KLC 'Ohana News

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



NOVEMBER 2026 KIHEI LUTHERAN CHURCH Intentional Interim Lesley M. Radius

IN EVERY THING
give thanks
FOR THIS IS THE WILL
of God in
CHRIST JESUS
concerning you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18, KJV



Lesley Radius

FROM THE PASTOR

ALOHA FROM PASTOR LESLEY RADIUS

"For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of." Matthew 12:34

In "God's story, Our story-Intertwined," there have been many words shared. Some of the words have been beautiful. Some of the words spoken have seemed sad. Some of them reflect words of concern. However, all of the words have been from the heart, just as our text in Matthew reminds us. Thank you for the work you have done so far and continue to do. This work requires bravery, trust, courage and faith in God. You are illustrating all of this in your work. Mahalo Nui loa.

The beautiful, encouraging and hopeful words have been used to describe KLC as a faith community and characteristics of our community--Joy, 'Ohana, Partnership, Unity, Resilience, Sharing, Welcome and Open Door.

Words of sadness include the impact of COVID, past and present anxiety, and questions of why people leave a faith community and go to a different one. Words of concern express confusion on so many levels, what is next for KLC, what are the expectations of the Synod, what are the expectations we have of one another, and are people, including pastoral leadership, at KLC because they want to be here and want to stay here.

These words, these emotions, this honesty, this transparency, this vulnerability is a beginning to the discernment process. We are on a journey of discovering so we can continue to follow God's preferred and promised future for KLC and live in the future with hope. It is only when we open ourselves in the most vulnerable way, that we hear and discover the Holy Spirit.

For some, this work might feel uncomfortable. For some, this work might even feel fruitless. For some, this work feels prosperous. However, you feel, know that it is of your heart. Know, however, that the you are doing is sacred and Godly work and will bear fruit.

KLC, we are on a journey guided by the Holy Spirit and will reap the fruits to the Spirit.

Peace and prayers,

Pastor Lesley



TRANSITION WORK UPDATE-NOVEMBER 2026

- A Synod, KLC Council and Pastoral decision was made to disband the Call Committee. KLC will thank the Call Committee and the Transition team for their work in worship on November 7th . Please join me in acknowledging the sharing of their God-given time, talents and treasure to do this work. When the present Ministry Site Profile has been updated (estimated early 2027), the Council will request people to submit names for the Call Committee Task Force. The Council, per the constitution, will seek to appoint a diverse Call Committee including, but not limited to, age, gender, length of membership, ethnicity, etc.

- God's Story-Our Story Intertwined work continues. Check out the Pastor's article for more information about that work. Thank you to all who are participating. Please invite others to be a part of this vital work. The more input we get from all of the "Ohana, the more our Ministry Site Profile will be a true reflection of this community. When the Ministry Site Profile is a TRUE reflection of the community, there is a better chance of obtaining pastoral leadership who will also reflect the community and partner with you in God's preferred and promised future.

- November 22nd, as we wrap up this part of God's Story-Our Story Intertwined, in preparation for Advent and Christmas, we will have a time of healing incorporated into Sunday worship as we leave our past at the throne of God, celebrate our present and hope for the future God has promised.

Please continue to hold this Transition work in your prayers.

Please remember, if you have any concerns or questions, please reach out to me at lesley@kiheilutheran.org or by phone.

God's blessings and my thanks,

Pastor Lesley

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Aloha Kihei Lutheran Church,

We are in an exciting time for our Ohana. We are dreaming about our future with help and guidance from Pastor Lesley.

This month has lots going on and it's all good! All Saints Day, Stewardship drive, Bishop Dave's visit, our annual Bake Sale, Thanksgiving and the Annual Meeting.

Please join us for all we will have fun, food and fellowship. Also I have exciting news for our annual meeting!!!

Love you all,

Vicki



Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 29, 2026

Please join us after worship for our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 29, 2026. Your participation and input are important as we come together as the KLC ‘Ohana to discuss the life and future of our church.

Mahalo for being part of our church family!



Honoring Our Veterans
Veterans Day, November 11

This Veterans Day, our KLC ‘Ohana joins together in honoring the brave men and women who have served in our nation’s armed forces. We give thanks for their courage, dedication, and the sacrifices they and their families have made to protect our freedoms and keep our nation safe.

May we never take their service for granted. Let us remember those who served in the past, honor those who serve today, and hold in our hearts those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We are truly grateful for all who have answered the call to serve.

To all our veterans, Mahalo nui loa for your service, sacrifice, and commitment to our country. You are remembered, appreciated, and honored today and every day.

Council Secretary's Report from the September 2026 Council Meeting



Church Council met on October 20th and we were called to order at 6:01 HST.
We affirmed the hybrid electronic meeting. Hilary opened us with a devotion based on Matthew 7 and a prayer. The agenda and the minutes were both accepted as written.

Pastor Lesley brought us up to date on a wide range of exciting things happening in our church. We will be reaching out to Gavin Tremblay to pursue a contract for his service to our 'Ohana in the form of music. The pet blessing was a success and several people reached out hoping to have a more regular pet/people play date set up during the year. Enhanced Fitness is hoping to try out our facility as a site for weekly classes. There was discussion about disbanding the current call committee as suggested by the Bishop. More details to come next month! The Bishop will be on island November 15th, and there is a full day of activities planned around his visit. Stay tuned for more information.

Vicki gave us updates on the bake sale being held on the 22nd. She is also urging (read begging) for more volunteers around the church. We are really missing the presence of Betty and Zel. Please see Lesley or Vicki if you feel there are areas you could help on Sunday morning. It could be as simple as turning on the monitors before service. She shared that Margie is in Chicago at the Lutheran Disaster Response meeting to share about our church's work through Covid and the fires. From all appearances, she's having a lovely time!

The treasurer's report came in via email. General giving the week of 10/14-10/20 was at $5,365.00. Year-to-date giving is at $260,468.60 and expenses for that time came in at $269,349.57. We recognized the nearly $9,000 difference in those numbers and are hopeful that the coming months will see that gap diminished. The balance in the general account on 10/20 was $108,321.66.

Finance Committee was reported on as they discussed how to handle stock gifts given to the church. In an effort to relieve Vicki of some of the stress of this job, we hope to add one more person from finance to the account with Vanguard. We will also form a small team of people (1 or 2 from council and 1 or 2 from finance) who will have the ability to make the physical move from stock to our bank account in the suggested three days after a gift.

We spent a considerable amount of time discussing the budget and hammering out small details. We discussed the upcoming congregational meeting on November 29. Please attend so we can reach quorum! We also nailed down a policy concerning name tags. We all agreed to give these out to regular attendees, not just members. It really helps us to form community with each other when we can quickly grasp someone's name. This is especially helpful for those of us who forget where we put our glasses as they are perched on top of our heads. *speaking from experience*

Heather moved for us to adjourn and we were all in favor. The next meeting will be on November 17th at 6 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Rhonda Bode Stoltzfus, Secretary

To see a copy of the approved September Council Minutes please Click Here.



2027 Stewardship Pledge Sunday-November 15, 2026

"*For I know the plans I have for you,* declares the Lord, *plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*" Jeremiah 29:11

What do you think of when you hear these words? Do you ever wonder if it is possible to prosper in today's world? Maybe God could prosper people back in Jeremiah's day, but can and will God still do it today? Is God even relevant anymore?

In our 2027 Stewardship campaign, we have been hearing stories of how we can boldly say that **yes there is a future of hope with God**. Check out the windows in the Sanctuary if you want to read some very personal ways that God has given us and continues to give us hope.

Here are a few samples---"KLC is the first place I've felt my contribution is appreciated and I feel so loved here." "Unconditional grace allowed listening without imposed conditions to counseling clients, convicts and patients." "I got my old home back." "When I needed peace, KLC was there."

Lives are changed. God's grace is received and lived in and through, so that hope abounds, in the past, the present and the future.

All of this happens, because we come together as a faith "Ohana and say, yes to God. We say yes to God to return just a very small portion of what God has given us so that's God's mission and ministry might continue at KLC, in Kihei, Hawaii and beyond. This way we will continue to experience God prospering us and providing a future with hope.

I pray you are in discernment of how God is calling you in 2027 to begin and/or continue to support God's work in this faith community and beyond. We can only do this work with your active participation of sharing your time, talent and treasure so that we can continue to experience in a mighty way God's future filled with hope.

Please join me on Sunday November 15th, when we declare our trust in God in a bold way as we bring our pledges to the altar and say together, we believe that God does indeed have a plan to prosper us and provide a future with hope.

God's blessings and my prayers and thanks,

Pastor Lesley and the Stewardship Team

Save the Date

A Visit from Rev. Dave Nagler, Bishop of the Pacifica Synod

Sunday, November 15th , we will be blessed with a visit from Bishop Dave Nagler, Pacifica Synod. He will be with us at our 9:30 am worship service, proclaiming the Good News, helping us to bless our 2027 pledges of returning to God a portion the time, talent and treasure which God has so graciously given us and celebrating Holy Communion with us.

Immediately after worship, there will be a townhall with the Bishop. This will be your time to share your thoughts and questions with the Bishop about next steps as we continue to live into God's preferred and promised future with hope.

So that everyone has the opportunity to be heard and we can expedite the townhall, we are asking that your questions, if possible, be written in advance. You can submit those questions to Pr. Lesley at lesley@kiheilutheran.org or put them in the question box at the guest table. She will make sure the Bishop has access to those questions. We will also take questions from the floor as time permits, but the advance questions will be answered first.

After the townhall, there will be an opportunity for food and fellowship. The Bishop has said that KLC ranks high on his list for the church with the best potluck. Let's keep up our reputation by signing up to bring something to share with our 'Ohana and enjoy this time together.

This opportunity to spend time with the Bishop and be in important conversation is very, very vital to the life of KLC. My prayer is that you will make every effort to be there on November 15th and actively participate in the conversation and fellowship. I would also encourage each one to make an effort to reach out to one other person and invite them to join you.

God has indeed promised a future with hope. Let's hold tight to that promise and move forward and live into that promise as we are continually made a new creation in Christ.

God's blessings and my prayers,
Pastor Lesley

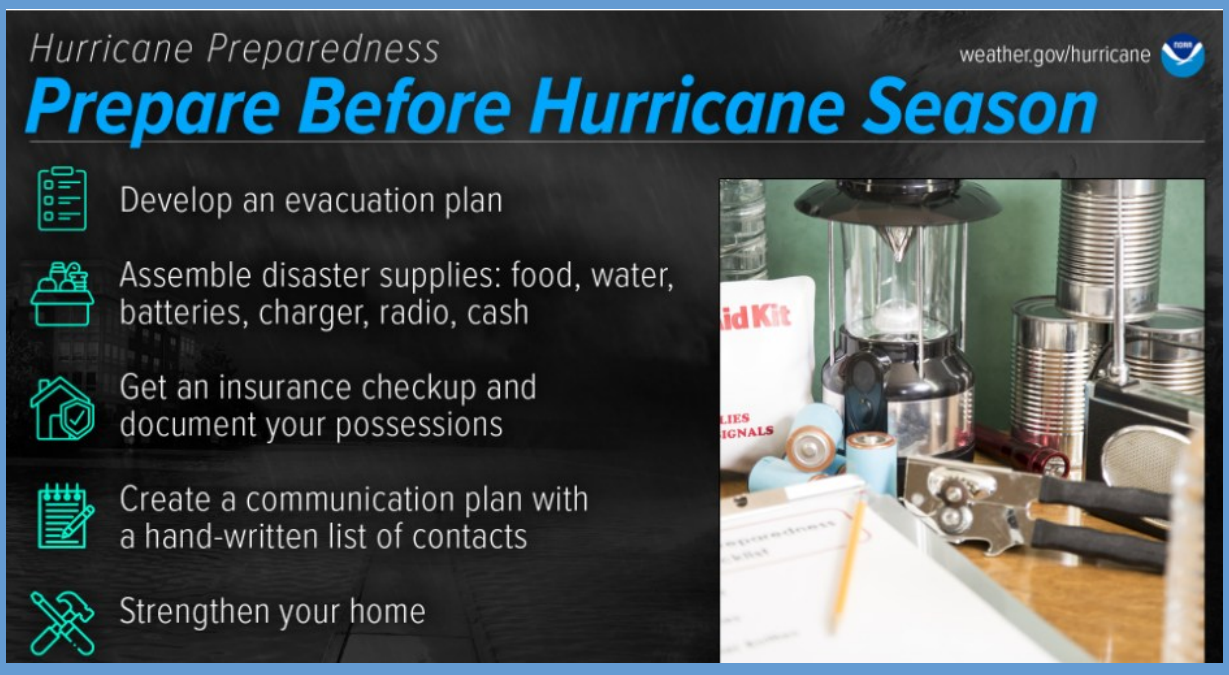
ARE YOU PREPARED?

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



KLC 'Ohana Community Outreach

Annual Hygiene Bags

It's time once again for our KLC 'Ohana to come together to support the **Keolahou Food Pantry Christmas Hygiene Bags!**

KLC has proudly provided these bags for many years, and we need your help again this holiday season. Please consider donating products or making a monetary contribution to help us purchase supplies.



Needed Items:

- Full size VO5 shampoo
- Full size toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Wash cloths
- Dental floss
- Individually wrapped Kleenex

All bags must be delivered by **December 10** to ensure distribution before Christmas.



Sue Moorcroft and her Merry Lady Elves are already busy creating beautiful, handmade Christmas cards to add a special touch!

Mahalo for continuing this wonderful KLC Outreach tradition and helping us share the spirit of Christmas with our community!

Introducing Littlest Keiki: First Steps in Faith Book Club

Our Spiritual Growth & Christian Education Committee is excited to introduce **Littlest Keiki: First Steps in Faith Book Club**, a new ministry for the youngest members of our KLC ‘Ohana!

From birth until they enter kindergarten and can participate in Sunday School, local Maui keiki who are children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of our KLC ‘Ohana can receive **a gift of an age-appropriate Christian book from KLC every six months on their birthday and half-birthday.** Along with each book, parents and caregivers will receive a simple tip sheet with age-appropriate ideas for helping their little ones learn about God’s love, Jesus, faith, and prayer at home.

This new ministry is made possible through a generous memorial gift from the family of our late KLC member, Janet C. Judson. We are grateful that this gift will help nurture faith in our youngest keiki and honor Janet’s memory for years to come.

Our hope is to help plant the seeds of faith during these important early years and to support families as they begin sharing faith with their littlest keiki.

Do you have a Maui child, grandchild, or great-grandchild, birth to age 5½, you would like to include? They do not need to attend KLC to participate. This ministry is intended to help our KLC ‘Ohana share the gift of faith with the littlest members of their families, wherever they may be on their faith journey.

Contact **Nancy Norman** or the KLC church office at **klc@kiheilutheran.org** to include your littlest keiki in the Book Club or for more information, see the link on our website:
https://kiheilutheran.org/ministries/littlest-keiki-book-club/

“From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures…” 2 Timothy 3:15

SAVE THE DATE! Let's Talk Turkey!
KLC's Annual Thanksgiving Meal
Thursday, November 26 | 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Come celebrate Thanksgiving with your KLC ‘Ohana as we enjoy good food, warm fellowship, and grateful hearts. **Friends, family, and visitors are warmly welcomed—the more, the merrier!**

KLC will provide the turkey and ham, and we'd love your help filling out the feast! If you're able, **please bring a favorite side dish to share**. We would also appreciate volunteers to help with setup and cleanup. **Please sign up on the sheet posted on the whiteboard at the back of the sanctuary** to let us know you're coming, what dish you can bring, or how you can help.

Something a little different this year: Instead of having a Thanksgiving worship service before the meal, we'll weave moments of worship and gratitude into our meal together. We'll sing a familiar Thanksgiving hymn or two and have an opportunity to share what we're especially thankful for this year. Holy Communion will not be offered at this year's Thanksgiving gathering.

Come hungry, leave thankful! We look forward to celebrating God's many blessings together!


YOU'RE INVITED!
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All are welcome!

Potluck Fellowship with Bishop Dave Nagler
Sunday, November 15th

Please join us for a special potluck luncheon following worship on

Sunday, November 15, as we welcome **Bishop Dave Nagler of the Pacifica Synod** to Kīhei Lutheran Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship with our bishop and one another as part of our KLC ‘Ohana.

A potluck sign-up sheet is posted at church. Please sign up to bring a dish to share, and plan to attend this important gathering. We hope to see you there!





Our Community Outreach and Fellowship Teams are teaming up for our annual Bake Sale on Sunday, November 22nd. To make this fundraiser a success, we need our entire KLC ‘Ohana to join in! Sign-ups begin on Sunday! Let us know if you’ll be baking or providing goodies to help make this event a success. More details will be shared in next week’s bulletin. Let’s come together, have some fun, and make this year’s Bake Sale just as wonderful as last year’s! Mahalo for your support! On behalf of two of KLC’s busiest teams,
Community Outreach & Fellowship

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HAU‘OLI LA HANAU! (Happy Birthday!)



Tony Wakefield	11/1
Natalie Proctor	11/2
Joy Steben	11/3
Shawna Handley-Stiller	11/7
Darrell Pierson	11/7
Joel Rudow	11/9
Kamaehu Spencer	11/9
Michelle Beyersdorf	11/10
Peggy Crossen	11/10
Raymond Steben	11/11

Evelyn Kaya	11/13
Patricia Duckworth	11/14
Quinn Hottendorf	11/17
Andrew Lawson	11/17
Gail Holt	11/19
Ed Shafer	11/19
Peggy Alexander	11/20
Linda Hangartner	11/21
Johnny Romerdahl	11/22
Margaret Luteijn	11/24
Morgan Stoltzfus	11/28

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



John & Dori Thorngren	November 2, 1991
Dave & Heather Ballaine	November 26, 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

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

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Kihei Lutheran Church
November 2026

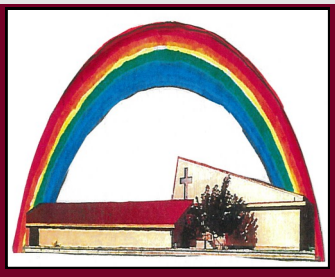


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30am Worship 11 Adult Education 3pm Tongan Church	**2** 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	**3** 12pm Al-Anon 6:30 Maui Choral Arts	**4** 5pm God's Work Our Story	**5** 9am Prayer Shawl 9am Fellowship Team 11am Snack & Hygiene Bags 5:30pm Maui Greek Orthodox	**6** 11am PB& J's 12pm Al-Anon	**7** 8 Maui Vista HOA
8 9:30 am Worship 11 Adult Education 3pm Tongan Church	**9** 10am Faith Journey-Zoom 7pm Worship Team – Zoom	**10** 12pm Al-Anon 5pm Finance Team 6:30pm Maui Choral Arts	**11** 5pm God's Work Our Story	**12** 5:30pm Maui Greek Orthodox	**13** 12pm Al-Anon	**14** 8:30pm Maui Greek Orthodox Mission
15—Bishop Nagle 9:30 am Worship 11 Potluck 3pm Tongan Church	**16** 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	**17** 12pm Al-Anon 6pm Church Council 6:30pm Maui Choral Arts	**18** 5pm God's Work Our Story	**19** 5:30pm Maui Greek Orthodox	**20** 12pm Al-Anon	**21** 12: 30pm Maui Greek Orthodox Mission
22 Bake Sale 9:30am Worship 11 Adult Education 3pm Tongan Church	**23** 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	**24** 12pm Al-Anon 6:30pm Maui Choral Arts	**25—Newsletter Deadline** 5pm God's Work Our Story	**26—Thanksgiving Day Office Closed** 5:30pm Maui Greek Orthodox	**27- Office Closed** 12pm Al-Anon	**28** Tongan Church Annual Missionary Visit
29 9:30am Worship Congregational Meeting 11Adult Education 3pm Tongan Church	**30** 10am Faith Journey-Zoom	1 12pm Al-Anon 6:30pm Maui Choral Arts	2 5pm God's Work Our Story	3 9am Prayer Shawl 5:30pm Maui Greek Orthodox	4 12pm Al-Anon	5 12:30 Maui Greek Orthodox Mission

Important Statistics

September	2025	2026
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	53—In Person 89—Streaming Views	55—In Person 101—Streaming Views
Total Attendance In Person and Streaming Reach (Facebook had gotten better at counting views)	213—In Person 357—Streaming	221—In Person 329—Streaming
Offerings For The Month (members & visitors)	$14,926.00	$18,052.00
Offerings – Year to Date (members & visitors)	$207,518.23	$205,440.60

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.



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Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Hui will begin the fall schedule on meeting every 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, November 17th
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
Church Administrative Asst.	Shannon Kama
Bookkeeper	Sue Whitney
Worship Accompanist	Gavin Tremblay

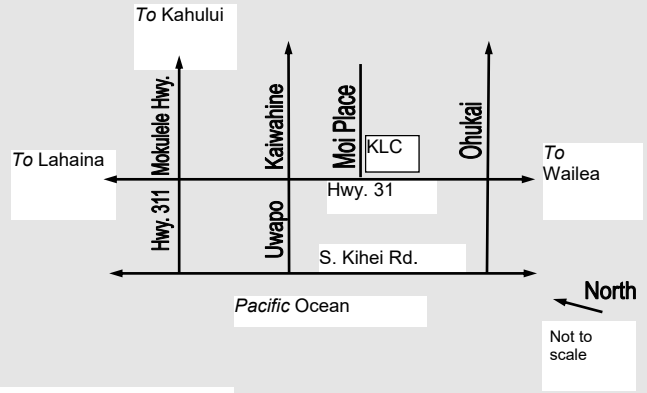
Worship Area Coordinators

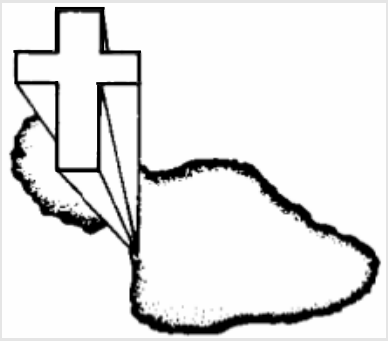
Chimes & Choir Director	
Flowers	Andrea Harris
Hosts Coordinator	Marilyn Hopkins
Worship Assistants/Readers	

Other Contacts

Treasurer	Margie Terluin
Financial Secretary	Cathy Meyer-Uyehara
Hula Group	Sally Handley
E-mail Prayer Chain	Shannon Kama

SUNDAY WORSHIP **9:30 AM**





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