

KLC 'Ohana News

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



JUNE 2026

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Lesley Radius

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!



Keolahou Food Pantry

Food donations will be collected Sunday, June 7, 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





Ron R
Rucker

ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER



Aloha from Pastor Ron,

I want to begin by thanking you for the gracious and wonderful sending party. Thanks also for all the amazing cards. For the record, I am not good at doing "Thank you" cards, so this is me thanking you. Nanette will eventually get around to sending "Thank you" cards but it will be a while.

This has been an outstanding experience for Nanette and I. You are an amazing congregation and a gift to this community. I believe God has just the right pastor for you somewhere in the pipeline. Do not give up, and do not settle for less because you deserve more. Continue to care for each other, the KLC ohana; the environment, and the greater community around you. Trust God in everything.

I have shared this meme with you before but summarizes what I believe.



Grace and peace to all of you. If you want to chat, please feel free to call or text my cell phone, 907-841-6992.

Council Secretary's Report from the April 2026 Council Meeting



On May 19th the church council met at six sharp. Vicki called us to order with prayer and an affirmation of electronic/hybrid meeting.

Nancy started off devotions with a song which was supposed to be a recording but ended up being all of us singing it together from memory. Ponder anew what the almighty can do! We were happy to welcome Pastor Lesley to the council party this month.

We approved the agenda and minutes with a few corrections and additions and jumped right into the pastor's report. Ron shared that it was hard to imagine that he has been with KLC since 2022 for a total of 40 months! It has been a journey with God in the lead. Pastor Lesley shared warm thoughts for Ron and his time on island. Vicki thanked Ron for his leadership as pastor here.

Vicki has been working with the painter who originally painted the church some years ago. She and Sue continue to work on a variety of projects. We are blessed to have received a donation to help fund all the repairs needed to the church and parsonage.

The treasurer's report arrived via email where we learned that general giving (5/06-5/12) was \$6,725 and year to date giving and rent came in at \$125,121.02. Year to date expenses are \$105,332.19 and the funds in the general account as of 5/12 total \$134,961.46. Margie has generously offered to be treasurer for another year to help with the transition time we will face over the next twelve months. Shannon reminded us of our newsletter deadline of the 25th.

Fellowship committee is planning a picnic and we all agreed that Sunday July 26, from 12-2 would work well. We will be inviting the neighborhood to join us. Keep an eye out for more info and to see how you can help. (Hint: we'll need to deliver invites at some point in the future)

Installation of new council members will be June 28th. Shannon brought a request from the school for a change to the watering schedule. We all thought this would be fine and she will speak with Peter about adjusting the timing. The OKE Van will be departing from our parking lot by June 19th. OKE is also trying out having their event at Auntie Nettie's. They are requesting a lease agreement for the storage space on our property and we will be coming up with a lease that covers a set number of years.

Keep an eye out for a new sign on the church! We hope to catch the eyes of drivers to invite them to our service where ALL ARE WELCOME. It will even be lit up at night. Synod Assembly is happening 6-20 and Pastor Lesley is signing up. We'd love to have two congregation members attend as well. Watch for further details in the announcements.

This blissfully short meeting (especially for those members in later time zones!) came to a close at 6:53 PM with prayer by pastor Lesley. Until next time, which will be June 16th, aloha!

Respectfully Submitted by Rhonda Bode Stoltzfus



Congratulations Graduates!



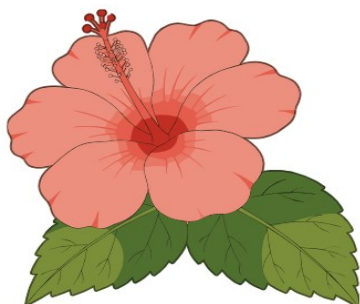
On Sunday, May 17, we had the joy of celebrating our two graduating seniors with prayer shawls, lei, and plenty of cake! Victoria (Tori) Gonzalez, graduated from Baldwin High School and will be joining the Army in June. Natalie Proctor, graduated from Seabury Hall, she will head to Oregon State University this fall to study psychology. We are so proud of these amazing young women and excited to see where God leads them next. May God bless your steps, guide your choices, and fill this new chapter with joy, purpose, and endless grace.



A HUI HOU



On Sunday, May 24, our Kīhei Lutheran Church 'ohana bid a fond a hui hou to Pr. Ron Rucker and his wife Nanette, who are returning to their Alaska home after 3 1/2 years with us. Great potluck, fun memories, and much aloha. We are so grateful for all have done for us! We will miss you both!







KLC Book

Discussion Group

Looking for a meaningful and thought-provoking conversation? The Spiritual Growth Committee invites you to join a special book discussion on Separation of Church and Hate.

 When: Sunday, June 28 at 1:30 PM

 Where: Marty and Lori Atrops's home

 RSVP: Sign up on the whiteboard in the sanctuary
(space is limited to 12 participants)

What to Expect:

Read the book—or simply explore a summary—and join us for a lively, open discussion about the book's big ideas and how they connect to our lives today. Even if you haven't read the book, you're warmly welcome to participate.

About the Book:

Comedian and broadcaster John Fugelsang takes readers through common fundamentalist arguments on immigration, LGBTQ rights, and more. Drawing on the same Bible verses fundamentalists often cite, Fugelsang adds historical and theological context, highlighting what Jesus actually said about many contemporary issues while contrasting the Old and New Testaments.

His commentary is direct and funny, weaving together historical applications, absurdities, and interesting and surprising connections. One example: Christian priests were married until the 12th Century. “Pope Innocent II put the sex ban in place because the church didn't want priests leaving land and wealth to their widows and kids.”

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.



SAVE THE DATES

You're Invited! The KLC 'ohana is invited to a graduation party celebrating Natalie Proctor, Seabury Hall Class of 2026. Join us **Tuesday, June 2, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. The celebration will be held at Auntie Kali's Cottage, located at 530 Kumulani Drive, Kihei, HI 96753 (home of Carrie Williams). You can expect casual pool vibes with food and fun! (BYOB) If you have any questions, please contact Phil & Stacie Proctor.

Mark your calendar! Sunday, June 7: After worship Let's roll out a warm island-style welcome with an E Komo Mai "welcome" potluck for our new interim pastor, Pr. Lesley Radius! Come ready to greet, meet, and eat as we celebrate this new chapter together. Bring your smiles, your stories, and maybe something tasty. Let's make it a joyful welcome to remember! Got a favorite dish to share? We'd love it! Please sign up. Planning to join us? Please sign up for attendance, too. Both sign-ups are on the whiteboard in the sanctuary—quick and easy! Pastor Lesley is highly allergic to fragrances, and is on medication to manage the allergy. However, we can all assist her by offering non-fragrant Lei, floral arrangements as church flowers and omitting perfumes and aftershave scents when attending church events.

Ohana and Keiki Exchange (OKE)

The June clothing exchange is canceled. 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

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

Get to Know Our KLC 'Ohana members

Jimmy and Andrea Harris



Although Jimmy and Andrea both grew up near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, their paths didn't cross until much later. At East Stroudsburg University, Andrea majored in physical education and earned the prestigious title of All-American swimmer. She dedicated 33 years to teaching PE to students in grades K–6 and 9–12, which included coaching swimming for 13 years.

Jimmy pursued higher education in the Northeast, completing his undergraduate degree at Colgate University in New York before earning his law degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. His legal career spanned trial law and elder law—and he frequently jokes that he is a rare find: a retired, honest lawyer.

The Harrises retired full-time to Maui in 2009 after a cross country tour of the U.S. in their Airstream. Both are avid readers, and they fill their time with special hobbies: Andrea focuses on cultivating ornamental flowers, while Jimmy plays guitar, ukulele, and harmonica. Before the pandemic, Jimmy spent years working as a Haleakalā trail guide to help visitors learn about the island, and he regularly volunteered with Xterra and various triathlon competitions.

Today, Andrea is deeply involved in the KLC community, balancing several key roles: Assisting Minister, Reader, and member of the Worship and Call Committees, co-lead of the Care Cards Ministry and a Prayer Team warrior, as well as Flower Coordinator and choir member.

Fun Facts! It might surprise you to know...

Jimmy completed the grueling Hawai'i Ironman triathlon—an achievement he now jokingly refers to as happening in "a time long, long ago and a body far, far away." And both Jimmy and Andrea have conquered the Maui Channel swim relay, crossing the open ocean from Lāna'i to Lāhainā. And Andrea didn't stop at swimming just one crossing—she completed the intense ocean channel relay twice!

What makes KLC special for Andrea and Jimmy?

For the Harrises, KLC is simply their second family. They value it as a genuinely welcoming place where they have built wonderful, lasting friendships. Andrea knew she had found her true church home from her very first encounters: a warm welcome hug from Pastor Kruger, and a reassuring nod from his wife, Kathy, who let her know that women were more than welcome to sing tenor in the choir.

HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



Kristian Romerdahl	6/1
Gina Johnson	6/3
Kate Sauer	6/5
Julie Kukui Nunan	6/6
Susan Embree	6/7
Sharon McElroy	6/10
Janet Judson	6/11
Molly Bell	6/12
Lynn Carlson	6/12
Emma Pilotin	6/15

Dave Handley	6/20
Bev Gessel	6/21
Anthony Scibelli	6/22
Sheila Turnbull	6/22
Laura Stimac	6/23
Ron Steben	6/23
Sandi Martinsen	6/24
Mikhaela Galindo	6/26
Jeanne Vorhes	6/30

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

Steve & Billie Moksnes	6/6
Steve & Robyn Webb	6/11
Dave & Sam Mather	6/19
John & Nancy Norman	6/23
Eric & Renee Romerdahl	6/25
Mike & Holly Pendergast	6/25
Phillip & Stacie Proctor	6/24
Don & Joy Nelson	6/29



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)

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

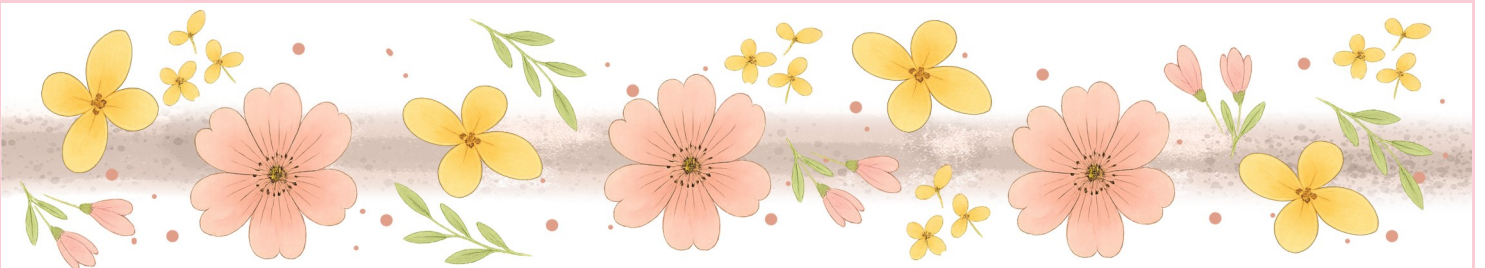
December

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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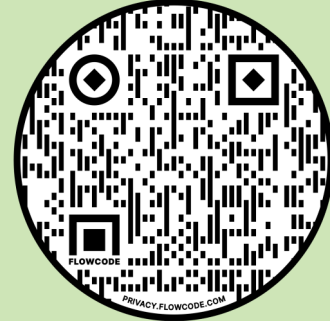
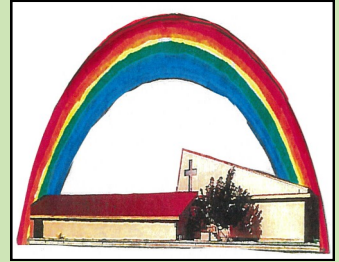


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 8:15 Choir 9:30am Worship 1:30pm Maui Mission 3pm Tongan Church	1 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	2 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	3	4	5 12pm Al-Anon	6 12:30pm Maui Greek Orthodox Mission
7 Pastor Lesley 8:15 Choir 9am Worship Welcome Potluck 3pm Tongan Church	8 10am Faith Journey-Zoom 7pm Worship Team – Zoom	9 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox 5pm Finance Team	10	11 King Kamehameha Day	12 10am Spiritual Growth 11am PB&J's 12pm Al-Anon	13
14 8:15 Choir 9:30 am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	15 10am Faith Journey-Zoom 7pm Worship Team – Zoom	16 12pm Al-Anon 6pm Council Meeting-Hybrid	17 9am Fellowship Team 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	18 11am Snack & Hygiene Bags	19 Juneteenth 12pm Al-Anon	20 12:30 Maui Greek Orthodox Mission
21 Father's Day 8:15 Choir 9:30am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	22 10am Faith Journey	23 12pm Al-Anon	24 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	25—Newsletter Deadline	26 12pm Al-Anon	27
28 8:15 Choir 9:30am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	29 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	30 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	1	2	3 12pm Al-Anon	4 Independence Day

Important Statistics

April	2025	2026
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	94—In Person 273—Streaming Views	92—In Person 196—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	376—In Person 1091—Streaming	457—In Person 980—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$19,531.34	\$22,676.02
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$93,321.73	\$91,336.02

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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:
June 16th 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 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

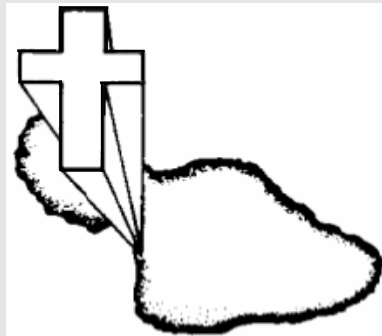
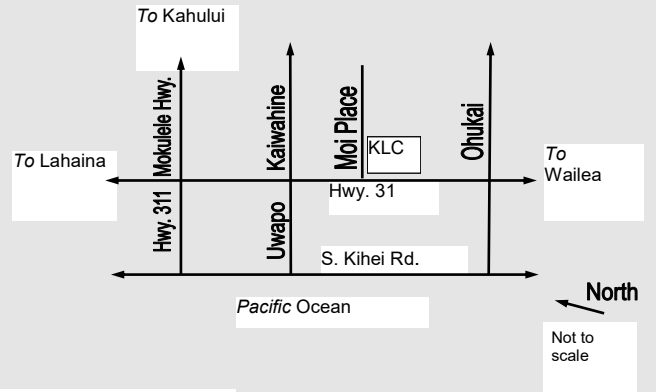
Chimes & Choir Director Julia Golding
 Flowers Andrea Harris
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins
 Worship Assistants/Readers

Other Contacts

Treasurer Margie Terluin
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 AM



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