



✝ Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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## MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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***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 Dan

*“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:6-7)*



*“...in the coming ages he might show the **incomparable riches of his grace...**”* There is so much to God’s grace in our lives. It is through God’s grace through our faith in Jesus that we have forgiveness and we are justified by God. And it is through God’s grace that we are promised salvation.

I think these are things we probably think of most often when we think of God’s grace. But there’s more! God’s grace also transforms our lives! It helps us to live our lives of faith in the world around us. God’s grace helps us to navigate the challenges and the struggles that life throws our way...sometimes on a daily basis! It reminds us of

God’s presence with us, reminding us that we are not alone! I’m thinking of Jesus’ words from Matthew’s Gospel when he promises us, “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” What a promise!

But there’s still more! God’s Grace also gives us joy...and assurance of God’s love for us! Knowing we are loved and accepted by God no matter what! So when we put all of this together...I think this is what Paul is talking about in his letter to the Ephesians, when he talks about the ***“incomparable riches of his grace!”*** Because there is such a richness to all God does for us! Please hold on to these thoughts for a moment...I’ll come back to them!

I’m guessing you all have watched people surfing when you’ve gone to the beach. Many of you may have even taken a surf board out a time or two! I love watching them and am so amazed at how surfers just glide over the water...sometimes so effortlessly.

Over the years...you may have noticed that I sign most...if not all of my letters or notes or emails with the words, “Surfin’ on God’s Grace”. For me, this is the image of how God’s grace helps us to get through life. It’s an image of how God’s grace empowers us to be his people in the world when it is difficult to do. It’s an image of how God’s grace gives us joy knowing he is with us in all things. Keeping us above water...so to speak...and keeping us from sinking into the challenges and struggles we face! It’s an image of how God helps us through the various transitions in life!

We are all in a time of transition now. You as a church as well as Chris and I, as we move on to a new season of life. And I am confident that being filled with *“the incomparable riches of his grace”*, God will help us all to navigate this season of life with assurance, hope and joy! So I invite you all to continue “Surfin’ on God’s Grace” into this new season God has prepared for all of us!

Please know that you are all loved and appreciated! And Chris and I look forward to seeing you around town!

Surfin' on God's Grace!

Pastor Dan

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** First of all I would like to thank you all for all the love, support, encouragement, and partnership over the last many years! It has been a privilege and a joy to serve with you! Secondly, I would like to thank you all for the amazing day on April 27...my last Sunday! It was filled with so many emotions. I was overwhelmed with all of you who joined us in worship...and the luncheon afterwards was more than I could have imagined! I would also like to thank everyone for the very generous retirement gift I was presented with! I am very humbled and so very grateful for my time here and the relationships we've made. God's richest blessings to all of you.







## From the President

We are pleased to welcome our Interim Pastor, Robin Johnson, who will be joining us and leading the service at Kure Memorial this **Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>**! Please join me in welcoming her to our church on Sunday at 10:00 am Worship followed by fellowship.

**Also be sure to mark your calendar to attend service on June 8<sup>th</sup>**. Assistant to the Bishop Phil Tonnesen will be conducting a congregational study after worship. It is important that as many of us attend as we move through this transitional process.

Jim Hargrave  
KMLC President

## News Bites:

**Birthday Sunday...will be on Sunday, May 4...** following worship in the fellowship hall! We hope you will join in celebrating everyone with a May birthday!

We hope you will come out for the celebration!



**The Property Management Team need our HELP!** We are short one team of volunteers. We need help one Saturday a month to mow and clean up the church grounds. Please contact the office to let us know if you can lend a hand.



**Looking for help on Sunday morning.** Our interim Pastor would like us to start having coffee hour each week after church so she can get to know the congregation. We are looking for volunteers to take a Sunday and set up and manage making coffee. We'd like to keep it simple. Sign up sheets will be in the church office during the week and on the table as you enter church. Thanks for considering signing up and making Pastor Robin welcome.



## Pantry Box Sunday is May 11<sup>th</sup>!

As our weather is changing towards longer and warmer days here at the beach, the grocery items to stock our Food Pantry Box are also changing. The following is a list of “heat tolerant” grocery items for the continued stocking of our Box:

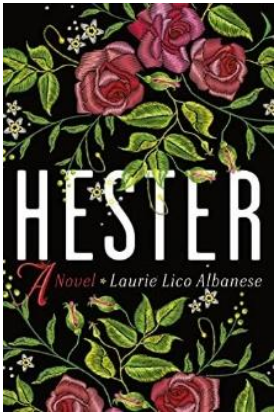
Applesauce, Cereals, Cookies (without chocolate chips), Crackers, Dried fruits ,Fruit snacks, Granola bars (without chocolate chips), Trail mix (without chocolate chips), Coffee, Tea, Oatmeal, Pop Tarts, Chef Boyardee Spaghettios, Canned meats (chicken, Vienna Sausages), Microwaveable bowls (rice, macaroni/cheese) Canned soups, Canned fruits, Ramen noodles, Tuna (pouch or can)

\*Cans with pop tops are especially appreciated!



**The KMLC Food Pantry:** Pantry Box Stocking Team welcomes two new pair of hands, Tom and Betsy Corcoran. Tom and Betsy will be assisting with the stocking on Saturdays.

We appreciate their willingness to help out with this community food ministry. New volunteers are always welcome! If you have any questions about our Pantry Box ministry, please feel free to email MJ Shalanski at [maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com](mailto:maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com)



**Book Club:** During May we will be reading two books. "*Hester*" by Laurie Lico Albanese is a historical fiction novel that reimagines the story of Hester Prynne from Nathaniel Hawthorne's "*The Scarlet Letter*." It follows Isobel Gamble, a young Scottish seamstress, as she navigates life in Salem, Massachusetts, while exploring themes of societal judgment and the struggles of independent women in the 19th century. We will also be reading *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

**We will meet on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM** to discuss both books. Everyone is welcome and there are extra copies of *Hester* available to borrow from the office.

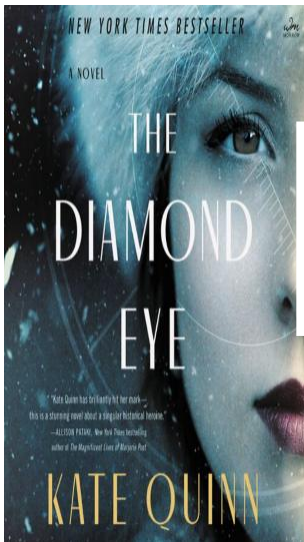
**Sunday Lunch Ministry:** Our Sunday Lunch Ministry continues into its 8th year!!! Shoppers and helpers for pre-service set-up, post-service sandwich making, and distribution are always needed. We have a great “core “group, but additional hands are welcome. Contact Jean Graff-309-339-9272, [kjeb415@charter.net](mailto:kjeb415@charter.net), or just talk with me at church and I will be glad to include you in this ministry!



**Federal Point Help Center:** The Help Center Pantry would like to thank you for all your support and donations over the years that have allowed us to take care of our neighbors. For the month of February, we saw 94 individuals and provided food for approximately 187 people.

The Help Center requesting the following items for May Food Donations **Peanut Butter and Jelly (small jars), Tuna, Mayo, Rice, Spam Pancake Mix & Syrup.** 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](mailto:atap09@gmail.com)



**Friday Book Group:** Every Friday at 9:30 AM we gather to read and discuss books chosen by the group. We are currently reading, The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn. Current events are always welcomed and discussed. If interested in joining contact Sara Tardio ([beechfmly@gmail.com](mailto:beechfmly@gmail.com))



**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

**Families of all ages  
Join in the fun after worship and**

**JUMP INTO SUMMER!!!**

**Hot dogs, games, and fellowship!**

**Rice Bowl Offering:** This month the offering will be on May 25<sup>th</sup>



May donations will go to support Soaring As Eagles is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission is to empower families of Title 1 schools through personal, emotional, educational, and professional development.

If you'd like to know more about this organization visit [soaringaseagles.net](http://soaringaseagles.net)



## From the Financial Secretary

During the month of April, we received Tithes and Offerings from 67 families. Our weekly range was 25 to 32. Our goal for supporting/funding our Mission plan was \$20,000. The actual amount received for Tithes was \$ 18,411 - leaving us a deficit of \$1,500.

We thank everyone who shared their financial resources this month. In particular thank you to all who gave offerings during our Lenten services. We received close to \$600 here.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the Love Offering for Pastor Dan and Chris. The love offering is a true gift of love, showing them our gratitude and love for all they've shared with us.

One final note: The First Quarter Contribution Statements are a little delayed. They have been mailed out to our members and you should receive them within the next week.



## Secret Sister Reveal





## *She Is the Quiet*

She is the quiet that settles in after the storm,  
not the thunder, not the flash—  
but the stillness that holds the house together  
when everyone else forgets to breathe.

She is the hand that never lets go, even when it seems like she has.  
Invisible strength tucked in folded laundry, school lunches,  
and the way she always remembers  
what you forgot to say.

She doesn't ask the world for attention.  
She listens for the creak of the floorboards, knows the weight of each footstep,  
feels the shift in the air when someone needs her.

Her love isn't loud.  
It's the worn chair at the kitchen table,  
the light left on in the hallway,  
the way she knew before you did—  
what you were carrying.

She is the thread. Not the needle. Not the fabric.  
But the thing that binds it all so gently  
you don't realize it's there  
until something unravels.

And still, she stays.  
Even when she's tired,  
even when her heart is stretching farther than it should,  
she stays.

Not because she has to.  
Because she chooses to.

Every day

Certified life coach Jen Ambrose is a dedicated mother of five, a loving wife of 23 years, a self-employed entrepreneur, and the founder of the non-profit Eye on Vision Foundation. Located in Orlando, FL Jen empowers people with her life coaching skills, co-leads a local moms' group, and writes for her site, InsiderMama.com.



# Mom, You're My Everyday Hero



**Mom, I love you  
For all the ways you care.  
You help me up when I fall down,  
You're always kind and fair.**



**You fix my lunch, you tie my shoes,  
You teach me right from wrong.  
You cheer me on when I feel small,  
You help me grow up strong.**

**You make me laugh when I feel sad,  
You wipe away my tears.  
You hold me close and help me feel  
Safe through all the years.**



**So here's a hug, and here's a kiss,  
And words I want to say—  
Thank you, Mom, for being you,  
Happy Mother's Day!**



May 5th is the official date for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

(MMIW) Awareness Day. This day is also known as **Red Dress Day**

and is a time to remember and honor the missing and murdered, and to raise awareness about the issue. The day is observed with marches, rallies, and other events, and many people wear red to show their support.



Here are ways you can support the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls:

1. Wear red on May 5th and post a photo onto social media with the hashtag #NationalDayofAwareness, #MMNWG or #MMIW
2. Safely attend an event, prayer circle or candlelight vigil hosted in your community, if any are taking place
3. Post a list of women missing from your community
4. Create a memorial for those lost or no longer with us
5. Register to participate in the [National Indigenous Women's Resource Center webinar](#)

Lastly, be proactive in spreading the word about the gravity of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. This pressing issue will only improve as awareness spreads, communities come together and action is taken.



### **Hear Our Prayer This Day**

In the quiet sanctuaries of our own hearts, let each of us name and call on the One whose power over us is great and gentle, firm and forgiving, holy and healing ...

You who created us, who sustain us,  
who call us to live in peace, hear our prayer this day.

Hear our prayer for all who have died,  
whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone ...

Hear our prayer for those who put the welfare of others ahead of their own  
and give us hearts as generous as theirs ...

Hear our prayer for those who gave their lives in the service of others,  
and accept the gift of their sacrifice ...

Help us to shape and make a world  
where we will lay down the arms of war and turn our swords into ploughshares for a harvest of  
justice and peace ...

Comfort those who grieve the loss of their loved ones and let your healing be the hope in our  
hearts...

Hear our prayer this day and in your mercy answer us in the name of all that is holy.

The peace of God be with you.

*- Austin Fleming*



## May Worship Assistants

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Ushers</b>                       | <b>Assisting Minister</b> | <b>Reader</b>  | <b>Sign</b> | <b>AV</b>            |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| May 4       | Emery Walters<br>&<br>Jack Campbell | Beth Gavigan              | Jim Hargrave   | Jen Carter  | Colby Shoffner       |
| May 11      | Don & Deb Price                     | Jeanette Nelson           | Pat Jones      | Amber Lang  | Joshua Petermann     |
| May 18      | Mel & Pat Jones                     | Tracy Gourville           | MJ Shalanski   | Jen Carter  | Peter Yandow         |
| May 25      | Thom Girardot<br>&<br>Jack Campbell | Cory Petermann            | Kristin Woodie | Amber Lang  | Zachary<br>Petermann |

# May 2025

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday                              | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                                 |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|--|
|   |   |   |  | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>                                 |
|   |   |   |  | 7:30 AA Meeting  | 9:30 Book Group   | <b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Mia Monahan     |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                               | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                                |
| 10:00 Worship, Sunday School & Fellowship<br>12:15 Lunch Ministry<br><b>BIRTHDAY SUNDAY</b><br>Welcome<br>Interim Pastor<br>Robin Johnson | <i>Happy Anniversary</i><br>Robbie & Jill Shoffner<br>Jay & Elizabeth Stuart<br>Indigenous Women Day<br>7:30 AA Meeting | 11:00 Prayer Circle<br>6:30 Church Council Meeting  |  | <i>Happy Anniversary</i><br>Daniel and Darcy Hearne<br>7:30 AA Meeting | 9:30 Book Group<br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Brook Pivik   | 10:00-12:00<br>HOA Meeting               |
| <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b>                              | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b>                                |
| 10:00 Worship, Sunday School & Fellowship<br><b>PANTRY BOX SUNDAY</b><br>Happy Birthday<br>Hawthorne Hamm                                 | <b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Bill Duncan<br>7:30 AA Meeting   | 11:00 Prayer Circle<br>1:30 Property Team Meeting   |  | <i>Happy Anniversary</i><br>Jean & Keith Graff<br>7:30 AA Meeting      | 9:30 Book Group<br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Thom Girardot | 2:00-5:00<br>Penny Landen Memorial       |
| <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b>                              | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>   | <b>2-524</b>                             |
| 10:00 Worship & Sunday School<br><b>JUMP INTO SUMMER!!!</b><br>Hot dogs, games, and fellowship!<br>12:15 Lunch Ministry                   | <b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Leah Pivik<br>7:30 AA Meeting  | 11:00 Prayer Circle<br>2:00 Service Team Meeting<br><b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Beth Gavigan | <b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Ilona Monahan | 7:30 AA Meeting  | 9:30 Book Group   | <b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Shelly Ebersole |
| <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b>                              | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b>                                |
| 10:00 Worship, Sunday School & Fellowship<br>12:15 Lunch Ministry<br><b>RICE BOWL SUNDAY</b>  | <b>Happy Birthday</b><br>Lisa Lee<br>Paula McKenzie<br>7:30 AA Meeting  | 11:00 Prayer Circle   |  | 7:30 AA Meeting  | <i>Happy Anniversary</i><br>Jim & Kelley Hargrave         |  |

# Remember in Prayer

Please pray for those who are Homebound, Hospitalized and have Special Concerns: Andy Karch; Anna Brindley; Aris Mora; Barry & Sandra Nelder; Bexley Wissman; Bill Clark; Chastity; Carl Ford; Clara, Josh & Tori Swartz; Danny Peterson; Don Ging; Eleanor Lundy; Ellen Prevette; Evie Frey & Rachel Brendle; Gabby Portu; Gray Autry; Herb Flammer; Jean Behanna; Joe Prusa; John Gorville; Ronnie Murtha; Ginny Murtha; Ken May; Kim Clark; Laura McMahan; Linda Britt-Kell; Lyndsay Girardot; Margaret Burgham; Matthias Warne; Maxine Jordan; Nicky Hamm; Pat Hankin; Paul Paiva; Pete Peterson; Rick & Sharon Ellis; Rose & Andrew Kuebler; Senka Gambino; Steve Post; Steve Siferd; Trudy Ford; Troy Samuels; Logan and Ken; Patrick Gavigan; MacKenzie Clark; Sandro Vera; Gary Cox; Claudine Ward; Travis Best; Sheila Anne Cunningham, Diane Stultz

*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:

Rachel Pivik - Wayne Community College in Goldsboro; Braden and Joshua Quinn – Brevard College; Eathan Quinn – NC State; Mia Shoffner - UNC Pembroke; Preston Gourville - Vanderbilt; Jordan Gourville - University of South Carolina; Sydney Roy - UNCW; Jade Denne - UNC School of Medicine Chapel Hill; Deirdre Portu – UNCW; 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



# KMLC Staff

**Interim Pastor:** Robin Johnson  
**Church Office Manager:** Shannon Botte  
**Musician & Choir Director:** Kristin Woodie  
**Coordinator, Youth & Family Ministry:**

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Jim Hargrave, Gayle Palamara, Eleanor Lundy, Cory Petermann, Marcus Matzke, Butch Von Cannon, Ann-Marie Cooper, Matthew Shuttleworth, Mel Jones, Robert Rhyne

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co: Marcus Matzke

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