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# SEPTEMBER 2020 – NEWSLETTER

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***Our Mission Statement*** – As joyful followers of Jesus Christ, we welcome and care for all people. We boldly proclaim the Good News, share our faith, and love God by serving others.

***Our Statement of Welcome*** – Accepting those who Christ has already accepted, Kure Memorial Lutheran Church affirms that all people, regardless of race, national origin, sexual orientation, or economic status, are unconditionally welcome to our community of faith and are invited to join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry.

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## From Pastor Dan

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*“The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under God’s wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield.” (On Eagle’s Wings, verse 2)*



A few weeks ago, Nick, one of our members, noticed this Mourning Dove sitting on her nest in one of the trees in the courtyard. It was really exciting! So much so that I would point it out to folks who would stop by the church office whispering, “Come here...you’ve got to see this!” so as not to disturb the mama and her nest. We would walk up to take a peak at her. Typically, she would stay on her nest and just watch with caution, those who were looking at her...protecting her nest and her chicks from what she probably thought were scary people trying to harm them.

This image of this mama bird giving shelter and protection to her newborns...or soon to be

newborns... made me think of one of my favorite hymns: “On Eagle’s Wings”, which is a song that is filled with words of comfort, hope and security. You can almost feel God’s care as you sing the words of the song. Click the link to hear the song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvpjxfWrjzY>

The song is a paraphrase of Psalm 91 and the verse above comes from verses 3 and 4 of the Psalm. It is a song that is filled with images of God’s protection, care and comfort from the evil that surrounds us on a regular basis. It reminds us that God is our refuge and shelter when we feel overwhelmed, and the rock for us to cling to and trust in, as well as reminding us of God’s faithfulness.

Take a look at the photo above. The Mourning Dove sitting on her nest. Imagine yourself beneath her wings. Sheltered from those things what would harm you. Being comforted by her love and care. It’s an image of being in God’s care. Being sheltered, cared for and loved. What a great feeling! It’s certainly something we all need from time to time!

Surfin' on God's Grace!

Pastor Dan

**Sunday morning worship and “Re-gathering” Plan for Kure Memorial:** And we wait...and we wait...And we wait...

I know there are so many of us, myself included, who are getting weary of not worshipping together in the same place each week! It has been five months now (but who’s counting!) that we have been worshipping via Facebook Live and Zoom and continue to do so for the foreseeable future! We are so thankful for your patience and faithfulness during this time of waiting...and always! As I have previously shared, we are following the North Carolina Synod’s recommendation to wait until the state of North Carolina gives the green light to move to “Phase 3” of their re-opening plan. We have many people who are in the higher risk categories of age and health issues and our entire church council wants to be as caring and careful as we can be, in light of the virus that is turning this world upside down! Again...thank you so much for your patience, love and support over these last five months! So...until we do meet in person again...You can continue to find us on our church Facebook page, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/Kure-Memorial-Lutheran-Church-113882918643415/> or on “Zoom” for those who are not on Facebook, at 10am every Sunday morning! Our worship outline is emailed to folks on our email list and can also be found on our website: [kmlc.org](http://kmlc.org) so you can follow along!



**New Addition to our Sunday Morning Worship and an extension of our ministry!** If you tuned into our Facebook Live or Zoom livestreams on Sunday, August 23 and 30, you would have seen a new addition to our service! Jen Carter was interpreting our service in sign language! She is one of our KMLC folks and is a sign language instructor and interpreter. Jen has been signing some of our beach services this summer for a deaf family who has attended occasionally. Jen plans to offer sign language interpreting each Sunday as an extension of our ministry to those who would benefit from her services. We are so excited about this opportunity Jen is offering, as it will expand the reach of our ministry into another part of our community we have not had the ability to connect with previously! Thanks Jen! And if you know of anyone who uses sign language as their primary way of communicating, please let them know!

**Beach Worship!** I can’t believe we’re beginning our last month of our beach service for this year! So don’t miss our last few opportunities for this season! 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. **\*\*\*Special note\*\*\* As we do every year in September, because sunset is getting earlier, we will be changing the time of our beach service for the following Wednesdays, September 16, 23 and 30 to 6:30pm. So please spread the word!**

**\*\*\*Also...depending on what continues to happen with this Covid virus and our ability to gather in person for worship on Sunday, we may extend our beach worship season into October! We’ll keep you posted as we learn more.**

**Most things continue to be put on hold for the month of September!** However, we are still collecting food for the **Help Center** in Carolina Beach. You can drop items off at the church. 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!

**Thank you so much for your support for our ministry!** We want to give a huge shout out and thank you to those of you who have very generously continued their giving during these very difficult and unusual times! We have been so blessed each week by your contributions to help keep us doing what we do! It is just one more illustration that we are helping each other as the body of Christ, to navigate this time we are in as we prepare to worship together on Sunday morning again in, hopefully the very near future! You all are a huge blessing to the leadership of KMLC, and appreciated more than you will ever know!

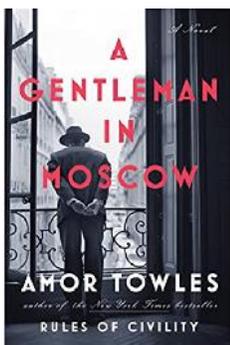
**As you continue your financial support for our ministry...Or if you have gotten out of the routine, since we haven't been meeting in person every week...** Here is a reminder of the options for continuing your contributions to meet your lifestyle. You may either drop off your offering (either in the church or at the church office), mail it to the church office (P.O. Box 1, Kure Beach, NC 28449), set us up in your bank online "bill pay" system, or go to our website, [kmlc.org](http://kmlc.org), and donate through our new online donate options. **Your continued support is crucial for 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!

**Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry update:** As of last month, we posted the Coordinator of Youth and Family ministry position on Indeed and through August received several resumes from interested individuals. Unfortunately, only one of them had potential to be a good fit for us! However, that person is looking for a fulltime position. We have since re-posted the position and are waiting for additional resumes.

**Men's breakfast Scheduled for September 19...in the courtyard!** Several of the men have been asking about the possibility of having a men's breakfast! After many conversations and planning...we have figured out a way to do it safely! Please join us on September 19 at 8:30am in the courtyard! Bring your lawn or beach chairs and we will meet in the courtyard so that we can be spaced out to keep our distance. If anyone would prefer to eat at a table we can set those up as well and put one person per table. We plan to have everyone either bring their own breakfast or order from menu items from either Malama Café or the Gulf Stream restaurant in Carolina Beach. Pastor Dan will be emailing the menus for these two restaurants. Malama Café is a new restaurant/coffee shop in Carolina Beach owned by two of our KMLC families...the Piccinins and the Paredes! We have someone who will pick up our meals from those places and bring them to the church. Whoever orders from those places can pay for their meals when they arrive at church. Or if you prefer to pick up your own meal, that is fine too, just let Pastor Dan know. We will meet in the courtyard for conversation, a meal together and a short devotion. Please bring a face covering to wear when you are not eating! We feel this is a very safe plan and will be a great opportunity to see and talk with each other!

**Friday morning book group:** We continue to meet Fridays at 9:30 AM in the carport at Becky Wetzel's at 606 Fourth St. S Carolina Beach. Currently we are finishing up the Book of Joy by Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. On September 11, we will begin reading Amish Grace: How forgiveness transcends tragedy by Donald B. Kraybill. Everyone is welcome and any questions please contact Becky Wetzel at 571-230-6289.

## Book Club



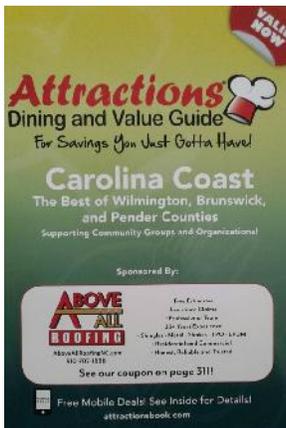
Our current book is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. We plan to discuss the book on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM, probably via Zoom, possibly outdoors. There is an extra copy in the office, and everyone is invited to join. Let Eleanor Lundy know if you are interested.

"In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a

day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose." (Amazon review)

**"Perhaps the *ultimate* quarantine read . . . *A Gentleman in Moscow* is about the importance of community; the distance of a kind act; and resilience. It's a manual for getting through the days to come."  
—O, *The Oprah Magazine***



**Attractions Books are back!** The 2021 Attractions Books are here! They can be used right now through 2021...so be sure to get yours today! Even if you are still a little leery of going into restaurants right now...you can use the coupons for take-out menus. So you will certainly get your money's worth! The cost is \$25 and \$10 of that goes to our Costa Rica Mission Trip fund to support our mission trips every other year. Please tell your friends and neighbors! You can contact Pastor Dan at 910-619-8979 or [pdannybeachguy@gmail.com](mailto:pdannybeachguy@gmail.com). Or you can stop into the church office to purchase yours! If you would prefer not to leave your home, we will deliver it to your door! Talk about service with a smile! Over the years this has been a very helpful fundraiser and we have appreciated your support!

### **From the Financial Secretary:**

August was an interesting month contributions-wise. Similar to July, we received contributions from 42 families overall. In August, two families gave the balance of their yearly offering and a friend of the congregation made a love offering donation. These amounted to almost \$13,000.

We had five Sundays this month. Thus our Mission plan needs \$21,842.50 for support. We did receive \$26,167 in actual offerings in August - half of which came from the offerings listed above.

We are blessed by the generosity of so many who give from their hearts. These have been difficult months and many feel the economic uncertainty. We are ever grateful for all of you who help to keep alive the Mission of Kure Memorial!

**"Together in Education"** - Harris Teeter shoppers with a VIC card can help support local schools (Ashley, Carolina Beach elementary, etc). Each year Harris Teeter's TIC program donates a portion of every Harris Teeter product purchase to a local school. All you need to do is select a school or school program that you wish to support. You may designate more than one school to support. Now is the time to select your school for the 2020-2021 school year. You can do this on-line or stop at the Customer Service desk. This is an easy help to help our local schools get a bit of extra funding.

## We're Excited to Share Our New Video with You!

The Good Shepherd Center is so excited share our new video with you, our friends and supporters~ all about Good Shepherd Center, including the Ashley Center, SECU Lakeside Reserve, and other vital programs on our three campuses, created by [The Good Life Film Co.](#), a local small business.

This was many months in the making, and reminds us of the time when we could hug our friends and neighbors without worry. Ahh, the good old days!

This is just one way we'd like to show you the great work your gifts are making possible, and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being a steadfast supporter, an ally for the hungry and homeless in our community. We are so grateful to you.

Please stay safe and healthy, and we look forward to the day when we can see and thank you in person.

With gratitude,

Your Good Shepherd Center Family

\*watch video here\*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lJmHJoM0tqU&feature=youtu.be>

### A Prayer to Understand Others

Being understanding is a powerful way of showing love. We all know what it like to be misunderstood. Today, take a moment to pray for the ability to understand others. A smile and a listening ear can go a long way.

Lord Jesus Christ,

Grant me the gift of understanding. Help me to understand the feelings of others, the desires of others, the goals of others. At the same time, help me to understand myself in my actions and reactions. Widen my vision beyond my own small world to embrace with knowledge and love the worlds of others. Help me, Lord, to always see you at work in my own life and in the lives of others. Bless me with insight, acceptance and love that is tempered by you who are all things to all people. Help me to understand, Lord. Amen. (Elev8: Minute Meditation)

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# VOLUNTEERING

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**The KMLC Church Council News :** Will meet Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Everyone must wear masks, sit apart and have clean hands.

**Service Team:** Will meet Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

**Discipleship Commission:** Will not meet for the month of September.

## **The Sunday Lunch ministry**

A small group gathers at 11:15 to make the meat & cheese sandwiches and fill the bags. We wear masks and gloves to maintain social distancing guidelines. Distribution takes place at the Community Building on Cape Fear Blvd, next to Sea Merchant. Our guests come one at a time to pick up lunches and leave immediately. The number of guests fluctuates wildly.

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](mailto:kjeb415@charter.net) or call 309-339-9272

**The Help Center of Federal Point's Weekly Needs for September 2020 include:** Jelly for the week of September 6<sup>th</sup>..... Soup for the week of September 13<sup>th</sup>..... Cold cereal for the week of September 20<sup>th</sup>..... Dry pasta for the week of September 27<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*Any other packaged or canned food items are greatly accepted.\*\*

*We welcome Tracey Kruger as the new Secretary for Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church.*

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

September 6 –

September 13 – Terry Hambel / In Memory of Jim

September 20 –

September 27 –

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## ✠ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✠

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### HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, SPECIAL CONCERNS

Teri Massey, Anne Burkauskas, Nancy Baker, Ellen Prevatte, Ted Prevatte, Maxine Jordan, Lisa Lee, Barry Nelder, Emily Barber, Irene Girvan, Nancy Spaller, Bob Stuart, Barb Stuart, Mina Piedmont, Betty Swann, Joanne Adams, Marge Lucido, Cathleen Applegate, Carol Ochs, Hannah Dumbrowski, Victoria Sanchez, Aris Mora, Morgan Smith, Billy Ward, John Walker, Pam Solstad, Morgan Davison, Kaitlin Sprague, Gene Snuggs, Lisa, Frank Dyson, Beth Loony, Belle Hunt, Laura Snow, Jack Campbell, Virginia Vargas, Megan Peoplis, Vaughn & Cathy Schweitzer, Andra Ciparis, Clifford Johnson.

### 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), Anne C., Claire Houston, Tammy V., Dave Stultz, Matt Stultz, Pastor Tom Schutt, Belle Hunt, Steve Siferd, Janet Kassor, (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-Cape Fear Community College / Katelyn Copenhaver-Santa Fe College / Jordan Pivik- East Carolina University / 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 / Nick Schwenker-Appalachian State / Matthew Shuttleworth-Cape Fear Community College / Mia Shoffner-East Carolina University / Sydney Maguire-College of Charleston / Preston Gourville-Vanderbilt / Kelsey Bloch-Wake Tech / Kari Bloch-Wake Tech.

### 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 Dodero.

## KMLC STAFF

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Dan Keck
<b>Council President:</b>	Todd Vought
<b>Church Office Manager:</b>	Courtney Jalloh
<b>Musician &amp; Choir Director:</b>	Kristin Woodie
<b>Interim Coordinator of Youth &amp; Family Ministry</b>	Tammy Ebersole

### COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2020

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

### COUNCIL OFFICERS

**President:** Todd Vought  
**Vice President:** Gayle Palamara  
**Secretary:** Peter Yandow  
**Treasurer:** Eleanor Lundy  
**Financial Secretary:** Terry Hambel

### COMMISSION CHAIRS

Worship - Dottie Herman / Kristin Woodie  
Resource - Peter Yandow  
Nurture - TBD  
Service - M.J. Shalanski  
Discipleship - Barbara Vought  
Preschool - Celeste Carpenter  
Property - Keith Graff

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