



KLC 'Ōhāna News

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



SEPTEMBER 2026

KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Intentional Interim Lesley M. Radius

And now
these three remain:

*faith, hope,
and love.*

But the greatest
of these
is *love.*

1 Corinthians 13:13, NIV





Lesley
Radius

ALOHA FROM PASTOR LESLEY RADIUS

Aloha from Pastor Lesley,



My first call after graduating seminary was to create a new faith community in a suburb of St. Louis. Frequently, people would ask me how I was. What they really wanted to know was how the efforts were progressing to begin this new faith community. I became accustomed to answering the question to reflect the progress of the new mission start.

One time, a staunch supporter of the mission start asked me the question of how I was. By this time, I was programmed to give an update of the progress of the mission start. He looked me directly in the eyes and said, "That is not what I asked. How are you?"

That personal question took me off guard. Most the time people did not want to hear my story. They just wanted a progress report on the mission start. It felt so good that someone wanted to hear my story and wanted to hear about my journey.

One of wonderful things about the Aloha spirit, is the desire to "talk story," and to take the time to connect with the person and hear their story. Stories are so important and tell so much more than just a verbal account of an event.

In KLC's transitional work, we are going to take time to tell the stories of our faith community. We are going to listen to one another and journey together sharing our individual and collective stories. These stories will help us understand the pain that people might still hold from the past and to celebrate the joy of the past. These stories will help us understand the patterns that have been created in this faith community. Hearing and listening to one another's stories will give us tools that will help us move forward into God's preferred and promised future.

Rev. John A. Hau'oli Tomoso+, MSW-retired, ACSW, Retired Priest of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i and Social Worker will guide us clinically, using the process of Appreciative Inquiry*, through the past section of the Intentional Interim Process. I will be your theological guide. There will be eight sessions in October and November, culminating with Advent, the season of anticipation of Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love. The dates and times and details of these sessions in October and November are still being finalized. Stay tuned for more information. The expectations and hopes are that every member will do their best to attend these sessions and to participate in the transitional process designed to help in the work of calling your next congregationally called pastor.

If you are not familiar with what Appreciative Inquiry, here is an explanation. ****Appreciative Inquiry is a strengths-based, collaborative approach to organizational and human system change that focuses on what works well to co-create a desired future. Definition and Core Concept Appreciative Inquiry (AI) is a positive, participative methodology that engages individuals and groups in self-determined change by focusing on strengths, successes, and what gives life to a system when it is at its best (positive core) rather than on problems or deficits*** PositivePsychology.com+2.

These are exciting times for KLC as we continue to seek to live into God's preferred and promised future. Thank you for your stories, thank you for your prayers and most of all, thank you for your presence and participation in the transformational work to which Christ calls us.

God's richest blessings and my thanks and prayers,

Pastor Lesley



Council Secretary's Report from the August 2026 Council Meeting



Aloha,

There is no Council Secretary Report for August 2026.

Respectfully Submitted by Rhonda Bode Stoltzfus, Secretary

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



YET I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD,
I will be joyful
IN GOD MY SAVIOR.

HABAKKUK 3:18, NIV

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!**



Click [here](#) for more information from NOAA on Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane Preparedness

weather.gov/hurricane 

Prepare Before Hurricane Season



Develop an evacuation plan



Assemble disaster supplies: food, water, batteries, charger, radio, cash



Get an insurance checkup and document your possessions



Create a communication plan with a hand-written list of contacts



Strengthen your home



A photograph showing various disaster supplies including a lantern, a radio, a first aid kit, and canned food.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday Help Us Assemble Blessing Bags!

Sunday, September 13, is the ELCA's annual **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**—a special day when we put our faith into action by serving our community and sharing God's love with our neighbors.

Throughout July and August, our congregation has been generously donating items for our **Blessing Bags Ministry**. Now we need your help to put those donations together!

Following worship on Sunday, September 13, we need as many volunteers as possible to stay and help assemble the Blessing Bags. Whether you can assemble a few bags or stay for the entire time, your helping hands will make a difference. Every volunteer is important!

Please wear your gold GWOH T-shirt and join us for this special opportunity to serve together. **Snacks will be provided for all volunteers.**

Then, on **Sunday, September 20**, we will dedicate the completed Blessing Bags during worship. Our Ministry Partners will join us for this special blessing before the bags are distributed to those in need.

We especially need YOU on September 13! Bring your helping hands, your joyful spirit, and your heart for serving others. Together, we can turn our congregation's generosity into tangible acts of love and care for our neighbors.

**Mahalo for your generosity, your time, and your willingness to serve.
We hope you will stay after worship on September 13 and be part of
God's Work, Our Hands!**



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026



Special Mahalo to

Kihei Lutheran Church

160 PB&J Sandwiches delivered this month! Along with 100 snack bags and 50 hygiene bags!
Mahalo!



We are currently seeking to hire a Worship Accompanist

The ideal candidate will have experience leading and accompanying music for worship services and be comfortable with a variety of musical styles.

To apply, please send a cover letter along with your resume, to:

klc@kiheilutheran.org

News from Community Outreach

Kīhei Youth Center

On Wednesday, July 29, Community Outreach Chairperson Margie Terluin and Church Council President Vicki Nelson had the honor of presenting a **\$20,000 check from Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)** to Lehua Hafoka, Executive Director of the Kīhei Youth Center. The funds will help the Youth Center provide much-needed air conditioning—a project that has been needed for approximately 40 years.

The Kīhei Youth Center keiki warmly welcomed Margie and Vicki with handmade yarn leis, a beautiful hand-painted sign, and colorful balloons. They were gracious and enthusiastic, clapping, asking questions, and expressing their gratitude for the many blessings provided by Kīhei Lutheran Church.

Lehua spoke with the keiki about the importance of gratitude, helping others, and giving back to their community as they grow older. She also shared her deep appreciation for the more than 30-year relationship between the Kīhei Youth Center and Kīhei Lutheran Church.

The total cost of the air-conditioning project is expected to be more than \$30,000, so the Youth Center continues to seek additional donations from the community. Much time, research, and coordination with the County of Maui have gone into bringing this project to this point. The Youth Center is patiently waiting to secure the remaining funds so the project can move forward. The need for the project became even greater following the 2023 Maui fires, when the Youth Center experienced a significant increase in attendance as new keiki and families relocated to Kīhei from Lahaina.

A heartfelt **mahalo** also goes to Pastor Ron Rucker, whose dedication and instrumental work helped secure grants for those in need throughout our Maui community. This distribution represents the **final grant from Lutheran Disaster Response**.

Kīhei Lutheran Church remains deeply grateful for the generous support LDR has provided to nonprofits throughout Maui. These grants have made a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors and have allowed organizations like the Kīhei Youth Center to continue serving our community with hope, compassion, and aloha.





Neighborhood Hot Dog Picnic
Laughter, fellowship, and plenty of hot dogs filled the air as KLC welcomed our neighbors to our Neighborhood Hot Dog Picnic on Sunday, July 26. A heartfelt Mahalo to everyone who donated cupcakes, helped with setup and cleanup, served as our exceptional grill masters, and warmly welcomed our guests with the true aloha spirit. Your generosity, kindness, and willingness to serve helped make this gathering a joyful expression of God's love and hospitality. A special Mahalo to Pr. Lesley for generously donating two Walmart gift cards for our prize drawings, along with the water blasters and other fun gifts that brought so many smiles to our keiki. Thank you to everyone who helped make this special afternoon such a wonderful celebration of community and fellowship!





Church Directory News

Did you know your KLC Church Directory can now tell more of your family's story? Thanks to the great work of our church administrative assistant, Shannon Kama, families can now add a short bio to their directory profile.

Take a peek at the Stafford and Atrops family entries to see how it works! We'd love to help Pastor Lesley and our church 'ohana get to know one another better, so please consider adding a bio for your household. Share a little about yourselves—how long you've been at KLC, your interests, your family, or anything else you'd like others to know. Ready to join in? Contact the church office at klc@kiheilutheran.org or reach out to Laura McClellan or Nancy Norman. Not sure what to write? No problem—we're happy to help you create something that feels just right.



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.

Christian Education News

KLC's Adult Ed Classes: Will be on vacation for the summer and will resume again following worship on Sunday, September 20th, after worship from 11a-12p, in the classroom in the lower level. Questions? Please contact Ollie Stafford: ostafford1@icloud.com

Keiki Sunday School: Resumes September 20th for any keiki in grades K-5. We encourage families to register their children if they would like to have their children participate. Keiki Sunday School is held during worship. Keiki leave the sanctuary following the Children's Message and go with the teacher to the classroom on the lower level. They return to the sanctuary in time to have Communion with their family. To register your child, please contact Nancy Norman: Norman.Nancy@gmail.com



Flower Chart Available for 2026

There are still open Sundays for 2026 flower Calendar. The sign-up calendar is on the whiteboard in the sanctuary.

Please remember no strong scented flowers as Pastor Lesley has severe allergies. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Harris.

Mahalo to the wonderful members who have provided flowers to add beauty to our services in 2026.

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

VOICES OF FAITH

New ELCA Sumud Video Series Launches

How do Palestinian Christians tell their story?

Stolen Stories is a five-part educational video series from ELCA Sumud featuring Palestinian Christians sharing their history and lived experiences from before 1948 to the present. Pastors, bishops and scholars provide historical and theological context for life in Palestine and Israel today. Each video is about 11 minutes long; the first three are available now.

Sumud—Arabic for “steadfastness” or “resilience”—describes nonviolent, faith-rooted resistance through advocacy, education, social service and presence. ELCA partners in this work include the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), whose ministries serve Palestinian communities through education, health care, justice and leadership.

Learn more and watch: ELCA Sumud

· Introduction (4 min.)

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· Stolen Stories | Episode 1:

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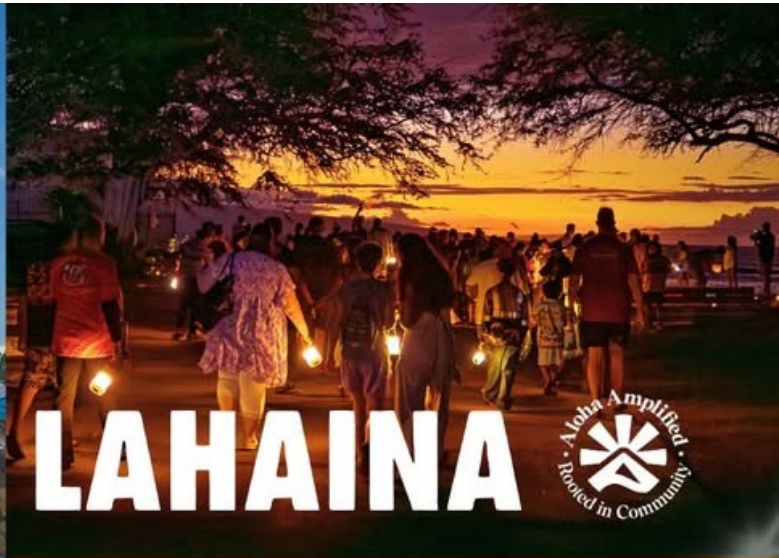
· Stolen Stories | Episode 2:

Naksa: <https://youtu.be/EfxUHwlnJCE?si=QD64z kf1ZijFUDjJ>

· Stolen Stories | Episode 3: Intifadas & Oslo Accords:

<https://youtu.be/mo3T6Cy8itM?si=b2AtL1h9w8J5uQ31>





FRIDAY, SEPT 11, 2026 • 4:30-9PM
Maria Lanakila Catholic Church, Lahaina

SATURDAY, SEPT 12, 2026 6-9:30PM
Lahaina Town & Maria Lanakila Catholic Church

Friday HIGHLIGHTS

- * Live entertainment by Kahaiali'i Brothers, Kevin Brown, Eric Gilliom & Friends, Wilson Kanaka'ole Trio & Marty Dread & Hammah House Band
- * Local food trucks & vendors
- * Cultural practitioners & activities
- * Local nonprofits, schools, & community groups
- * Creative activities & 'ohana bingo
- * "Our Lahaina Story" Time Capsule

Saturday HIGHLIGHTS

- * **Light March:** A shared, respectful walk from Pu'unoa Beach through historic Lahaina Town to Maria Lanakila Catholic Church
- * An evening of light honoring Lahaina's history, resilience and hope for the future
- * Storytelling, quiet reflections & gentle mele
- * Closing kanikapila gathering with music by Lahaina Style Band & ono local food



FREE admission * Open to all

www.LightsforLahaina.org



Peace Day 2026

September 19, 2026

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Makawao Buddhist Temple

1074 Makawao Avenue

Makawao, Upcountry Maui, Hawai'i

Everyone is welcome to join the Hongwanji Buddhist Temples of Maui, the Maui United Buddhist Women's Association, and the Interfaith Alliance of Maui in celebrating Hawai'i Peace Day through sharing of wisdom, reflections, meditations, and display of *origami* cranes, a symbol of the universal human aspiration for peace and harmony for all people and all forms of life.

9:30 a.m.

Interfaith Gathering

Hawai'i Cultural Practices

Buddhist Community

Jewish Community

Christian Community

Bahá'í Faith Community

Spiritual Practices Community

10:30 a.m.

Origami Peace Cranes Display

Labyrinth Meditation Walk

Meditation under the Bodhi Tree

11:00 a.m.

T'ai Chi Ch'uan with *sifu* Jan Osterneck

12:00 noon

Refreshments and Talk Story

12:30 p.m.

Taiko for Peace by Zenshin Daiko

1:00 p.m.

Event ends, everyone helps clean-up

Free and open to the public.

Ample parking is available on Temple grounds.

For more information, please contact
Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
email: makawaohongwanji@honpahi.org

*This event is made possible by
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
Maui United Buddhist Women's Association
The Interfaith Alliance of Maui
Pukalani Superette*

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 02, 2001
Syd & Loretta Dahlin	September 17, 1955
Zel & Margie Terluin	September 21, 1980
Curt & Gail Holt	September 22, 1973

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)

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 us know when
you're available to volunteer.

Please contact:

Margie Terluin: margiet3511@gmail.com or 808-874-5049, Hilary Glassel

hilary.glassel@gmail.com 808-359-7713





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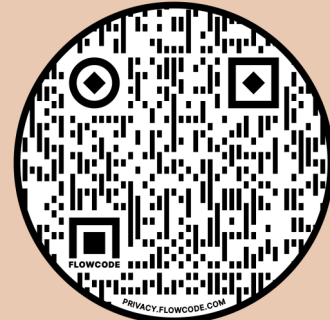


SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
30 9:30am Worship 1:30pm Maui Mission 3pm Tongan Church		31 10am Faith Journey-Zoom		1 12pm AI-Anon		2		3 9am Prayer Shawl 5:30pm Maui Greek Orthodox		4 12pm AI-Anon		5 12:30pm Maui Greek Orthodox Mission	
6 9:30 am Worship 3pm Tongan Church		7- Labor Day Closed 10am Faith Journey-Zoom		8 12pm AI-Anon		9 9am Fellowship Team 5pm Spiritual Growth Parsonage		10 9am Prayer Shawl 5:30pm Maui Greek Orthodox		11 11am PB& J's 12pm AI-Anon		12 8:30am Maui Greek Orthodox Mission	
13 9:30 am Worship 3pm Tongan Church		14 10am Faith Journey-Zoom 7pm Worship Team - Zoom		15 12pm AI-Anon 5pm Finance Team 6pm Church Council		16		17 11am Snack & Hygiene Bags 5:30pm Maui Greek Orthodox		18 12pm AI-Anon		19 12:30pm Maui Greek Orthodox Mission	
20 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Education 3pm Tongan Church		21 10am Faith Journey-Zoom		22 12pm AI-Anon		23		24 9am Prayer Shawl 5:30pm Maui Greek Orthodox		25-Newsletter Deadline 12pm AI-Anon		26 8:30am Maui Greek Orthodox Mission	
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Important Statistics

July	2025	2026
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	55—In Person 129—Streaming Views	47—In Person 48—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	220—In Person 636—Streaming	188—In Person 192—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	\$16,362.00	\$17,250.00
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	\$167,212.23	\$169,313.60

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 on the summer schedule of meeting on the third Thursday of the month 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:
Council Hybrid
KLC
Tuesday, September 15th
6:00 PM

Administrative Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
9:00 AM—5:00 PM

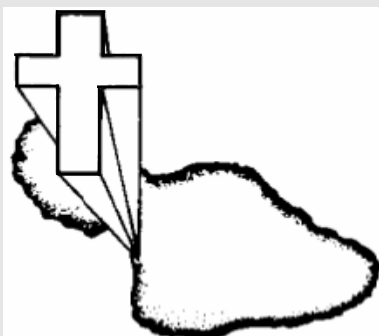
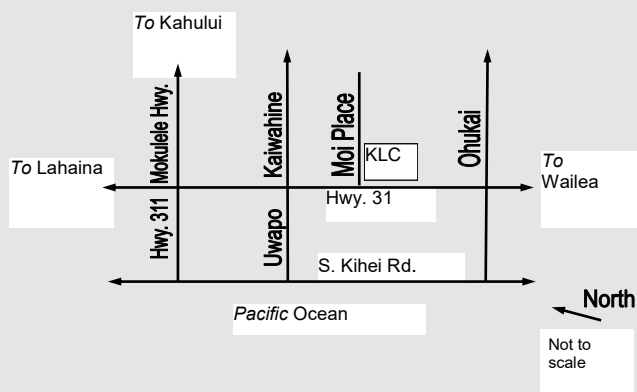


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If you haven't already "liked" our page:
www.facebook.com/KiheiLutheran
go ahead and do so to be the most up-to-date on upcoming church events. A link is already on the church website!

Staff	
Pastor	Interim Pastor Lesley M. 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
Financial Secretary	Cathy Meyer-Uyehara
Hula Group	Sally Handley
E-mail Prayer Chain	Shannon Kama

9:30 AM



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