

# KLC 'Ohana News

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

MARCH 2026

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

## Holden Evening Prayer

### Mid-Week Lenten Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday February 25th, March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, March 25th

Holden Evening Prayer Will be held every Wednesday during Lent beginning at 5:30 pm. It is a service with prayers and singing throughout. Everyone is welcome to join. A soup and bread Supper will be held by Fellowship after prayer. If you would like to bring Soup or bread, sign ups are on the white board in the sanctuary.

### Important News from Zel and Margie Terluin

To my wonderful KLC Ohana,

The diagnosis for the recent discovery of a mass on top of my liver was that it is a terminal, metastatic stage D, non-treatable cancer.

I want each friend and member of this church I have called "the house" for the last almost 25 years, to know that although sometimes we didn't always get along, I was always trying to do right by this church, and I have loved each and every one of you

Being part of this church has been one of the best things that has happened in my life, next to my wife Margie and our beloved son Daniel.  
(and moving to Maui.)

Please continue to pray for us, and please take care of my precious Kihei Lutheran Church.

In his Service, lots of love,

Zel



Ron R  
Rucker

## ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER



Aloha from Pastor Ron,

We have begun our 2026 journey of Lent. In our Wednesday evening vespers, our focus is on lament. Have you heard of lament? What does it mean to you? What does it mean in the Bible? Much of the following comes from CoPilot. In the Bible, lament is an intentional expression of grief, sorrow, or distress before God, often accompanied by a plea for help or understanding. Where do we most see Lament in the Bible? In the Old Testament, there are Psalms of Lament, and lament in the writings of the prophets, and, of course, the Book of Lamentations. In the New Testament, Jesus shows lament over Jerusalem and also in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Lament is a vital aspect of the Christian faith, providing a framework for believers to express their deepest emotions. It encourages honesty in prayer and fosters a sense of community as individuals share their struggles with one another and with God. Lamenting can lead to healing and restoration, reminding us that we are not alone in our pain and that God is present in our suffering. In summary, lament in the Bible is a powerful expression of grief and sorrow that invites believers to bring their pain before God, affirming their faith in His goodness and sovereignty. It is an essential practice for processing life's challenges and finding hope in God's pro-mises. So, why don't we do more lamenting in our lives, especially during Lent. I think there are two primary reasons. First, we are not taught how to lament. Second, lament is seen as being weak. I, however, think lament could be powerful for us in our society today and in the life of KLC at this time.

We have determined that my last Sunday serving here as your interim pastor will be Pentecost, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Nanette and I will leave shortly after that to attend a "Rucker" family reunion in St Augustine, Florida, May 30<sup>th</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have yet to determine if we are flying all the way back to Alaska from Florida, or flying part way back to Alaska and stopping somewhere in the Northwest to buy a car and drive back, or buying a car in Florida and driving all the way back to Alaska. Now, I know this does not sound particularly good for you here at KLC, but the council has accepted in principal a proposal made to Bishop Dave Nagler of Pacifica Synod to have three retired pastors serving KLC rotationally if there is no call in place or in progress by January 2027. This plan calls for Pastor Lesley Radius, from Texas but currently serving as interim at Lutheran Church of Honolulu, to serve as interim at KLC from June 2026 until the end of December 2026. I would return for 4-months from January 2027 until the end of April 2027, followed again by Pastor Lesley from May 2027 until the end of August 2027, followed by a third not yet identified pastor to serve from September 2027 until the end of December 2027. The schedule would be repeated for 2028 with evaluation of effectiveness and KLC status of call.

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 February 2026 Council Meeting



The Council of KLC met on February 23 at 6:00 PM. We opened with an affirmation of our electronic/hybrid meeting. Members spent a few minutes catching up with one another and sharing how Zel and Margie are doing. We are holding them both close in prayer and missed having them at the meeting.

Ron gave us an update on his busy lent, an upcoming wedding, and meetings with potential donors. He continues to visit those who are ill and represents our church so well in the community. Vicki expressed excitement about the great turnout for Shrove Tuesday and shared some details about our next celebration on March 8th. This date will mark the 20th Anniversary of KLC being in our current home. Rumor has it THERE WILL BE CAKE!! Mahalo to Fellowship for pitching in to make this celebration special. We look forward to having hula and choir help mark the date.

We spent a few minutes discussing the progress on repairs at both the parsonage and the church building. We have a great new contractor who is helping us save money by identifying things that can be fixed rather than replaced. The new sliders for the sanctuary are in house and will be installed in the coming weeks. Finance Team reminded everyone to have team approval for significant purchases and mentioned the updated Purchase Order Form and instructions available in the office for when a team member needs reimbursement.

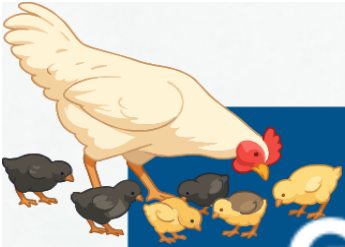
Nels Romerdahl will be our new remote media coordinator! We're excited to have a member "abroad" who will be participating in the life of our church. His leadership will allow us to only need a person at the sound booth to push a few buttons each service. Vicki assures us it is as easy as turning on your smart phone. She'll be working on getting a list of volunteers who can help the church in this way. If you feel you could take a turn a few times a year, please let Vicki know. No high tech skills required!

Nancy is going to be working on getting a sign installed out front that lets the community know what time our services are each Sunday. Ron also let us know there will be some guest preachers coming up as various friends of his visit the island. His last sermon date got moved up a tiny bit as he has some family obligations at the end of May. Currently it appears his swan song will be on Pentecost Sunday. I suspect, however, that we haven't seen the last of him on the beautiful island of Maui.

Nancy moved to adjourn our meeting and we were all in favor. Our next time together will be March 17 at 6:00.

Respectfully Submitted, Rhonda Stoltzfus - Council Secretary

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



# God's Global Barnyard

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.

## Noisy Offering

Our Noisy Offering on Sunday, March 29th will support the ELCA Global Barnyard, helping families around the world gain stability through animals that provide food, income, and hope. As we prepare for Easter on April 5, we're focusing especially on Easter chicks, along with other animals that help communities thrive. To give everyone plenty of time to participate, we invite you to begin setting aside your gifts now. Coins are wonderful, but as always, silent money makes the biggest impact in our Global Barnyard giving. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us share God's love in practical, life changing ways.



### Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein-rich meals for families who are hungry.



What a wonderful time of fellowship, food, and fun we shared at our Fat Tuesday (Sunday) celebration on February 15! A huge and heartfelt thank you to our amazing chefs – Nanette Rucker, Mike & Sheryl Williams, Lori Atrops, and Warren Johnson – for so generously donating their time, talents, and ingredients to prepare such a delicious Creole-style feast. We are also grateful for the many servants in our congregation who help create moments like these, where we can gather not only to worship but also to share meals and strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship. Thank you to everyone who came, helped with setup and cleanup, and made the day so enjoyable.



## Movie Watch Party & Discussion – Join Us!

You're invited to a special afternoon of inspiration, fellowship, and meaningful conversation hosted by the Spiritual Growth Committee and by Lori and Marty Atrops -- we hope you'll join us for this meaningful afternoon together!

When: Sunday, March 15

Time: 1:30 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.

Where: Lori and Mary Atrops' home

\* Important: Space is limited to 14 people, so please sign up to reserve your spot on the sheet on the whiteboard in the sanctuary if you're planning to attend.

What: We'll be watching the movie *Soul on Fire* (2025), directed by Sean McNamara (*Soul Surfer*). This powerful and inspirational Christian biographical drama tells the true story of John O'Leary, who at nine years old survived a near-fatal 1987 house explosion that left him with third-degree burns over nearly 100% of his body. Given less than a 1% chance to live, John's journey from tragedy to becoming a renowned motivational speaker is a moving testament to faith, community support, and God's grace. The film beautifully illustrates how grace can transform ruin into revelation.

After the movie, we'll spend time in discussion led by Kim Landry, reflecting on the themes and how they speak into our own lives.

\* Please bring a plate of light pupus to share.

• Want a preview? Watch the official trailer here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CsIVGLETWps>

• Want to watch at home instead? *Soul on Fire* is currently streaming on Netflix, or available on Amazon Video, YouTube, or Apple TV

The logo for Living Lutheran features the word "Living" in a light blue, sans-serif font above the word "Lutheran" in a white, sans-serif font. A yellow cross is positioned to the left of the "L" in "Lutheran". The background is a solid blue color.

"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

*We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because  
by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world*

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# **HOLY WEEK**

## **SERVICE TIMES**

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**Palm Sunday March 29:**  
9:30 AM

**Maundy Thursday April 2:**  
7:00 PM

**Good Friday April 3:**  
7:00 PM

**Easter Sunday April 5:**  
9:30 AM

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HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



Larry Nelson	3/2
Dave Spencer	3/2
JoAnn Patterson	3/3
Charlotte Wright	3/8
Nels Romerdahl	3/20
Doug Paulson	3/21
Mo Hottendorf	3/21

Nathaniel Bell	3/26
Owen Pendergast	3/26
Peter Vorhes	3/26
Zel Terluin	3/28
Micheala Scibeli	3/28
Teri Ocean	3/31

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



Peter & Jeanne Vorhes	3/1/1991
Larry & Donna Nelson	3/3/1962
Jake & Linda Hangartner	3/4/2006
Romy & Debbie Galindo	3/9/1996
Tom & Cheryl Rietz	3/15/1985
Mike & Gina Johnson	3/24/1990
Joe & Nancy Kentz	3/27/1993

## 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)*

### **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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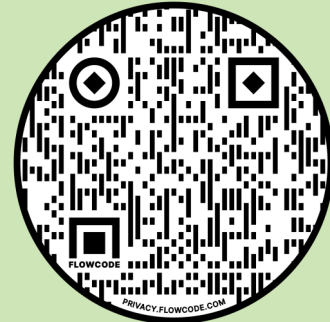


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 Keolahou Food Pantry</b> 8:15 Choir 9:30am Worship 1:30pm Maui Mission 3pm Tongan Church	<b>2</b> 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	<b>3</b> 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	<b>4</b> <b>11:30 Rotary</b> 1pm Fellowship Team 5pm Property Team 5:30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

## Important Statistics

January	2025	2026
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	83—In Person 181—Streaming Views	72—In Person 43—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	333—In Person 727—Streaming	286—In Person 170—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$20,020.77	21,883.00
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$20,020.77	21,883.00

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:  
March 17th 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**

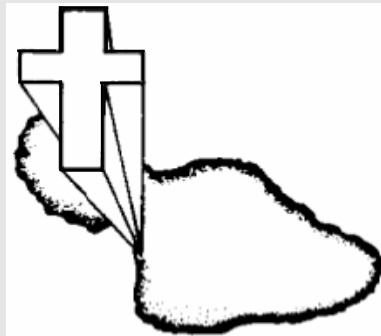
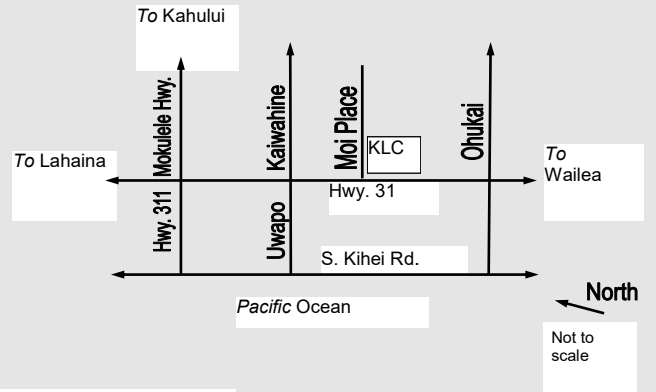
Chimes & Choir Director Julia Golding  
 Flowers Andrea Harris  
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins  
 Worship Assistants/Readers Zel Terluin

**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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