

KLC 'Ohana News

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



NOVEMBER 2025

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

KEOLAHOU FOOD PANTRY



Just a reminder that our Food pantry Sunday is November 2nd. 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. If you forget your item yon that day you can drop them off in the office Monday thru Friday 9 to 5.

I will
praise
the name
of *God*
with a song, and will
magnify Him
with

Thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30, NKJV



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ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER

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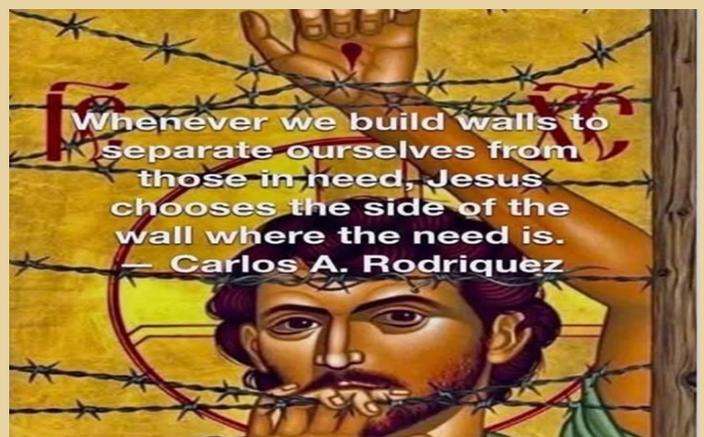
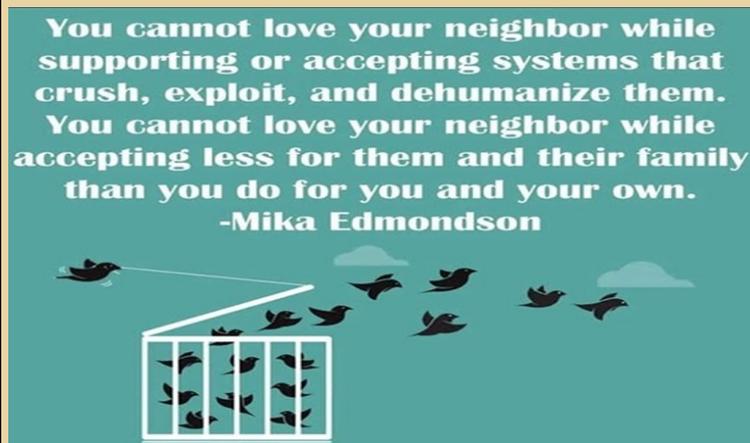
I was scheduled to be gone from October 7th through October 10th for my once-a-year in person gathering of the Pacific Lutheran Theological School (PLTS) Advisory Board. It was an invigorating meeting. On October 10th, instead of returning to the islands, I rented a car and drove roughly 700 miles in 12 hours from Berkeley, CA to Phoenix, AZ, where I was able to get an appointment at the Mayo Clinic for a second opinion concerning my smoldering myeloma diagnosis. I was also able to do a surprise visit to a pastor friend's church.

So, here is my health news. After additional blood work at Mayo and a long consultation with the doctor where he explained processes, decision points, and treatments, he concurred with the doctor from the Fred Hutchison Cancer Center of smoldering myeloma with no treatment recommended at this time. Yes, my blood has "dirt" in it but there is no **significant** degradation of my lifestyle at this point. Yes, they could begin treatment at this time but it is costly and would need to continue for the rest of my life. It may ignite in a year or two or fifteen, who knows. Current standards say to monitor it with quarterly blood work and annual Pet Scans. As I write this article, I know that I have an appointment on Wednesday, 10/29, to see my on-island oncologist. If there is no new significant information, then Fred Hutchison has agreed to wait for my next follow-up for three more months. Thanks for all the prayers.

I appreciate Phil Proctor and Chris Golding for stepping up and filling in for me on October 12th and October 19th, respectively. Their willingness to step up and help out is a gift to me and to KLC.

I have notified Bishop Dave Nagler and the church council that I would like to leave KLC not later than June 1, 2026. This was not an easy decision but as Bishop Dave said, "I have flipped the switch." It is time for Nanette and I to return to Alaska and be the grandparents we want and were meant to be. Serving here as your pastor has been one of the greatest joys in my life. When the time comes, we will not want to leave and we know that we will miss you all dearly. In the meantime, we are still here and you are still stuck with me as your pastor.

I want to share two memes from Facebook that identify the Jesus I know and believe in,



What side of the walls are you, we on? What side of the walls does Jesus want you, us to be on? I know I want to be where Jesus is.

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 KLC 'Ohana,

Another month has come and gone, and we are all working hard to move forward together. As we reflect on the many blessings God has provided, we are also aware of the ongoing care our church buildings and parsonage need so they can continue to serve our congregation and wider community well.

In the coming weeks, Shannon, Sue, and I will be compiling a list of projects that require attention at both the church and the parsonage. These include maintenance needs, repairs, and improvements that will help preserve our facilities for years to come. Once the list is complete, we will share an outline of the work along with estimated costs so that everyone may be informed.

For those who feel called and are able to give, we will have envelopes available for contributions toward these projects. Any amount—large or small—will make a meaningful impact and help ensure that our worship space and ministry home remain safe, welcoming, and functional. Your ongoing support strengthens the mission and ministry we share.

I also want to offer a special word of gratitude for Shannon. She has truly been an answer to our prayers. Her joyful spirit, dedication, and willingness to serve have brought tremendous blessing to our 'Ohana. We are deeply thankful for her presence among us.

May God continue to guide us, fill us with hope, and empower us to care for one another and for the place we call our spiritual home.

God bless you all,
Vicki



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**HIS LOVE ENDURES
FOREVER.**

Psalm 136:1, NIV



Council Secretary's Report from the October 2025 Council Meeting



Council met on October 21 with a quorum present. Hilary shared a lovely devotion with us and opened us with prayer. Ron recapped his recent travels to the mainland and filled us in on his activities here on island. Plans are in the works already for Advent services which will be shared with Chris Golding through the season.

Vicki and Renee spent time updating the MSP to reflect KLC as it is today. The previous MSP was written just two days after the fire and we all felt it reflected the pain experienced at that time. Our new MSP is joyful! Vicki continues to work on updates to both the parsonage and church property.

Margie updated us on the finances of the church. General giving for 10/15-10/21 was \$7150. YTD giving is: \$266,259.23, and expenses: \$246,959.36. The funds in the general account as of 10/21 are: \$103,059.87. Shannon is continuing to settle in and is ready to take on the Facebook updates.

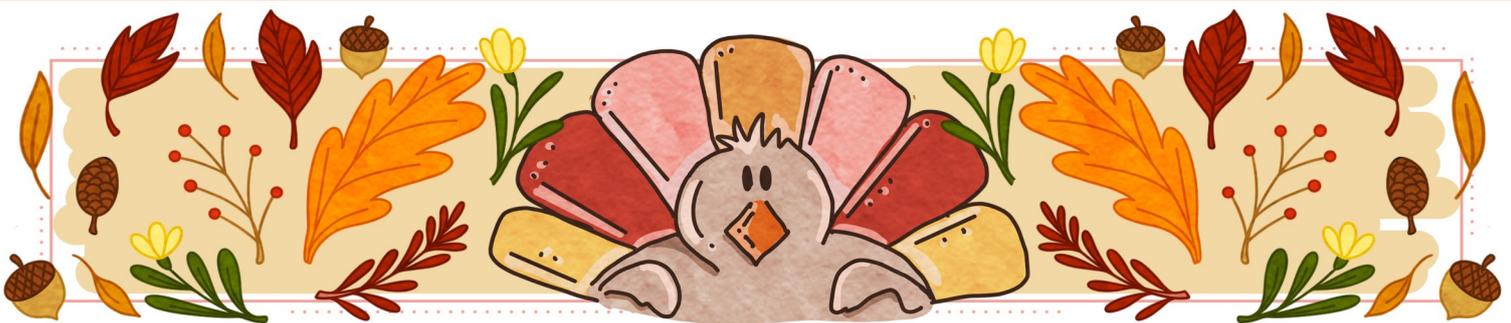
We have a bake sale and ministry fair coming up on November 23. We look forward to learning more about each team at KLC. On October 31st we hope to see many of you with decorated vehicles at Trunk or Treat! We've invited the community and hope for a good turnout. Please bring candy to give out if you are able, or talk to Vicki about spare candy she will have stashed away.

"New Business" kept us busy this month. The Hukilau Conference is coming up and Ron, Margie, and (maybe?) Vicki are looking at attending. We have an AC in the building that is not functioning properly and will be fixed in the near future. We set a new record for speedy approval of the budget. Only a few changes were needed and the final product will be presented to the congregation for approval on November 30.

Vicki has requested that when team minutes are submitted, any council action items are highlighted right at the beginning of the minutes so that council doesn't miss something important. Put it in bold print or create a box around it so council sees it right away. Thanks so much to all our teams for doing such a great job!

Respectfully Submitted, Rhonda Stoltzfus - Council Secretary

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



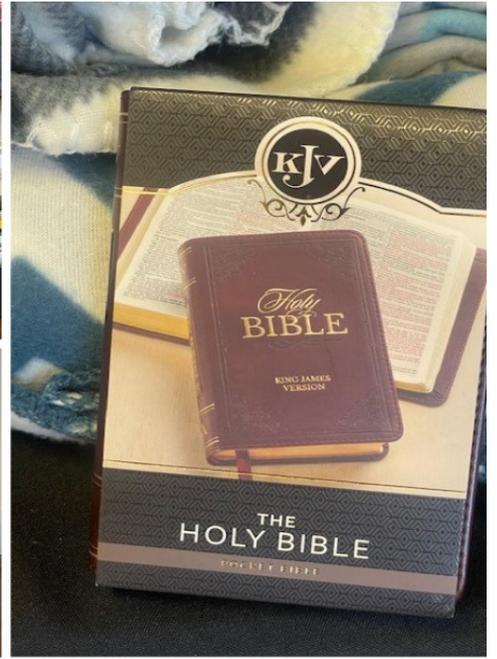


STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

The 2025-26 stewardship campaign is here. You will be hearing from speakers on November 2, 9 and 16 and see articles from our family and friends in the eblasts and bulletins. Members of the Stewardship Task Force will provide after-worship refreshments as a thank you for your support. And we will all look forward to **November 16th** as the day we return our pledge cards to church, but more deliciously, **ice cream sundaes**. Watch your mail and your email for a letter from Pastor Ron and your pledge card to show your commitment to the programs and ministries and the business of our church. Filling out the pledge card is helpful to Council to have an idea of the support we can receive. This is your statement of what you intend to provide. Of course, we understand that circumstances can change and you might need to change that pledge, either up or down, as your life moves forward. Thank you in advance for your support to this wonderful church we all call home.





September 7th was the day of dedication and blessings for our 2025 God's Work Our Hands. This year's theme was "From Batteries to Bibles". The congregation was asked to donate either new or slightly used items to be donated to A Cup of Cold Water for use in their van distribution to the unsheltered folks on Maui. Community Outreach also purchased items from Amazon, and Vicki and Margie shopped at Walmart for some great deals as well. We donated just shy of 400 useful items to ACCW, that they picked up on October 12th with the monthly 167 sandwiches.

They were overwhelmed by KLC's continuing generosity to their mission. Batteries, Bibles, Backpacks, Baseball Caps, Undershirts, Slippers, were just some desperately needed items that were provided. Mahalo to all who participated in this much needed Outreach.

A special mahalo to Father Chris for his inspiring blessing, and to Julia who played our theme music Gods Work Our Hand opening hymn



ADVENT

KLC Advent Worship will begin in December at 5:30 pm 12/3, 12/10, & 12/17. The half-hour service is a contemplative service, a thoughtful pause, with moments of peace and wonder to consider God's Love and God's Gifts to us. Following worship is a Soup Supper and an opportunity to become better friends. Join us!



BAKE SALE



Bake Sale

The Community Outreach Bake sale is Sunday November 23rd. Signups begin November 2nd at the host table. Whether you bake or buy all contributions are welcome and appreciated. This is a donation-based bake sale give what you can, and every bit

Flower Chart Available for 2026

The 2026 flower Calendar is here! Signups for the new year will begin in October. Mahalo to the wonderful members who provided flowers to add beauty to our services in 2025



A Grateful Gathering

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP & PRAISE SERVICE

Thanksgiving Service and Meal

We will host a Thanksgiving service and meal on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th. The service will begin at 10:00 am with the meal beginning at 11:30. There is no need to bring anything since the food will be provided. Everyone is welcome to join with us. So, bring a friend or anyone you know who is struggling during this time. Let us be thankful together

Give a Gift



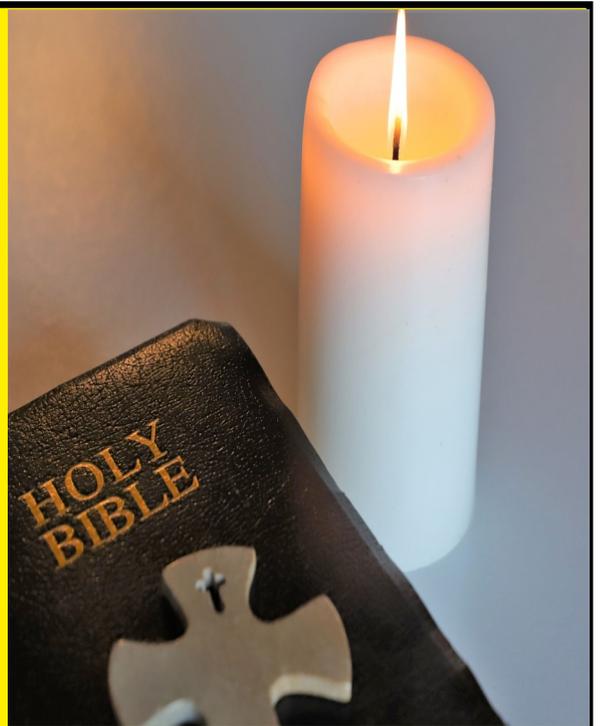
to Give

Keiki Christmas

This year we will continue our tradition of purchasing gifts for children that are served at the Keolahou Food Pantry. Last year we purchased gifts for 111 children. You can help make a special Christmas for these children through a monetary donation to help with the purchasing of gifts. Gifts purchased average \$12-15 per child. You can place your donation in the offering bowl or send it to the church office. Please mark your donation with "Keiki Christmas". If you would like more information, please contact Renee

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Click [here](#) for the link to visit the Daily Devotional and save it so you can visit everyday.



CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING &
BUDGET VOTE



ATTENTION KLC MEMBERS! NOVEMBER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

The Church Council has scheduled the 2026 Budget Meeting for **Sunday, November 30**, following worship. The proposed budget will be available beginning **November 14**. Packets will include the agenda, a full detailed budget (with notes), and a condensed summary. Materials will be available in print and digital format. If you have any questions. Please contact the church office, klc@kiheilutheran.org



**YOU'RE INVITED!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

THANKSGIVING

10AM SERVICE

11:30-1:00PM

DINNER

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 27

LET'S BE THANKFUL TOGETHER!

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Please RSVP. All the food will be provided.

Sign up if you would like to contribute a
side dish or dessert.



HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



Tony Wakefield	11/1
Natalie Proctor	11/2
Joy Steben	11/3
Shawna Handley-Stiller	11/7
Darrell Pierson	11/7
Elvin Kamoku	11/8
Joel Rudow	11/9
Kamaehu Spencer	11/9
Michelle Beyersdorf	11/10
Peggy Crossen	11/10
Raymond Steben	11/11

Evelyn Kaya	11/13
Patricia Duckworth	11/14
Quinn Hottendorf	11/17
Andrew Lawson	11/17
Gail Holt	11/19
Ed Shafer	11/19
Peggy Alexander	11/20
Linda Hangartner	11/21
Johnny Romerdahl	11/22
Margaret Luteijn	11/24
Morgan Stoltzfus	11/28

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



John & Dori Thorngren	November 2, 1991
Dave & Heather Ballaine	November 26, 1993



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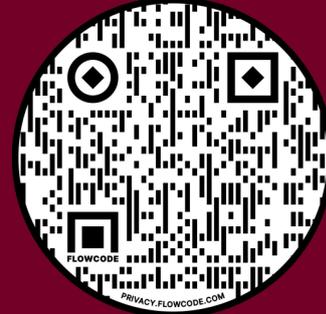


SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
26 8:15 Choir 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	27 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	28 12pm Al-Anon	29 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox 5pm Property Committee	30 9am Prayer Shawl	31 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Trunk or Treat	1 1:30 Maui Greek Orthodox Mission	2 8:15 Choir 9am Worship 1:30pm Maui Mission 3pm Tongan Church	3 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	4 12pm Al-Anon	5 11:30am Rotary 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	6 9am Prayer Shawl 11 Snack & Hygiene Bags	7 11am PB&J Making 12pm Al-Anon 3pm Pre-Set for OKE	8 9am Ohana Strong
9 8:15 Choir 9:30 am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	10 10am Faith Journey-Zoom 7pm Worship Team-Zoom	11 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Committee-Zoom	12 11:30am Rotary 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox 4:30 Spiritual Growth Committee-Zoom	13 9am Prayer Shawl	14 12pm Al-Anon 1pm Fellowship Comm.-Z	15 1:30 Maui Greek Orthodox Mission	16 8:15 Choir 9am Worship 1:30pm Maui Mission 3pm Tongan Church	17 10am Faith Journey	18 12pm Al-Anon 6pm Church Council-Hybrid	19 11:30am Rotary 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	20 9am Prayer Shawl	21 12pm Al-Anon	22
23 Bake Sale 8:15 Choir 9:30am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	24 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	25—Newsletter Deadline 12pm Al-Anon	26 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	27—Thanksgiving Office Closed 10am Thanksgiving Service 11:30 Thanksgiving Meal	28—Office Closed 12pm Al-Anon	29 Tongan Church	30 8:15 Choir 9am Worship Congregational Meeting 1:30pm Maui Mission 3pm Tongan Church	1 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	2 12pm Al-Anon	3 11:30am Rotary 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	4 9am Prayer Shawl	5 12pm Al-Anon	6 10am Christmas Hygiene Bag Assembly 1:30 Maui Greek Orthodox Mission

Important Statistics

September	2024	2025
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	51—In Person 123—Streaming Views	53—In Person 89—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	253—In Person 617—Streaming	213—In Person 357—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$18,266.00	\$14,926.00
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$170,169.40	\$207,518.23

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 is starting their fall schedule of meeting on Thursdays 9:00-11:00 am. 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.

Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Ladies



Next Meeting will be:
November 18th at
6:00pm 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!

Staff

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

Worship Area Coordinators

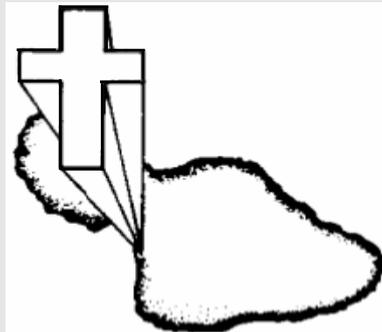
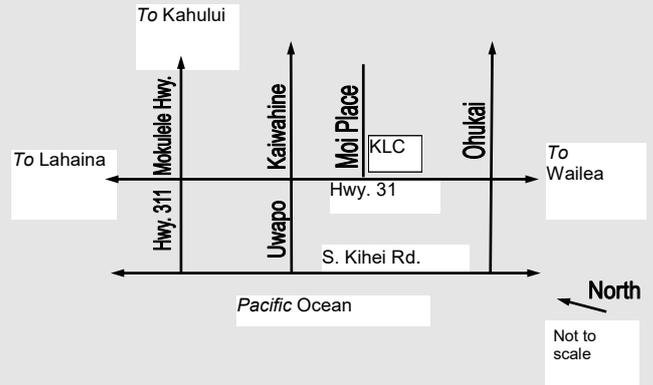
✪ Chimes & Choir Director Julia Golding
 ✪ Flowers Andrea Harris
 ✪ Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins
 ✪ Worship Assistants/Readers Zel Terluin

Other Contacts

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 AM



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