

# KLC 'Ohana News

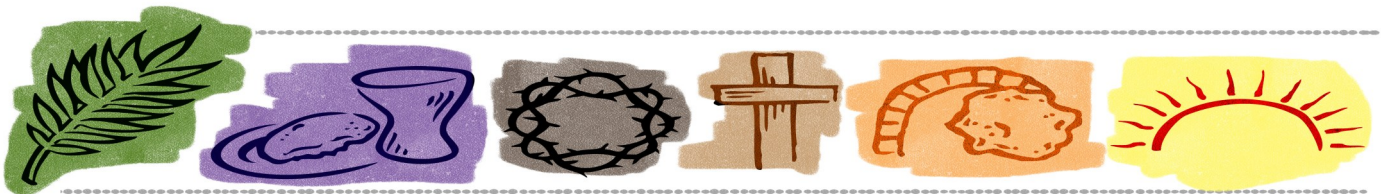
To Share the love and word of God through worship and service to others.



APRIL 2026

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker



## Holy Week

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy week is March 29th - April 5th

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Sunday March 29th Palm Sunday, Kihei Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday April 2nd Maundy Thursday, Trinity by the Sea 5:30 pm  
Friday April 3rd Good Friday Kihei Lutheran Church 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday April 5th—Easter—Kihei Lutheran Church—9:30 a.m.

### Keolahou Food Pantry

Food donations will be collected this Sunday, April 5, 2026. If you are unable to bring your items that day, donations may be dropped off at the church office during the week, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Thank you for your continued generosity and support .



**Food  
Collection**



# ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER



Ron R  
Rucker



Aloha from Pastor Ron,

## The Pastor's Cat

Whoever said the Creator doesn't have a sense of humor? Dwight Nelson recently told a true story about the pastor of his church. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc.

The kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and drove away so that the tree bend down, he could then reach up and get the kitten

That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little further forward, the rope broke.

The tree went "boing!" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air out of sight. The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping," and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?"

She replied, "You won't believe this," and then she told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, "Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it."

She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her."

Never underestimate the Power of God and His unique sense of humor.

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.

## Council Secretary's Report from the March 2026 Council Meeting



Council met on March 17th at 6PM via zoom this month. Rhonda led us in a prayer to open our time together. Ron reported on his communications with Honolulu about the happenings of the coming months. He will be buying supplies for flood victims through the church and talking to folks for continued financial assistance through disaster services.

Vicki commented on the interesting month we had full of happiness and heartache and thanked Shannon for pinch hitting with Rotary set up. Nancy gave a shout out to Rhonda for the updated forms she did for finance. There was some discussion of who will be Financial Secretary and Treasurer going forward. If any members feel they have been gifted in these areas, we need help! Please let Vicki or Ron know. The nominating committee will be looking for two new council members as well to fill empty seats in the summer.

Several council members will be meeting with Nancy and Heather as they continue to work on updating our constitution. We appreciate all the work everyone is doing to keep this task moving forward.

Laura requested to use the church as the address for a new 501-c3 she is creating to serve the unhoused on Maui. A motion was made and carried to facilitate this portion of the paperwork needed to start a new organization.

Next meeting will be April 21 at 6PM!

Respectfully Submitted, Rhonda Stoltzfus - Council Secretary

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



# How can you HELP?

Would you like to help out at KLC but aren't sure what you can do? Maybe you don't have a lot of time available or are not sure you have a talent to offer. We have a place for you.

- If you like to smile and say Hi to everyone, you are perfect to be a host. You would never have to be there alone since we work in groups of three.
- If you like to read scripture, you are just right for Reader. This is the person who reads the first reading. You will be sent the scripture a few days early so you can be prepared.
- If you would like to read scripture plus a little more, try Assisting Minister. You will have the honor of helping to serve communion as well as leading a few prayers. You will be provided with everything in the week before so you will be prepared.
- If you like to stay behind the scenes, Sacristan is the place for you. You will arrive early to set up the sanctuary for worship. Things like light the candles and set out the communion elements (bread already prepared). You will receive training.

We would love to have you join with other volunteers with one or more of these Sundays. The more people we have the less often any one will be called upon. If you have questions or are ready to volunteer, please contact Marilyn Hopkins or Lori Atrops. See us on Sundays, call, text or email. We're in the directory.

## **Ohana and Keiki Exchange (OKE)**

The next clothing exchange is on Saturday, April 11, 9-11am. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities, including a prayer corner offered by KLC. Set up on Friday, April 10, is 3-9pm, and continues on April 11 at 7am. Volunteers are also needed to help close up after the event 11am-1pm on April 11. Sign up at: [www.tickettailor.com/events/ohanastrong](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/ohanastrong)

Join us for this wonderful event! Please talk to Laura McClellan if you have any questions.



## KLC Church Directory

There's an App for That! Stay connected with your KLC 'Ohana right from your phone using the Church Directory app. Need help getting started? Stop by the tables near the refreshments after worship on Sunday, April 12 or Sunday, April 19. Laura McClellan and Nancy Norman will be there to assist with downloading the app, updating your photo or contact information, and answering questions. Come get connected—it's easier than finding your reading glasses!



## Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 3, 2026** immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect members to serve on the 2026–2027 Church Council. Your presence is important, as we need a quorum in order to conduct church business—please make plans to attend.

### Flower Chart Available for 2026

The 2026 flower Calendar is here! The signup board is in the sanctuary. Mahalo to the wonderful members who provided flowers to add beauty to our services in 2026



## Living Lutheran

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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

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH 2026 VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

*A Cup of Cold Water (ACCW)*

*Feed My Sheep (FMS)*

*Maui Rescue Mission (MRM)*

*(note: starting time for all events is 11:00 am)*

### **April**

10 PBJ Sandwiches for ACCW  
16 Hygiene Bags for FMS

### **May**

7 Snack Bags for ACCW  
7 Hygiene Bags for ACCW  
8 PBJ Sandwiches for ACCW

### **June**

12 PBJ Sandwiches for ACCW  
18 Hygiene Bags for MRM

### **July**

10 PBJ Sandwiches for ACCW  
16 Hygiene Bags for FMS

### **August**

6 Snack Bags for ACCW  
6 Hygiene Bags for ACCW  
7 PBJ Sandwiches for ACCW

### **September**

11 PBJ Sandwiches for ACCW  
17 Hygiene Bags for MRM

### **October**

9 PBJ Sandwiches for ACCW  
15 Hygiene Bags for FMS

### **November**

5 Snack Bags for ACCW  
5 Hygiene Bags for ACCW  
6 PBJ Sandwiches for ACCW

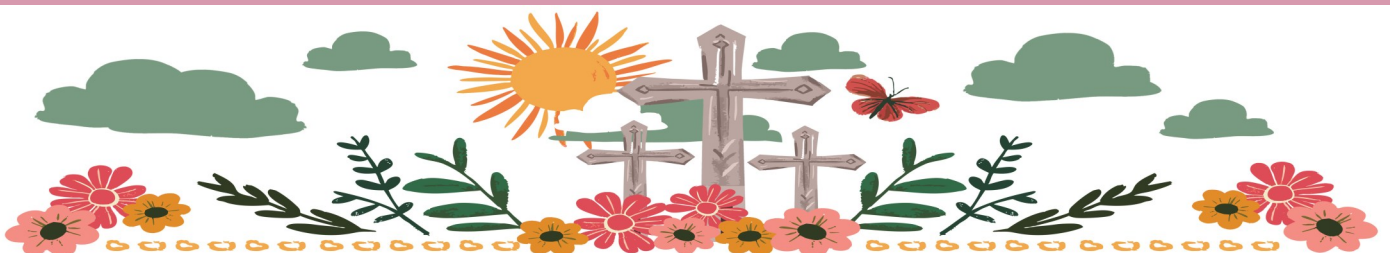
### **December**

11 PBJ Sandwiches for ACCW  
17 Hygiene Bags for MRM

If you have questions or you would like to let know when you're available.

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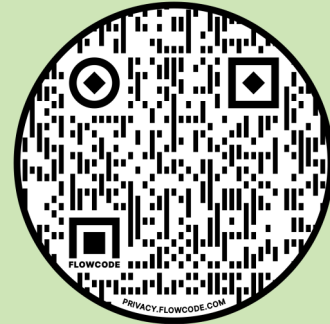
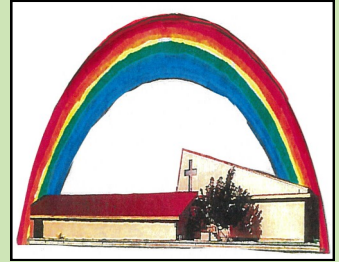


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>29</b> Keolahou Food Pantry 8:15 Choir 9:30am Worship 1:30pm Maui Mission 3pm Tongan Church	<b>30</b> 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	<b>31</b> 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	<b>1</b> 11:30 Rotary	<b>2</b> Maundy Thursday 9am Prayer Shawl 5:30 Maundy Thursday Service- Trinity by the Sea	<b>3</b> Good Friday 12pm Al-Anon 7pm Good Friday Service	<b>4</b> 1pm Maui Greek Orthodox Mission
<b>5</b> 8:15 Choir 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	<b>6</b> Easter Monday <b>Office Closed</b> 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	<b>7</b> 9am Fellowship Team 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox 5pm Finance Team	<b>8</b> 10 am Spiritual Growth 11:30 Rotary	<b>9</b> 9am Prayer Shawl	<b>10</b> 11am PB&J's 12pm Al-Anon 1pm Fellowship Committee	<b>11</b> Ohana Keiki Exchange
<b>12</b> 8:15 Choir 9:30 am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	<b>13</b> 10am Faith Journey-Zoom 7pm Worship Team - Zoom	<b>14</b> 12pm Al-Anon 6pm Church Council-Hybrid	<b>15</b> 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox 11:30 Rotary	<b>16</b> 9am Prayer Shawl 11am Snack & Hygiene Bags	<b>17</b> 12pm Al-Anon	<b>18</b> 11am Memorial Service Zel Terluin 1:00 Maui Greek Orthodox Mission
<b>19</b> 8:15 Choir 9:30am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	<b>20</b> 10am Faith Journey	<b>21</b> 12pm Al-Anon 6pm Council Meeting	<b>22</b> 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	<b>23</b> 9am Prayer Shawl	<b>24</b> 12pm Al-Anon	<b>25</b> —Newsletter Deadline
<b>26</b> 8:15 Choir 9:30am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	<b>27</b> 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	<b>28</b> 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9am Prayer Shawl	<b>1</b> 12pm Al-Anon	<b>2</b>

## Important Statistics

February	2025	2026
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	115—In Person 158—Streaming Views	94—In Person 101—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	460—In Person 630—Streaming	376—In Person 426—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$25,029.00	\$23,538.00
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$40,049.77	\$45,421.00

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 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.

**The Prayer Shawl Ladies**



Next Meeting will be:  
April 21st 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/KiheilLutheran](http://www.facebook.com/KiheilLutheran) 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

**Worship Area Coordinators**

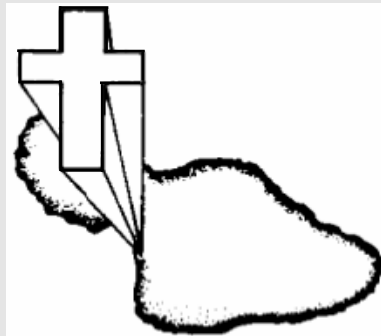
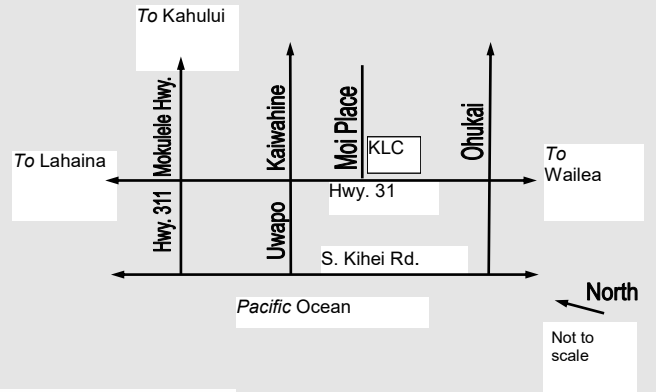
Chimes & Choir Director Julia Golding  
 Flowers Andrea Harris  
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins  
 Worship Assistants/Readers

**Other Contacts**

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**9:30 AM**



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