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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.

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17)



I love history. Now, at least! When I was growing up, I wasn't very interested in it. But over the years I've gotten more and more interested in history in general...especially this area and the history of our church.

This may look familiar to many of you who have been around Kure Memorial for a while! Here's the back story for how we got here. For

years, we've been experiencing water leaks above the front door of the church, mostly during hurricanes and times when it is windy and raining hard from the east. So, to determine where the leak was coming from, we decided to take down the current sign from above the door that reads, "Rejoice Always, Pray Without ceasing" to see if we could find any clues to the problem. And this sign above the door is what we found! We looked back at the old photos we have from the dedication of the church from 1954, to see this sign proudly and meaningfully displayed above the front door.

From the best we could determine, the new sign went up in the mid 2000s. And, you know...it may be a new sign, but the message and the passion in the words are the same. "Pray without ceasing." It is a call from Paul in his first letter to the Thessalonians...as well as to all people of faith...including those of us at Kure Memorial Lutheran! The call to "pray without ceasing"...for a world that is hurting. For people in our communities that are struggling. For people who are ill. For an end to political divisions that continue to divide our country. For students who need to learn in new ways and for teachers who need to teach in new ways. For governmental officials needing to make difficult decisions to keep people safe, while opening opportunities for businesses to survive difficult economic times. For people of faith to continue growing in faith, while churches and other faith traditions figure out new ways to reach out the them. For those who are unemployed to have opportunities to work again. For those who are lonely because of isolation to feel comforted by the love of God and love from family and friends. For...whatever other needs you can think of...

"Pray without ceasing". It's a timeless call for us which inspired this congregation 66 years ago and continues today! Sure...the sign may be "historic"...but the message is eternal. So each time we see either this...or the new sign placed back over the front door once we get the leak fixed...let us be reminded to pray...because, *"this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Surfin' on God's Grace!

Pastor Dan

FROM TAMMY EBERSOLE,
INTERIM YOUTH DIRECTOR

Pastor Dan, Chris, Shelly and I had fun delivering movie themed goodie bags to our youth. It was great to see your smiling faces. We are looking forward to seeing you all in person soon. Be on the lookout on our Facebook page for when we will finally meet again!

NEWS BITES

Congratulations Graduates!!!! A big shout out to our high school and college graduates! Mia Shoffner, Sydney Maguire, Nick Schwenker, Matthew Shuttleworth, Kelsey and Kari Bloch from high school! And Preston Gourville and Jade Denne from college! We are super excited for you all! If anyone knows of any other high school or college graduates that we missed...please let us know. We are hoping to have a graduate recognition Sunday somehow, for all of these graduates. Stay tuned for more information to come your way!

Sunday morning worship: We will continue to worship via Facebook Live and Zoom on Sunday mornings beginning at 10am! Even though at this point we have not set a “regathering” date for Sunday morning worship, our worship team has been hard at work putting together a plan to gather safely, once we decide to do so. We are considering all aspects of our worship life together...so there has been lots to think about! Initially, we have decided, when the time is right, to hold worship outside in the lawn area near the gazebo. And when we do, as Jesus often said, “Do not be afraid”...for we will continue to livestream through Facebook Live and Zoom for those who are not able to join us or prefer to stay home initially. Stay tuned...we will keep you updated as our plans evolve. To tune into our church Facebook page, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/Kure-Memorial-Lutheran-Church-113882918643415/> Our KMLC Facebook page is also linked [here](#). ; at 10am every Sunday morning to join us for worship. We have had a great response these last few weeks! We hope you will continue to join us! And please notify your family and friends, who are either in town or out of town to join us as well! We have been emailing the service outline to everyone each week...so if you are not on our email list and would like to be, please email the church office and let us know at kurememorial@kurememorial.com . The worship outline can also be found on our church website, kmlc.org

Another option to participate in our Sunday morning worship is to “Zoom” in! We are also using Zoom for those who do not have access to or choose to use Facebook. Each week we will also email an “invitation” link to the Zoom meeting so you can tune in.

Beach Worship is Scheduled to Begin on June 3! Our long-awaited beach worship (which was scheduled to begin on May 27), will begin on June 3! With the off and on rain we had, we decided to cancel on the 27th! We have a full slate of musicians for the summer already and are ready to go! We feel comfortable gathering on the beach, since we can spread out as far as we need to, to keep a safe distance. So, join us at 7pm on Wednesdays, out on the

beach at the end of Avenue F in Kure Beach, about a half mile south of the stoplight! Bring your beach chair, beach towel or blanket and join us for a refreshing, casual time of worship together.

Zoom Bible Study: Our Zoom bible study is on hold now that our beach worship services have begun on Wednesday evening. Beach worship will continue through September and then beginning in October we will have a plan figured out for bible study, where Zoom will continue to be an option.

Most things continue to be put on hold for the month of June! However, we are still collecting food for the *Help Center* as well as food and other supplies for *the Good Shepherd Homeless Shelter* in Wilmington. Both are in dire situations because churches aren't meeting and providing assistance they typically do. Here is the list of items for *Good Shepherd*: *milk, ground coffee, sugar, sliced bread, salt and pepper, bottled water, hand sanitizer, rubber flip flops, Gatorade, puzzles and games, and adult coloring books.* You can drop items off at the church for both organizations. Or if you prefer not to go out, but would like to donate something, you can leave it on your doorstep and someone will come and pick it up to get it where it needs to go! Please don't hesitate to contact the church office if that is the case and we would love to help out!

Out of the Pews: Our ministry for those ages 40ish to 60ish, will be gathering...via Zoom on Saturday, June 13 beginning at 6:30pm! Prepare an appetizer and beverage for yourselves and join us through the airwaves! Join us for a relaxing time together with great conversation. We will also have some fun and creative activity for us to engage in! There will be a zoom invitation sent out prior to the event! Please contact him with questions or for more information...910-619-8979.

Continued financial support during this time is greatly appreciated: We invite you to continue your financial support for our ministry together by either dropping off your offering (either in the church or at the church office), mailing it to the church office (P.O. Box 1, Kure Beach, NC 28449), setting us up in your bank online "bill pay" system, or going to our website, kmlc.org, and donating through our new online donate options. This will help us to continue doing the ministry God is calling us to do...especially in these trying times! Thank you so much for your continued support!

Agape✝Kure Beach Ministries: As many of you know, Agape✝Kure Beach Ministries (AKBM) is one of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of North Carolina. It includes two ministry sites. Camp Agape and the Kure Beach Faith Center. A portion of my ministry here is sharing my time with groups who utilize the Kure Beach Faith Center, the retreat center located at the end of Ave. F in Kure Beach. KMLC also shares our hospitality and welcome through a group of folks who provide sweet treats to the groups who come and stay at the center for retreats. Camp Agape facilitates meaningful weekend retreats for groups and

provides excellent summer camp opportunities and programming for children and youth. They also send camp staff to lead Vacation Bible Day Camp each summer to congregations around the state, which we have hosted the last several years. Anyway...AKBM has made the difficult decision to cancel all camp programming for this summer based on what is going on in the world! Not only are they heartbroken because the staff is so very passionate about summer camp and its impact on the campers, but also it is a huge financial loss for them, as they have had to face laying off numerous staff members and not hire their summer staff. On top of all this, they have just begun a campaign to raise funds for a new swimming pool, that the state health department is requiring them to install before the 2022 summer camp season! So, if you are interested and able to give a donation toward the camp ministry, you can send it to: Agape✝Kure Beach Ministries, 1369 Tyler Dewar Ln, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526. There is also a flyer highlighting the new pool campaign entitled, "Fill the Pool" at the end of this newsletter! Thank you for your prayers and support of this critical ministry!

From the Financial Secretary: Our Contributions this month seem to reflect some of the upheavels we have all been experiencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The first week of May brought in over-average contributions of \$ 4,523 from 21 families. The third week in May brought in only \$1,498 from 11 families. To date we are \$4,000 below projected needs for this month. Most of our expenses continue during this time. Our staff members continue to work; our Lunch Program is on-going and we honor our usual commitments to support the Senior Center, Good Shepherd Center and the Help Center. We ask you to keep in mind that your contributions are important for our Mission. We also want to remind those of you who are struggling financially at this time, that we have a COVID Cares Fund. Financial assistance is available for you. Contact Pastor Dan or Todd Vought for more information. We are all in this together!

"COVID-19" Financial Support: As the "COVID-19" outbreak continues to affect us all, I encourage those who need some financial help to contact Pastor Dan or me. Please let us help! You are not alone at this time.

Todd Vought - KML Church council President (910)458-4636

KMLC Endowment Scholarship Grant: We are so excited and proud of the students entering or already attending college from KMLC. For any student who may need financial help, turn to your church family. KMLC has an Endowment Fund specifically for this purpose. Applications are in the church office. You are also able to email kurememorial@kurememorial.com to have an application sent to you.

Church Women United: The organization CWU is no longer collecting migrant worker kits. We have decided to give money instead to Telemon this year. If you are able to donate (just write migrant workers on your check to KMLC) or want to contribute in some type of way, contact Barbara Vought via email at ktvought@charter.net!

Friday morning Book Group We are continuing to read the book *Green Faith*. We are now able to meet down at the Fort Fisher Beach House Bar and Grill Friday mornings at 9:30 AM. Our next book will be: *I Think You're Wrong (but I am listening)* by Sara Stewart Holland. If you are interested in joining contact Becky Wetzel at 571-230-6289!

Book Club:



Loving they neighbor is easier said than done.

Hortensia James and Marion Agostino are neighbors. One is black, the other white. Both are successful women with impressive careers. Both have recently been widowed, and are living with questions, disappointments, and secrets that have brought them shame. And each has something that the woman next door deeply desires.

Sworn enemies, the two share a hedge and a deliberate hostility, which they maintain with a zeal that belies their age. But, one day, an unexpected event forces Hortensia and Marion together. As the physical barriers between them collapse, their bickering gradually softens into conversation and, gradually, the two discover common ground. But are these sparks of connection enough to ignite a friendship, or is it too late to expect these women to change?

We will be reading *The Woman Next Door* by Yewande Omotoso in June, and hope to discuss it on Monday, June 29th possibly via Zoom. Copies of the book will be in the office, after June 1st. The library has reopened under strict drop off and pick up guidelines. If you still have a copy of April's book (*The Book That Matters Most*) please drop it off at your nearest branch. If you are interested in joining the book club, send an email to Eleanor Lundy at elundy@elundy.org or you are able to email the church office requesting more information at kurememorial@kurememorial.com

Christ in Our Home is a booklet of daily devotionals. The July, August, September 2020 edition will be available in the church entrance and in the office beginning June 15th! Read these messages of God's amazing grace and let them fill your days!

The Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, Lutheran pastor and author (and now podcaster - The Confessional) offered this reflection.

I do not know when we can gather together again in worship, Lord.

So, for now I just ask that:

When I sing along in my kitchen to each song on Stevie Wonder's Songs in The Key of Life Album, that it be counted as praise. (Happy 70th Birthday, SW!)

And that when I read the news and my heart tightens in my chest, may it be counted as a Kyrie.

And that when my eyes brighten in a smile behind my mask as I thank the cashier may it be counted as passing the peace.

And that when I water my plants and wash my dishes and take a shower may it be counted as remembering my baptism.

And that when the tears come and my shoulders shake and my breathing falters, may it be counted as prayer.

And that when I stumble upon a Tabitha Brown video and hear her grace and love of you may it be counted as a hearing a homily.

And that as I sit at that table in my apartment, and eat one more homemade meal, slowly, joyfully, with nothing else demanding my time or attention, may it be counted as communion.

Amen.

-Nadia Bolz-Weber

VITA Tax Information from the Senior Resource Center

Beginning on Monday, June 1st, 2020, the Volunteer Tax Assistance Programs at both the Senior Resource Center and the Carolina Beach location will resume serving the community with our Free Income Tax Service through the remainder of the tax season. Due to COVID-10 restrictions, we have implemented a process to minimize contact between taxpayers and VITA staff at each location and we are serving the public with a drop off service only.

- We are only preparing 2019 taxes.
- At the Senior Resource Center, you must have an appointment to drop off your documents. You will then drop off your documents and leave. There is no waiting to meet with a tax preparer.
- In addition to bringing your documents and required information, you must have completed two forms at the drop off: The Virtual Taxpayer Consent Form AND the Intake Interview Sheet. (These forms are available at each location.)
- A certified tax preparer will call you to verify certain information and review your return with you.
- you will be notified to return to the site to pick up your completed return and paperwork after it has been completed and reviewed.

Please note the specifics at each location:

Carolina Beach VITA, 300 Cape Fear Blvd, Carolina Beach

Hours of operation: Monday through Saturday, 9:00am to 10:00am

**** You will need to pick up forms needed at this location between the hours of 9 and 10am.**

Senior Resource Center VITA: 2222 S. College Rd, Wilmington

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 12:00noon to 2:00pm by appointment ONLY.

Appointment Line: 910-798-6416

**** You may pick up forms needed at this location between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm.**

You can also print them on line from our website at: www.srcgov.com. Click on the VITA Tax Program link on the upper right. Then scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the link.

For questions regarding either location, please call the Senior Resource Center at 910-798-6400.

VOLUNTEERING

The Property Care Committee There is a continual need for yard maintenance of the church property. This would entail cutting the grass and some trimming on a scheduled basis. At most, you may be scheduled once a month. If interested, call Tom Wetzel at 571-230-6290.

The Sunday Lunch ministry We have changed our procedures for making lunches so we are able to continue serving at this time. The tables are sanitized by Nick before Sunday. Marion and Gary make the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches before Pastor Dan begins his service at 10:00. A small group gathers at 11:15 to make the meat & cheese sandwiches and fill the bags with the fruit, raisins, granola bars, chips and cookies. We maintain social distancing and wear masks and gloves.

Distribution takes place at the Community Building on Cape Fear Blvd, next to Sea Merchant and we maintain social distancing, wear masks and gloves. Our guests come one at a time to pick up lunches and leave immediately. The number of guests fluctuates wildly. One Sunday we were finished in 9 minutes. The last two Sundays, our numbers have been very low and we have taken lunches to Sea Merchant to distribute to folks in need. As jobs have disappeared, some of our guests have had to leave their residential units due to inability to pay. While landlords are not supposed to evict tenants, for those living week-to-week or month-to-month, these folks can be kicked out. The Sunday Lunch ministry team is working to find new ways to connect with folks in need. Many of whom may have never needed us before.

The dedication to this ministry by this congregation is so important and appreciated.

*****Additional questions or if you want to help, contact Jean Graff, kjeb415@charter.net or call 309-339-9272

Coffee hour fellowship: We will not be meeting for fellowship until further notice.

The Help Center of Federal Point's Weekly Needs for June 2020 include: Canned meat for the week of June 7th.... Jelly for the week of June 14th.... Macaroni & Cheese for the week of June 21st.... Canned fruit for the week of June 28th

Game Night each third Thursday in the Fellowship hall has been cancelled until further notice.

The KMLC Church Council News

Church council will meet Monday, June 8th, 2020 in the fellowship hall at 6:30p.m.

Sanctuary Flowers: Because worship service is still being put together respecting social distancing guidelines and policies, we will not be having sanctuary flowers for June 2020.

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.

June 7 –

June 14 –

June 21 –

June 28 – Terry Hambel / In honor of all sisters

✠ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✠

HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, SPECIAL CONCERNS

Kim Workmeister, Teri Massey, Anne Burkauskas, Cathy Heglar, Nancy Baker, Ellen Prevatte, Ted Prevatte, Sharon Efird, Maxine Jordan, Lisa Lee, Barry Nelder, Emily Barber, Irene Girvan, Nancy Spaller, Judy Kurf, Bob Stuart, Barb Stuart, Mina Piedmont, Betty Swann, Joanne Adams, Marge Lucido, Cathleen Applegate, Carol Ochs, Hannah Dumbrowski, Victoria Sanchez, Aris Mora, Steve Siferd, Janet Kassor, Makayla Halscher, Alison Kohl, Morgan Smith, Billy Ward, John Walker, Steve Jones, Pam Solstad, Morgan Davison, Scott King, Kaitlin Sprague, Jeannie Snowball, Gene Snuggs, Lisa, Frank Dyson, Beth Loony, Belle Hunt, Laura Snow.

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), 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., Claire Houston, Tammy V., Dave Stultz, Matt Stultz, Pastor Tom Schutt, Belle Hunt (Keck), Barbara Gavigan (Gavigan), Robin Stoehr (Gourville) Meghan O'Brien (Campbell), Kent Parker (Shearin).

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 / Rachel Pivik-ECU / Katie Elkin-Duke Divinity School / Andro Keck- University of South Carolina / 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 Fort Bragg, NC; Jacob Clinton at Fort Geiger, NC; Thomas Stafford at Ft. Bragg, NC.

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 / Marta Doderó.

Celebrating KMLC



*Dear members of KMLC,
Thank you for your contributions to Church Women United and to the migrant workers in NC. Telemo does a super job in caring for them including scholarship for the children.
Love,
Barbara*

This letter reads,

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Support for Camp Agape our partner in ministry

Current Waves
Strategic Plan Comes to LIFE

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In fulfillment of the current strategic plan for Agapé ☩ Kure Beach Ministries, phase one involves the replacement of our current swimming pool. This will provide a safe, fun space for children and adults to rest, renew and play in the water. Water plays such a central role in our faith and the same is true at camp. Join us as we dive into this project. "Fill the Pool" will enhance and expand our community outreach while reminding us of our baptismal promises as we walk wet in the Spirit of God.

Why is the pool needed?

The state of North Carolina is mandating a new pool to replace the 1984 construction pool which no longer meets current Health and Safety codes. The new pool needs to be in place for the summer of 2022.



What will the New Pool do?

- Bring us into compliance with current Health and Safety standards for commercial pools
- Provide a larger pool to accommodate program growth
- Provide a play space for younger children and nonswimmers
- Be safer for swimmers as we shift from a chlorine to saline pool
- Provide more play and recreation space for all ages and abilities
- Provide shade area for swimmers to increase the safety of an outdoor swimming experience
- Grow our outreach to community groups (i.e. local day cares)
- Add a gathering space for parties and special events
- Expand bathrooms and changing areas
- Expand arts and crafts program space

Fill the POOL!

@CAMPAGAPÉ

How can you help?

The "Fill the Pool" special appeal invites you to consider buying gallons of water to help us reach the funding needed. Give a gallon! Fill the Pool - We are seeking gallons of water at \$5.00 a gallon. Our goal is 80,000 gallons. We will be seeking gifts and volunteers to help us connect with potential donors over the next few months. So be ready to say YES and help us "Fill the Pool."

Give a Gallon!

Yes, I Want to Help Fill the Pool!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Donation Method

Check: Please make check payable to Camp Agapé Make a Gift Online:
 Mail to: "Fill the Pool" | Camp Agapé | 1369 Tyler Dewar Lane | Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

To make a credit card gift, call us at 919.552.9421 with your information.

One time donation

18 Month Pledge (1/3 of pledge included with form)

I would like to donate (\$5.00 a gallon)

500 Gallons (\$2,500)

200 Gallons (\$1,000)

100 Gallons (\$500)

20 Gallons (\$100)

_____ Gallons (\$ _____)

Thank You for Your Generous Support!



2 Building Leaders through Christ-centered relationships
Office: 919.552.9421

KML Preschool Graduation



Students from our KMLC family



Ella



Avery



Deacon



Oliver

KMLC STAFF

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Steve Shuttleworth, Terry Hambel, Dottie Herman, Eleanor Lundy, Peter Yandow, Gayle Palamara, Cory Petermann and Todd Vought.

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