



✝ Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER



***Our Mission Statement** – As joyful followers of Jesus Christ, we welcome and care for all people. We boldly proclaim the Good News, share our faith, and love God by serving others.*

***Our Statement of Welcome** – Accepting those who Christ has already accepted, Kure Memorial Lutheran Church affirms that all people, regardless of race, national origin, sexual orientation, or economic status, are unconditionally welcome to our community of faith and are invited to join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry.*

From Pastor Robin

Dear friends and family,

We are in the early days of Spring. And, even better, we are entering the Easter Season. Alleluia!

These are times of new life and the beginning of transformations. Green leaves emerge on trees. Daffodils, azaleas, irises, and more burst into glorious bloom. Colorful umbrellas sprout on the beaches. There are no free parking spaces!

Christ's resurrection brings great joy and much needed hope to the world - especially precious these days. In the Easter Season, we are invited to allow what is old to fall away so that Christ's new life may appear.

This tends to mean there will be a mixture of sadness and joy. For me, my last Sunday as your pastor will be April 26. This past year has been a blessing of great joy for me. Many of you have become friends. And I will miss you.

I don't know where my faith journey will take me next. I do know I plan to rest and have fun with Eldon and our families. At least for a month. I have begun exploring possibilities to make worthwhile use of my pastoral gifts. From feedback I've received from you and others, this includes preaching, teaching, and open-ness. I trust deeply that God continues to have plans for me.

Meanwhile, I trust God has wonderful plans for you, too! The arrival of Pastor Chad and his wife, Misti, is eagerly anticipated. Bringing fresh enthusiasm and new ideas. Bringing new life to this special community of faith and encouraging you to answer God's call to become a "new thing" in this place. To respond in gratitude to God's promise: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (**Isaiah 43:19**).

Thank you for a Spirit-filled year. May we all blossom in the coming days.

Love,

Pastor Robin

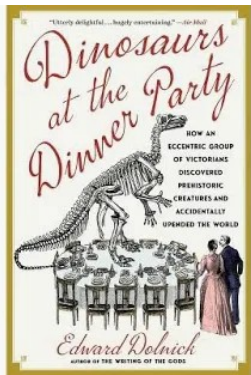
News Bites:

April Birthday Sunday...will be on Sunday, April 12th ...following worship! We hope you will join in celebrating everyone with an April Birthday!

Pantry Box Sunday is also April 12th! For more information please contact MJ Shalanski (maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com)

Property Ministry Team Meeting- Will be on **Tuesday April 7th at 1:30pm.** in the KMLC Fellowship Hall.

Kure Community Fest 2026: At Ocean Front Park and along Atlantic Ave. in Kure Beach coming up on **Saturday, April 25th from 11am-3pm!** Come on out and enjoy the day! Kure Memorial will have a table set up with give-a-ways, information about the church and activities for children and families! So be sure to come see us! Check out the information flyer about it at the end of the newsletter! ******If you can come out and help set up that day or spend an hour or two at our information table, please contact Shannon.***



Book Club: During April, we will be reading *Dinosaurs at the Dinner Party* by Edward Dolnick . How an eccentric group of Victorians discovered prehistoric creatures and accidentally upended the world.

We will meet on **Monday, April 27th at 5:00 PM** in the fellowship Hall to share our thoughts, as well as some great food. Everyone is welcome, join us! Please contact Peter Yandow or the office.

Rice Bowl Offering: this month the offering will be on **April 26th** and the donations will go to DREAMS Center for Art Education of Wilmington .

Sunday Lunch Ministry: Our Sunday Lunch Ministry continues into its 9th year!!! Shoppers and helpers for pre-service set-up, post-service sandwich making, and distribution are always needed. We have a great “core” group, but additional hands are welcome. Contact Jean Graff-309-339-9272, kjeb415@charter.net, or just talk with me at church and I will be glad to include you in this ministry!

Friday Book Group: Every Friday at 9:30 AM we gather to read and discuss books chosen by the group; Current events are always welcomed and discussed. If interested in joining contact Sara Tardio (beechfmly@gmail.com)

Federal Point Help Center: The Help Center requesting the following items for April Food Donations Peanut Butter and Jelly (small jars), Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Canned peas. Please remember these are small or single serving items with pop-tops, pouches or in microwaveable cups. Examples of these items are Tuna, Peanut-On-The Go, Cereal, Vegetables, One Can meals. Items can be left in the narthex.

For information about the Help Center, please contact Wanda Patrick atap09@gmail.com

The KMLC Food Pantry



Still Looking for Angels!

Our Pantry Box Angels program needs you! One goal of the Pantry Box Angels initiative that kicked off in January is coverage of as many weeks in the calendar year as possible with “Angels.” So far, we have 28 weeks covered by members of our Congregation. The program is simple, requiring the purchase of just 1 particular grocery item on 1 particular week during the year. Assigning a particular grocery item ensures the receipt of needed items for the Pantry Box. Assigning a particular week helps to ensure a steady flow of grocery donations for the Box. Getting your wings is simple. Text (570-578-8110) or email MJ Shalanski (maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com) to be assigned a grocery item and a week. Your involvement can make a difference. Thank You!

From the Financial Secretary

During the month of March, we received Tithes and Offerings from 51 families with the weekly range being between 13 and 23. Despite receiving one large contribution, we did not meet the \$ 25,000 goal to support our Mission Plan for March. Instead, we received \$ 21,755.

This month's Rice Bowl offering for Give Kids the World amounted to \$536 - one of our largest gifts to date. Thanks to everyone who gave to our Rice Bowl and who continue to financially support KMLC's Mission as well

We are at the end of our first quarter for 2026. We slid right in - missing our first quarter target by less than \$300.00. During the quarter, we were blessed with three significant one-time contributions which helped to sustain us.

As per our Constitution, we will be mailing out the first quarter Contribution Statements to all member families. These statements provide a way to see how you are supporting our Mission plan. In this time of higher prices and economic scarcity, we are thankful for all who share their gifts, talents and financial resources with us.

In this Easter season, may God continue to bless us with an abundance of peace and love!



SAVE THE DATE !

JUNE 29TH -JULY 1ST

KMLC 2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Come explore how we are interconnected parts of God's beautiful creation of a more-than-human world. Learn what it means to love and care for ourselves, others, and the world. Join us for FUN! –with singing, games, Bible stories, and more.

9:00AM-12:00PM

AGES: PRE-K - 5TH GRADE (MUST BE POTTY TRAINED)

REGISTRATION STARTS SOON!



KURE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN P R E S C H O O L

We are currently registering preschoolers for the 2026/2027 school year. We have lots of spots open in our 2 and 4 year old classes. We would love for you to recommend us to neighbors and friends. The two year old classes are growing by leaps and bounds. They are looking for the signs of spring all around.

Our two year olds have gotten their hands dirty planting plants, painted rainbows and exploring all the fun stuff in the sensory bins related to spring.

Our three year old class learned all about the human body and how intricate God made it. They presented their findings to their families on Friday, March 13.

Our four year old class has been on a worldwide adventure with Wendell (a bulldog). Wendell has taken the class to China, Italy, India, and Kenya so far with a few more stops along the way. The class has been immersed with the culture, learning key phrases in various languages, crafted items specific to each country and tasted authentic food from the region. They will be showcasing their experiences to their families on March 25 at the Kure Beach Baptist Fellowship Center.

The preschool has also joined in the ministry of the Angel Pantry Box Collection. We love being a part of the bigger church family and supporting other ministries of this church. We are so thankful to be a part of a church that wants to love their littlest neighbors.

KURE BEACH RECREATION PRESENTS

KURE COMMUNITY FEST

OCEAN FRONT PARK & ATLANTIC AVE

25 APRIL • 11 AM – 3 PM

LIVE MUSIC ~ CHILDREN'S MAGIC SHOW ~ MINI GOLF
CHARACTER MEET & GREETES ~ FACE PAINTING ~ INFLATABLES
ART, CRAFT, & FOOD VENDORS ~ AND MORE...

FOR MORE INFO:
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Golden Rule Week: April 1 – April 7

THE GOLDEN RULE

BABA'I FAITH
Lay not on any soul a load that you would not wish to be laid upon you, and desire not for anyone the things you would not desire for yourself
Baha'u'llah, Cleanings

HINDUISM
This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you
Mahabharata 5:1517

BUDDHISM
Treat not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful
Udana-Varga 5:18

CONFUCIANISM
One word which sums up the basis of all good conduct... loving kindness. Do not do to others what you do not want done to yourself
Confucius, Analects 15:23

ISLAM
Not one of you truly believes until you wish for others what you wish for yourself
The Prophet Muhammad, Hadith

TAOISM
Regard your neighbour's gain as your own gain, and your neighbour's loss as your own loss
T'ai Shang Kan Yung P'ien, 213-218

JUDAISM
What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbour. This is the whole Torah; all the rest is commentary
Hillel, Talmud, Shabbat 31a

SIKHISM
I am a stranger to no one; and no one is a stranger to me. Indeed, I am a friend to all
Guru Granth Sahib, pg. 1299

JAINISM
One should treat all creatures in the world as one would like to be treated
Mahavira, Sutrasritanga

CHRISTIANITY
In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets
Jesus, Matthew 7:12

ZOROASTRIANISM
Do not do unto others whatever is injurious to yourself
Shayast-na-Shayast 13:29

NATIVE SPIRITUALITY
We are as much alive as we keep the earth alive
Chief Dan George

UNITARIANISM
We affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part
Unitarian principle

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Earth Song

*It's an earth song,—
And I've been waiting long for an earth song.*

*It's a spring song,—
And I've been waiting long for a spring song.*

Strong as the shoots of a new plant

Strong as the bursting of new buds

Strong as the coming of the first child from its mother's womb.

It's an earth song,

A body song,

A spring song,

I have been waiting long for this spring song.

—Langston Hughes (1902–67)



Easter – Estela Canama

Let every heart be filled with joy,
A joy of thankfulness to our Savior and King!
He is victorious over sin and death.
He conquered death to give us a new life.

A life blossoms through His unending love.
It is for a cause and without condition
The love that brings healing and reconciliation,
A pure love that creates in us real peace.

Peace that springs from his sacred heart,
A heart that bleeds for our affliction.
It is full of mercy and compassion,
A heart wounded for our sins and vainglory.

Rejoice! Jesus is truly risen from the dead
For us to live once again,
To live without blemish of pride,
And live a life unselfishly for others in need.

Estela Canama is a freelance poet and writer from the Philippines. Her poems have been published in [Poetry Song](#) and [Family Friendly Poems](#)

Earth Day Pledge

The following Pledge is offered for your reflection . . .

I pledge allegiance to the earth on which I stand, and to the environment of which I am a part, one planet in a Process, with soil, water and air like one body, indivisible, with resources to be cherished and protected by all.

I pledge allegiance to the earth and all life: the fields and streams, the mountains and seas, the forests and deserts, the air and soil, all species and reserves, habitats and environments; one world, one creation, one home, indivisible for all, affected by pollution anywhere, depleted by any waste, endangered by greedy consumption, degradation by faithlessness; preserved by recycling, conservation, and reverence, the great gift renewed for all generations to come.

The earth does not belong to us. We belong to the earth. Chief Seattle

What you can do for Earth Day 2026 – from EarthDay.org

- Attend an Earth Day event
- Share climate facts on social media
- Support renewable energy initiatives
- Volunteer
- Register to vote earth
- Go pesticide-free
- Visit EarthDay.org and take a quiz on:
Renewable Energy
ClimateChange
Sustainable Fashion,
Environmental Justice,
Plastics & Human Health
Environmental literacy
- Plan a teach-in about climate
- Read a book about climate solutions
- Become an Earth Day Educator
- Push for plant-based options
- Make your next meal plant-based
- Shop at local farmers market
- Learn about bees and other pollinators
- Host an Earth Day movie night

- Reading instead of streaming
- Plant an organic, pollinator garden
- Switch to clean energy
- Fight climate change with diet change
- Support organic ingredients
- Plant a tree
- Say no to fast fashion
- Host a clothes swap
- Pick up litter on your daily walk
- Organize a park or beach cleanup
- Leave no trace on your next outing
- Switch to reusable bags
- Be plastic-free for a day
- Calculate your plastic consumption
- Add reusable eating utensils to your everyday carry
- Switch to plastic-free pet products
- Tell lawmakers to end plastic pollution and stem climate change
- Buy nothing for a day
- Limit the use of AI
- Dispose your electronics responsibly
- Visit a park

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Happy Birthday Clell Hamm 7:00p Maundy Thursday Worship 7:30p AA Meeting	9:30a Book Group 7:00 p Good Friday Worship	Happy Birthday Jill Shoffner & Larry Cape
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter Sunday 6:40a Sunrise Service 10:00a Worship & Egg Hunt 12:15p Lunch Ministry	Happy Birthday Marcus Matzke 7:30p AA Meeting	11:00a Prayer Circle Happy Birthday Terry Hambel 1:30p Property Ministry Team		Happy Birthday Patrick Christie Barbara Vought Nolan Gavigan Happy Anniversary Lynne & David Denne 7:30p AA Meeting	9:30a Book Group Happy Birthday Cory Petermann	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Birthday Sunday & Pantry Box Sunday! 10:00a Worship & Sunday School 12:15p Lunch Ministry	7:30p AA Meeting	11:00a Prayer Circle 6:30p Church Council		Happy Anniversary Sandra & Gary Cox Happy Birthday Garner Von Cannon 7:30p	9:30a Book Group Happy Birthday Rome Paredes	Happy Birthday Kristin Woodie Chris Dew Dottie Herman Sally Peterman
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30		
10:00a Worship & Sunday School Pastor Robin's Last Sunday RICE BOWL SUNDAY 12:15p Lunch Ministry Happy Birthday Keith Graff	5:00p Book Club 7:30p AA Meeting	11:00a Prayer Circle Happy Birthday Piper Welborn		Happy Birthday Darryl Bloch & Kate Paredes Happy Anniversary Julie & Clell Hamm 7:30p AA Meeting		



April Worship Assistants

Date	Ushers	Assisting Minister	Reader	Sign	AV
April 2	Jack Campbell		Kristin Woodie		
April 3	Jack Campbell	Keith Graff	Kristin Woodie		
April 5	Shoffner Family	Tracy Gourville	Johnathan & Francis Reilly	Jen Carter	Bill Buckley
April 12	Jack Campbell & David Spinner	Keith Graff	Jean Graff	Amber Lang	Cory Petermann
April 19	Zach Petermann & Jack Campbell	Robert Rhyne	MJ Shalanski	Jen Carter	Colby Shoffner
April 26	Mel & Pat Jones	Beth Gavigan	Pat Jones	Amber Lang	Josh Petermann

Remember in Prayer

Please pray for those who are Homebound, Hospitalized and have Special Concerns: Barry & Sandra; Bill; Carl; Clara, Josh & Tori ; Danny; Eleanor; Ellen; Donnie, Gabby; Gray; Herb; Jean; Joe; John; Ronnie; Ginny: May; Laura McMahon; Linda Britt-Kell; Ken: Lyndsay; Margaret; Maxine; Nicky; Pat; Darlene, Rick & Sharon; Senka; Steve; Trudy; Troy ; Patrick; Mackenzie; Sandra; Gary; Sheila Anne, Diane, Mike, Christine, Ashton, Kristen, Michele, Bexley, Patrick, Willa, Tynan, John, Jeff , Mary

Please pray for the caregivers as they care for those who are ill.

Pray for the missions of our church:

Federal Point Help Center; Coupons to Service men's families; Good Shepherd (food & supplies); Katie B Hines Senior Center lunch program; New Hanover County Special Olympics; KMLC Preschool; Trinity Grove; The Sunday Lunch Ministry; Alcoholics Anonymous

Students Attending College:

Braden and Joshua Quinn – Brevard College; Eathan Quinn – NC State; Mia Shoffner - UNC Pembroke; Preston Gourville - Vanderbilt; Sydney Roy - UNCW; Jade Denne - UNC School of Medicine Chapel Hill; Evan Shoffner – Cape Fear Community College

Military Personnel Serving:

Col Wayne Lett at McDill Tampa; Duncan Fortney at Mildenhall Air Force Base in the United Kingdom; John Brandon in Wayton, Utah; Nick Schwenker – Fort Liberty, NC; Pastor Drew Goodson, US Navy Chaplain; Rileigh Fortney at Maimstrom AFB, Montana; Steven Blum at Fort Liberty, NC

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