



KLC 'Ohana News

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



AUGUST 2025

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

Call Committee Update as of July 15, 2025

As of this writing, we can share that the prior Hawaii based candidate that we were engaging with has withdrawn from further discernment and consideration. There are no other candidates at this time. Pastor JP, Bishop Dave Nagler's regional assistant for Hawaii, continues to be a source of guidance and strength in this process. Based upon recent communications with the Synod, another revision and update to the KLC Ministry Site Profile (MSP) is likely forthcoming. We now await the opportunity to chat further with Bishop Nagler during his visit in August. Thank you for your continued support and prayers of the KLC Call Committee.



KEOLAHOU FOOD PANTRY

Just a reminder that our Food pantry Sunday is August 3rd. Please bring your non-perishable food items as well as hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, tooth paste, etc. to the church on the first Sunday and place them by the altar. Mahalo for all of your donations.

ARE YOU PREPARED? HURRICANE SEASON STARTED 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!** All of these supplies will be helpful with other events that may occur. As in a tsunami.



ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER



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Rucker



Aloha from Pastor Ron,

Kurt Vonnegut was an American author known for his satirical and darkly humorous novels. His published work includes fourteen novels, three short-story collections, five plays, and five nonfiction works over fifty-plus years. He is probably best known for the book *Slaughterhouse Five*. He died in early 2007. He considered himself an atheist yet he once said, “For some reason, the most vocal Christians among us never mention the Beatitudes (Matthew 5). But often with tears in their eyes, they demand that the Ten Commandments be posted in public buildings. And of course, that’s Moses, not Jesus. I haven’t heard one of them demand that the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, be posted anywhere. ‘Blessed are the merciful’ in a courtroom? ‘Blessed are the peacemakers’ in the Pentagon? Give me a break!”

This comes from prior to 2007, yet it applies to our country, our society, our world even more so today. I suspect the reason or reasons, much like Jesus summing up the Ten Instructions in two commandments – love God and love others, can be summed up in two thoughts. First, many “Christians” today are not followers of Jesus. Their focus is on the Old Testament where God appears to be a God of judgment and law. They filter the words of Jesus through their lens of the Old Testament. This is simply a less than ideal way of looking at the words of Jesus. The words of Jesus should be used as the lenses to understand the Old Testament and all of the New Testament outside the Gospels. Some of Jesus’ most succinct words are the two great commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, especially the part we call Beatitudes.

The second reason is that these words of Jesus contradict the capitalism of our culture and society. Jesus’ ideas of being aware of and caring for others even before, or at least like, ourselves is contrary to our self-absorbed, self-indulgent, egocentric culture. Jesus’ teaching was radically different than what we expect or are taught to expect. God’s is an upside-down kingdom where life is found in death, power is found in weakness, freedom comes with surrender, greatness is found in service, the first will be last and the last will be first, and enemies are to be loved not hated. Can you follow this Jesus?

We have previously received and disbursed about \$358,000 from Lutheran Disaster Response. We have now received and most of our last grant request for an additional \$357,000 from Lutheran Disaster Response. Speaking of Lutheran Disaster Response, we will have representatives from LDR as well as our own Pacifica Synod Bishop, Dave Nagler, on island between August 6th and August 11th. They will be visiting many of the organizations’ activities we have been supporting and also other remembrance activities in Lahaina on August 8th. They will also attend worship with us on August 10th where Bishop Dave will preach and preside over communion. The service will be followed by a lunch reception. Please plan to attend if you are on island.

Nanette and I remain committed to serving you and KLC. She will be off island from August 4th until September 9th. I will be off island from August 25th until September 9th. Father Chris Golding will be preaching at KLC on August 31st and September 7th.

If you need my assistance or just want to chat, feel free to call Shannon in the church office or to call or text my cell phone, 907-841-6992.

Presidents Message

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

Aloha,

Changes: I like to change my hair and my clothes a lot but it's hard to embrace change we aren't expecting or don't want. But God blesses our willingness to follow him no matter what changes may come.

To start with we have a new council and a new President. I am honored to serve.

We have a new administrative assistant, Shannon Kama. She is amazing and has jumped in with both feet and is meeting each task with a can-do attitude. Her joyful spirit is contagious. Julia Golding is our worship leader. What can I say about Julia? The Golding family brings so much to KLC, I know we are all very thankful. God has given her a beautiful gift of music that she now shares with us. Kyle Wolfgang is our new sexton. He is awesome and is already making improvements, and his list is huge. God bless this needed help.

As with all change, let's approach them with joy. Only God know where he is leading, and I trust him. Please be patient & kind with all of us as we navigate our new roles in the church. Each and everyone of us feel blessed to serve our Lord here at Kihei Lutheran Church.

In Christs Love,

Vicki



Dear Community of Kihei Lutheran Church,

Words cannot begin to express my love and feelings for this community and what it has been in my life over the last 18+ years. Music ministry has been a gift given to me since a very young age and I was able to use this precious gift to enhance liturgy in your community. As I have said before,

KLC was a calm in the storm many times over during my tenure with all of you. I feel that I became a small part of a loving and giving community of people. Your service to the island was something that was a quiet and powerful surprise to me when I first began. Your selfless acts of giving and the trust you always had in our Father's guidance in making choices for the good of the community was always in the forefront of all decisions made on behalf of the congregation. So many things turned out to be directly from the hand of God or in words frequently spoken by many back then, "it was a God thing."

Thank you for your generosity of spirit, love, and kindness. My prayer is that you continue to allow Him to guide you and show you your mission in His love.

I will always be grateful for the call to serve you so many years ago...IT WAS A GOD THING! Praise to Our Heavenly Father for making a connection that gave so much to me through all of you.

Love and A Hui Hou,
Beth

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650 River Birch Place
Lino Lakes, MN 55014-1951

Cell: (651) 592-1052

Council Secretary's Report from the July 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 Pastor Ron, encouraging us to be focused! This was the first meeting with our newly elected council, and our ice breaker was for each of us to list where we were born, what brought us to the islands, and our favorite church experience. KLC featured prominently in “favorite experiences”!

Officers were elected, with Vicki Nelson joyfully elected as President, and Nancy Norman as Vice-president. Rhonda Stoltzfus and Margie Terluin will continue as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Pastor Ron updated us on his travel logistics, his Ohana Strong work, and the schedule for the Lutheran Disaster Response visit. Treasurer Margie Terluin reported that the giving for the week of July 9-15 was \$6,690.00. Year-to-date income is \$193,993.23, and year-to-date expenses are \$159,256.13. The balance in the General Fund as of July 15 is \$115,201.70.

A new credit card has been secured for the use of office staff. Mahalo to Margie for all the work she did to get this set up for the church's use! A church card is much more difficult to get than the credit cards handed out to kids in college. We also welcomed Shannon to the group as the church's new administrative assistant. We are thrilled to have her on board!

The parsonage roof was repaired this past month and should keep the weather out a bit longer. Vicki and Ron also came up with a plan for dealing with the rubbish bins at the church. There will be a lined paper on Shannon's desk, and anyone who puts things in the bin and finds it full should note that on the paper. Office staff will then call in for an additional empty to occur.

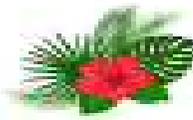
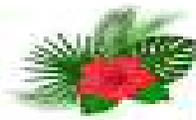
Over the next few weeks Vicki will be working on matching council members to various teams that keep Kihei Lutheran running like a well-oiled machine. We look forward to seeing where we all land next month. In August, council will have a mini stay-cation retreat at the church to get better acquainted and to fine tune some areas of church life. We will also conduct our August meeting during this Saturday event on the 16th.

Our final order of business was one of joy as Tom and Cheryl Rietz have asked to become full members of Kihei Lutheran. We look forward to serving KLC with them in the coming years!

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda M. Bode Stoltzfus, Co-Secretary

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



You're Invited!
 Please join us for a
LUNCH RECEPTION

to interact & talk story
 with members of the national
 ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response
 and invited Maui ministry partners.

Sunday, Aug. 10 at 11:00 a.m.
 at Kihei Lutheran Church

Guest speaker
 at our 9:00 a.m. service
 will be Pacifica Synod
Bishop Dave Nagler.

RSVP to Margie Terluin or to the
 church office (KLC@kiheilutheran.org)
 if you plan to attend the lunch reception.



**CHILDREN'S
 SUNDAY
 SCHOOL**

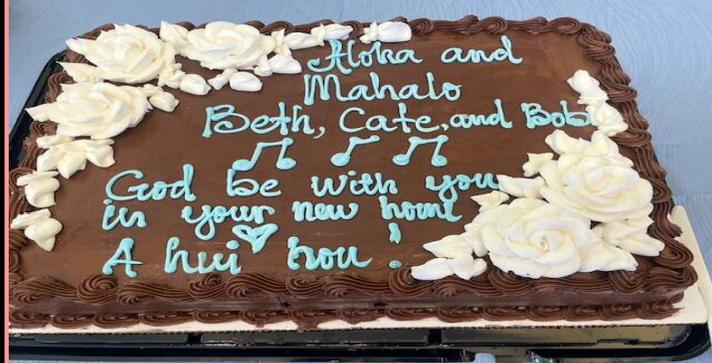
Seeking Sunday School Teachers: We are looking for passionate, caring individuals to join our Sunday School teaching team! If you want an opportunity to share God's Word with others, this is a wonderful opportunity to make a lasting impact. No prior teaching experience is required, just a willingness to serve, a joyful spirit, and an interest in helping our young learners grow in faith. Training, lesson plans and all materials are provided for. Our KLC program serves

children in grades K-6; keiki leave our Sunday worship service after the Children's Message and return to worship in time for Communion with their families. Our volunteer teachers rotate, generally teachers only teach once every 4-6 weeks. KLC Keiki Sunday School begins after Labor Day September 7th and runs through May. Please contact Nancy Norman if you are interested or have questions, Norman.Nancy@gmail.com or text (612) 618-9999. Pending Sunday Schedule Changes: Sunday morning schedule change will change soon. Sunday morning worship will change from 9:00 am to 9:30 am. The full Sunday morning schedule will be as follows: 8:30 to 9:15 am Choir Practice 9:30 to 10:30 am Worship 11:00 to 12:00 pm Spiritual Growth Adult Education and Confirmation.



Aloha Oe "A Fond Farewell"

Sunday June 8th was our last Pentecost wearing red with both Cate and Beth here at KLC. Not only was red the color of the day, but also of the many red eyes as members of KLC bid Aloha to two very special people who helped make KLC what it is today. For the last 17 years for Beth and 11 years (give or take) for Cate these ladies were the back bone of our church. They put in tireless hours into our amazing music program, church services and our office functions. (just to name a few) We were blessed to have them with us for so long, and although it was hard to say Good Bye, we were assured they would return to Maui in the future. A luncheon organized by Andrea Harris and others was held in honor of Beth, Bob and Cate. Many members of the congregation attended the service, and the lunch. Leis were given by many, we had lots of great food, and delicious cake. A sincere Mahalo also to Bob, for all the amazing singing he shared with us. He too will truly be missed. Mahalo to Pastor Roxanne for assisting Pastor Ron with the service, making it extra special for all of us. It is always when she joins us in worship. We also said Aloha to Barbara who joined the chime group 2 years ago and is moving to mainland. We wish her well too, and ask God to be with all of them as they embark on the new chapters of their lives.



Important Statistics

June	2024	2025
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	63—In Person 100—Streaming Views	55—In Person 113—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	219—In Person 423—Streaming	220—In Person 452—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$17,234.21	\$31,953.50
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$83,883.38	\$143,703.00

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 Shannon 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:
August 16 at 9:00 AM
In person & via Zoom

Administrative Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
9:00 AM—5:00 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!)

Anthony Scibelli	8/3
Donna Nelson	8/4
Joy Nelson	8/4
Reef Boren	8/5
Gina Casey	8/9
Jill Jennings	8/9
Sue Moorcroft	8/9
Craig Weber	8/11
Larry Manning	8/12
Dee Reader	8/13
Ede Stratton	8/14
Joan Grotz	8/15

Laura McClellan	8/15
Jessica Nelson	8/15
Gloriann McDowell	8/17
Braxton Cuomo	8/20
Sharon Begalke	8/24
Kirsten Paulson	8/25
Andrea Harris	8/26
David Martinsen	8/27
Tayon Spencer	8/27
Carolyn Young	8/27
Sam Mather	8/30



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

Dave & Melanie Spencer	August 3, 2007
Peter & Janet Harp	August 6
Keek & Mo Hottendorf	August 14, 1993
Don & Sharon Begalke	August 16, 1986
Oliver & Marcia Stafford	August 21, 1987
Brad & Diana Hill	August 26, 1960
Jim & Andrea Harris	August 27, 1983





Kihei Lutheran Church August 2025



SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
27 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	28 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	29 12pm Al-Anon	30	31 9am Prayer Shawl 4:30 Maui Greek Orthodox	1 12pm Al-Anon	2 1:30 Maui Greek Orthodox Mission	3 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	4 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	5 12pm Al-Anon	6 11:30am Rotary 5pm Property Committee	7 9am Prayer Shawl 11am Hygiene & Snack 4:30 Maui Greek Orthodox	8 11am PB&J Making 12pm Al-Anon 3pm Pre-Set for OKE	9 9am Ohana Strong
10 9am Worship 10am Luncheon 3pm Tongan Church	11 10am Faith Journey— Zoom 7pm Worship Team— Zoom	12 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Committee- Zoom	13 11:30am Rotary	14 4:30 Maui Greek Orthodox	15 12pm Al-Anon	16 4:30 Maui Greek Orthodox	17 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	18 10am Faith Journey Don't Forget	19 12pm Al-Anon 7pm Church Council	20 11:30am Rotary	21 9am Prayer Shawl 4:30 Maui Greek Orthodox	22 12pm Al-Anon on them	23
24 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	25— Newsletter Deadline 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	26 12pm Al-Anon	27	28 9am Prayer Shawl 4:30 Maui Greek Orthodox	29 12pm Al-Anon	30	24 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	25— Labor Day Office Closed 10am Faith Journey— Zoom	26 12pm Al-Anon	27	28 9am Prayer Shawl 4:30 Maui Greek Orthodox	29 12pm Al-Anon	30
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Staff

Pastor	Interim Pastor Ron Rucker
Music Coordinator	Julia Golding
Church Administrative Asst.	Shannon Kama
Bookkeeper	Sue Whitney
Sexton	Kyle Wolfgang

Worship Area Coordinators

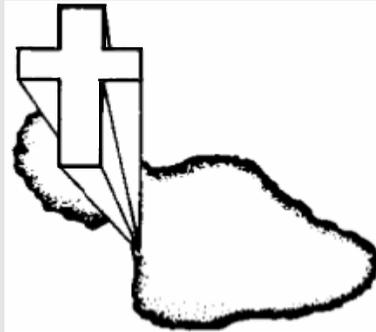
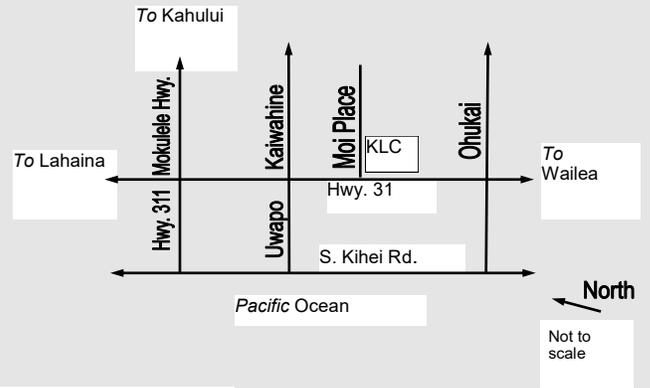
Chimes & Choir Director	Julia Golding
Flowers	Andrea Harris
Hosts Coordinator	Marilyn Hopkins
Worship Assistants/Readers	Zel Terluin

Other Contacts

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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