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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.

“¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John...¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:13, 16-17)



Water Day. It’s always the highlight of Bible Day Camp for everyone! The children...the camp counselors...and McLean and I had a great time as well! It’s always fun to hear the laughter and experience the happiness and joy that flows...just like the water itself...from the children...and the adults! There is something about it that’s refreshing...exhilarating...inspiring...and I guess...just plain fun!

And as I watched all of the splashing and squirting and the running through the sprinklers, I was reminded of our baptism. Because it too, is a time that is refreshing...exhilarating and inspiring. It’s a time that brings (at least it should!) joy and

happiness into our lives...knowing that we are filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit...refreshed and cleansed of our sins and inspired by being affirmed that we are God’s children...loved, forgiven and cared for by the God who created us!

But you know...I think sometimes that’s easy to forget! When life is weighing us down and we have so many things to think about and so many obstacles to navigate through. And in the flurry of everything...we are so focused that we forget who we are and whose we are. That happens to me all too often. But then there are days when I experience the joy of a day like today...and I am reminded once again, of the depth of God’s love and mercy...and the joy that comes in and through the waters of baptism...flowing from the one who fills us with his grace!



Surfin' on God's Grace!

Pastor Dan

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Children's Ministry Updates:

The Children's Ministry Team is growing and evolving! 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! We are looking for Sunday School Teachers and Volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering for Sunday School please contact me!

Agape Day Camp was a success! The children enjoyed a fun filled week of learning about God's creation through connection, covenant and love. Check out the pictures attached!

Backpack Blessings for children, youth and school staff will be August 22 during worship. Please bring your child(ren)'s backpacks to be blessed and for us all to pray for love, compassion and humbleness this upcoming school year.

Youth Ministry Updates:

Follow us on Instagram! @kml.youth

Stay tuned for Fall Youth Retreat dates and updates! If you would like to volunteer to help with Youth Group, please contact me! We are looking for passionate and energetic adults to help this ministry grow!

Youth and Youth Parents!! We need your feedback! Stay tuned for an email from me in regards to when and what time we will offer weekly youth group this school year.

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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Monthly Men's Breakfast for August! We hope you will join us for the next Men's Breakfast coming up on August 28. 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 around 8:00am!



Beach Worship on Wednesdays!! It's hard to believe that the summer is half over! But...we still have 2 more months of Beach Worship! 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!

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!

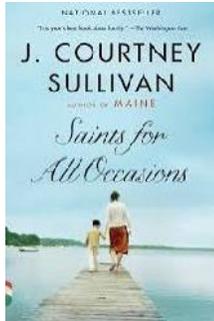
The Friday Morning Book Group We are currently reading Ethics for the new millennium by the Dalai Lama... A passionate and exquisitely argued call for a spiritual and ethical revolution. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact Becky W. at 571-230-6289

The Service Team will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday in August, the 10th, at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The Property Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, August 9th.

The Church Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday August 9th inside the fellowship hall.

Book Club



This month the Book Club will be discussing *Saints for All Occasions* by J. Courtney Sullivan. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, August 16th at 5:30 PM to share food and ideas. Let Courtney or Eleanor know if you would like to join us on the 16th or if you would like to borrow a copy of the book. There are additional copies of the book in the church office if you are interested.

“Nora and Theresa Flynn are 21 and 17 when they leave their small village in Ireland and journey to America. Nora is the responsible sister; she's shy and serious and engaged to a man she isn't sure that she loves. Theresa is gregarious; she is thrilled by their new life in Boston and besotted with the fashionable dresses and dance halls on Dudley Street. But when Theresa ends up pregnant, Nora is forced to come up with a

plan—a decision with repercussions they are both far too young to understand.

A graceful, supremely moving novel from one of our most beloved writers, *Saints for All Occasions* explores the fascinating, funny, and sometimes achingly sad ways a secret at the heart of one family both breaks them and binds them together.” (From the publisher.)

Educational Scholarship Awards

One of the most satisfying outreach programs that KMLC has is the awarding of financial aid to students seeking higher education. Your KMLC Endowment Fund was founded in 2004 to be used for (1) Education, including scholarships and (2) Community outreach and (3) Disaster relief. I am happy to report that (3) of our young people will receive some financial aid this month. They are Jade Denne, Andro Keck and Mia Shoffner.

Anyone can apply for aid for any of the stated reasons. A request form must be filled out and submitted to the fund committee. Pastor Dan or I can help you do this.

Without the congregations financial support, these scholarships would not be available. Please consider giving to your Endowment Fund so that we can continue helping students and those in need.

Thank you,

Mina Piedmont, Todd Vought, Garner Von Cannon

From the Financial Secretary:

July turned out to be a good month for us contribution-wise. We reached our monthly goal to support our Mission Plan - projected contributions needed was \$ 17,260 and our actual Tithes and Offering were about \$1400 over this goal. The number of families contributing varied week to week and 60 families contributed overall (a new monthly high!). Six visitors also contributed. Four families used on-line Paypal and 12 families used Bank Checks. A special "Thank You" goes out to four families who made additional contributions beyond their usual tithes and offerings. We thank God for all of you, for the generous giving that comes from your heart and we ask God to continue to bless all of us as we strive to live his mission.

A Summer Prayer

Dear God,

Let us revel in summer.

Let us soak up the long days and warm sun.

May our feet walk on sandy beaches and our heads rest on thick grass under blue skies.

May we listen to and marvel at the singing of the birds and stop to watch blissful children at play

This summer, God, may our breathing slow and our hearts open. God help us to be present to all that is so that we might best see all that might be.

Take time to claim your strength; they are gifts of God.

Take time to have fun; it's God's way of teaching you your strengths.

Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.

Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.

Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent.

Take time to share with others; they will bless you, and you will bless them.

Take time to have hope, you are a child of God.

Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

FROM THE KMLC RACIAL EQUALITY/JUSTICE DIALOG TEAM:

“¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14-15)



Racial Transformer

This month we introduce two new key elements of our “*Racial Transformer*”: In April and May, we reflected on the importance of Open minds and Loving Hearts...learning about the history, difficulties and struggles our brothers and sisters of color have had in the past and continue to have. Then in June and July, we continued with the next two elements: Alert Eyes and Big Ears. Those are inspiration for us to keep our eyes focused by envisioning real solutions to the realities of racism as well as to listen to and learn from people of color. So the next two elements are: **Grounded Feet and Vocal Mouth.**

Grounded Feet: Symbolizes digging in for the long haul-- holding onto and living out our faith values of loving, supporting and caring for one another as Jesus calls us to do. It symbolizes standing up for justice for all people and celebrating how God created such a diverse world! It symbolizes being a part of

healing a broken world and working to bring unity in the midst of division.

Vocal Mouth: It reminds us of the importance of speaking up and speaking out about injustices that happen against our fellow brothers and sisters of color as well as helping others find their voice by knowing when not to speak.

All of this is part of us letting our lights shine before others...being the light of the world as Jesus calls us to be!

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

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/>

Book: Dear White Peacemakers - Osheta Moore

Children’s book: Can you say Peace - Karen Katz

Articles: <https://www.globalsistersreport.org/news/social-justice/column/white-nun-black-nurse-connection-forged-george-floyd>

https://cupofjo.com/2020/06/a-letter-to-my-white-friends/?mc_cid=849f8c8ac6&mc_eid=0023e60791

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 :

Ladies & Gentlemen: The needs of the Help Center of Federal Point for August include:

- 1 August: Cold Cereal.
- 8 August: Canned Baked Beans.
- 15 August; Canned Spaghetti's
- 22 August: Canned Meat.
- 29 August: Teabags.

Any other canned or packaged food items are deeply appreciated.

For any question or additional help, contact Anne Hope and Tim Marvin at 910-458-4057.

July Worship Assistants

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Ushers
August 1, 2021	Cory Petermann	Kristin Woodie	Jack Campbell
August 8, 2021	Beth Gavigan	Chris Keck	Mira & Tony Sabetti
August 15, 2021	Marcus Matzke	Jeanette Nelson	Marion Wyman & Gary Bianchi
August 22, 2021	Keith Graff	Jean Graff	Tom Girardot
August 29, 2021	Cory Petermann	Marion Wyman	Jack Campbell

* If there should be a conflict with the Sunday that you are scheduled for please let me know as soon as possible and I will make the necessary changes. Thank you for serving, Jack.

Greet, pass out bulletins

After service has started, count and record count in book

Direct Parishioners during Communion

After service, return collection basket to a designated area (to be determined)

After service, canvass pews

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.

Bible Day Camp! A great week of learning and fun!



DAY CAMP (CONTINUED)



✠ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✠

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, 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, Kyra Stratman, Cooper Smith.

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 Kassor, (Keck), Meghan O'Brien (Campbell), Laura & John McMahon (Lundy), 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-Vanderbuilt / 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.

KMLC STAFF

Pastor:	Reverend Dan Keck
Council President:	Todd Vought
Church Office Manager:	Courtney Jalloh
Musician & Choir Director:	Kristin Woodie
Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry	McLean Robinson

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Ann-Marie Cooper, Beth Gavigan, Steve Shuttleworth, Dottie Herman, Eleanor Lundy, Peter Yandow, Gayle Palamara, Cory Petermann and Todd Vought.

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