



KLC 'Ohana News

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



SEPTEMBER 2025

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor Ron Rucker

God's Work. Our Hands.

The dedication of our contributions of GWOH will take place on Sunday September 7th. This year Community Outreach would like you to join in and donate items for A Cup of Cold Water's Van distribution. It will be deemed "From Blankets to Bibles". A list of items you can shop for is provided below. Along with the PB&J sandwiches we help make snack bags and water and personal hygiene items they distribute many other needed things to survive. Please join us in representing our GWOH participation by wearing a Gold GWOH T-shirts which are available at no cost. Contact Margie for more information. A group photo will be taken after service. Mahalo for participating in the annual day of service.



- Batteries: Packages of AA or AAA
- Backpacks (do not need to be expensive)
- Small Bibles
- Blankets (sample will be available), Towels (new or gently used) prefer darker colors
- Clothing: can be gently used and washed or new
- Men's short: S, M, L, XL, Men's Tank Tops: S, M, L, XL, T-Shirts: S, M, L, XL
- Women's Shorts: All sizes, Women's: Tank Tops or T-shirts
- Slippers: Men's 10-12 & Women's 6-10,
- Sunscreen, Cases of Water, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Gift Cards: Walmart, McDonald's Flashlights or head-lamps, Reading Glasses: All strengths

Bins will be placed on the front lanai for your donations.



ALOHA FROM PASTOR RON RUCKER



Ron R
Rucker



Aloha from Pastor Ron,

I am writing this as I am taking a break from packing. I am excited to return home to Alaska and see family in person. It is the first time to see them after my possibly minor health scare recently. Lots of family activities are planned with our kids, grandkids, and Nanette's sisters and their families. I will also be preaching for two Sundays at our home church, Good Shepherd, in Wasilla. On the way back here to Maui, Nanette and I will stop off in Honolulu for a PET scan. Unless this PET scan reveals some new information, I will remain in a wait and see mode with blood work every 3 months and PET scans every year.

Life and death and change continue in the life of KLC and, of course, other ohanas too. This past week, close family members of two of our members went home to be their Lord. The new council and new council leadership are becoming organized and looking to future congregational needs. Shannon has the office under control and Julia is waking up the music program. Choir practice has begun again at 8:15 am on Sunday mornings before worship. On September 14th, worship will move to a 9:30 am start time and adult education and confirmation will follow worship at 11:00 am.

I want to leave with you with this thought from "The Naked Pastor"



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

Aloha,

August has been a busy month. The second anniversary of the Lahaina fire saw many memorials for our loses and celebrations of the new future we are building together, including our own Kikei Lutheran Church. Our special Sunday service and accompanying luncheon were huge successes due to the efforts of Margie Terluin and her team; Mahalo nui for your diligent and blessed work. It was incredible to watch our ministry partners meet and build connections with Lutheran Disaster Response representative Zaya Gilmer, which help them further serve our local communities. God is truly at work here

As for our new church council, Saturday, August 16th, we gathered for a retreat meeting. Where we planned ways to highlight the ministries of our church in the coming months. With the goal of giving everyone opportunities to get involved, and have fun, of course; you all know me.

Mahalo for being part of our family in Christ,

Vicki



Council Secretary's Report from the August 2025 Council Meeting



A marathon six-hour meeting of the KLC church council was held in person and via Zoom on Saturday August 16th with a quorum present. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer by Zel. We moved right into our retreat/workshop style assembly with Heather providing questions to help us get to know each other a bit better.

Our pastor, Ron, gave us a wonderful review of the Lutheran Disaster Relief visit and some updates on the parsonage and his health. The bus situation is still in progress but may be delayed a bit. Sending up prayers of healing for our bus mechanic after his accident.

Vicki is going strong as our new president. We discussed the need for more check signers and sorted out who on council was eligible to meet all the various requirements. Laura volunteered and later in the meeting it was officially decided that Sally, Riley, and Nancy will also be available to sign. This will help keep the office running smoothly as we seek to get vendors payed and reimbursed in a timely manner. She also let us know that council will be given a more robust financial report each month.

Treasurer Margie Terluin sent the financial details for us to review. She reported that giving for the week of August 6-12 was \$8,787.00. Year-to-date income is \$211,705.23, and year-to-date expenses are \$178,743.45. The balance in the General Fund as of August 12 is \$114,587.99.

The parsonage roof that was repaired last month has sprung a leak again. The roofers have been off island, but are going to address the problems as soon as they are home. The possibility of selling the parsonage was brought up and Rhonda will be keeping an eye on houses that become available to get an idea of how realistic this idea is for the congregation. In other "Old Business", council decided to stop adding to the New Pastor Reserve starting in 2026. It has a nice balance and that money is sorely needed elsewhere for repairs and other budget line items. The media team is still having connectivity issues with the Facebook Live feature. We discussed moving to a "record and upload later" model that may meet our needs better.

Council spent a significant amount of time discussing the various teams our church uses to get things accomplished. We explored what we THOUGHT each team did and then discussed in depth improvements and adjustments needed to make these teams work better. We look forward to having each council member become more active on at least one to two teams this year!

Going forward council meetings will be a bit earlier (6PM) for the mainland zoom travelers. Those members on island have the option of meeting via computer, or joining Ron and Vicki in the church facility. While we were on a roll for changing times of meetings, we all agreed to change the worship service from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM. This will allow choir (yay for choir!!) to meet from 8-9 before the service, then a half hour for set up and rest, followed by the service. Adult study/confirmation will round out our Sundays at 11:00.

Ohana Strong has really grown over the past ten years. They've grown so much that it's time for them to become a Ministry Partner of KLC! Council also discussed adding a yearly salary for Julia to be choir director. We're all eager to see this ministry take off again at KLC. A bake sale and ministry fair is slated for November 23. Start prayerfully considering where you can serve our congregation in 2026.

We rounded out the meeting with discussion about updating our constitution and ministry site profile to better reflect the needs of the church today. We thank Ron and Vicki for leading us for this retreat/meeting as we were able to talk about the future of KLC and the exciting opportunities ahead to serve God together!

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda M. Bode Stoltzfus, Secretary

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

Stewardship News



STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE

It's time to plan for our stewardship campaign for the 2026 budget. Our theme will be Caring and Sharing. If you have any ideas toward inspiring our 'Ohana to commit to KLC, our church expenses, our giving, and our Mission, please join the Stewardship Task Force. It is a short term committee with only a few planning meetings near the end of September into October. Contact Marilyn Hopkins 808.250.3710 or email markenhop@gmail.com or on Sunday mornings. You can also let Shannon in the office know of your interest. We want your input, ideas and inspiration .

Kihei Lutheran Church Choir Has Commenced

We are excited to share that the Kihei Lutheran Church Choir is back in session! The choir's first service will be Sunday, September 21st. Choir rehearsals are held in the church on Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. If you are interested in joining the choir, please reach out to Julia Golding at juliafgolding@gmail.com.



Sunday Schedule Change

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CHANGE



Sunday morning schedule change will begin on September 14th. Morning worship will change from 9:00 am to 9:30 am. The full Sunday morning schedule will be as follows: 8:15 Choir Practice 9:30 to 10:30 am Worship 11:00 to 12:00 pm Spiritual Growth Adult Education and Confirmation.

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



BAKE SALE

Lutheran Disaster Response Visit

Mahalo to Zaya Gilmer Program Manager from Lutheran Disaster Response who graciously visited us from South Dakota for a week to become acquainted with Maui and the Ministry Partners Kihei Lutheran has been serving since the 2023 Wildfires.

It has been our extreme pleasure to work alongside Zaya and the LDR representatives. To date we have received 700,000 in grant funds which have been distributed to 8 Non-Profits on Maui. Zaya, along with Pastor Ron and Zel taking photos visited LRR (Lahaina Resource Recovery), ACCW (A Cup of Cold Water) MRM (Maui Rescue Mission) and Ohana Strong. Due to scheduling difficulties they were not able to make it to our other partners.

Zaya did have the opportunity to assist ACCW on their van run in Kahului and visit the other groups out in the field. It was a whirlwind of a week for her and Pastor Ron. On August 8th she was able to be in Lahaina for the 2-year Memorial events. When she was asked about her thoughts on the August 8th ceremonies she said, "My emotions have not had a chance to be put into words yet". She said she was very moved by everything she has done throughout the entire week.

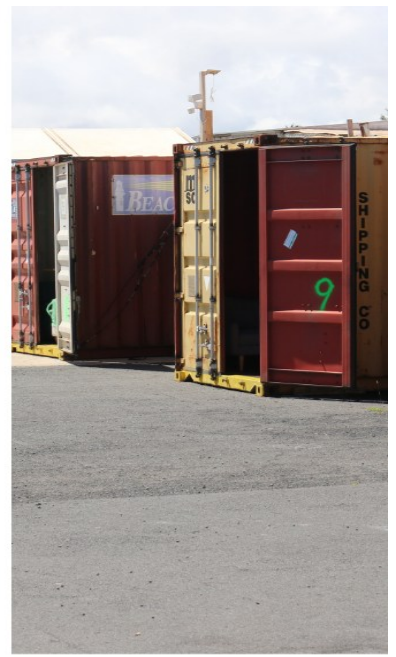
The week was topped off as KLC hosted a luncheon reception attended by 20 Ministry Partners and many KLC congregation members. It was a time for the Volunteer Staff of the dedicated Nonprofits to come together and talk story with Zaya and each other about what they do for the community and how they may be able to work together in the future.

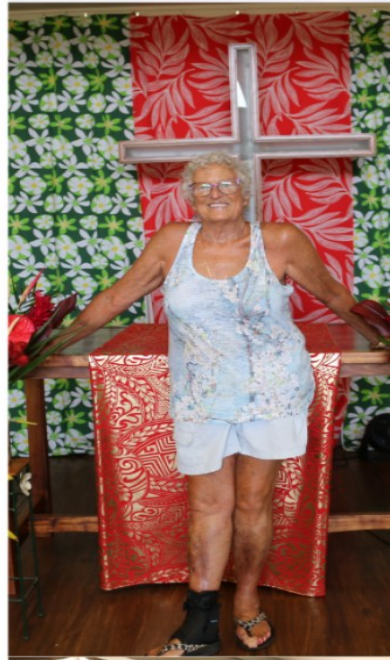
There were many "chicken skin" moments, as well during our worship service. The Men's Quartet sang "Walk by Faith". It was so good to hear Pastor Ron, Phil, Zel and Keli sing together again. Sally Handley designed new hula movements to Weave One Heart. Julia, Zel, Phil, Sally, Vicki, Sue and Tori blessed everyone with a meaningful version of the song. "God be Praised through our Working Hands" was definitely the theme of this wonderful day!

Mahalo to everyone who made this amazing day possible.

Margie



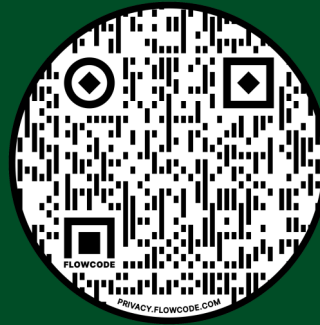




Important Statistics

July	2024	2025
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	53—In Person 89—Streaming Views	55—In Person 129—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	219—In Person 453—Streaming	220—In Person 636—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$18,729.27	\$16,362.00
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$102,612.65	\$167,212.23

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.



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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl

The prayer shawl hui is on their summer schedule of meeting only once a month. 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:
September 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/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!

HAU'OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



Nancy Jorden	9/2
Tiffany Winn	9/2
Phillip Proctor	9/6
Sharyl Boren	9/7
Joleen Pilotin	9/11
Syd Dahlin	9/14

Rhonda Stoltzfus	9/14
Nancy Kentz	9/20
Angelina Campos	9/21
Alexandra Kennedy	9/21
Carolyn Rixey-Wagner	9/26
David Stoltzfus	9/26

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



Miguel & Lisa Gonzalez	September 2, 2001
Syd & Loretta Dahlin	September 17, 1955
Zel & Margie Terluin	September 21, 1980
Curt & Gail Holt	September 22, 1973

Kihei Lutheran Church September 2025



SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
31 9am Worship 3pm Tongan Church	1- Labor Day – Closed 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	2 12pm AI-Anon	3 11:30am Rotary 4:30 Maui Greek Orthodox 5pm Property Committee	4 9am Prayer Shawl	5 12pm AI-Anon	6	7 8:15 Choir 9am Worship 1:30 Maui Greek Orthodox Mission 3pm Tongan Church	8 10am Faith Journey-Zoom 7pm Worship Committee	9 12pm AI-Anon	10 11:30am Rotary 4:30 Maui Greek Orthodox	11 9am Prayer Shawl	12 11am PB&J Making 12pm AI-Anon 3pm Pre-Set for OKE	13 9am Ohana Strong
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Staff

Pastor	Interim Pastor Ron Rucker
Music Coordinator	Julia Golding
Church Administrative Asst.	Shannon Kama
Bookkeeper	Sue Whitney
Sexton	Kyle Wolfgang

Worship Area Coordinators

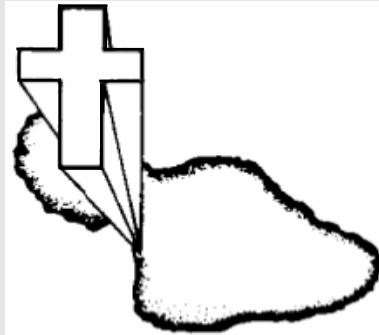
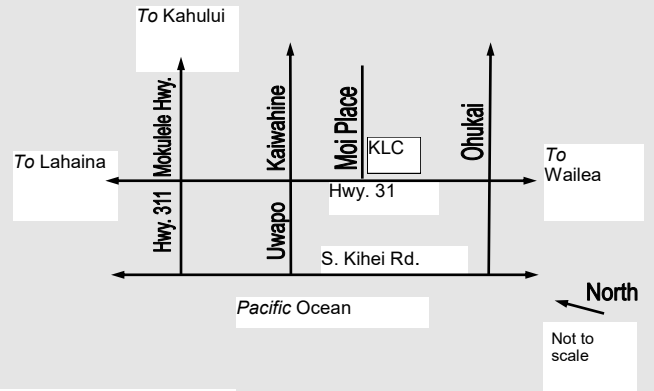
Chimes & Choir Director	Julia Golding
Flowers	Andrea Harris
Hosts Coordinator	Marilyn Hopkins
Worship Assistants/Readers	Zel Terluin

Other Contacts

Treasurer	Margie Terluin
Financial Secretary	Marilyn Hopkins
Hula Group	Sally Handley
E-mail Prayer Chain	Shannon Kama

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM



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