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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.

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.” (Psalm 100:1-2)



Christmas Carols. I can listen to them all throughout the year. And as a matter of fact...I do! Which I think drives my family crazy! But for me, they are so joyful and inspiring. They remind me of my favorite time of year. And they are a great reminder of the coming of Jesus into the world and his presence in our lives all year long. It also reminds me of the hope we have in his coming again at the end of time.

I realize there are so many other hymns and songs of praise that are also very inspiring, joyful and hopeful. For example, the songs that we sing each week in worship and during our beach service throughout the summer, songs we hear on our favorite Christian radio stations, through our cell phones or other favorite recordings...which can also be inspiring, joyful and uplifting, reminding us of the love, grace, forgiveness and hope we have in Jesus.

The thing is, whatever your favorite praise music is...either to listen to or to sing along with...the important thing is to “Come before the Lord with joyful songs”, to “Worship the Lord with gladness” and to “Shout for joy to the Lord”. Because in doing so we honor and glorify the God who loves, forgives and redeems us, as well as to be inspired to live our faith in the world around us...no matter what time of year it is!

May God bless you during these most holy seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Surfin' on God's Grace!

Pastor Dan

**FROM ERICA LITTLE,
COORDINATOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY**

Youth Ministries:

We have youth group on Sundays from 11:30-1:00! All middle school and high school age students are welcome to join us. We play fun and active games, have Biblical discussions, and have lunch together. We also help serve in the KMLC Sunday lunch ministry, volunteer in local food pantries, and do fun outings like going to Jungle Rapids or Hubb's farm!

Our last big outing was going Hubb's Farm in Clinton, NC. They are best known for having the largest corn maze in South Eastern North Carolina! We also played laser tag, went on a hayride, and went in a house of corn! Check out the photos below!

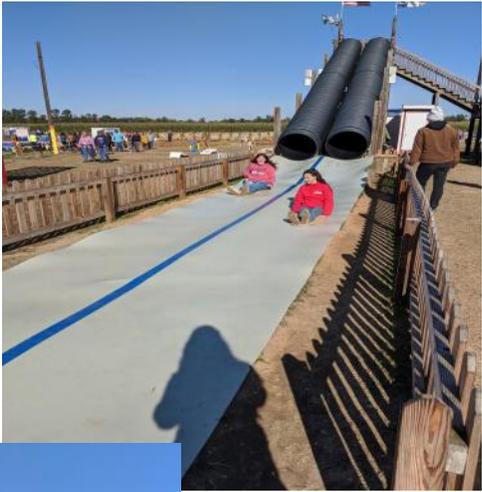
If you are interested in joining in on the fun we have please contact me! My email address is ericalittle2589@gmail.com. Or, if you would like to check out what we do together as a youth group on a weekly basis you can find us on Facebook under the name "KMLC Youth". I can also add you to my email contact list, I send out weekly updates on what the youth are doing every week!

Family Ministries:

Our next big Family Ministries event is almost here! On Saturday, December 14th from 10:00-11:30 all are welcome to participate in our Family Ministries Advent Celebration, in the fellowship hall!! We will have Advent and Christmas themed games that children and their family members can participate in. We will also have some Advent crafts for the children that parents/guardians can help their little ones with. When you get home these crafts will be a great reminder as to what this Advent season is all about, the coming of Jesus! We will finish the morning off with some sugar cookie decorating! Both the sugar cookies and icing are homemade! Please invite your friends and family members, there will be plenty for everyone!

Please join our KMLC Children's Ministry Facebook page if you haven't already. I post updates and photos from our events on this page. It's a great way to stay in the loop if you are on facebook fairly regularly!





Erica

Please join our facebook groups!!!

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

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

The Season of Advent has arrived! The first Sunday of Advent is December 2! Advent Devotions are available in the narthex. Be sure to pick one up! In addition to Sunday morning, be sure to join us for our midweek Advent Services each Wednesday at 7pm! Check out the schedule below:

December 4: Holden Evening Prayer with a reflection on the theme: *"When You Follow a Star and End Up at a Stable"*.

December 11: KML Preschool Children's Christmas Program will be the centerpiece of our worship together! Not to be missed! Join us with the preschool families in the fellowship hall at 6pm for fellowship and a light meal!

December 18: Holden Evening Prayer with the theme: "Joseph's Prayer".

Christmas Eve Worship Services: Join us for worship on Christmas Eve at either 7 or 11pm! Or join us for both if you like! **Our 7pm service** is our family service which will include a telling of the Christmas story around a camp fire on the front lawn by the gazebo, followed by a procession into the sanctuary where we will sing traditional Christmas carols, read scripture, hear and reflect on the Christmas message, and have a special time for children! It will also include singing Silent Night by candlelight and celebrating Holy Communion! **Our 11pm service** will be a more traditional Christmas Eve worship service also with candlelight and Holy Communion. We look forward to seeing you on Christmas Eve.

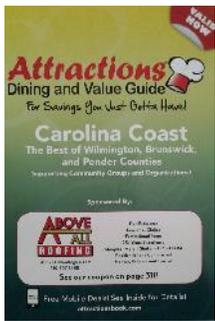
Blue Christmas Service of Care, Hope and Healing: Please join us on Sunday, December 22, beginning at 7pm, as we gather for a Blue Christmas Service of Care, Hope and Healing. This is a service of comfort and hope for all of us, but especially for those who find this time of year filled with sadness, grief and sorrow. Please invite your family members and friends to gather for a time of comfort and support as well as being reminded of the hope we have in Jesus.

Advent Devotionals: The 2019 Advent devotionals are available in the church entryway. There are three different versions: one for adults, one for families and one for youth/young adults. Please be sure to take one, if you haven't already! Following the day to day devotions are a great way to prepare ourselves for the season of Christmas and the coming of the Christ Child!

Sydney Maguire, one of our high school seniors, who many of you know as one of our assisting ministers, she is in our church choir as well as playing bass for our praise team. Sydney will be sharing the message with us at our **Sunday morning worship service on Sunday, December 15!** We encourage you all to come out and join us for this special time of worship!

December Men's Breakfast: Come join us on Saturday, December 14 at 8:30am for a great breakfast, fun conversation and a meaningful devotion! Pastor Dan will be there at 7:30am to start cooking with a hot pot of coffee! 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 14th!

December Beer and Hymns... Will take place on Sunday, December 15, beginning at 6pm at Good Hops in Carolina Beach! It will be the "Christmas Carol Edition"! Come on out and join us for a beverage and Christmas Carols together! In addition to their craft beer, they also have wine and soda. Bring snacks to munch on as well! Hope to see you there!



Attractions Books! 2020 Attractions Dining and Value Guides... are still available! We are selling them as a fundraiser for our next Costa Rica Mission trip coming up in the summer of 2020! Tell your friends and neighbors! Each book is \$25. We raise \$10 for each book we sell! And here is the best thing...just for supporting us through purchasing one...you can save so much \$\$ at so many restaurants, stores and other attractions in the area! **Remember...They make GREAT Christmas Gifts!!!** And Christmas is right around the corner!! Thank you for your support!

Friday Morning Book Club: we will meet Friday mornings from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM at the Fort Fisher recreation area Beach bar and Grill. Currently we are reading thirst by Scott Harrison. A story of redemption, compassion, and a mission to bring clean water to the world. Everyone is welcome to join us! Any questions please contact Becky Wetzal at 571-230-6289.

Costa Rica Mission Trip 2020 Meeting: Our next meeting for our 2020 mission trip to Costa Rica will be on Sunday, December 8 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. We are asking for commitment from those who plan to go along with a \$150 deposit. If you are still considering but are not sure, or if you are sure, but \$150 would be difficult at this time, please contact Pastor Dan and we can work it out: pdannybeachguy@gmail.com or 910-619-8979.

Out of the Pews (our ministry for those ages 40ish to 60ish), will be gathering at the home of Terri and Dave Robertson for a Christmas celebration beginning at 7pm on December 14. Bring an appetizer to share, your own beverage and join us for a relaxing time together with great conversation. We've got a fun activity in mind! We hope you will join us! Terri and Dave's address is: 1704 Tall Mast Ct., Wilmington. Please contact Pastor Dan with questions or for more information...910-619-8979.

Sunday School for children and adults! Our Sunday school for our children is in full swing! Each session is full of fun, interactive learning for the **children ages 3 through grade 5!** The children will leave worship following the children's time for some faith exploration and then return to the sanctuary during the passing of the peace and for the remainder of the service. The students have special nametags and will receive stickers each week they are in attendance. Every time they receive 3 stickers they will get to choose an item from the prize bucket! We can't wait to see everyone! (Children's nametags can go right in with their parents!) ***We will not have Children's Sunday on December 22 or 29 because of the Christmas Holiday.**

Adult Sunday school meets in the library, the room off of the fellowship hall, beginning at 9am for conversation and faith exploration of our own! Come when you can! We will continue our study leading up to Christmas. Our study is a DVD study called: *Faithful; Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*, where we will explore the faithfulness of Joseph in his role in the Christmas story...and what that can mean for us! It is a great series that I know we will all find very meaningful!

12/8: Week 3: Raising a Child Not Your Own

12/15: Week 4: The Journey to Bethlehem

We hope you will join us for the last two sessions of this unique and interesting study!

Kure Beach Christmas Show: The annual Christmas show is coming up the weekend of December 13, 14 and 15! There are several folks from church to come out to see! Tammy Ebersole, Butch Von Cannon, Kristin, Donovan and Olivia Woodie, Sydney Maguire, Nick and Christopher Schwenker, Chris and Kayleigh Creech, Mia Shoffner and Hannah Houston. We encourage you to come out see the show! Hope to see you at Oceanfront Park! The show begins at 7:00 pm on Friday and Saturday and 5pm on Sunday.

Our Annual Rice Collection for the Help Center Christmas Food Distribution has been a huge success once again! Each year Kure Memorial is asked to provide 2 pound bags of rice for the Christmas Food bags, that the Help Center distributes each year to the financially fragile individuals and families in the Carolina Beach/Kure Beach communities. This year they plan on preparing for 125 families and we've been asked to collect 125 bags of rice. It has been fun to have our annual contest to see which side of the sanctuary will collect the most! We...as of Wednesday, November 27, we had collected a total of 175 two pound bags!! (north side: 87 south side: 88) And as I write this, there has already been more added! All I can say to that is "WOW"! What an amazing example of KMLC's generosity for our community! Sunday, December 1 was the last Sunday to bring in your rice. On Sunday, December 8, we will share the final results of the competition and award prizes for 1st place and 2nd place! So you want to be sure to be present at worship that day!

Mark your calendars!! The Polar Plunge 2020 is coming up on Saturday, February 15! We will be getting our team together and planning our annual "Team Feed" for the Friday evening before. You have the choice of doing the polar plunge, a 5K run or a 1 mile fun walk. Lots of options to accommodate every skill level! Please make plans to be a part of this great event to support our local Special Olympics athletes! More info to come later!

KMLC Ministry Updates! 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 its readers! Thanks again Jim Kelly for being our Webmaster! **Check 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!

From the Financial Secretary:

Our Tithes and Offerings for the Month of November came in very close to our targeted amount. Our Mission Plan relies on offerings of \$4200 per week x 4 weeks = \$16,800.) Actual Tithes and Offerings this month came to \$16,290. Our Rice Bowl offering, for the Global Barnyard, was \$159. We give thanks to everyone who generously donates time, talents and resources so that Kure Memorial's Mission can become a reality.

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.

VOLUNTEERING

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!

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 in the Fellowship hall. Bring your favorite game or just stop on in! The games begin at 6:30 p.m.!

The KMLC Church Council News

The Church Council will meet on Monday, December 9th at 6:30. Our usual meeting day will remain being on the second Monday evening of every month.

The Service Team

We do not plan to meet this month, December 2019.

December Worship Assistants

Date	Assisting Ministers	Readers	Acolytes	Ushers
December 1	Sydney Maguire	Chris Keck	Matthew Shuttleworth	Rhonda & Richard Geisel
December 8	Nick Schwenker	Terry Hambel	Tyler Reitzel	Eleanor Lundy & Minnie Larson
December 15	Sydney Roy	Cory Peterman	Kylie Palamara	Jack Campbell & Mario Piccinin
December 22	Eleanor Lundy	Kristin Woodie	Olivia Woodie	Deb & Bill Buckley
December 24 USHERS FOR PM SERVICES	7PM - Shoffner Family & Jack Campbell		11PM - Shoffner Family	
December 29	Beth Gavigan	Marion Wyman	Andro Keck	John, Molly & Mary Katherine Maguire

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!

December 1 – Ullring Family, In Loving Memory of Sue Lynch
December 8 – Richard Veccio, for Christina & Rich II Birthday
December 15 – Happy Birthday Kylie! Love Grandma & Mom
December 22 – Piccinins / In Loving Memory of Keith Peifer
December 29 – The Geisels / In Loving Memory of our Mother’s

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.

December 1 – Church decorating day & lunch
December 8 – Birthday Sunday
December 15 –
December 22 –
December 29 – Rhonda & Richard Geisel

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.

December 1 – Ann Marie Cooper
December 8 – Richard Veccio
December 15 – Pamela O’Quinn / In Loving Memory of Mother & Father
December 22 – Linda & Mario Piccinin / Merry Christmas to all!
December 29 – Janice Hindle / In Memory of Departed loved ones

✠ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✠

HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, SPECIAL CONCERNS

Kim Workmeister, Barbara Stuart, Teri Massey, Pastor Tom Schutt, Anne Burkauskas, Amanda Dimauro, Cathy Heglar, Cat Morgan, Nancy Baker, Ellen Prevatte, Ted Prevatte, Sharon Efird, Michael Hawk, Maxine Jordan, Lisa Lee, Barry Nelder, Emily Barber, Nancy Spaller, Judy Kunf, Bob Stuart, Mina Piedmont, Betty Swann, Matt Stultz, Joanne Adams, Marge Lucido, Cathleen Applegate, Carol Ochs, Hannah Dumbrowski, Victoria Sanchez, Aris Mora, Steve Siferd, Janet Kassor, Makayla Halscher, John Katko, Alison Kohl, Laura Snow, Morgan Smith, Billy Ward, John Walker, Dorinda Grasty, Dave Denne, Darryl Bloch, Steve Jones, Pam Solstad, Morgan Davison, Belle Hunt, Ann Griffin.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Sandy Hunt and Ginny Blauboer (Buckley), Tracy McKay, Tom Grady, Pat Hankin (Hambel), Paul Piedmont (Piedmont), 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, Terry Ford & Carl Ford (Rehder), Arlo Bond (Jordan), Joey (Palamara), Pat Addington (Hearne), Julian, Jason & baby Jackson (Full), Mary Adobato (Vecchio), Megan Manley (Cox), Beverly Lynn (Kure), 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), Anne C. (Keck), Susan Cairns (Keck).

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

Please pray for safe travels for all who are here/travelling for the holidays!

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

MEMBERS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS SERVING IN MISSIONS

Nathan Overton - ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission, Hungary.

STUDENTS ATTENDING COLLEGE / SEMINARY

Emily Graff-Luther Seminary / Tommy Ullring-CFCC / Katelyn Copenhaver-Santa Fe College / Jade Denne-NC State / Jordan Pivik-EUC / Rachel Pivik-EUC / Katie Elkin-Duke Divinity School / Andro Keck- CFCC / Vegas Vecchio- University of Washington, Seattle / Heather Keck- Medical University of South Carolina / Mackenzie Clark-Hood College, Maryland.

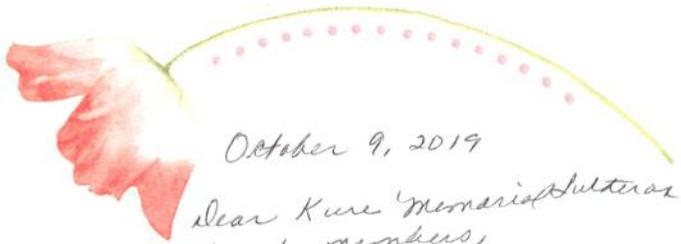
MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING

Col Wayne Lett in Frankfort, Germany; John Brandon in Wayton, Utah; Steven Blum at Fort Bragg; Christopher Bennett in San Diego, CA; Marley Von Cannon at a Naval Base in Walton County Florida; Brandon Muehl at Ft. Benning, GA; Jacob Clinton at Fort Geiger, NC; Thomas Stafford at Ft. Benning, GA.

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 / Alexa Araya: San Jose.

CARDS GIVING THANKS



October 9, 2019

Dear Kure Memorial Lutheran
Church members,

I wanted to thank you for all
of your prayers during my recent
cancer surgery. I have been
blessed with God's healing and
am now cancer free. My family

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and I appreciate all the prayers
and support. It truly made a
difference in my recovery.

With gratitude and warm
regards,

Maureen Biddeau

Nature's
Essences
by Magdalena
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Your kindness means so much!

Thank you

The Senior Center appreciates
your support for our Food program
Members of Katie B. Hines Senior Center

From the members of the Katie B. Hines Senior Center



On behalf of everyone here at Brigade Boys & Girls Club,

THANK YOU!

Together, we are reaching more kids than ever before.
Without YOU and your support, we wouldn't be able to do
"Whatever It Takes" to build Great Futures for our kids.

We are so thankful for YOU!

SPECIAL OLYMPIC PARTICIPANTS



SUNDAY SCHOOL



KMLC Preschool



KMLC STAFF

Pastor:	Rev. Dan Keck
Council President:	Susan Shearin
Church Office Manager:	Courtney Jalloh
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 Wetzal and Peter Yandow.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Vice President: Tom Wetzal
Secretary: Peter Yandow
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Financial Secretary: Terry Hambel

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Nurture - TBA
Service - M.J. Shalanski
Discipleship - Barbara Vought
Preschool - Celeste Carpenter
Property - John Katko

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Eleanor Lundy