



Adult Sunday School 9am ✝️ Worship 10am ✝️ Fellowship 11am

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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

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he/she is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)



I know I've said before that preschool chapel is one of my favorite times of the week! I have so much fun interacting with the children, hearing about life from their perspective and sharing the love of Jesus with them.

Now...some of you may have noticed the colorful chalk drawings on the sidewalks behind the church and around the courtyard. This was our chapel lesson for last Wednesday and Thursday. We talked about how “blah” our sidewalk was and I asked the children to help make it more beautiful and fun by drawing things that made them think of God’s love for them. When they finished, we talked about how much more beautiful and lively the sidewalk looked. Then we talked about how this is like us. How our lives are just “blah” without Jesus in our lives...we’re kind of like that boring sidewalk. But when Jesus is with us, our lives are so much more beautiful and colorful and full!

It makes me think of this passage from 2 Corinthians. When we are in Christ...when Jesus is loving us and guiding us and caring for us and strengthening us and filling us with his grace...then we are a new creation. We have a new beginning and we are a new beginning! On Easter we talked about how the resurrection gives us a new beginning...because it changes everything. It gives us hope and promise of life forever. It gives us security in knowing that God loves us so much, that he is with us always. And with Christ in our lives...he makes us beautiful in every way!

As a reminder of this, I want to issue you an invitation. I usually keep a container with sidewalk chalk outside my office door...primarily for the preschool children to express themselves through their art work, either before or after preschool. The next time you are here or just passing by, I invite you to stop in, grab a piece of chalk and be creative! Draw what is on your heart. Draw something that makes you think of God’s love for you. Draw something that reminds of you how Jesus has made you a new creation! I can’t wait to see what you come up with!

Surfin’ on God’s Grace!

Pastor Dan



Youth Ministries:

We have youth group after fellowship time on Sundays from 11:30 to 1:00, all middle school and high school students are welcome to join, as well as their friends! We have been discussing the possibility of moving youth group back to Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30, if you think this would work best for you, please contact me!

We have an event coming up **Saturday, May 11th** at the new **Kure Beach fire department**, it's the dedication! I will be there with a few games for the younger kids but I'm asking the youth to join me in helping lead games. Anyone that comes to help out with games will be treated to lunch after! Plan on being at the fire station at 10:30 to help set up (games start at **11:00 and will end at 1:00**).

Our local missions trip is **Monday June 17 through Thursday June 20th**. We have changed our plans slightly since last month, it will be more like youth day camp. Instead of camping we will have daily activities and service projects as well as sharing a picnic lunch together while we finish each day with devotions. Drop off and pick up will be at the church or I (or the other adult leader) will pick up and drop the kids off at their house at the end of each day. We will be volunteering at the coastal therapeutic riding program in Wilmington, as well as volunteering at First Fruit Ministries. Our final day of the week will be a "fun day" where we go to Topsail to visit the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Hospital as well as playing some pirate putt putt. The cost for the missions trip is \$20, I ask that if a teen wants to come on the final "fun day", that they also at least participate in one other service project day. The final fun day is like a reward for all their hard work throughout the week!!

Family Ministries:

We have a couple events for May! **Saturday May 11th from 10:00-1:00** there will be a dedication of the new Kure Beach Fire department! I will be there providing games for kids in the community, and any of our KMLC kids that want to join!

A big event we have this month is our **Family Olympic game day!** This is from **10:30 to 12:00, Saturday, May 18th at the church**. We will have Olympic themed games, Olympic medals and photo opportunities with Olympic themed props and hot dogs and snacks.

It's that time of year again already! It's time to sign your child up for Day Camp! **Day camp will be July 22-July 26** this year and is for rising 1st-5th grade students and runs from 9:00-3:00. The **deadline** to get your registrations in is **May 19**, we need to know how many campers we'll have so Camp Agape can be prepared for us! You can get registrations from either Pastor Dan or Erica Little, we will have hard copies available at the church and Erica can email them out as well. Along with registrations we need a **\$30 deposit (per child) or \$75 per family**, that you will get back if your child attends at least 3 out of the 5 camp days. You can also donate that money towards Day Camp funds for next summer! This years camp theme is Activate: Spirit Power! Based on 2 Corinthians 13:14 "May the grace shown by the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. May the love that God has given us be with you. And may the sharing of life brought about by the Holy Spirit be with you all."

VBS will be the same week as Day Camp, July 22-26 and is from **9-11:30** every morning. We have registrations ready for our younger kiddos too! VBS is for kids ages 3 through kindergarten, and must be potty trained. This years VBS theme is called Miraculous Mission, it's a space theme!! Our key verse for the week is John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish but have eternal life."

I am also already looking for anyone interested in helping for VBS and Day camp this year! We need story reader leads, craft leaders, game leaders, snack leaders, and group leaders! We also need help with checking kids in and out (for both VBS and day camp). Let me know if you're interested in volunteering!

Check out our photos from this year's Easter egg hunt!!



Erica

Please join our facebook groups!!!

KMLC Youth Group Facebook Group Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/50299013976/>

KMLC Children's Ministry Group Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/422595784747944/>



Church Women United: All women are invited to attend their “*May Friendship Day*” on **Friday, May 3rd** at St. Stephen A.M.E Church, 501 Red Cross Street. Sign in begins at 10:30am followed by the program/luncheon at 11:00am. For more information about CWU, visit their website at <http://www.cwunc.org/> *Church Women United is an ecumenical movement that brings together Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women in the United States and Puerto Rico.*

Out of the Pews, our new fellowship group for those who are in the 40ish to 60ish age range will meet on **Saturday, May 4 at the picnic area at the Carolina Beach State Park at 5:30pm!** Please bring your favorite picnic food to share along with your own beverages. We will also be doing some fun activities while we are there, so wear your sneakers! To get to the picnic area, turn into the state park and follow signs to the marina/boat launch. The picnic area will be on the right shortly before the marina/boat launch. You won't want to miss it! We will have a backup plan in case of rain...or snow...you never know the way the weather has been lately! Contact Pastor Dan for more info!

Rachel's Day: Rachel's Day is observed by the ELCA annually on the first Sunday in May, though it can be observed any time of the year. It is a time set aside to mourn the loss of our children and to renounce the forces of violence and fear. It started in one congregation, Bethel West in Chicago, and spread from there. Churches continue to observe Rachel's Day in order to broaden awareness of the violence suffered by children and to encourage taking action to address it.

Prayer for the Day:

Lord God, we thank you for what you have done and will continue to do with our daughters and sons. Look with love, O merciful God, upon the children in this world who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Walk with them in life. Order their steps and guide their feet while they run the race of faith. May the good work that you have begun in them be brought to completion through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Women's Bible Study & Outreach Group: We will meet **May 7th, the first Tuesday, at 9:30am** in the church library. Barbara Vought will be finishing our discussion on Proverbs and doing a light snack. Soup cookbooks are still available in the church office for \$3.00 each.

May Men's Breakfast: Come join us on **Saturday, May 18 at 8:30am** for a great breakfast, fun conversation and a meaningful devotion! Pastor Dan will be there at 7:30am to start cooking! So if you have something you want to bring or anything you want to contribute...please contact Pr. Dan! We would love to have you come early to help or have coffee and visit! See you on the 18th!

May Women's Breakfast: While the men have breakfast in the fellowship hall on **Saturday, May 18,** the women will be meeting at IHOP in Monkey Junction in Wilmington. Join them for a great breakfast and conversation, **beginning at 8:30am.**

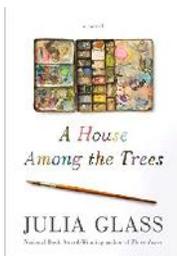
Girl Scout Sunday will be on **Sunday, May 19** this year! We will have several of the girls from the scout troops who meet at KMLC participating in the service with us! They will also provide goodies for fellowship time and help with our Sunday Lunch Ministry! It will be a great Sunday! You won't want to miss it!

May Beer and Hymns...Will take place on **May 19** beginning at **6pm** at Good Hops in Carolina Beach! Hope to see you there!

Beach Worship is starting up at the end of this month!! It all begins on **Wednesday, May 29 at 7pm!** Invite your friends and neighbors and join us on the beach for a short, but meaningful service of prayer, music, bible reflection and Holy Communion. It's the perfect place to worship with your children! So bring their sand toys and join us! It all happens at the end of Ave. F in Kure Beach, 1/2 mile south of the Kure Beach Pier. Contact Pastor Dan with questions, 910-619-8979.

Court of Honor for Eagle Scout, Dean Geribo! Some of you may remember that Dean Geribo, who is in Boy Scout Troop 210, did his Eagle project at our church. He re-sided and painted the storage shed. He and the other scouts under his direction did a super job! Dean received his Eagle rank this past fall and has requested to have his Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony at Kure Memorial Lutheran on **Friday, June 7 beginning at 7pm** with a reception to follow in the fellowship hall. We hope you can make it!

Kure Memorial is forming a Home Communion Ministry Team! Those who serve on this team will share Holy Communion with our homebound members on a regular basis, spend a little time visiting with them and will be our congregation's connection in ways a pastor can't be! It is common for those who are homebound to miss the interaction with their church community...so, your presence in their lives can be a real blessing to them. This won't take the place of pastoral visits, but will add an additional layer of community care. Please pray about your participation on this team. We know there are so many of you who are warm and inviting, have gifts of hospitality, listening and companionship, and are able meet and visit with others in a variety of circumstances, which are perfect gifts for this team! Are you interested in being a part of this exciting new and rewarding opportunity? If so, please contact Pastor Dan so he can tell you more! We will be having a training/preparation session coming soon...so stay tuned! Thank you for your consideration for this new ministry opportunity!



Book Club: When the revered children's book author Mort Lear dies accidentally at his Connecticut home, he leaves his property and all its contents to his trusted assistant, Tomasina Daulair, who is moved by his generosity but dismayed by the complicated and defiant directives in his will. In Julia Glass's fifth book, *A House Among the Trees*, she gives us the story of an unusual bond between a world-famous writer and his assistant - a richly plotted novel of friendship and love, artistic ambition, the perils of celebrity, and the power of an unexpected legacy. **The Book Club is meeting on Monday, May 20, at 6:00 PM** in the

Fellowship Hall to discuss *A House Among the Trees* and share some good food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to join us, please get a copy of the book from the public library or the church office. (There should be an extra copy of the book in the church office.) Please let Beth know if you borrow it. As is our custom, please bring some food to share.

Sunday Lunch: Join us in this weekly ministry! Give a hand with sandwich preparations during fellowship hour. Join us as we share the lunches with our neighbors in the Carolina Beach area. Help us "behind the scenes" by shopping or setting up on Sunday morning before service. Contact Jean Graff-309-339-9272-call, text, email kjeb415@charter.net, or just talk with me at church!

If you have placed someone on the Friends and Family prayer list and you would like them to receive a note of encouragement from the members of Kure Memorial, make sure we have that person's address. You can email Mina Piedmont at cbncgranny@charter.net or call her at 458-9337.

Reminder about our staffed nursery: Do you know any families with children through age 2, who would love to come to worship here at Kure Memorial, but are hesitant because they have young children and would like a safe place for them to play when they get a little active during worship? Or maybe parents who are slowly trying to introduce their children to experiencing our worship experience? Please invite them to join us on Sunday mornings and let them know that we now have a staffed nursery, for families just like them! Their children can spend as little or as much time in the nursery as they need to. We love to have all of our family members worshipping with us, but sometimes that may not be possible. The nursery is located in the south preschool room. Chandler Von Cannon and Erica Little are our nursery staff, along with a youth helper who will assist as needed.

Synod E-News: The North Carolina Synod sends out a weekly “e-news”, via email to keep us up to date on things going on with the Lutheran church throughout the state! It is very informative and you will see several things you can get involved in at the synod level! To subscribe to the weekly “e-news”, go to the synod homepage: www.nclutheran.org. Go to the bottom right corner of the page where it says: “Subscribe to our synod e-newsletters” and click where it says: “Click to Join” and put in your name and email address. It’s pretty simple! The synod website also has many resources for adults, teens and families. Please check out: <http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org/library/library-by-category-col-150/library-category-bible-story> for online devotions for a variety of uses!

VOLUNTEERING

There’s a new ministry forming at KMLC called Care and Share. The Service Team will be coordinating this effort, under Pastor Dan’s leadership. Basically, Care and Share will provide an opportunity to assist members of the congregation who may need some support with household chores or transportation to doctor appointments, a pharmacy, or the grocery store. If you feel that you might have some time to lend to another member of KMLC congregation, and would like to be a part of the Care and Share initiative, please contact MJ Shalanski at 570-578-8110 or by emailing maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com. Thanks for considering this opportunity!

Help Center needs for May: Macaroni and cheese, pasta sauce, jelly, tea bags and any other canned or packaged food items and toiletries are deeply appreciated. Sanctuary doors are open daily, 8am to 8pm. If you have some time to give and can assist our friends here, contact Becky Wetzel at 571-230-6289.

To all generous donors, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Carolina Beach has been studying the effects of plastic bags here in coastal Carolina.

We are informed that a town ordinance banning plastic bags is likely within a year.

The Help Center currently packs food for clients who walk to our pantry in reusable cloth totes that have been donated. We wish to expand the use of reusable cloth totes to all clients, if supplies will allow it.

You can help us by donating food items in reusable totes. This is preferable to paper bags because bags rip and attract bugs that feed on the glue.

Anne Hope and Tim Marvin
458-4057

Women of the ELCA are collecting items for Lutheran World Relief for school kits. Our share is 150 ball point pens. Please help this worthy cause by putting ball point pens in the container in the narthex.

May Worship Assistants

Date	Assisting Ministers	Readers	Acolytes	Ushers
May 5	Mia Shoffner	Cory Peterman	Colby Shoffner	Janice Hindle & Sydney Roy
May 12	Eleanor Lundy	Terry Hambel	Olivia Woodie	Susan Shearin & Dottie Herman
May 19	Nick Schwenker	Girl Scouts	Emerson Shuttleworth	Girl Scouts
May 26	Keith Graff	Jean Graff	Kylie Palamara	John Katko & Rori DiLiscia

Sanctuary Flowers: To sponsor Sanctuary Flowers, select your Sunday date and occasion and sign up in the Fellowship Hall. The cost for the floral arrangement is \$25. Your celebration will be acknowledged in the Sunday Bulletin and the flowers are displayed in the sanctuary. Your occasion is celebrated by all and, the arrangement is yours to take home to enjoy after service! For more information, please contact Suzan Katko at 724-309-7973.

May 5- available

May 12 - Dan & Chris Keck: In memory of our Moms & in honor of our children

May 19 - Girl Scouts

May 26 - available

Fellowship Hosts: Thanks to all of you who continue to make this time together so enjoyable. Many of us enjoy sharing time and conversation during Fellowship, and don't stop to think about who does the setting up, or cleaning up or brings the food we love to eat. We encourage you to consider helping by bringing in a snack to share. Staying around to help with the cleaning up or coming early to help with the setting up is always appreciated also. If you would like to help, you can sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

May 5- Birthday Sunday

May 12 - available

May 19 - Girl Scouts

May 26 - available

Sanctuary Lamp: Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually, signifying the unswerving presence of the spirit of the Lord in our hearts and in our lives. To sponsor the sanctuary lamp, choose your Sunday date and the loved one or occasion you wish to honor and sign up in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of sponsorship is \$5; an acknowledgement will be made in the Sunday Bulletin.

May 5- available

May 12 - available

May 19 - available

May 26 - available

From our Financial Secretary:

Our April Tithes and Offerings came in on target. We were hoping for \$16,800 to support our Mission Plan (4 weeks x \$4,200). We received \$15,358 in regular weekly contributions plus a one-time yearly pledge of \$4,807. Thus, our April Tithes and Offerings totaled \$20,165. Additionally our Lenten Midweek offerings amounted to \$1,232. These funds will be used to support our Vacation Bible School Program. We thank all of you for the many ways you continue to support Kure Memorial's ministries and programs.

Community News:

Kure Beach Town Hall Ribbon Cutting and Dedication: The Kure Beach Town Council cordially invites you to attend a Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony of the new Fire Station, expanded and renovated Police Station and Town Hall Facility **ON SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019**. Following the dedication, there will be an open house of the new facilities with musical entertainment and light refreshments provided. **Ribbon Cutting & Dedication Ceremony 10:00 AM. Open House & Refreshments 11:00 AM -2:00 PM Location: 117 Settlers Lane Kure Beach, NC 28449**

Be a part of the Arts! Celebrate visual, culinary and performing arts by the sea with the **Carolina Beach Street Arts Festival; May 4th from 10am - 4pm at the Carolina Beach Lake**. Enjoy artist vendors from the region displaying their fine arts and crafts, demonstrations of creative processes and an interactive art area for kids. In addition, enjoy cooking demonstrations, educational programs, artists' performances and much more. Please check their Website and Social Media for the latest updates. Free for spectators/ some events have admission.

✝ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✝

HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, SPECIAL CONCERNS

Kim Workmeister, Barbara Stuart, Teri Massey, Pastor Tom Schutt, Anne Burkauskas, Amanda Dimauro, Dani Cape, Cameron Rowe, Cathy Heglar, Terry O'Brien, Cat Morgan, Nancy Baker, Ellen Prevatte, Ted Prevatte, Sharon Efird, Michael Hawk, Maxine Jordan, Lisa Lee, Barry Nelder, Emily Barber, Nancy Spaller, Judy Kurf, Bob Stuart, Mina Piedmont, Betty Swann, Matt Stultz, Larry & Jeanie Reis, Joanne Adams, Olivia, Mike Robertson, Harold Heglar, Dennis Ebersole, Marsha Nilson, Marge Lucido, Ryan Moore, Karl Jones, Robin Smith, Cathleen Applegate, Kat Pycior, Anna Feldmeier, Carol Ochs, Gary Bianchi.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Sandy Hunt and Ginny Blauboer (Buckley), Tracy McKay, Tom Grady, Pat Hankin (Hambel), Faye Babbs (Kure), Paul Piedmont (Piedmont), Todd Semmler (Semmler), Kristi Johnson, Cyndie Heath, Jami Harris, Jac Schlagle, Lexi Westfall (Hitchcock), Senka Gambino, Jean Behanna, Rick & Sharon Ellis (Lundy), Claire Houston, Tammy V., Dave Stultz, Emma Cairns, (Keck), Terry Ford & Carl Ford (Rehder), Arlo Bond (Jordan), Joey (Palamara), Pat Addington (Hearne), Julian, Jason & baby Jackson (Full), Mary Adobato (Vecchio), Danny Morison & Rose Craven (Alphin), Megan Manley (Cox), Beverly Lynn (Kure), Lori Buchhop (Semmler) Richard White (Prevatte), Arden Buckley & Erin O'Brien (Buckley), Brad Cook & Hugh Brady (Shearin), Kari Craig, (Palamara), Bridges family (Lundy), Larry Gilbert (Wrenn), Kat Pycior (Stephanos), Joan Robinson (Wetzel).

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MISSIONS OF OUR CHURCH

Federal Point Help Center / Coupons to Service men’s families / KMLC Preschool / Girl Scout Troops #867, #901 and #155 / Good Shepherd (food & supplies) / Trinity Grove / KMLC Youth Group / Katie B Hines Senior Center lunch program / The Lutheran Church of Costa Rica/ Casa Abierta-La Carpio / Seamen’s Center

STUDENTS ATTENDING COLLEGE / SEMINARY

Emily Graff-Luther Seminary / Tommy Ullring-CFCC / Katelyn Copenhaver-Santa Fe College / Jade Denne-NC State / Jordan Pivik-ECU

MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING

Maj. Wayne Lett in Ft. Huachuca, AZ; John Brandon in Wayton, Utah; Steven Blum at Fort Bragg; Christopher Bennett at Great Lakes Naval Base, Marley Von Cannon at Great Lakes Naval Base.

COSTA RICA MICRO LOAN RECIPIENTS

Rosa Marin, Aida Marin, Raquel Marin: Village of Guatuso, Zoraida Hernandez, Raul Perez: Village of Quitirrisi, Ana Yensi Rivera: La Carpi

KMLC STAFF

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Council President:	Susan Shearin
Church Office Manager:	Beth White
Musician & Choir Director:	Kristin Woodie
Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry	Erica Little

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Susan Shearin, Steve Shuttleworth, Terry Hambel, Dottie Herman, Pat Jones, Eleanor Lundy, Jeanette Nelson, Tom Wetzel and Peter Yandow.

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Financial Secretary: Terry Hambel

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Nurture – TBA
Service – Minnie Larson
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Preschool – Celeste Carpenter
Property – John Katko

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Co-Chair – Kristin Woodie
Peter Yandow
Pat Jones
Susan Shearin
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Eleanor Lundy

Men's group serving at First Fruit Ministries Food Pantry



Baptisms





Thanks to the Kure Beach Lutherans
for sharing in the proclamation of the
gospel through the NC Synod!

John Rooker
NC Synod Council member

The congregations of the North Carolina Synod were so generous in 2018. Thanks be to God! Across the synod, we are working together to cultivate & celebrate vital congregations; identify, equip, and nurture whole & healthy leaders; embrace & engage in collaboration; and proclaim the resurrection with a prophetic voice. There is value in the ministry we do together; our partnership makes a difference.

Your generosity resulted in a \$205,000 surplus for 2018. We are investing that abundance in our outdoor ministries as they nurture faith and raise up leaders, in our churchwide partnership knowing we are better together, and in ways that allow synod staff to be present across the synod.

Mission Support 2018



Thank You

To the members of
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In grateful appreciation for giving

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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God's work. Our hands.