolahou Food Pantry 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	5 10am Faith Journey— Zoom Don't Forget	6 12pm Al-Anon to call	7 11:30am Rotary People to	8 11am Hygiene & Snack Bags check in	9 11am PB&J Making 12pm Al-Anon 3pm Pre-Set for OKE on them	10 9am Ohana Strong
11—Mother's Day 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	12 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	13 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Committee	14 11:30am Rotary	15 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes	16 12pm Al-Anon	17
18 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	19 10am Faith Journey Don't Forget	20 12pm Al-Anon 7pm Church Council to call	21 11:30am Rotary People to	22 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes check in	23 12pm Al-Anon on them	24 10am Worship Com- mittee
25—Newsletter Deadline 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	26—Memorial Day— Office Closed 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	27 12pm Al-Anon	28	29 5pm Choir 6pm Chimes	30 12pm Al-Anon	31

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

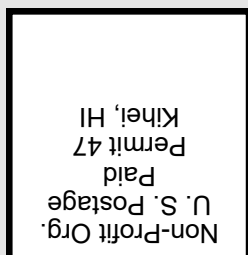
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