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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.

(Jesus said) “And surely, I am with you always to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

Violence in Afghanistan. Earthquakes and a hurricane Haiti. Wildfires out west. And now a hurricane in Louisiana...and well beyond! Not to mention areas of the world impacted by other less intensive hurricanes this year so far. Hmm...what else? Oh yes...the ongoing impacts of Covid! And of course...there are all the other difficult and stressful things happening in our lives and in the lives of people we love.

We talked about these things at our men’s breakfast this past Saturday. All from my simple question, “What prayer requests are there this morning?” The list that morning seemed endless with so many things the men were thinking about that were being lifted up.

Certainly, there are glimpses of hope in the world...through the many positive things going on as well...like the joy and inspiration of the many athletes with various disabilities competing in the “Tokyo 2020 Paralympics” in Japan currently! I don’t know if you’ve watched any of the games...but it is truly amazing to watch how these athletes work through the physical challenges they have! These are God moments for sure!

But as we think about the ongoing list of tragic events and situations happening on an ongoing basis...sometimes it does lead us to ask the question, “Where is God in the midst of all of this?”

The thing is...evil in the world began with Adam and Eve...at the very beginning of time...and it’s been happening ever since. But in the midst of it...God has promised to be there to walk with us, to guide us, to comfort us, to inspire us and to remind us that he is with us in very powerful ways.

The last verse in Matthew’s gospel, Matthew 28:20...Jesus tells us these words of encouragement and hope, “And surely, I am with you always to the very end of the age.” These words are so important, because they don’t mean that we will only notice his presence during the good times of life. They mean that he will be with us always...when life stinks...and when we can’t see the light at the end of the tunnel when things go from bad to worse. They mean that when people across the world are losing loved ones in the war and violence that is taking place...and when people are trapped in the floodwaters of powerful hurricanes, Jesus is with them bringing comfort and care and love and mercy...walking with them in the darkest times of their lives.

It’s a promise, that when we are watching the news at night...hearing of all of the bad things that are happening in the world around us...we can have the hope that, as Paul writes to the Romans in chapter 8, *“Who shall separate us for the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that...nothing in all of creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* And to that... all I can say is, Amen! Hold on to that promise!

Surfin' on God's Grace!

Pastor Dan

Holy Communion for anyone not comfortable attending in-person worship: We know there are still many folks who are uncomfortable attending our in-person worship and prefer to worship with us via our livestream options. Beginning in September, we are providing a short communion service at 10:30am on the second Tuesday of each month. This month it will be September 14. The service will only be 10-15 minutes long. If there are some of you who would like to participate, but can only do it in the evenings, please let Pastor Dan (910-619-8979) know and we will set up an evening time once per month as well.

Beach Worship on Wednesdays!!

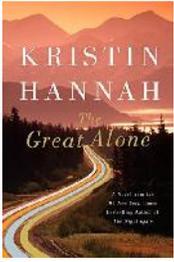


Oh my...it's September already!! Our beach worship season is winding down. The good news is...hopefully...the weather will be a little cooler for the next few weeks! So...come out and worship with us at the end of Ave. F in Kure Beach! We will begin the month with worship beginning at 7pm. **On Wednesday, September 8, we will switch to 6:30pm because of the time of sunset!** 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 hope to see you on Wednesdays!

The Friday Morning Book Group We continue to meet at 9:30am to 10:30am on Friday mornings in Tom and Becky Wetzel's carport. We are currently finishing up Ethics for the new millennium by the Dalai Lama and will begin reading Life at Hamilton by Mike Anthony...a bartender at the Richard Rogers Theatre on Broadway where Hamilton is being performed shares his experiences and how he applies them to real life. Any questions please contact Becky Wetzel at 571-230-6289

The Service Team will meet at 2pm via Zoom on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021. The KMLC Service Team has forwarded \$500.00, through the North Carolina Synod, for assistance to victims of the earthquake in Haiti. This donation is a reflection of our Church's 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."

The Book Club



Everyone is currently reading *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. We plan to meet and discuss the book on Monday, September 20th at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to read the book and join us. Please let Eleanor Lundy or Courtney know if you would like to be part of the discussion.

“In 1974, a troubled Vietnam vet inherits a house from a fallen comrade and moves his family to Alaska.

After years as a prisoner of war, Ernt Allbright returned home to his wife, Cora, and daughter, Leni, a violent, difficult, restless man. The family moved so frequently that 13-year-old Leni went to five schools in four years. But when they move to Alaska, still very wild and sparsely populated, Ernt finds a landscape as raw as he is. As Leni soon realizes, “Everyone up here had two stories: the life before and the life now. ...Kristin Hannah re-creates in magical detail the lives of Alaska's homesteaders in both of the state's seasons (they really only have two) and is just as specific and authentic in her depiction of the spiritual wounds of post-Vietnam America.” Kirkus Review

The Property Committee will meet Monday, September 6th at 6pm. Contact Keith Graff if you are interested or have any questions at kjeb415@charter.net.

The Church Council will meet Monday, September 13th at 6:30pm in fellowship hall.

From the Financial Secretary:

August was a good month for us, contribution-wise. We received contributions from 56 households (down just a little from last month.) While there seem to be fewer folks using Paypal, there has been an increase in families using Bank Bill Pay option.. This month, with 5 Sundays, we were hoping to receive \$21,575 in Tithes and Offerings to support our Mission Plan. The Tithes and Offering total for August was actually \$32,816. (+ \$ 11,000 !) This is due in part to one family contributing their entire yearly pledge and also for the generosity of so many others. Many of you have contributed to helping our Haitian brothers and sisters - to date we have received \$550 for Lutheran Disaster Services on their behalf. We give thanks for all of you and for the bounty that we experience.

FROM THE KMLC RACIAL EQUALITY/JUSTICE DIALOG TEAM:

(Jesus prays) “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you... so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me...” (John 17:20-23)



Racial Transformer

This month we continue with the two key elements from our “Racial Transformer” that were introduced last month: Grounded Feet and Vocal Mouth.

As a reminder: 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.

A few weeks ago, the question was raised, “*Why are we focusing on this? Do we have a problem in our congregation?*” And we are glad that question was asked because that’s what dialogue is all about! The focus of this ministry is considering the issue of racial justice and equity, and how we understand ourselves in relation to it, as well as considering the small (or even large!) steps we each can take to support, encourage and walk with our sisters and brothers of other racial and cultural backgrounds beginning with those in our own lives and moving out to our Wilmington area community and beyond.

Jesus’ prayer for us is to be brought to complete unity as one...from all different racial and cultural backgrounds. And for that to happen Jesus calls us to work together to break down whatever barriers that exist in the world so this world can be a place where all are welcomed, loved, respected and cared for! Because everyone of us is a child of God, created in his image!

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!

Movies: Marshall (a movie about Thurgood Marshall)
One Night in Miami

Book: Just Mercy by: Bryan Stevenson

**There is also a teen version and a children’s version of this book!*

Children’s book: A Ride on Mother’s Back: A Day of Baby Carrying Around the World by: Emery and Durga Bernhard

Music: Hands and Feet by Audio Adrenaline

Fight for You by H.E.R

Website: <https://www.nclutheran.org/public-witness/racial-justice-work/>. This is a link to the North Carolina Synod website that has many resources available!



We invite our families to gather together at the start of our new school year and pray for students and their families, teachers, administrators and all those in educational leadership positions....

Prayer for a New School Year

Lord, please bless all our teachers, students, friends and relatives as they make their way back to their classrooms for another year.

Help them to feel excitement and joy in the promise of a new start.

Give them everything they need to start their classes. Give them all they need all year.

Give them imagination and creativity to make wonders out of what they do have.

Help schools stretch their budgets and their supplies. Give them wisdom all year.

Help teachers quickly spot the students who are going to need something extra this year. Help them have just the right words of encouragement for each student.

Give them loads of love. Help the love in their hearts just overflow so they always have plenty to spare. Lord, you give in abundance... please supply all the love teachers need.

Please supply them energy too, Lord. Please let them sleep well at night so they are rested and refreshed each morning. Don't let them take their problems and worries to bed with them at night.

Give them patience with students, with parents, and with their administration.

Lord, it's you who supplies in abundance. Please keep the students and teachers safe this year. Keep them safe from accidents or evil intent.

Let the students be excited about this wonderful world and all there is to learn about it.

Help them to be interested in one another, for there's a wealth to learn about and from each other, and this is true for teachers and parents as well.

Give the parents willing hearts, both to help in the classroom if they can, and certainly to be involved in their children's homework and in their stories as the year goes on.

Let this be a truly wonderful year for everyone involved in education. Let everyone feel, at the end of the year, that they learned all they could and gave the best they had.

We thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

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 :

There was slight change in numbers of who received help from June to July which were:

June

Individual's: 130 & Household's: 52

July

Individual's: 137 & Household's: 60

Donations from churchs and individuals have kept the pantry ready.

The needs of the Help Center of Federal Point for September 2021 include:

5 Sept...Canned fish.

12 Sept...Soup.

19 Sept...Nutrition or Breakfast bars.

26 Sept...2-lb bags of rice.

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.

September Worship Assistants

| Date | Assisting Minister | Reader | Ushers |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| September 5 th | Keith Graff | Jean Graff | Mario Piccinin |
| September 12 th | Cory Petermann | Jeanette Nelson | Dottie Herman |
| September 19 th | Marcus Matzke | Chris Keck | Jack Campbell |
| September 26 th | Beth Gavigan | MJ Shalanski | Jack Campbell |

* Ushers: 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

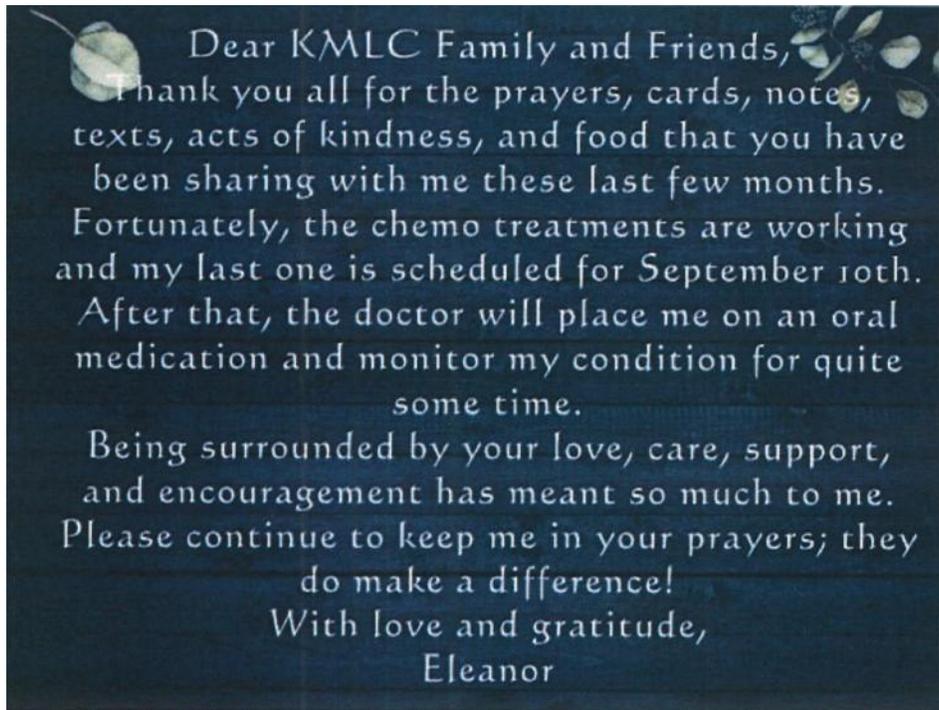
After service, return collection basket to a designated area (to be determined)

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.

THANKING KURE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

August 24, 2021

Thank You

Kure Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church
PO Box 1
Kure Beach, NC 28449-0001

Dear Kure Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$300.00 to ELCA Global Mission.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to ELCA Global Mission, you are sharing this amazing grace with others. You are helping people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your support enables ELCA Global Mission to send missionaries to serve in over 40 countries. It provides scholarships to women leaders from around the world as they respond to God's call to ministry. And it funds investments in evangelism, education and church expansion.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.

With gratitude,

Rahel Mwitula Williams
Director, ELCA Global Mission Funding

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your official receipt.

✠ 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, Anne Semmler, Jordan Gourville.

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 McMahan (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-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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| 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 |

COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2020

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Preschool– Celeste Carpenter
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