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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, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders us and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” (Hebrews 12:1)



A few weeks ago, I received a package in the mail from Mitchell Rhodes. Mitchell and his family attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Findlay, Ohio where I served in youth and family ministry for a number of years. Their family was really involved in our family ministry events, worship and Sunday school. We moved from Findlay about 12 years ago when Mitchell was maybe 10 or 11 years old and I haven't seen him since! The package contained a painting of Jesus, that he made for me and on the back of the painting he wrote (*punctuation and wording is exactly like it is on the picture!*),

“Congratulations Dan Keck for being a pastor at Kure Memorial Lutheran Church!!! From your long ago friend from Trinity Lutheran Church in Findlay Ohio Mitch Rhodes.”

And then he drew a little winky face on it...kind of like an old fashion emoji!



I am still wondering what it was that made him think of me after all those years?

One of the things I have realized over the years, is that we never know who's lives we touch or in what ways, by living our faith in our neighborhoods, in our communities and in the world. And I think most often we will never know what difference we make to someone!

At our June Men's Breakfast, we talked about the cloud of witnesses that surrounds us. In other words, those people who have made a difference in our lives and in our faith over the years as well as how that still happens today. But you know...the more I look at this picture from Mitchell, the more I wonder...and invite all of you to wonder with me...how are you being a part of that “cloud of witnesses” for someone else? Who are those people that are looking up to you as an inspiration for their faith? It could be your children. It could be your grandchildren or great grandchildren. It could be nieces or nephews. It could be friends or neighbors. It could be that person you smile at or say hi to at the grocery store. It could be that person you help with things they can't manage themselves or hold the door open for. It could be that person who sits next to you in worship on a weekly basis.

You know...you may never know how you are a witness to your faith in the life of another person. Then again...there may be some random day when you get a picture and a note in the mail reminding you that you are someone incredibly special!

Thanks for being a witness to your faith for the people in your life!

Surfin' on God's Grace!

Pastor Dan

Youth Ministries:

We will have youth group in July on Sunday the 7th and 14th, after fellowship time from 11:30-1:00! We will hang out, play some games, and eat lunch together!

Thanks to the students that were able to attend and serve for our local missions trip in June! We went to Carolina Beach State Park and cleared a hiking trail, served in the food pantry and First Fruit Ministries and went to the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Hospital in Topsail! Check out the photos below!

If any students and/or their parents are interested in helping out during VBS week this month, please let me know! It's from July 22-26 and is from 9:00-11:30 every morning.

Family Ministries:

VBS and Day Camp are right around the corner! **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. We need to know how many campers we'll have so Camp Agape can be prepared for us! 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."

*If anyone is interested in volunteering we still need **group leaders, an adult game leader and a Bible story reader!** We also need someone to stay on the church property with me in case there is an emergency with the day campers. This will be from 9:00-3:00, but if you can only stay a part of that time, that's fine!

*Craft and snack lists for day camp and VBS will be going around for anyone that would like to donate!

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/>

Youth Missions Trip



Youth Missions Trip Continued...





Out of the Pews, for all those in the 40ish to 60ish age range, we will meet on Saturday, July 20 beginning at 6pm for an evening at the beach! We will meet on the beach near the beach access at Ave. L in Kure Beach (Just around the corner from the church!). So feel free to park near the church or by Pastor Dan and Chris' house and walk on down! Bring a "beachy" snack...whatever that means for you...to share and beverages of your choice. Also bring chairs, blankets, sand toys, balls, beach games and whatever else you want to bring for some fun at the beach! Contact Pastor Dan for more info!

July Men's Breakfast: Come join us on Saturday, July 27 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 27th!

July Women's Breakfast: While the men have breakfast in the fellowship hall on Saturday, July 27, the women will also meet for breakfast...the location to be announced! We will update everyone by email when the location is selected! Join them for a great breakfast and conversation, beginning at 8:30am.

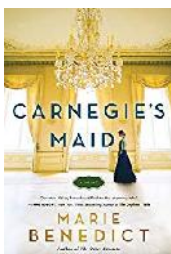


July Beer and Hymns... Will take place on Sunday, July 21, beginning at 6pm at Good Hops Carolina Beach! Hope to see you there!



Beach Worship is in full swing!! 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. Children will love it too! So, along with your beach chairs or blankets, bring their sand toys join us! Musicians for the month of July are: July 3 - Sydney Maguire; July 10 - Pastor John Locke from St. James Lutheran Church in Fayetteville; July 17 - Greg Blunt and Ladd Smith from St. Paul's UMC in Carolina Beach; July 24 and 31 - Camp Staff from Camp Agape! 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.

Friday morning book group: we will meet **Friday morning from 9:30AM to 10:30AM** on the back screened in porch of the Beach Bar and Grill at the Ft Fisher Air Force recreation area. Our new book to purchase/borrow is searching for Sunday by Rachel Held Evans... loving, leaving, and finding the church. Everyone is welcome to join us! Any questions please contact Becky Wetzel at 571-230-6289.



Book Club: This month, we will be reading and discussing *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, July 15th at 6:00 PM** to share some food and fellowship. The discussions are open to everyone, so you are invited to pick up a copy of the book (guest copy in the office, just let Beth or Eleanor know) and join us. "Clara Kelley is not who they think she is. She's not the experienced Irish maid who was hired to work in one of Pittsburgh's grandest households. She's a poor farmer's daughter with nowhere to go and nothing in her pockets. But the other woman with the same name has vanished, and pretending to be her just might get Clara some money to send back home. What Clara does have is a resolve as strong as the steel Pittsburgh is becoming famous for, coupled with an uncanny understanding of business, and Andrew begins to rely on her. With captivating insight and heart, *Carnegie's Maid* tells the (fictional) story of one brilliant woman who may have spurred Andrew Carnegie's transformation from ruthless industrialist into the world's first true philanthropist. (From the publisher.)



Woman's Bible Study & Outreach Group: We will not meet in July or August...We will resume on Tuesday **September 9th at 9:30AM** in the church library. We will be catching up on and finishing our study of Proverbs. All are welcome, so please join us!

KMLC Ministry Updates! Don't forget to check out our website for updates and news on our church website: **kmlc.org!** We are working very hard to keep things updated on the site so they are beneficial to it's readers! A big shout out to Jim Kelly for being our Webmaster! He is doing a great job trying to keep up with all of our changes! Thanks Jim!!! **Also...if you haven't checked out the Kure Memorial Facebook pages,** we invite you to check them out and join the group(s)! Our church page group is: "Kure Memorial Lutheran Church". Our youth ministry page group is: "KMLC Youth. And our children's ministry page group is: "KMLC Children's Ministry". Thank you Chris Burkauskas for spearheading the church page and to Erica Little for facilitating the Children's ministry and youth pages!

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

The Help Center of Federal Point invites you to attend its summer fundraiser! We are having a Chinese Auction on Saturday **July 20, 2019 at 1PM** (tickets start being read at 2 PM) at the Katie B Hines Senior Center located at **308 Cape Fear Boulevard in Carolina Beach**. The Cost is only \$5.00. This is our 11th annual Chinese auction, and it is a real island crowd-pleaser! Your admission gets you table prize tickets, a chance to win a door prize, refreshments and other surprises. Additionally, we will have sweepstakes prizes, a 50-50 raffle in a mini-silent auction. All proceeds benefit the Help Center of Federal point, our local food pantry.

Help Center needs for July: canned fruit, Spaghetti O's, cold cereal, macaroni and cheese and any other canned or packaged food items and toiletries are deeply appreciated. Sanctuary doors are open daily, 8am to 8pm.

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!

KMLC Endowment Fund:

Depending on this quarter's stock market report and what the funds directors believe the future market will be, there may be some money available for education, disaster relief, or community outreach. I cannot guarantee monies will be available, but you must apply in order to be eligible for any financial aid. Applications are available at the church office or by asking Isabel Foushee, Mina Piedmont or Todd Vought. Make sure you state the amount of money you need. We would encourage everyone who can, to give to this fund to so it will be possible to continue helping students and those in need in the future. Thank you - Todd Vought.

Discipleship commission news:

Coffee hour fellowship: Please sign up to take your turn. The first Sunday of each month is birthday Sunday when we can celebrate birthdays in that month. Cake and drinks will be available. Sometimes we have special days, like ice cream sundae Sunday or Pig-pickin Sunday. Other Sundays something crisp, something salty, something sweet, and drinks is plenty, just a snack, not lunch, as we visit. If you have questions or a different idea, give me a call-Barbara Vought at 458-4636.

Game Night-each third Thursday starting this month, July 18, come and play games. Bring your favorite game or just your brain and see if you can beat me!

From our Financial Secretary:

Our Tithes and Offerings for the month of May were below projection once again. Our Mission Plan depends upon our receiving \$4200 each week. For May this amount would be $\$4200 \times 4 = \$16,840$. Actual Tithes and Offerings received were \$14,067 - reflecting a shortfall of \$2773. Additionally, our Rice Bowl offering this month for the Coastal Riding Academy was \$150. We thank all of you for your generous contributions of resources, time and talent. As we enter the summer months with many folks travelling away from Kure Memorial, we ask you to keep in mind that our Mission continues and our need for financial support is on-going. May God continue to bless all of us.

The KMLC Church Council will not meet in July. Next meeting will be Monday, August 12 at 6:30 in church library. After that, we plan to meet on the second Monday of every month at 6:30 in the library. If there are any changes, we'll let you know.

The Service Team will not meet in July. Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 13 at 2:00 in church library. After that, we plan to continue to meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 2:00 in the library. We'll let you know of any changes in that schedule.

July Worship Assistants

Date	Assisting Ministers	Readers	Acolytes	Ushers
July 7	Keith Graff	Jean Graff	Emerson Shuttleworth	Richard & Rhonda Geisel
July 14	Beth Gavigan	Kristin Woodie	Olivia Woodie	Tom & Becky Wetzel
July 21	Mia Shoffner	Isabel Foushee	Colby Shoffner	Gary Bianchi & Marion Wyman
July 28	Sydney Roy	Cory Peterman	Kylie Palamara	Andro Keck & Jack Campbell

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.

July 7– available

July 14– available

July 21 – available

July 28 – 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.

July 7– Birthday Sunday/ Fourth of July

July 14– Renee Reitzel

July 21 – Becky & Mina

July 28 – 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.

July 7– available

July 14– available

July 21 – available

July 28 – available

✝ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✝

HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, SPECIAL CONCERNS

Kim Workmeister, Barbara Stuart, Teri Massey, Pastor Tom Schutt, Anne Burkauskas, Amanda Dimauro, Dani Cape, 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, Marsha Nilson, Marge Lucido, Ryan Moore, Karl Jones, Robin Smith, Cathleen Applegate, Carol Ochs, Hannah Dumbrowski.

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), Anne C. (Keck).

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, Brandon Muehl, Ft. Jackson, SC.

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2019

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

COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Susan Shearin
Vice President: Tom Wetzel
Secretary: Peter Yandow
Treasurer: Eleanor Lundy
Financial Secretary: Terry Hambel

COMMISSION CHAIRS

Worship - Dottie Herman
Resource - Jeanette Nelson
Nurture - TBA
Service - M.J. Shalanski
Discipleship - Barbara Vought
Preschool - Celeste Carpenter
Property - John Katko

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