

KLC 'Ohana News

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



OCTOBER 2025

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker



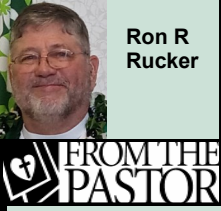
KEOLAHOU FOOD PANTRY

Just a reminder that our Food pantry Sunday is October 6th. Please bring your non-perishable food items as well as hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, tooth paste, etc. to the church on the first Sunday and place them by the altar. Mahalo for all of your donations. If you forget your item yon that day you can drop them off in the office Monday thru Friday 9 to 5.

Fall
FOR
Jesus
HE NEVER LEAVES



ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER



Ron R
Rucker

Aloha from Pastor Ron,

I have just read my medical report from the Fred Hutchison Cancer Center. The good news appears to be that there are no other indicators of myeloma showing in my Pet Scan results. So, the plan is to continue to monitor the smoldering myeloma with quarterly blood tests and annual Pet Scans. The larger than normal lymph nodes (2) are to be further evaluated by my primary care provider.

I am beginning to feel a desire and a need to return home to Alaska to be with our family and friends there. We will be in conversation with the Bishop, the council, and the Call Committee what options and timelines might be in play. I believe you are ready and it is time for you to move on beyond my skill set. Your council with many new members is active and activating dormant organizational structures. We have a confirmation class going now, and children's Sunday School, and adult education continuing. There are some constitutional issues to be corrected and a committee within the council is looking at those issues.

We made a big change in the Sunday morning schedule and looks like we survived that as well. Attendance remains slightly up and steady. Offerings are also slightly up and steady. We are about to begin a stewardship campaign. When you get a pastor to replace me indefinitely, they will no doubt be more costly than I am. You need to expect that and you have been preparing for that event to occur. Both the church and the parsonage need some badly needed maintenance and repairs. This will require some key decisions on best how to accomplish, both financially and timing. Some of our best givers may be leaving us sooner than later, so I encourage them – and all of you – to make some long-term giving plans such as to the KLC endowment.

Do you feel challenged or persecuted? First, Jesus and Paul both said that persecution comes with being a follower of Jesus. Second, persecution can be how we feel people are reacting to us when we do something right or when we do something wrong. But as Pastor Brandon says here, the most important question to be answered is whether we are being persecuted at all. We have to be honest about and with ourselves and then to look to God for confirmation and guidance in this area.

**AMERICAN CHRISTIANS ARE
NOT BEING PERSECUTED.
THEY'RE BEING CALLED OUT.
CALLED OUT TO ACT LIKE JESUS.
CHALLENGED TO LOVE LIKE JESUS.**

Pastor Brandon

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.

Presidents Message

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Aloha, Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It has been a busy and fruitful month for the KLC Council and our teams. Our liaisons have been actively working with their respective teams in preparation for the upcoming Congregational Meeting this December. Here are some updates:

- Administration is diligently reviewing paperwork and refining the budget.
- Property completed a major project—two weeks of irrigation work by Mauka Landscapes.

We hope you've noticed our beautifully revived green lawns!

- Spiritual Growth has jump-started with fresh excitement around education and relationship building.
- Fellowship is bringing new energy through hospitality efforts, the prayer shawl ministry, caring cards, and the launch of a new prayer team.

I feel truly blessed to be a part of this Leadership team and its work. There was a time when I questioned whether I belonged on the Council, thinking I was too loud, too busy, or had nothing to offer. But I now see that this is not how God or you see me. The love and support I have received from my KLC 'Ohana has shown me that each of us has gifts to share, gifts that bring life and joy to our community.

Mahalo Nui loa,

Vicki



Council Secretary's Report from the September 2025 Council Meeting



Council met on September 16 with a quorum present. Rhonda opened with devotions and prayer and we approved the agenda and accepted the minutes from our marathon August meeting.

Ron gave an update on his health as well as the recent visit from the Bishop. They toured the island and met with numerous people while enjoying some delicious local foods. Renee is going to be working on updating the Ministry Site Profile in the hopes of attracting a new pastor. We have three options in front of us. 1. A bridge pastor, usually 3-6 months. 2. Another intern. 3. A three year call. A three year call was popular with attendees.

Vicki updated us on the newly formed Prayer Team headed up by Andrea. Heather Ballaine and Rhonda Stoltzfus are also on the team. The prayer chain list will be top of business as that gets updated.

Shannon is already proving herself invaluable to our congregation. She came up with several cost saving ideas and suggested we get a church Zoom account. We will also be addressing the Use Contract as we have several groups using the facility mid-week.

Committee reports were submitted in writing and also highlights given by Nancy and Laura on Fellowship and Spiritual Growth. Every team is working on getting their budget submitted! We were all excited to hear about a new subgroup to the Spiritual Growth Committee: Keiki First Bible Class! This new class joins: Children's Sunday School Program, Sunday Adult Ed, Monday Faith Journey, and New Member Classes.

Council reviewed several outstanding projects including budget worksheets, and the completion of the paperwork for new check signers. The Bake Sale/Ministry Fair is scheduled for November 23. Everyone should prayerfully consider where their gifts can be used in the church. Our teams need new volunteers!

Property repairs are ongoing for both the church facility and the parsonage. Irrigation and doors are two larger projects being tackled. It was decided to use the Ray Benson Fund to pay for needed repairs. A quick review of the current housing market was given, should we choose to sell the old parsonage and purchase a new one. As we would need to sell the current property for \$150-200K more than what the new purchase price would be, it seems unlikely at the moment.

Be the Change, Trunk or Treat, and a Capital Campaign were all addressed. Trunk or Treat preparation is well underway. Start planning your fun trunk decorations and consider having both candy and Jesus themed treats available for the kids. This is always such a fun event that many neighborhood kids love to attend. The next meeting will be October 21.

Respectfully Submitted, Rhonda Stoltzfus - Council Secretary
To see a copy of the approved September Council Minutes please Click [Here](#)



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

PLANNING AHEAD FOR STEWARDSHIP

“Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.” This portion of a prayer reminds us that all we have comes from God and it is a joy for us to share what we have been given – whether financially or by our actions. We have that opportunity again during the stewardship campaign from November 2nd through 16th. Watch your mail near the end of October for the letter from Pastor Ron and your pledge card. Mark your calendar, especially for the *ice cream sundaes on November 16th*, as our thank you to all for sharing your time, talents and finances with God’s people, within our KLC ‘ohana, throughout the community and beyond. Each of you is a blessing.

Great and glorious God, you are the source of all good things and all we have comes from you.

Help us to be ever mindful that we have been made by you and for you, and that our responsibility is to share what you have given us in such abundance.

Help us to put You first in all our decisions.

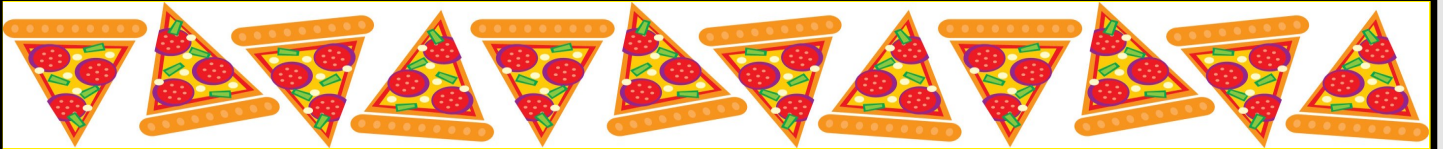
Help us to distinguish between our wants and our needs.

Inspire us to help build the Kingdom of God by sharing the wealth of gifts you have poured upon us, and give us confidence in your never failing protection.

We ask this in the Spirit and through Christ our Lord.

Amen

I AM THE VINE,
you are the branches.
JOHN 15:5



Mondays at Manoli's: Join Us for Pizza & Fellowship!

Come enjoy great pizza, fun conversations, and friendly company. It's a relaxed way to hang out and meet new people or visit with old friends. No need to come every week—drop by whenever you can! No reservations needed and new faces are always welcome!

When: Every Monday at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Manoli's Restaurant in Wailea, 100 Wailea Ike Dr., Wailea, HI 96753

SAVE the DATE

The Community Outreach Bake sale will be Sunday November 23rd. For all of you amazing bakers and buyers please put your thinking caps on and come up with your best recipe, to make or bake for an amazing cause!!! More details coming soon



Trunk or Treat FAQ'S

Trunk or Treat is a fun, family-friendly Halloween event where people decorate the open trunks of their cars and hand out candy to children from our neighborhood. Keiki go from car to car, just like traditional trick-or-treating. In the KLC parking lot

You may provide your own treats to hand out, or the church will provide candy for you. You don't have to dress up, but if you want, this is your opportunity! If you want easy premade car decorations, search "Halloween trunk decorations" at Amazon or Walmart. If you don't want to decorate your vehicle, come anyway and help pass out candy. Everyone is welcome to participate! Can't attend but still want to help? Candy or money donations for candy are welcome.

Questions? Contact the church office or talk to Laura McClellan la.mcclellan@icloud.com or Nancy Norman: Norman.Nancy@gmail.com





TRUNK or treat



Friday October 31st

5:00pm

KLG Church Parking Lot



Kihei Lutheran Church
220 Moi Place, Kihei

808.879.7979 klc@kiheilutheranchurch.org





All Saints' Day

A Look Ahead

Sunday, November 2nd, is All Saints Day. Please feel free to email the names of those who have passed during the last year to the office klc@kiheilutheran.org. Names will be read aloud during the service. Please send to the office to the office by Friday, November 1st. If you choose, you may also bring a flower to represent those you have lost and place them into the vases that will be on a table in the front before service. We will have some flowers available if you forget to bring those. There will be reminders the few weeks before. There will be leaves available for you to write the names of loved ones you have lost that will be placed on the banners at the front of the church. We will start that on October 19th. Stay tuned to the eblast and bulletin for more information. Mahalo.



Ohana & Keiki Exchange

First Saturday of every month 9-11 am
 Kihei Lutheran Church
 220 Moi Place Kihei
Bring what you can
Take what you need
www.facebook.com/OKEMaui
 for more information



BOOK DONATION DROP OFF

OHANA STRONG
 OHANA KEIKI EXCHANGE
 SECOND SATURDAY
 7AM-3PM VOLUNTEER
 9-11AM SHOP
 220 MOI PL
 KIHEI, HI 96753



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ALOHA INTENTION GETTING LIT INITIATIVE, WE WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED AND LIKE NEW CHILDREN AND TEEN BOOKS TO CYCLE BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY.



DROP OFF INSTRUCTION:
 During Ohana Keiki Exchange October Event. Bring your book donation with you and hand it to an event volunteer to be placed in our donation bin.

- Please only bring items with intact covers and spines.
- Please no spills or rips. Please no moldy or mildew items.

If bringing more than 5 titles, please bag up in a bag we can keep.

Kihei Lutheran Church
 220 Moi Place KIHEI, HI. 96753
 SAT. October 11th 7AM-10AM

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

Unleash your inner monster!

ADULT KEIKI FAMILY

EVENT RULES

OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES AND KEIKI!
 1) MUST BE HOME MADE, 2ND HAND, OR UPCYCLED. CREATIVITY RULES HERE.
 2) REGISTER BEFORE 9:45AM
 3) BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN

PRIZES

1st PLACE GIFT CERTIFICATE
 2nd PLACE GIFT CERTIFICATE

OCTOBER 11 TO AM

INFORMATION
 For more information, contact [INFO@OHANASTRONGHI.COM](mailto:info@ohanastronghi.com).

CLOTHING & FURNITURE COMMUNITY GIVEAWAY

Nā Kū'i O Maui

100% LAHAINA RESOURCE & RECOVERY CENTER

Oct. 25, 2025, Saturday
150 Hana Hwy. Kahului
9 am to 1 pm

Bring your own truck & Manpower & Bags
 First come First serve

We need Volunteers!
 be a part of this journey
 connect us at nakialomai.org
 808-298-8915

HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



Stacie Proctor	10/3
Karen Gucci	10/5
Marcia Stafford	10/7
Bev Schifferling	10/9
Nicholas Scibelli	10/10
Gail Caires	10/15
Paul Emanovsky	10/21

Sanni Tharp	10/25
Dave Krueger	10/26
Dave Mather	10/27
Bob Nelson	10/28
Jake Hangartner	10/30
Brooke Cuomo	10/31

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



Mark Haley & Larry Manning	October 4, 1986
John & Kristi Bendon	October 9, 2004



Kihei Lutheran Church October 2025

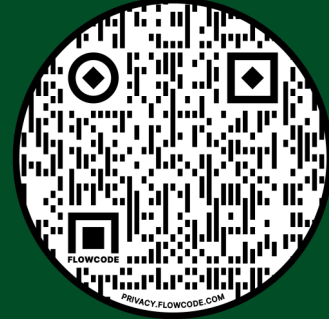
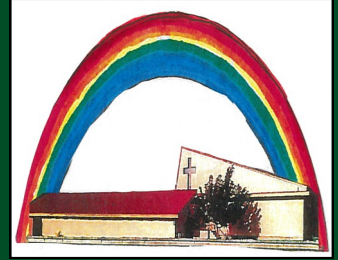


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Important Statistics

August	2024	2025
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	47—In Person 100—Streaming Views	56—In Person 0—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	189—In Person 400—Streaming	278—In Person 0—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$11,429.00	\$24,880.00
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$151,903.40	\$192,592.23

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:
October 21st 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/KiheiLutheran 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
 ✪ Sexton Kyle Wolfgang

Worship Area Coordinators

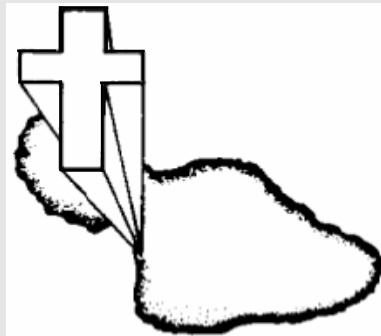
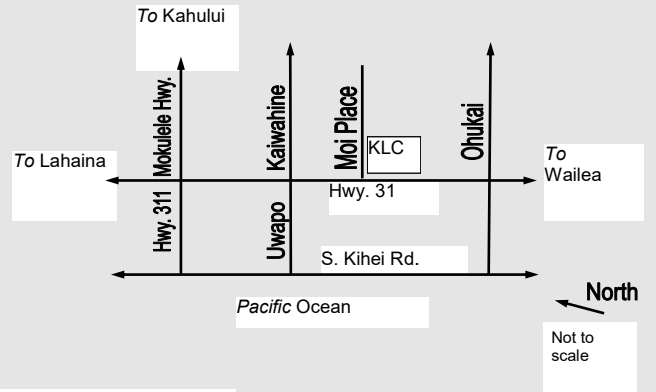
✪ Chimes & Choir Director Julia Golding
 ✪ Flowers Andrea Harris
 ✪ Hosts Coordinator Marilyn Hopkins
 ✪ Worship Assistants/Readers Zel Terluin

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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