

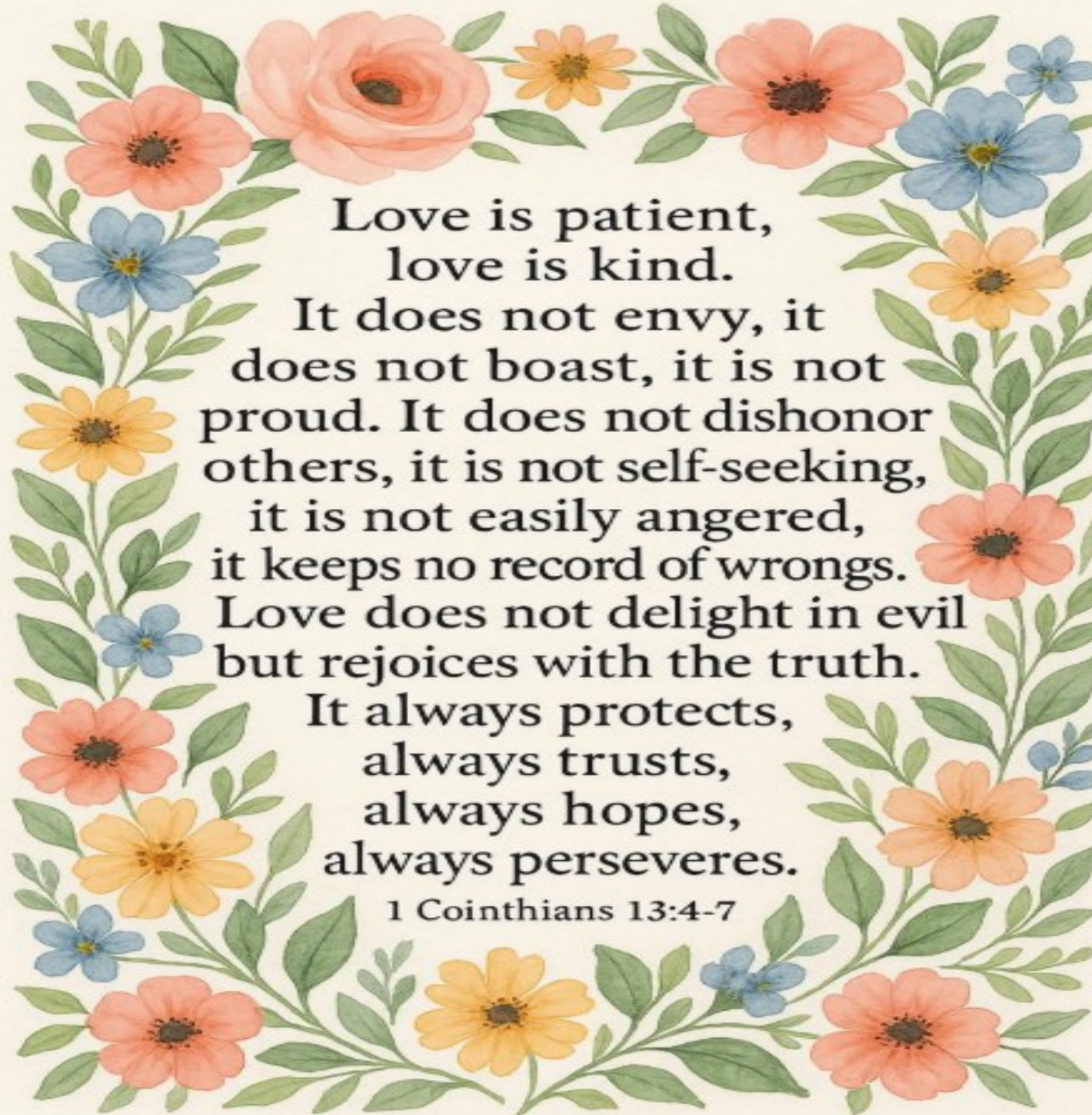
# KLC 'Ohana News

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

FEBRUARY 2026

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker



Love is patient,  
love is kind.  
It does not envy, it  
does not boast, it is not  
proud. It does not dishonor  
others, it is not self-seeking,  
it is not easily angered,  
it keeps no record of wrongs.  
Love does not delight in evil  
but rejoices with the truth.  
It always protects,  
always trusts,  
always hopes,  
always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

## ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER



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Aloha from Pastor Ron,

Our vacation was fast and furious and bittersweet. We flew to Seattle for a follow up medical appointment at the Fred Hutchison Cancer Center. There has been no change in my lab results so we will continue with quarterly monitoring. We then flew to Orlando, Florida and drove to St Augustine to visit my brother Will and his wife Kate. After a day there, all four of us got into 2 vehicles and drove to DeFuniak Springs in the Florida panhandle to visit the widow of our bother who had died four years ago. After a day and a half and two nights there, my brother got sick early in the morning in the hotel room. After several hours in the Urgent Care facility we all loaded up in the same two vehicles and drove back to St Augustine. After making sure they were settled in, the three of us loaded up in our vehicle and drove back to DeFuniak Springs arriving there, after 11.5 hours of actual driving time. We spent two meals, dinner and breakfast, and a night with one of our nieces, and her family, from Nanette's side of the family in Molena, Georgia. We then had two more meals and spent a night with another niece and her family from my side of the family in Chattanooga, Tennessee. They drove down from Kentucky and Ohio. Then we got to spend two days and two nights with Mark and Larry in Atlanta doing some sightseeing and eating and attending their church with them. We returned to St Augustine for three days and nights with my brother and his wife. After nearly five days and nights with them, I am reasonably sure my brother still did not know who I, we were and that my friends is bittersweet. We are hoping to have a Rucker family reunion the last weekend in May or first weekend in June in the St Augustine area. Thank you for allowing us this family time.

Every job I have ever had had rules of engagement. Now most of those jobs did not call them rules of engagement but there were still rules that governed how we interacted with those around us. It is typically the military and police and maybe fire departments that call them rules of engagement. What concerns me about what is happening in our country but mostly in Minnesota, especially Minneapolis, right now is that there does not appear to be any rules of engagement. Without enforced rules of engagement, people are not held accountable and can, therefore, just be thugs. As I said on Sunday, I have many colleagues and friends in the middle of this strife and I fear for them as much as I fear for our country. What has been happening is not how Americans treat people. It is not how Christians treat people. Jesus challenges us to be in relationship with all people. Do you think Jesus was killed for your sins? Well, that might be partially right, but the bigger the truth is that Jesus was killed for challenging people, especially church leaders, to love, respect, and have relationship with others. And our society and churches today have the same problem. Are we ready to change our ways? Are we ready to follow Jesus? Are we ready to be like Jesus? No matter the cost, even our life?

Pastor Brandon wrote: "Two people read the same Bible. One sees reason to love, the other reasons to hate. One person sees unity, while the other sees division. One finds equality, the other prejudice. One discovers compassion, the other indifference. One finds justification of good will, the other malice. Two people, one book. One book, two views. The book is a mirror. The reflection is you." I say the reflection is your perspective.

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.

## Community Outreach Team Update

Members of the Community Outreach Team met on Saturday, January 24, for our annual planning session. Mahalo to Zel, Laura, Renee, Hilary, Nanette, Sue, and Vicki for attending.

A heartfelt Mahalo to everyone who participated in our 2025 outreach efforts for Maui residents and beyond. This Outreach would not exist without the generous donations from our congregation and the dedication of those who are directly involved.

Looking Ahead to 2026 we are excited about the many opportunities to serve in the coming year, including:

Continued monthly food support to Keolahou Food Pantry on the first Sunday of each month

- **Souper Bowl of Caring** – February 8 Bring cans of soup and donate money for the team you think will win the Super Bowl
- **Four Noisy Offerings** in March, May, August, and November (recipients to be announced)
- **Christmas in July**
- **God's Work. Our Hands.** (GWOH) – September
- **Trunk or Treat** – October
- **Bake Sale** – November
- **Keolahou Food Pantry Christmas Hygiene Bags, Snack Bags, and Keiki Toys** – December

In addition, we will continue:

Monthly PBJ collections for ACCW

Quarterly hygiene bags for MRM, FMS, and ACCW

100 snack bags for ACCW

More details about each of these events will be shared in the coming months. These are just the highlights—there are many more ways to serve throughout the year.

Mahalo for your continued support of this important ministry.

With gratitude,

Margie Terluin

Chair, Community Outreach Team



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



KLC Church Council met on January 20th at 6PM with all members present. Vicki led us in devotions on James 1:2. Vicki then gave us a brief update on Pastor Ron and his travels. He's had a nice time visiting with family and with Mark and Larry! He's coming home soon. Margie updated us on the financial health of the church. Giving from 1/14-1/20 was \$5,702.00 and YTD giving is at \$23,540. YTD spending: \$13,791.06 leaving us with \$125,515.33 in the general account. We will be discussing moving some of this balance to a savings account at the next meeting.

We spent a bit of time going over the budget and answering any questions council members had about the numbers as we lead up to the annual church meeting. Please please please attend!! We hope to kick off a campaign to pay down the mortgage soon - start watching for a fun thermometer to track our progress!

Worship reported some changes that need to be made to the streaming system. After discussing it, we would like for the church to switch to recording and uploading the service rather than trying to livestream. Livestream has left us with many issues and we will not have anyone to attempt this in the future. Vicki will be chatting with an interested member to see if they would be willing to be hired to continue this ministry. Shannon asked for clarification on upcoming service times for Lenten and Ash Wednesday meetings. We'll be going with the same times as last year.

Nancy updated us on the progress being made in the re-writing of the constitution. All of the team liaisons have assignments to take back to their committees. We all have homework to do before the next council meeting!

Vicki prayed us out and we adjourned until our next meeting on February 17 at 6 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Rhonda Stoltzfus - Council Secretary

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





## Fellowship Committee

**Save the Date!** Please join us for fun, food, and fellowship on Sunday, February 15, after worship. The Fellowship Committee will host a **“Fat Sunday”** meal featuring a traditional Cajun/Creole menu, including gumbo, jambalaya, shrimp étouffée, red beans and rice and, of course, King Cake!

Traditionally celebrated as Fat Tuesday (also known as Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras), this feast has marked the final day of indulgence before the Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th (We will be celebrating on Sunday rather than Tuesday to allow more of our congregation to participate.)

There’s no need to bring anything—just please sign up on the whiteboard in the sanctuary so we know how much food to prepare. If you have a favorite dish you’d like to share, feel free to bring it. Questions? Contact Laura McClellan or Nancy Norman.



## Ash Wednesday Service

Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Service on February 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Additional details about our Lenten schedule and Holy Week will be available soon.

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## 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



HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



Jeff Wright	2/3
Stephanie Mohr	2/5
Simon Stoltzfus	2/7
Jan McDonald	2/8
Harper Hottendorf	2/9
Dave Reader	2/10
Kathleen Reiser	2/10
Jeanie Vance	2/11
Brad Hill	2/14

Carol Wakefield	2/14
Billie Moksnes	2/15
Kayana Kamoku	2/15
Connie Pluchos	2/19
Marilyn Hopkins	2/22
Richard Gesch	2/25
Lanyssa Kennedy	2/27
Jeff Baker	2/27

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



David & Sally Handley	February 14, 1985
Edward & Lindsay Schafer	February 23, 1986
Jack & Nancy Jordan	February 28, 1960
Bryan & Megan Pearl	February 29, 2012

## 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)*

### **January**

9 PBJ Sandwiches for ACCW  
15 Hygiene Bags for FMS

### **February**

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

### **March**

6 PBJ Sandwiches for ACCW  
Hygiene Bags for MRM

### **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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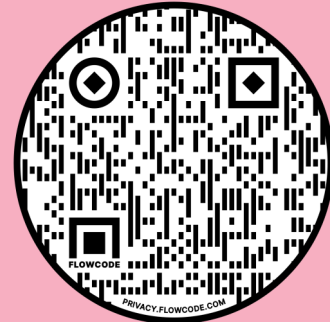
# Kihei Lutheran Church February 2026

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
1 Keolahou Food Pantry 8:15 Choir 9:30am Worship 10:30 Annual Meeting 3pm Tongan Church	2 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	3 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	4 11:30 Rotary 1pm Fellowship Team 5pm Property Team	5 9am Prayer Shawl 11am Snack & Hygiene Bags	6 11am PB&J's 12pm Al-Anon	7	8 8:15 Choir 9am Worship 1:30pm Maui Mission 3pm Tongan Church	9 10am Faith Journey-Zoom 7pm Worship Team - Zoom	10 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox 5pm Finance Team	11 11:30am Rotary	12 9am Prayer Shawl	13 12pm Al-Anon 1pm Fellowship Committee	14 1:30 Maui Greek Orthodox Mission
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## Important Statistics

December	2024	2025
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	131—In Person 192—Streaming Views	107—In Person 142—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	656—In Person 962—Streaming	534—In Person 285—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$42,390.04	\$26,298.00
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$270,342.44	\$290,690.23

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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:  
February 17th at 6:00pm  
via Zoom

#### Administrative Office Hours:

Monday - Friday  
9:00 AM—5:00 PM



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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**

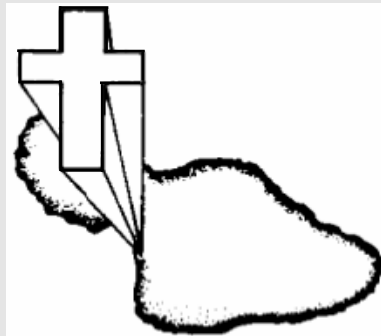
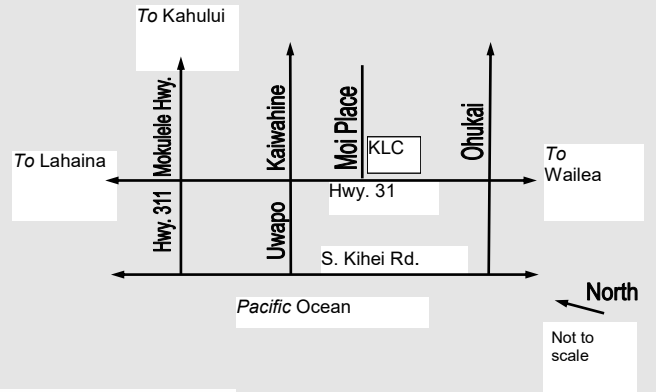
Chimes & Choir Director Julia Golding  
 Flowers Andrea Harris  
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**Other Contacts**

Treasurer Margie Terluin  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**9:30 AM**



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