

# KLC 'Ohana News

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



MAY 2026

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

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 and to vote on the updated KLC Constitution. Your presence is important, as we need a quorum in order to conduct church business—please make plans to attend. Paper copies will be available at the host table and in the office. You may also view and download an electronic copy [CLICK HERE](#)



## Flower Chart Available for 2026

The 2026 flower Calendar still has open slots. Signups are available on the whiteboard. Mahalo to the wonderful members who provided flowers to add beauty to our services in 2025



## Keolahou Food Pantry

Food donations will be collected Sunday, May 3, 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 .





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## ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER



Aloha from Pastor Ron,

Odd how this worked out, but this time last year I was writing about preparing for the departure of Beth and Cate and this year I am writing about preparing for the departure of Nanette and I. I often say this is a bittersweet time for us. We love being here in Kihei and we really love being a part of the KLC ministry and ohana, but we are missing our kids and grandkids and we are especially missing key milestones in the lives of our grandkids. We, however, do return in time for our oldest grandchild to begin her high school career, our middle grandchild to begin middle school, and our youngest grandchild to begin 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Our other two grandchildren are spaced right in between those three grandkids. Our oldest grandchild will be playing high school volleyball in the fall which I refereed for some 30 years. No, I will not be refereeing her games, I just plan to watch and try to keep my mouth shut. Our time here has been extremely meaningful and wonderful for both Nanette and I. We both believe that we have served God's purpose for our being here and that it is time for KLC to move onto a more permanent pastor.

So, here is what we think the near term and long term future for KLC looks like. Pastor Lesley Radius is a trained and experienced Interim Pastor. She has most recently been doing interim pastoral work at Lutheran Church of Honolulu. Her last service there is May 31<sup>st</sup> and her first service at KLC is June 7<sup>th</sup>. She comes with a multi-level plan for moving KLC forward and towards a permanent call. I am not privy to her exact plan but I suspect she will have a quick analysis and review of the KLC Ministry Site Profile followed constitution of and training for the call committee. The desire is for KLC to have a permanent call before the end of December 2026. On the other hand, the KLC track record to date indicates prudence calls for a **backup** plan. I want to emphasize again, that the following is simply a backup plan. Lesley pitched an idea from Nanette to Bishop Nagler for a 3-year backup plan that he accepted for a 2-year backup plan. We recruited three retired pastors to come to Kihei for 4-month increments beginning in January 2027. If this backup plan goes into effect, I will return for January through April 2027, Lesley would return for May through August 2027, Pastor Duane Hanson from Alaska would come September through December 2027. That same schedule is intended for 2028 if there is not a permanent call, which is the ultimate and prioritized goal for KLC. For the record, whenever a permanent call goes into effect, Nanette and I will remain your friends but we will no longer be available for pastoral assistance.

Since this is my last newsletter article for KLC, I do want, on behalf of both Nanette and I, to thank you all for your gracious love, support, and welcoming we have received since arriving on island. You all have been a wonderful gift from God to us. We pray for the continued health and graciousness of the KLC ohana. You are a gift from God to this island and God will continue to bless you in everything you do on behalf of God and all of God's creation.

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 April 2026 Council Meeting



A council meeting was held on April 21 and was opened and affirmed by Nancy and Heather. Sally had a devotional prayer and we approved the agenda and minutes. Vicki gave us the rundown on next steps for making sure our congregational meeting happens on time and within the rules. We will be voting on accepting the new constitution. She also updated us on what needs to happen before the new interim pastor arrives.

The parsonage roof is getting replaced as it has been problematic for many years. No more unexpected showers in rooms that aren't bathrooms! We also discussed the future need of a vehicle for interim pastor use.

Rhonda gave the treasurer's report. General giving for the week of 4/15-21 was \$8,240.32 with year to date giving and rent coming in at \$106,780.02. Year to date expenses are \$95,315.17 and funds in the general account as of 4/21 total \$127,498.48.

Shannon reminded us all of the deadline for the newsletter. This write up will be sliding into home base JUST under the wire. Whew. She also updated us on a date change for OKE from May 9 to May 2 to accommodate a charity walk that is being held on the 9th.

As is standard for KLC, parties have been planned! Fellowship has a bevy of events coming up, including a farewell party, a welcome party, a new member party, a graduation party, and a neighborhood BBQ party! Watch for upcoming details. There will be food, beverage, cake, and fun!

Council and the Finance Team are looking for both a Treasurer and a Financial Secretary. If you have interest in either position, let Vicki or another council member know! The Constitution has been approved by the senate! Thanks so much to Heather and Nancy for all the work they have put into this project. The counsel voted to accept the new version, and now it goes to the congregation. There will be a special meeting on May 3 – Be there or Be square!

Next meeting will be May 19th at 6PM!

Respectfully Submitted, Rhonda Stoltzfus - Council Secretary

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



We had such a wonderful Easter brunch following the worship service, filled with joy, gratitude, and meaningful fellowship. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents to prepare and bring such a delicious variety of dishes it truly made the celebration special. Sharing this meal together on Easter gave us a beautiful opportunity to connect, reflect, and rejoice as a community, and it was a blessing to spend that time together with our church 'ohana.



# Noisy Offering

March 29th was 1st Noisy Offering of 2026.

Community Outreach selected the ELCA Global Barnyard as the recipient. Since it was close to Easter, their efforts to collect coins and silent monies to purchase chicks and goats was very successful. \$669.00 will be sent off this next week. To thank the congregation for their donations a small bag was given out with some chicks and chocolate eggs at the end of service and a nice Thank you (provided by our amazing Office Administrator, Shannon) Julia Aumiller rode in the decorated wagon dressed as a chick (provided by Vicki Nelson) to add a festive atmosphere. Hilary and Margie had fun decorating the wagon with flowers and crepe paper. Thanks to Sue Moorcroft and Nora Aumiller for pitching in last minute to join in the fun. It was one of the largest collections for the Noisy Offering in years. Mahalo to everyone who participated and gave so generously.







# 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.

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

The next clothing exchange is on Saturday, May 2nd 9-11am. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities, including a prayer corner offered by KLC. Set up on Friday, May 1st, is 3-9pm, and continues on May 2nd at 7am. Volunteers are also needed to help close up after the event 11am-1pm on April 2nd. 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.

## SAVE THE DATES

**Save the date! Sunday, May 24:** Right after worship. We're throwing an A Hui Hou ("until we meet again") potluck to celebrate Ron and Nanette Rucker on their final Sunday with us (for now!). Let's send them off with full hearts—and full tummies. The Fellowship Committee will provide cake and a card basket, so bring your sweet messages along with your appetite. Wear red! It's Pentecost Sunday and Pr. Ron's favorite color—double the reason to go bold. Want to bring a dish? There's a sign-up sheet—jump in and share something delicious! Planning to attend? Please add your name to the whiteboard in the sanctuary so we can set up enough tables for everyone.

**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.

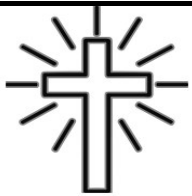


Thanks to the dedication (and serious organizing magic) of Marty and Lori Atrops, Vicki Nelson, and Margie Terluin, our Church Library has been refreshed and is now ready to use as a Reference Library. That means the resources are intended to be used on-site rather than checked out. Shelves are clearly labeled and finding what you need is now quick and painless. It's a huge win for clergy, who can tap into a rich collection of materials without bringing suitcases full of books when they arrive on Maui. Whether it's sermon prep, group study, or personal exploration, this newly organized space is designed to support pastors, study groups, and congregants alike—no heavy lifting required. The Church Library is located in the classroom in the center of the lower hallway. Come check it out!

# 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



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



### **Nicholas Ogalla**

A special education teacher at Kihei Elementary School. He serves KLC each Sunday by blowing the pu (conch) during our Call to Worship and is active in our Adult Ed classes. He is married with 4 children who still reside in Kenya but who hope to join him here in Kihei.

### **Cathy Meyer-Uyehara**

The CEO of 'Ai Pono Hawai'i, headquartered in Wailuku, a residential treatment center that provides a supportive care setting for individuals struggling with eating disorders. Cathy lives in Mā'alaea with her husband, Clayton, and their dog Kiko.



### **Kim Landry**

Senior vice president with a wealth management firm headquartered in St Louis, MO. Since 2020 Kim has been splitting her time between Maui and St Louis. She serves as a member of KLC's Spiritual Growth and Christian Education Committee



## Get to Know Our KLC ‘Ohana members

Meet Ollie (Oliver) and Marcia (Mar-SEE-uh) Stafford:

Ollie and Marcia’s story spans coast to coast—and finally, home to Maui. Raised just outside New York City, Ollie graduated from Williams College in Massachusetts with a degree in English literature before serving in U.S. Army Intelligence. He later built a successful financial planning business in California, retiring in 2008 to make Maui his full-time home.

Marcia grew up in southeast Wisconsin and studied fine arts and interior design at the University of Wisconsin, where she also learned drafting and construction. She first moved to Maui in 1969, back when Kihei was still largely rural and Wailea didn’t yet exist. With few stores on island, even Christmas shopping meant ordering from the Sears catalog!

After some years in Napa, Marcia met Ollie, and together they felt called back to Maui to build their retirement home. About eight years ago, they settled in Hokulani Golf Villas in Kihei, where they now enjoy retirement. Between them, they have seven children and ten grandchildren, including one serving the community as a Maui firefighter.

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

Marcia didn’t just design their previous 3700 sq. ft. Kula home, she was the general contractor and built it! And Ollie? A racquetball standout, ranked #2 in California in the 45+ division.

### **What makes KLC special?**

For the Staffords, it’s the friendly, welcoming atmosphere, meaningful worship, uplifting messages from Pr. Ron, engaging Adult Ed, and music that brings it all together. Most of all, it’s the ‘Ohana friendships and spiritual lives growing stronger together.



HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



Carol Gesch	5/1
Nancy Dennison	5/3
Curt Holt	5/3
Bailey Pendergast	5/5
Eryn Pendergast	5/5
Renee Romerdahl	5/7
Lloyd Amundson	5/9
Malysa Scibelli	5/11
Mark Haley	5/11
Deja Campos	5/14

Jerry Sieck	5/14
Lisa Gonzalez	5/15
Jack Jorden	5/18
Neil Turnbull	5/18
Don Lee	5/24
Dori Thorngren	5/24
Saylor Pearl	5/26
Danny Boren	5/27

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



Steve and Heather Ceccanti	5/5/2001
Tony and Karen Gucci	5/19/1989

## 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)*

### **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

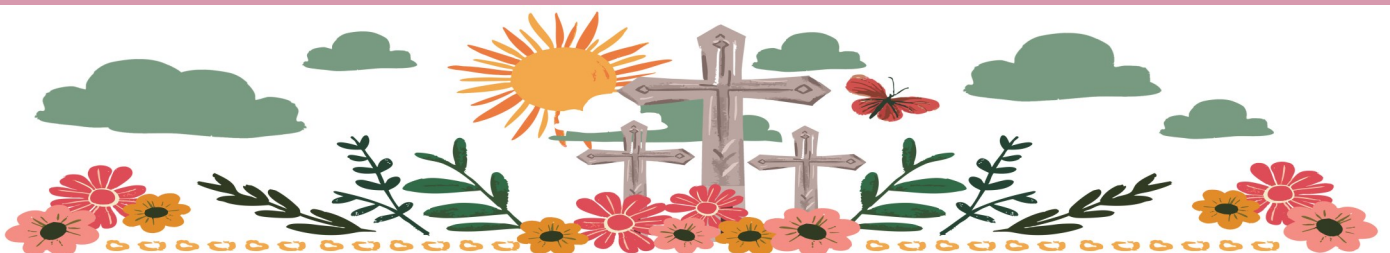
### **December**

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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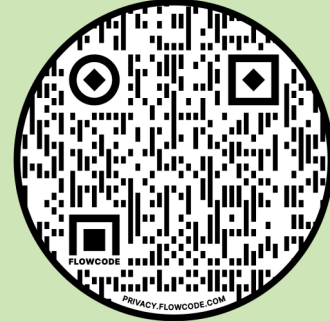
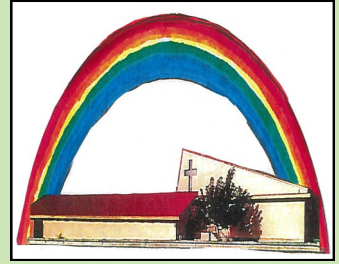


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 8:15 Choir 9:30am Worship 1:30pm Maui Mission 3pm Tongan Church	27 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	28 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	29	30 9am Prayer Shawl	1 12pm Al-Anon 3pm Pre-Set OKE	2 9am Ohana Keiki Exchange 12:30pm Maui Greek Orthodox Mission
3 8:15 Choir 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	4 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	5 9am Fellowship Team 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	6 10 am Spiritual Growth	7 9am Prayer Shawl	8 11am PB&J's 12pm Al-Anon	9
10 <b>Mother's Day</b> 8:15 Choir 9:30 am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	11 10am Faith Journey-Zoom 7pm Worship Team – Zoom	12 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Team 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	13	14 9am Prayer Shawl 11am Snack & Hygiene Bags	15 12pm Al-Anon	16 12:30 Maui Greek Orthodox Mission
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24 8:15 Choir 9:30am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	25— <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>Memorial Day— Office Closed</b> 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	26 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Maui Greek Orthodox	27	28 9am Prayer Shawl	29 12pm Al-Anon	30 31 Sunday 8:15 Choir 9:30am Worship 3pm Tongan Church

## Important Statistics

March	2025	2026
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	111—In Person 167—Streaming Views	98—In Person 63—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	556—In Person 836—Streaming	413—In Person 252—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$28,740.62	\$23,239.00
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$73,790.39	\$68,660.00

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

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:  
May 19th 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**

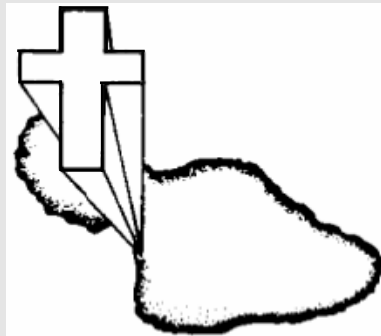
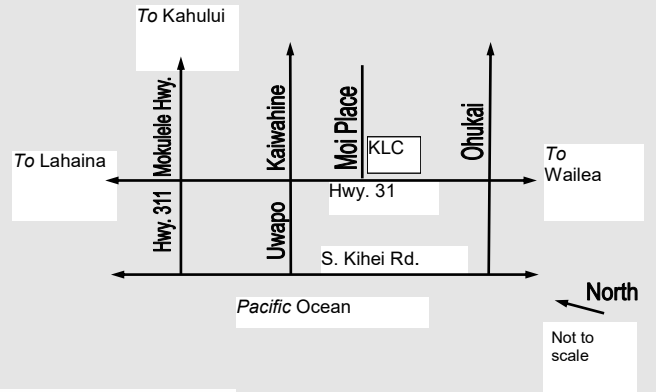
Chimes & Choir Director Julia Golding  
 Flowers Andrea Harris  
 Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins  
 Worship Assistants/Readers

**Other Contacts**

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 Hula Group Sally Handley  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**9:30 AM**



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