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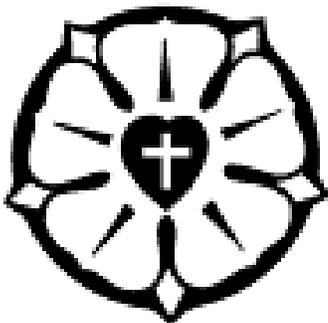
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## JULY 2021 – NEWSLETTER

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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.*

*“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul...” (Psalm 23:1-3)*



Ahhhh...vacation! What do you think of when you hear that word? I'm sure there are some pretty memorable ones that come to mind! Some fun, exciting ones. Some lazy, relaxing ones. And of course...some that didn't go as planned!

Chris, Andro and I are heading up to New York City to visit our oldest daughter for a little vacation this week. We will be on the road as you are reading this probably!

Because of Covid...as you can imagine, we haven't been able to go up there to visit her. And this will actually be the first vacation we have taken since summer of 2019! So, it will be good for us to be able to get away to relax and be refreshed!

This passage from Psalm 23 is one that is typically read at funerals to bring us comfort in the midst of sadness and grieving. But these words are also important for us as a reminder of God's presence, peace, guidance and care for us in the midst of those times in our lives that bring anxiety, worry and exhaustion. They are a reminder for us to take time...even a few moments during a busy day...to...as a pastor friend of mine would say...“marinate in God's word”! Maybe it's just reciting these first few verses of the Psalm and reflecting the images of lying down in a green pasture, watching the clouds drift overhead...or sitting by a quiet pond or lake...or on the beach on a calm day...and allowing God to restore your soul...to help you feel his presence and care in your life.

Think of these words as a mini-vacation...away from those things that weigh heavy on your heart or mind! So...pull up a chair...close your eyes...and imagine yourself in those quiet and calm places God calls you to be refreshed and restored!

Surfin' on God's Grace!

Pastor Dan

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

### Children's Ministry Updates:

The Children's Ministry Team continues to meet to plan exciting events for the Children of KML! Sunday School continues to be offered during worship over the summer. The group of children attending the children's message and Sunday School are increasing! We are loving meeting new friends and learning about God in new ways each week! If you would like to volunteer your time to teach Sunday School one week, please let me know!

VBS Adventure Island was a success! HUGE thanks to all of the volunteers who gave their time, energy and passion to the VBS week! It was a joy growing the Children's Ministry with everyone! The children enjoyed the week with Beacon the Puffin where they learned about the lanterns of God's love, hope, faith, trust and joy. Check out the pictures from VBS at the end of the Newsletter!

Day Camp is coming up July 26-30 for children rising 1st- 5th grade! Camp Agape will be hosting a fun and energized week! We need a **minimum of 12 children** to run the camp. Please invite your friends and neighbors to participate in this week of fun! Please fill out the registration form to confirm your spot. There are registration forms in the Church Office or email me for an electronic copy.

#### **Day Camp: Elementary (rising 1-5)**

M-F 9am-3pm

July 26-30

***For children entering grades 1-5, we will have a Day Camp program that will run from 9am-3pm July 26-30! Energetic Camp staff from Camp Agape, our Lutheran camp in Fuquay-Varina, will be here to lead it for us. For the Day Camp program This year, we are requesting a \$30 deposit for 1 child or \$75 deposit for a family with more than 2 children along with your registration form to hold your spot. If your child/children attend for 3 or more days, you will have the option of receiving your deposit back or leaving it as a donation, to help offset the cost of having the amazing Camp Agape Day Camp Staff at KMLC to facilitate our Vacation Bible School ministry for our older students! IF this is a financial hardship for your family, please come talk to Pastor Dan. Please note: Due to Camp Regulations, we are limited to a maximum of 32 children for Day Camp! \*\*Deadline for registration to assure your spot is July 12! So please get your registration to us as soon as possible! Please make checks out to "Kure Memorial Lutheran Church" and write "day camp deposit" in the memo line.***

If you would like to VOLUNTEER for Day camp, please contact me.

### Youth Ministry Updates:

Follow us on Instagram! @kml.youth

Calling all Youth! If you would like to help the Sunday Lunch Ministry on Sundays after worship, please let me know!

Please reach out if you have any questions/comments/concerns or ideas in regards to the Children and Youth Ministry!

McLean Robinson

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**Agape Day Camp is Back!!!** After Covid interrupted all of our children's ministries last year, one of which was offering our annual Vacation Bible Day Camp, **they will be returning this year the week of July 26-30!** As many of you know...and some of you have experienced...For the last several years, Camp Agape has facilitated our Vacation Bible Day Camp for elementary age students. They do a terrific job and it's always a joy to have them. In the past, some of you have hosted camp staff in your homes, providing breakfast and lunch for them, while others of you have invited them to your homes for dinner or provided gift cards to a local restaurant. **This year will be different!** As per camp policy, we will need to host the camp staff either at a vacant home. So...first of all...**if you have a home in Kure or Carolina Beach that you will not be using during that week and are willing to offer it to the camp staff...**please let Pastor Dan know! The other plan is to host them in the fellowship hall with air mattresses!

**Other Needs:**

Prepackaged snacks for each day...at this point plan for about 20 individuals.

Gift cards to Food Lion so the camp staff can purchase groceries for the week for themselves to make breakfast, lunch and some snacks for off hours. There most likely be 4 camp staff members.

Gift cards to local restaurants. for each day...can be fast food...something simple. (4 gift cards per day!)

Craft Needs:

Peeled and cleaned cans (15oz or larger)

Old magazines

Coffee filters

Markers

Newspaper

Paper bowls

Wax Paper

Paper plates

Paper towels

Seeds

Hole punch (please put your name on them so we can return them!)

Yarn

Old crayons...to be melted down

Cupcake pans (please put your name on them so we can return them!)

Colored pencils

**Thank you all soooo much for your support of our kids and their nurturing of faith!**



**Monthly Men's Breakfast for July!** We hope you will join us for the next Men's Breakfast coming up on July 24. We will gather in the fellowship hall for breakfast. The tables will be spread out and we will seat only 2 people per table. That seemed to work out well! Also, rather than cooking at the church, please bring a dish that you have cooked at home! The oven will be on for things that need to be heated up. Please let Pastor Dan know what you plan to bring! Breakfast is at 8:30am. The doors will be open and coffee will be going at 8:00am!



**Beach Worship on Wednesdays!!** It's hard to believe that we have already completed one month of beach services! Come on out and see what it's about! We are meeting at the end of Ave. F in Kure Beach, out from the Kure Beach Faith Center at 7pm throughout the summer. Bring your beach chair, blanket or beach towel and join us! It is a great place to worship with the family so be sure to bring the sand toys for your children! We are looking forward to another great summer!

**Out of the Pews (our ministry for those ages 40ish to 60ish)** is also getting going again! For July, we will attend the Wilmington Sharks Baseball Game on July 16! The weather was so "iffy" on the night we planned to go in June...we decided to reschedule...and go figure...the weather was great! Oh well...Game time is 7:05pm! We will plan to meet near the front gate at 6:30pm. Please let Pastor Dan know if you are planning to come to the game with us.

**We are forming a Technology Team!** With the changes and upgrades to our technology system for livestreaming worship on Sunday mornings, we are forming a team who will be willing to take turns operating the new audio/visual system to livestream our worship services. From what we understand, this system will be fairly simple to operate and will be a great gift to those who are worshipping from home! We would like to have enough people so that each person only needs to commit to one Sunday every month or 2 and can worship with his or her family the other weeks! Please contact Pastor Dan if you are interested in learning more and being part of this very important worship team!

### Book Club

During July, the Book Club will be reading *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, July 19th at 5:30 PM to discuss the book and share food and fellowship. You are invited to pick up a copy of the book and join us. There will be at least one extra copy of the book in the office. Please let Eleanor Lundy know if you plan to be there.



From Book Browse:

“The story follows Elwood, an idealistic young man preparing to attend college when a tragic misunderstanding lands him in an inhumane reformatory school, the Nickel Academy. Bringing to life the horrors of Jim Crow, the novel considers the possibility of maintaining hope in the face of racist terror and violence.

Based on the real story of a reform school in Florida that operated for one hundred eleven years and warped the lives of thousands of children, *The Nickel Boys* is a devastating, driven narrative that showcases a great American novelist writing at the height of his powers.”

**The Friday Morning Book Group** We are currently reading *Blindsided* by Mark C. Roser... A story about his 19-year-old son dying in a freak accident. Mark needed to know why God permitted his son to die now. The answer will surprise you, and it may even transform your view of what God's love is all about. In approximately two months we will begin *Ethics for the New Millennium* by the Dalai Lama. For more information or to join, contact Becky W. at [beckywetzel56@gmail.com](mailto:beckywetzel56@gmail.com).

**The Service Team** will not be meeting during July. The next scheduled meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of August, the 10th. This will be a Zoom meeting at 2pm.

**The Property Committee** will meet on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at KMLC.

**The Church Council** will meet Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. inside the fellowship hall.

**From the Financial Secretary:**

During the month of June, we received contributions from 49 families overall, with most giving coming through the weekly envelopes. (Last month, 62 families/households contributed Tithes and Offerings.) Our monthly contributions came to \$15,080. The projected amount for our Mission Plan was \$17,260. Thus we had a shortfall of about \$2,200 for the month of June.

We have arrived at the mid-year for 2021. With the end of the second quarter, you will soon be receiving your year-to-date contribution statement. Remember this will only include tithes and offerings. Contributions to other funds will be included in the year-end statement.

In your box of weekly contribution envelopes, you will find one for Vacation Bible School. We are grateful for any contribution you can make at this time to help defray the cost of our Summer Bible Schools.

We are ever thankful for all the ways you share your time, talent and resources within our Kure Memorial Lutheran family. May God continue to bless all of us as we move forward in our common ministry.

**A Prayer for our Nation on July 4th**

*Adapted from the Prayer of Rev. Elizabeth Kaeton*

Dear God,

This year we celebrate anew the Anniversary of our founding as a nation. Help us to remember that the experiment called democracy is not over; it is still being tested. After 245 years of existence, the final results are not yet in. We still have work to do. It stretches out before us, across wheat fields and deserts, from the mountains to the prairies, from sea to shining sea.

Today we honor and acknowledge the sacrifices of all those men and women who helped create this country. We remember with gratitude those who have fought to keep our ideals of freedom, welcoming and democracy alive through every crisis we faced as a nation.

This new day has dawned for our country and yet, we seem more divided than we have been since the days of the Civil War. What divided us then continues to tear at the seams of the fabric of this nation. We are a United Divided States.

Help us to becoming more united by putting aside our own feelings – jumbled and confused as they may be at the moment – in service of others, our families and friends and neighbors – here and around the world.

Help us remember your high calling to us to be agents of forgiveness and reconciliation, love and peace, healing and hope in a world made dark by fear and hatred and brokenness.

May we find the humility to acknowledge the harm we have done to the indigenous peoples of our land and the atrocities forced onto our Black brothers and sisters.

Help us to rebuild this nation by seeking out your image in the face of others, finding the best in us to serve those who are the least, the lost and the lonely. Help us to remember that ‘perfect love casts out fear’. Help us perfect our love.

May we respect our lands, our waters and the myriad forms of life living within our country, Empower us to protect and sustain this gift to us.

We are your people. You know us by many names. You are our God. We know you by many names.

May we find strength in our diversity and seek the courage to live into what is written on every piece of currency in this nation: In God we Trust. In God. We Trust.

For only in you can we live in safety. Only in you will we find justice. Only in you will we know the peace that passes all human understanding. And only in you will be be "one nation, under God, with Liberty and Justice for all."

**Amen.**

## FROM THE KMLC RACIAL EQUALITY/JUSTICE DIALOG TEAM:

*“We love because he first loved us. 20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 21 And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.” (1 John 4:19-21)*



*Racial Transformer*

In May we introduced what we are calling our “*Racial Transformer*”! It is an image that will continue to grow to include key elements of our physical features that help us to learn, understand and put into action our Christian Faith, especially as it pertains to supporting, loving and caring for others! Our beginning point for May and June, was “*Open Minds and Loving Hearts*” (notice in the center of the image). **Opening our minds** to learn about the history, difficulties and struggles our brothers and sisters of color have had in the past and continue to experience simply because of the color of their skin. And in our **loving hearts**, we are to respect and uplift the dignity and humanity of every person. This month, notice how our *Racial transformer* is growing! We continue with the next two key elements of our *Racial Transformer* image, “*Alert Eyes and Big Ears*”. “*Alert Eyes*” are to keep our eyes focused by envisioning real solutions to the realities of racism,

using an equity-conscious lens, rather than colorblindness. And “*Big Ears*”, which are for listening to and learning from people of color.

We invite you to check out the resources that our team has come across to engage us all in this conversation. If you would like to see the resources suggested in past months, you can access previous newsletters on our website: [www.kmlc.org/newsletter.html](http://www.kmlc.org/newsletter.html)

Below is a list of additional resources we encourage you to explore. We would love to hear from you as we continue our conversation about how our faith speaks to the issue of racial justice and equity!

Cape Fear Museum video series: <https://www.capefearmuseum.com/programs/highlighting-history-video-series/>

Children’s book: The Colors of Us - Karen Katz

Children’s Movies: The Princess and the Frog  
Akeela and the Bee

Other Movies: Marshall (About Thurgood Marshall)  
Ray (About Ray Charles)

The Queen of Katwe (2016 Netflix- chess champion)

One Night in Miami (Sam Cook, Mohammed Ali, James Brown)

Music: Smooth Jazz [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0C3Qui\\_1rQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0C3Qui_1rQ)

Best Blues Playlist <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0iwxnHCtQI>

Gospel R&B Mix <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUqxnRxm5to>

**The Sunday Lunch Ministry:** meets usually outside beginning 12:15 – 1 pm (after worship service) at the corner of 3rd and Cape Fear Blvd. If you want to be volunteer to help serve, contact Jean Graff at kjeb415@charter.net or 309-339-9272.

**The Help Center of Federal Point :** Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

In May: Households served:...57:Individuals:...148.

In July 2021 the needs of the Help Center of Federal Point include:

4 July: Instant coffee OR tea bags.                      11 July: Canned meat.  
18 July: Canned peas or carrots.                      25 July: Canned fruit.

Any other canned or packaged food items are deeply appreciated.

For any question or how you can help, contact Anne Hope and Tim Marvin at 910-458-4057

**\*\*Our Migrant Workers Need You\*\***

The Wilmington Area III Church Women United, a national, nonprofit outreach organization, is sponsoring a long sleeve shirt drive for our migrant workers. This is to prevent migrant farmworkers from pesticide exposure and suffering a heat related illness.

Farmworkers are the root of the supply chain, working to ensure the availability, quality, and safety of our fresh food.

They are in severe need of our help. Please join us in providing this service as they are the ones on the frontline gathering the crops that we put on our tables to eat.

For further information contact:     Barbara Vought 458-4636

Shirts  
Light Colored  
Slightly Used  
Natural Fabric  
Long Sleeve

**July Worship Assistants**

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Ushers
July 4, 2021	Keith Graff & Marcus Matzke	Marion Wyman, MJ Shalanski, Kristin Woodie, Jeanette Nelson	Jack Campbell
July 11, 2021	Cory Petermann	Isabell Foushee	Dottie Hermann
July 18, 2021	Beth Gavigan	Jeanette Nelson	Mario Piccinin
July 25, 2021	Marcus Matzke	Jean Graff	Butch Von Cannon

**Sanctuary Flowers:** Because we are evolving into meeting inside for worship service, instead of sanctuary flowers, we will have “sanctuary plants”. You are able to sign up in the fellowship hall on the bulletin board. The new price will be \$20 instead of \$25. Contact the office for more information.

**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.

# Preschool Vacation Bible School was an awesome time!



Preschool Vacation Bible School pictures continued...



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## ✠ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✠

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### HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, SPECIAL CONCERNS

Eleanor Lundy, Ellen Prevatte, Ted Prevatte, Maxine Jordan, Lisa Lee, Barry Nelder, Emily Barber, Irene Girvan, Bob Stuart, Mina Piedmont, Joanne Adams, Cathleen Applegate, Victoria Sanchez, Aris Mora, Billy Ward, John Walker, Morgan Davison, Kaitlin Sprague, Gene Snuggs, Frank Dyson, Beth Loony, Megan Peoplis, Vaughn & Cathy Schweitzer, Andra Ciparis, Clifford Johnson, Beth Deaton, Don Bowman, Richard Laudati, Ruth Ann Getsinger, Herb Flamer, Raymond & Dottie Holden, Dave Guernsey, Mary Miller, Gladys Girardot, Richard Geisel, Don Smith, Trudy Ford, Ann Scott, Kirk Barden, Kelly Cahill, Raegan, Callen and Dan Migacz, Sandra Mullins, Tracy Gourville, Steve Wirth.

### 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), Richard White (Prevatte), Kari Craig, (Palamara), Larry Gilbert (Wrenn), Anne C., Claire Houston, Tammy V., Dave Stultz, Matt Stultz, Belle Hunt, Steve Siferd, Janet Kassar, (Keck), Meghan O'Brien (Campbell), Laura & John McMahon (Lundy), Sarah Wilson (Gavigan), T.J. Montigue (Jones).

*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-UNC-W / 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 / Mackenzie Clark-Hood College, Maryland / 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 / Jordan Gourville-University of South Carolina / Hawthorne Hamm-UNC Chapel Hill.

### 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, Nick Schwenker-Fort Benning, GA; Rileigh Fortney-Lackland AFB, Texas..

### 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.

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<b>Council President:</b>	Todd Vought
<b>Church Office Manager:</b>	Courtney Jalloh
<b>Musician &amp; Choir Director:</b>	Kristin Woodie
<b>Coordinator of Youth &amp; Family Ministry</b>	McLean Robinson

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2020**

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