

KLC 'Ohana News

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



JULY 2026

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Intentional Interim Lesley M. Radius



TRUST IN
THE LORD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART,
AND DO NOT LEAN
ON YOUR OWN
UNDERSTANDING.
PROVERBS 3:5, ESV

Mahalo to Nancy Norman for coordinating with Volcano Signs on the creation of our beautiful new KLC sign. We also extend our sincere appreciation to Vicki and Keli Nelson and Shane Mills for their help installing the sign on the church fence. Your time, effort, and dedication are greatly appreciated!



Kihei Lutheran Church
ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship 9:30 am



Lesley Radius

ALOHA FROM PASTOR LESLEY RADIUS

Aloha from Pastor Lesley,



For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

This is God’s promise to all of God’s people, including Kihei Lutheran Church. In the next months, we will be about **discovering God’s promised plans for prospering, hope and a future.**

In this past month, I have had the privilege to do some discovery of my own by starting to get to know the faith community of KLC. I had the privilege to go with Margie and Hillary to deliver snacks for the Kihei Youth Center and tell the kids that Jesus loved them. I got the privilege to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Cup of Cold Water. Remembering as Hillary instructed me, “Don’t throw out the bread bag closure. We will use that.” What a simple thing, peanut butter and jelly, but what an amazing blessing when you experience food scarcity.

I got to sit with Margie and Hillary and imagine how we might reach out to the greater community during God’s Work, Our Hands on September 13th. Check in this newsletter of how we hope to be a blessing to our neighbors. I also got to imagine with the Spiritual Growth Ministry Team how we can reach the children of our community, while their parents shop for them during the OKE “Back to School” event July 11th. Again, check out the details in this newsletter and see how you can help.

I also got the privilege to go and connect with Auntie Neddy at Lahaina Rescue and Resource Center. That is an amazing place, staffed by people with servant leader hearts. On Thursday, June 25th, I helped to serve sandwiches to the houseless and heard their stories. Their stories reflect resilience, hope, and joy. I can certainly learn from those folks of how to appreciate and be thankful for what I have, not what I think I need or what I desire.

Then Friday, June 26th, I was invited by OKE to come and share the booth with them at Fourth Fridays in Kihei, talk to the attendees and hand out upcoming KLC picnic flyers. It was a fun time. I talked to a variety of people. One young man wanted to know what it meant to be Lutheran. One visitor from Seattle, noticed my T-Shirt that said, “This Pastor Loves You,” in rainbow color letters. Her son is transgender and she shared her journey and especially her mother’s journey with churches that condemned her son. Tears were shed and hugs were shared.

I got to see the look on the kids’ faces when they were told they could take whatever they wanted for a donation. The donation could be a smile, a high five, or as Mel kept saying, “a song and dance.” One young boy just couldn’t understand that he could receive something without paying money, which I am guessing of which he and his mom had very little. He kept playing with a puzzle. I kept telling him it could be his for a “donation” of a smile. He kept looking at his mother like it couldn’t be true. Finally, his mom convinced him it was ok to take it and his smile could have lit the whole parking lot.

I’ve also spent time with y’all, listening to your story and listening to KLC’s story, beginning to imagine ways that together we can share the news of God’s love, mercy and grace.

It has been an amazing month, settling in, finding ways that together we can be church and live into God’s promises of a future with filled with hope and joy. I can’t wait to see what the next months will hold as we continue to be the church about God’s Work, with Our Hands.

God’s blessings and my prayers,

Pastor Lesley



Council Secretary's Report from the May 2026 Council Meeting



On June 16 Vicki called the council to order with prayer and an affirmation of electronic/hybrid meeting at 6:02PM. Lesley filled in with a devotional, the minutes were accepted from May, and the agenda for the evening was approved.

Pastor Lesley filled us in on what will be happening in the life of our church over the coming months. Keep an eye on the bulletin boards to discover what's coming soon! Julia was asked if it would be OK to stick with the Hawaiian liturgy for the summer. Lanai Learnings will be kicking off soon as we prepare the Committee Operations Manual.

Vicki updated us on the status of a stock donation the church received. It has grown and the balance will likely be withdrawn soon to help pay down the mortgage. We have payed down roughly \$44K so far and this stock donation will help significantly. Finance Team will be asked to prepare some policies for future donations of this kind so we have guidelines to follow. Thank you so much to our anonymous donor!

As of June 16, giving for the week was \$5,593.58. Year-to-date giving was at \$173,613.60 and expenses were \$139,801.80. The balance in the general account was \$151,467.52. May God continue to bless our church through these gifts!

Nancy let us know that Spiritual Growth is planning a Keiki Faith Station at the OKE back to school event. There will be a tent and fun activities for the kids. It was decided that both Adult Ed and Keiki Ed will start on September 20th. Synod requires a background check for those working with children, and we will be using Safe Gatherings for training.

Fellowship Committee is continuing work on the cookout for the community on July 26th. Let Nancy know if you can help distribute notices around the neighborhood. Vicki and Sue have been collecting bids on a painting job at the parsonage and were happy to find that the lowest bid was also from the painter they liked best.

Laura reported that the van has been cleaned out and bug bombed and is ready to be towed. We are just waiting for the paperwork. Nancy will be chatting with several individuals about working as the financial secretary for the church. She also asked if Laura would be on the Stewardship Task Force as Lead. She agreed. Lesley will also be on the task force and they would like to find one additional person. Any volunteers?

Council is planning a retreat on August 22nd for 2 hours to get everyone up to speed as we welcome our new members: Carrie Williams and Phoebe Golding! Thank you to them for serving our church in this way. Their installation will be on June 28th.

Nancy moved we adjourn at 7:05PM and Lesley prayed us out of the meeting. We will next meet on July 21st at 6PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Rhonda Bode Stoltzfus, Secretary

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




ARE YOU PREPARED?

HURRICANE SEASON STARTS JUNE 1ST






HURRICANE SEASON—BE PREPARED! Hurricane season in Hawaii begins June 1st and goes through November 30th. Forecasters with NOAA's National Weather Service are predicting an above-normal hurricane season for the central Pacific basin this year. NOAA's outlook for the 2026 hurricane season, which runs June 1 to November 30, predicts a 70% chance of an above-normal season, a 20% chance of a near-normal season, and a 10% chance of a below-normal season. **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**...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!**




Click [here](#) for more information from NOAA on Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane Preparedness weather.gov/hurricane 

Prepare Before Hurricane Season

-  Develop an evacuation plan
-  Assemble disaster supplies: food, water, batteries, charger, radio, cash
-  Get an insurance checkup and document your possessions
-  Create a communication plan with a hand-written list of contacts
-  Strengthen your home

A photograph showing various items in a disaster kit, including a lantern, a radio, a first aid kit, and stacks of canned food.

Community Outreach Kihei Youth Center

On June 4th the Community Outreach Team shopped at Costco using the \$437.21 proceeds from the Noisy Offering along with a special donation from Pastor Lesley and Community Outreach special project funds for the Kihei Youth Center summer program.

With these gifts, we were able to purchase two shopping carts filled with snacks and treats for the keiki at the Kihei Youth Center. The children and staff warmly welcomed Margie and Pastor Lesley, presenting them with a beautiful handmade yarn lei during their visit. Hilary and Dee, a friend of Pastor Lesley from Oahu, also joined the visit.

Lehua Hafoka, Administrator of the Kihei Youth Center, expressed heartfelt gratitude for KLC's continued support of the children and families they serve. We are thankful for the generosity of our congregation and the opportunity to share Christ's love with our community through these outreach efforts.



God's Work, Our Hands – Blessing Bags

September 13th is the ELCA's annual **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**, a day dedicated to serving our community and sharing God's love in action.

To prepare for this special day, the congregation is invited to help by donating items during July and August for our **Blessing Bags** ministry. These bags will be assembled following worship on September 13 and distributed through our ministry partners to those in need.

Requested Donations:

- Granola bars (Crunchy Nature Valley)
- Fruit cups (Mandarin oranges)
- Reusable water bottles
- Pairs of socks
- Washcloths
- Travel-size hygiene products
- \$5.00 McDonald's Gift Card



Collection baskets will be available on the church lanai throughout July and August to collect donations.

On September 13, everyone who is able is invited to stay after worship to help assemble the Blessing Bags. Snacks will be provided for volunteers. Stay tuned for more details. Together we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Thank you for your generosity and support of this important outreach ministry.



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

Thank you to our KLC Congregation for your generous donations to support the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through ELCA Good Gifts Global Barnyard.

With the Noisy offering from March 29th we were able to purchase 10 flocks of chicks and goats and additional 4 chicks.

Your generous gifts are making a difference in the world -- responding to hunger and poverty, sharing the gospel, equipping leaders, and growing the church. Thank you for all that you have graciously given so that others may experience God's love.

Keiki Play & Praise Station -- A Morning of Fun, Faith, and Praise!

Crafts, keiki praise songs, puppet show, and Bible stories

When: Saturday, July 11, 8:30a-11:30a

Where: KLC's front lawn

Bring your neighbors, friends, kids or grandkids – all are welcome!

As part of OKE's Back-to-School Event, the KLC Spiritual Growth and Christian Education Committee will be welcoming keiki and their families for a morning filled with laughter, learning, singing, and praise. Keiki of all ages can enjoy a rotating schedule of puppet shows, praise songs, Bible stories, and hands-on craft projects designed to share God's love in fun and engaging ways. We hope you'll join us for this joyful morning of faith, fun, and community!

Volunteers needed! Sign up list on the whiteboard in the sanctuary.

Want to help make the day extra special? We are looking for volunteers to assist with crafts and sing-alongs, help with Fall Sunday School registration, or lend a hand with setup and cleanup. No special experience is needed—just a willing heart and a smile! Reach out to Nancy Norman Norman or more info: norman.nancy@gmail.com



Save the Date: Neighborhood Hot Dog Picnic
July 26, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

As a thank you to our neighbors and community, the KLC Fellowship Committee is hosting a Neighborhood Hot Dog Picnic on Sunday, July 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a time of food, fellowship, and fun as we serve hot dogs, chips, and cupcakes. It's our way of sharing aloha and celebrating the wonderful neighbors who live near our church!

To help us plan, please sign up on the whiteboard in the sanctuary if you plan to attend so we can estimate how much food to purchase. We're also looking for volunteers to provide cupcakes for the event. If you're able to help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the whiteboard.

Kīhei
LUTHERAN CHURCH
**NEIGHBORHOOD
HOT DOG PICNIC**

Sunday, July 26, 11a-1p
All are Welcome!

PLAYGROUND FOR KEIKI
DRAWING FOR \$50 WALMART GIFT CARD
Free.
Join us for hot dogs, chips, and cupcakes.



Church Directory News

Did you know your KLC Church Directory can now tell more of your family's story? Thanks to the great work of our church administrative assistant, Shannon Kama, families can now add a short bio to their directory profile.

Take a peek at the Stafford and Atrops family entries to see how it works! We'd love to help Pastor Lesley and our church 'ohana get to know one another better, so please consider adding a bio for your household. Share a little about yourselves—how long you've been at KLC, your interests, your family, or anything else you'd like others to know. Ready to join in? Contact the church office at klc@kiheilutheran.org or reach out to Laura McClellan or Nancy Norman. Not sure what to write? No problem—we're happy to help you create something that feels just right.



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.

Christian Education News

KLC's Adult Ed Classes: Will be on vacation for the summer and will resume again following worship on Sunday, September 20th, after worship from 11a-12p, in the classroom in the lower level. Questions? Please contact Ollie Stafford: ostafford1@icloud.com

Keiki Sunday School: Resumes September 20th for any keiki in grades K-5. We encourage families to register their children if they would like to have their children participate. Keiki Sunday School is held during worship. Keiki leave the sanctuary following the Children's Message and go with the teacher to the classroom on the lower level. They return to the sanctuary in time to have Communion with their family. To register your child, please contact Nancy Norman: Norman.Nancy@gmail.com



Ohana and Keiki Exchange (OKE)

The next clothing exchange is the Back to School event on Saturday, July 11, 8:30-11:30am. The Back to School clothing exchange is one of our larger events of the year with lots of volunteer opportunities including a prayer corner offered by KLC. Sign up at:

www.tickettailor.com/events/ohanastrong

Please talk to Laura McClellan if you have any questions.

*Ohana & Keiki
Exchange*

Living Lutheran

"Living Lutheran is your free source for news, reflections and stories from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and its local and global companions. This online magazine covers religious news and social issues, congregational life, global and domestic mission, family matters, spiritual practices and resources, and more."

Click [here](#) for the link to visit the Living Lutheran Magazine

Get to Know Our KLC ‘Ohana members

Pastor Lesley Radius



We welcome Pastor Lesley Radius! We give thanks for Pastor Lesley’s faithful ministry and for the experience, wisdom, and joyful spirit she brings to our congregation.

This December marks a special milestone for Pastor Lesley as she celebrates 25 years of parish ministry in the ELCA. During those years, she has served in nine congregations across six states, bringing her gifts as both an Intentional Interim Pastor and a Redevelopment Pastor.

Pastor Lesley’s ministry has focused on helping congregations navigate times of transition and renewal. She partners with churches in the important work of discernment—listening for God’s guidance and discovering how they can faithfully live into God’s preferred and promised future.

Before answering God’s call to ministry and entering seminary in 1997, Lesley built a successful career in newspaper advertising and marketing. She worked for newspapers and state press associations, to represent newspapers to clients such as Ford, Nissan, Kia, Sprint, Hardee’s, and many others.

When the opportunity arose to serve in Hawaii Pastor Lesley was especially excited. Her sister has lived on the Windward side of Oahu for more than 50 years, serving the community as both an attorney and a judge. Living on opposite sides of the country had made it difficult for them to spend meaningful time together, so being closer to family has been a great blessing.

Now serving three-quarter time at KLC, Pastor Lesley is looking forward to having a little more free time to enjoy some of her favorite activities: sharing meals with friends, walking by the beach, reading, and watching old movies.

Fun Facts! It might surprise you to know: Pastor Lesley was the recipient of her high school Betty Crocker Award! And she LOVES dogs! She invites you to bring your “puppy” by the office anytime for a visit.

What makes KLC special for Pr. Lesley? Although new to KLC, Pastor Lesley has already experienced what makes this congregation special—its spirit of generosity. On her first day, she helped deliver snacks purchased with Noisy Offering donations to the Kihei Youth Center, where overflowing shopping carts and smiling keiki reflected KLC’s caring heart. She was equally moved the following Sunday to see the altar area overflowing with food donations for neighbors in need. These acts of compassion show that KLC doesn’t just talk about serving others—it lives it every day.

Lesley is grateful to be part of this community and looks forward to meeting you soon, if she hasn’t already.



HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



Nancy Smith	7/1
Emma Stoltzfus	7/1
Stefanie Cuomo	7/3
Mike Johnson	7/5
Tom Rietz	7/6
Cheryl Rietz	7/7
Debbie Galindo	7/8
Roxi Nunan	7/8

Larry Ankrum	7/21
Lindsay Findlay	7/22
Sally Handley	7/24
Kristi Bendon	7/27
Janet Harp	7/27
Mark Fornwall	7/31

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



Mark & Marilyn Fornwall	July 3, 1976
Danny & Sharyl Boren	July 18, 2009
David & Sandi Martinsen	July 20, 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)

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

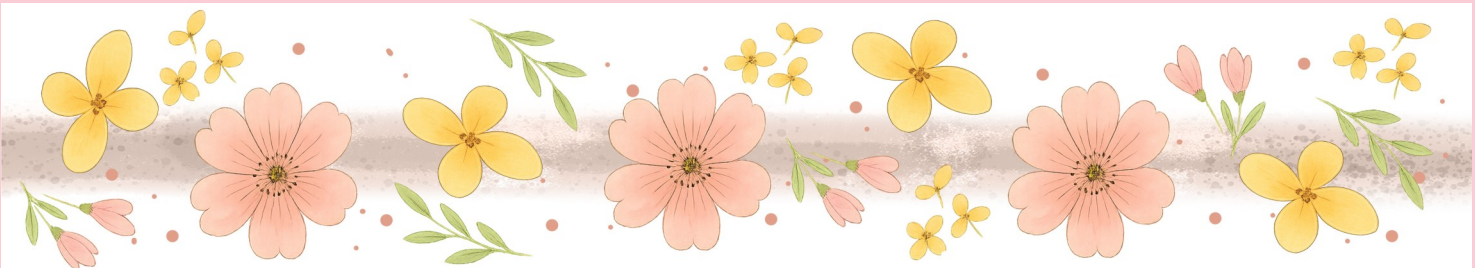
11 PBJ Sandwiches for ACCW
17 Hygiene Bags for MRM

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

Please contact:

Margie Terluin: margiet3511@gmail.com or 808-874-5049, Hilary Glassel

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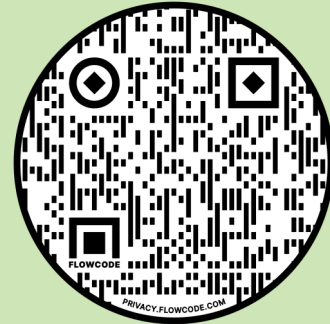
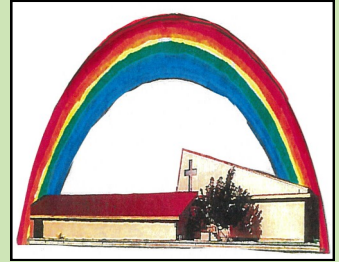


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 9:30am Worship 1:30pm Maui Mission 3pm Tongan Church	29	30 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	1 9am Fellowship Team	2 3pm Oke Set up	3—Office Closed Independence Day 12pm Al-Anon	4—Independence Day 12:30pm Maui Greek Orthodox Mission
5 9:30 am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	6 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	7 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	8 9am Fellowship Team	9 3pm Oke Set up	10 10am Spiritual Growth 11am PB& J's 12pm Al-Anon 3pm OKE Set Up	11 8:30 VBS OKE 9am Ohana Strong
12 9:30 am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	13 10am Faith Journey-Zoom 7pm Worship Team – Zoom	14 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Team 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	15 11am Snack & Hygiene Bags	16 11am Snack & Hygiene Bags	17 12pm Al-Anon	18 12:30 Maui Greek Orthodox Mission
19 9:30am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	20 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	21 12pm Al-Anon 6pm Council Meeting-Hybrid	22 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	23 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	24 12pm Al-Anon	25—Newsletter Deadline
26 9:30am Worship 11am Neighborhood Mahalo Party 3pm Tongan Church	27 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	28 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	29	30	31 12pm Al-Anon	1

Important Statistics

May	2025	2026
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	54—In Person 174—Streaming Views	56—In Person 122—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	226—In Person 699—Streaming	280—In Person 610—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$25,384.00	\$42,735.00
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$118,706.00	\$134,071.00

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.



Scan this QR Code to get to our Givelify page.

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.

The Prayer Shawl Ladies



Next Meeting will be:
July 21st 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 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 Lesley Radius
 Music Coordinator Julia Golding
 Church Administrative Asst. Shannon Kama
 Bookkeeper Sue Whitney

Worship Area Coordinators

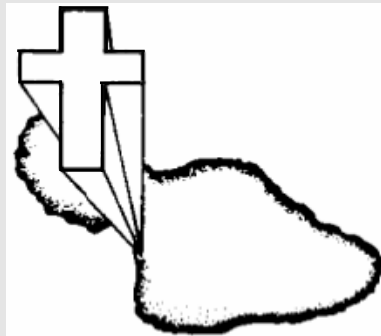
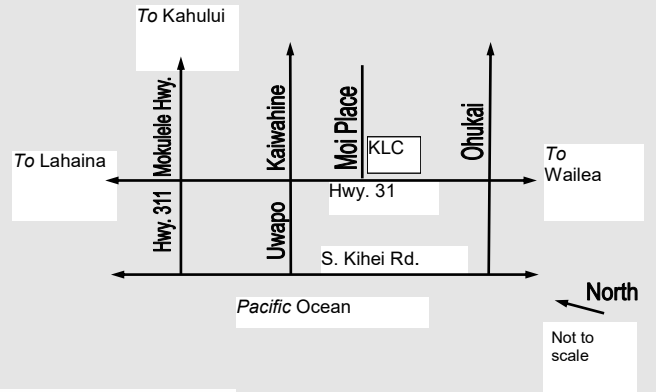
Chimes & Choir Director Julia Golding
 Flowers Andrea Harris
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins
 Worship Assistants/Readers

Other Contacts

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 AM



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