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## APRIL 2022 – 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.*

*From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” (Matthew 16:21)*



*Believed to be part of the “Via Dolorosa” (The Way of Suffering), where Jesus carried the cross on Good Friday*



It seems like the season of Lent just got started and here we are...already planning for Palm Sunday...the meaningful days of Holy Week and the glorious celebration of Easter Sunday!

The services during Holy Week are many but meaningful. They walk us through the last days of Jesus’ life beginning on Palm Sunday, followed by the celebration of the Last Supper, the crucifixion on Good Friday, the Easter Vigil service on Saturday and concluding with the resurrection on Easter Morning. [I encourage you to take this journey through Holy Week with us!](#)

Here is a peak into what that week will have in store for us and why these services are meaningful in their own ways!

Palm/Passion Sunday (April 10): We will experience the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem! Beginning in the church yard, we will participate in a festive procession with palm branches from there into and around the sanctuary singing joyfully “All Glory, Laud and Honor”! We will then transition into the sadness of Jesus’ betrayal and death as we conclude the service.

We will then continue our journey through Holy Week:

On Maundy Thursday (April 14), we gather with Jesus as his disciples did. On this night we commemorate Jesus celebrating the Last Supper with his disciples where he gave new meaning to the bread and wine that they shared during the Passover meal. We will conclude the service with the “Stripping of the Altar”, reminding us of Jesus being stripped of his clothing prior to his suffering.

The Good Friday Service (April 15) is what is known as a Tenebrae service, which is a service of successively extinguishing candles and darkening the sanctuary commemorating the death of Jesus. It is a powerful service that reminds us of the suffering and death of Jesus! This year as the last candle is extinguished and the lights go dark, Tammy Ebersole will sing the song, “Via Dolorosa”, which is Latin for, “the way of suffering”.

On Saturday (April 16) we will gather for the Easter Vigil Service, which is a service that commemorates Jesus passing from death to life. We will begin in the courtyard surrounding a fire, light the Pascal candle symbolizing the presence of the Resurrected Christ and with all those gathered, candles in hand, we will process into the sanctuary where, through prayers and readings we will transition from God’s saving acts throughout history in the Old Testament into celebrating the resurrection of Christ!

Easter morning (April 17) begins with the Community Sunrise Service at Ocean Front Park in Kure Beach, beginning at 6:15am hosted by the partnership of Kure Memorial and the Kure Beach First Baptist Church. The beauty of the sunrise over the ocean on Easter morning is not to be missed!

Easter morning worship at Kure Memorial: This year we are planning 2 services, at 8:30am and 10am. If the weather is nice, we will worship outside, if it is not, we will worship inside the sanctuary. Easter is one of our most highly attended services of the year, so we want to assure there is space for everyone! Come and CELEBRATE the resurrection of Jesus with us on Easter morning!

Here is a snapshot of our Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule:

Thursday:	April 14	7pm	Maundy Thursday	(Service in the Sanctuary)
Friday:	April 15	7:30pm	Good Friday	(Service in the Sanctuary)
Saturday:	April 16	7pm	Easter Vigil	(Begins in the Courtyard)
Sunday:	April 17	6:15am	Community Sunrise Service!	(Ocean Front Park)
		8:30 & 10am	Easter Resurrection Service	
			(Services either or in the Sanctuary...depending on weather)	

*Services that will be live streamed in addition to Palm Sunday:*

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Good Friday, April 15

Community Sunrise Service, April 17

Easter Resurrection Service (10am only), April 17

Surfin' on God's Grace!

Pastor Dan

KURE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS



# EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

April 10, 2022

11AM-1PM



Please join us for fun-filled afternoon of egg hunts, games, activities, food and more!



Contact McLean Robinson with any questions | 704-962-2602

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We are continuing the study of the Book of Jonah...the last session is April 6 from 6:30-7:30pm. Please join us even if you were not able to make the other sessions! It will be both in person in the fellowship hall as well as via Zoom for those of you who are either unable or uncomfortable meeting in person.

Kure Memorial Lutheran display table at the *Kure Beach 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Street Festival* on Saturday, April 30! Kure Beach is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month and throughout April they have various events happening around town! Check out their website. [townofkurebeach.org](http://townofkurebeach.org) The big event is the street festival on April 30 along Atlantic Ave. near the Kure Beach Pier. KMLC will have a display/information table with give-a-ways for folks who stop by our table. Our Children's Ministry Team will also be providing activities for children and families. The event is scheduled from 11am to 5pm. *So, we would love to have a few people who can help tend the info table throughout the day! Maybe 3 teams of 2 people each for 2 hour shifts each (11am-1pm; 1pm-3pm; 3pm-5pm)? We will also need some folks to help set up and take down...more information to come on timing!* Please let Pastor Dan know if you would like to be part of our Street Festival team!

Kure-ous Reflections Panel Discussion is another event we hope you can attend! It will take place at the Kure Beach Community Center across from our church on April 9 from 10:30am-12:30pm. *Various folks who grew up in Kure Beach will share stories...including KMLC's own Andy "Punky" Kure!* You won't want to miss the stories and learn more about the history of our community.

Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 beginning at 8:30am! Because April is so busy with Easter and the *Kure Beach 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Street Festival*, we will not have a breakfast in April. So, on May 14, Dan will be getting things rolling around 8am, so if anyone wants to either help setting up or have a cup of coffee and visit, that would be great! Please let Pastor Dan know if you plan to bring anything. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Holy Communion on the Second Tuesday of the Month! We invite you to join us on April 12 at 10:30, for a short Holy Communion Service in the sanctuary. This is an opportunity to gather in a small group setting to receive the gift of Holy Communion. It's a chance to gather with others and receive the gift of our Lord Jesus during the week.

Church Women United: will meet May 6 at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. Migrant workers still need supplies. We are looking for someone interested in becoming president. Call me if you are interested in any of the above. Barbara Vought 458-4636.

Our Church Prayer List: If you have an individual on the "Friends & Family" list that appears weekly in the Bulletin, a Student, or member of the Military and would like that person to receive a "Thinking of You" card from our Church, please email MJ Shalanski at [maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com](mailto:maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com) Thank you!

The Service Team: will meet at 2:00 on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom. You are able to contact MJ Shalanski if you have any questions at [maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com](mailto:maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com)

The Property Care Team: will meet at 6pm on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> inside the fellowship hall. Contact Keith Graff if you have any questions at [kjeb415@charter.net](mailto:kjeb415@charter.net)

The Spring KMLC Property Workday: is soon approaching. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>! If you are interested in participating, contact Keith Graff at [kjeb415@charter.net](mailto:kjeb415@charter.net).

The Book Club: The book club will meet on Monday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome, just let Courtney or Eleanor know if you will be there via email @ [kurememorial@kurememorial.com](mailto:kurememorial@kurememorial.com)

We will be discussing author Kristina McMorris's historical fiction novel *Sold on a Monday* (2018). It is inspired by a real life event: A photograph published in a 1948 magazine of four siblings standing on their apartment steps with their mother (who is trying to hide her face from the photographer), and a sign advertising the children for sale in the foreground. The overarching theme of the novel is how one person's poor decision can have many unexpected, and sometimes tragic, outcomes. The story is set in the Depression Era (1931-1932), with the action in and around Philadelphia and rural Pennsylvania, New York City, and Hoboken, New Jersey.

The Church Council Meeting will be held: Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm inside the fellowship hall.

The Friday Morning Book Group: Meets at Tom and Becky Wetzel's home at 9:30am Friday mornings. The group will now beginning reading *Take This Bread* by Sarah Miles. Any questions please contact Becky Wetzel at 571-230-6289.

From the Financial Secretary: As March comes to an end, we also complete our First Quarter of 2022. This month 62 families contributed tithes and offerings. Our tithes totaled \$ 16,810 - whereas the projected amount needed to support our Mission Plan is \$ 18,469 - resulting in a deficit of \$ 1,659 for the month of March. When we look at the First Quarter contributions overall, our Mission Plan projected our receiving contributions of \$60,021 and actual contributions were \$ 47,495, leaving us with a first quarter deficit of \$ 12,526 or about \$ 1,000 each week.

We know these continue to be financially strained times for so many people and we are very thankful for the ongoing support of so many members of our Congregation. Our members quickly step up to help when there is a special need. This month eighteen families contributed \$1875 ( through Lenten mid-week or specially named contributions) to help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine through the work of Lutheran World Relief..

In mid-April, Individual Contribution Statements will be sent out to all of of our members so that you can see what you have contributed to date.

For all you do and all you give, we say THANKS.

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## FROM THE KMLC RACIAL EQUALITY/JUSTICE DIALOG TEAM

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From the KMLC Racial Equality/Justice Awareness Team:

We will continue the bible study that we began before Lent started entitled: “How to Fight Racism - Courageous Christianity and the Journey Toward Racial Justice” by Jemar Tisby on Wednesday May 4 with a 3 session series surrounding the theme “Relationships”. We will meet May 4, 11, 18! The first series was on the theme “Awareness”. Even if you weren’t able to attend the previous sessions, please join us for the upcoming series! It has been very thought provoking and has led to some really good discussion! We will meet in person in the fellowship hall as well as via Zoom. More information will be coming out in the May newsletter as well as through your email!

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## POEMS & PRAYERS

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The following are poems written by teenagers experiencing the tragedy of war in their homeland:

From Syria: Shahed Zeitoon, 16

"I feel robbed of my childhood by conflict."

From here, the story starts

From here, peace emerges

From the laugh of every child

From the eyes of every wounded

From the fruit of every tree

From the breeze of every wind

Who among us does not love peace?!

Who does not want to see peace all over the land and skies?

From Yemen: Sawsan Al-Shamiri, 10

“I hope that all the pigeons and the olive trees grow up and we will be in peace... I hope the whole world will be filled with peace.”

I am a child who loves peace

I have always believed in peace

Until I saw something on TV,

Something not expected at all.

I saw on the screen war and destruction

I saw children sleeping in tents

They lost the embrace and protection of their parents

I saw children who are as skinny as ghosts

I saw schools and parks empty of children.

I cried from what I saw and went to the source of love, my father

I asked him: Where did peace go?

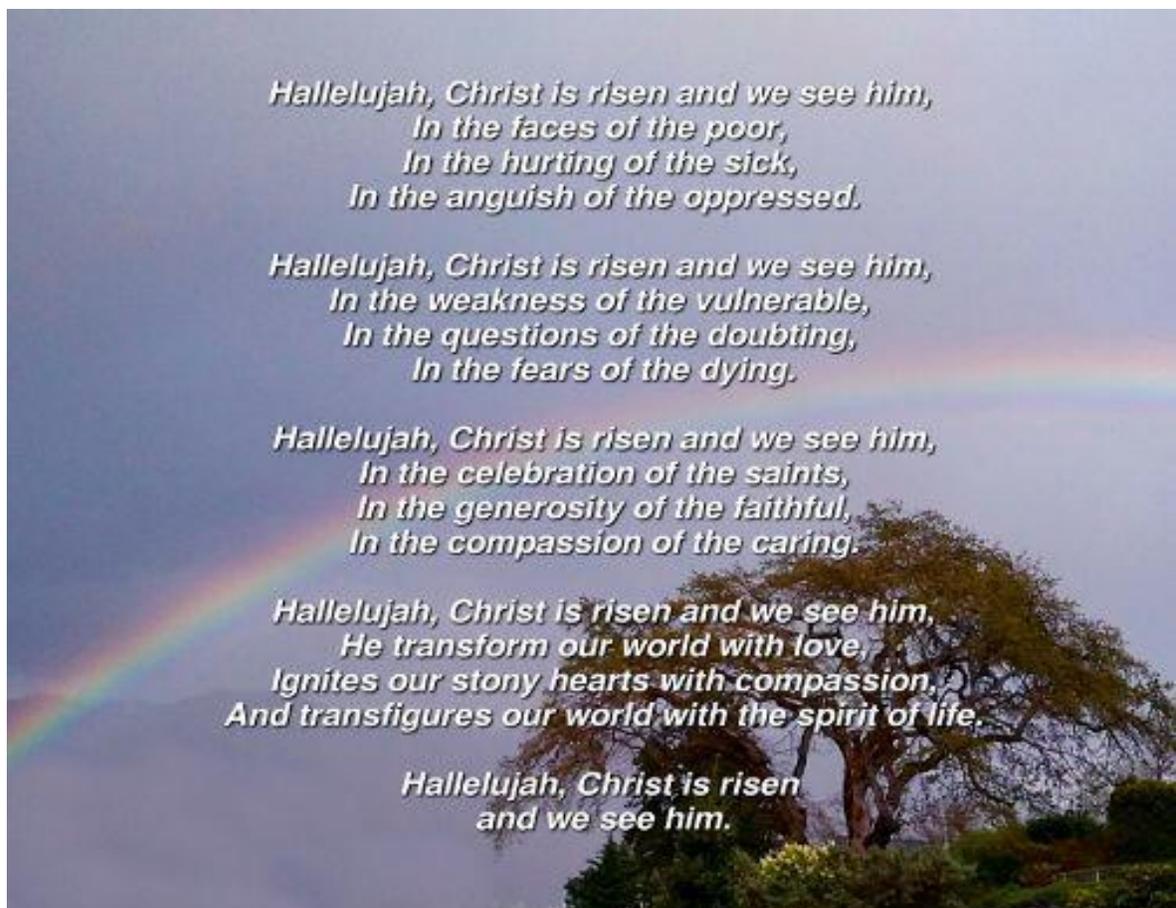
Where are schools and parks?

Where is medicine and where is food?

From Ukraine: Viktoria Ponkrashkina, 16

I thought it was a dream,  
but it happened to be real.  
The torture of the war  
And overwhelming fear.  
I want it all to go away  
Diffuse in shining sun  
And troubles blown from our day  
By friendly clouds, so far  
I want people out of cellars  
Living to the full  
Not afraid of their jailers  
Sleeping soundly.  
I want to throw away all the pieces  
From the puzzle of this cruel war  
So children don't play with them  
I want everyone to be happy and smile!

I believe in a happy Ukraine  
And the new life beginning today!  
I believe we can forget about war  
It will be swept away from the shore.



# Earth Day Prayer: In the Spirit of Indigenous Traditions [By Vern Barnett]



Infinite Spirit, sometimes called Grandfather, Grandmother — Father Sky, Earth Mother, Creator:

We gather to praise your creation, to honor the swimmers and crawlers,  
the four-legged and the winged ones; we give thanks for the beauty and glory of creation  
and open our hearts to new ways to understand our place in the universe—not the center or focus, but a humble and balanced place,  
where every step we take becomes a prayer,  
where every word we say makes harmony with the vast, vibrating cosmos,  
and where we know we are singing the song of life.

We pray to know more deeply that we are in the Garden where every plant and animal and speck of dust; without our brothers and sisters the plant and animal and mineral kingdoms, the human family would end. So we want to bless them, as they bless us.

We pray for humility—  
not to humble ourselves before presidents or priests, but before the ants and trees—  
for if we cannot be in true relation to the ant, we shall be outcasts of the garden. Let us cast the pollution from our eyes so we can see the glory and live with thanksgiving.

Great Spirit, let us remember it is not how we talk but how we walk.  
When we say we love animals, let us protect them. When we say we that we love the plant people, let us honor them by living lightly on the earth. When we say we love the minerals, let us use them only in necessity, and remember their rightful places.  
Oil belongs in the ground, not in the air through our wasteful machines.

Wondrous trees, breathing life into the atmosphere: your gifts of fire and shelter, fruit,  
and sailing are precious to us. And in many ways you offer us leaves of knowledge.

May the vision of mutual interrelatedness, cosmic interdependence,  
the seamless process of generations, not end in cough-filled skies blotting the sun,  
but rather may clear air, healthy forests, wholesome water, expansive prairie, and pungent earth nourish paths for all creatures  
through mountain and valley, and the salt sea,  
and through a protective atmosphere, as we rejoice in the inhabitants.

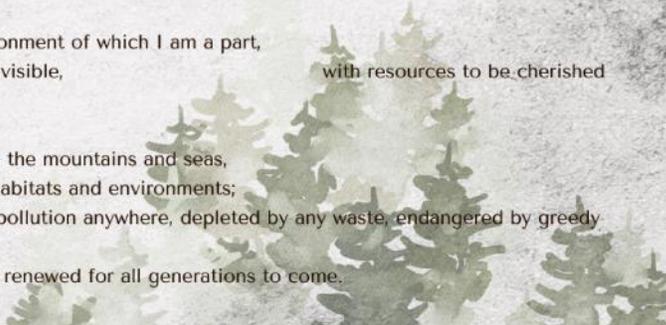
Hear and empower our mantra: reduce, reuse, recycle.

With thanks for the surprise and mystery of it all, we pray in the name of the Creator,  
the Processes and Presences, and all our relations. Amen.

The following Pledge is offered for your reflection . . .

I pledge allegiance to the earth on which I stand, and to the environment of which I am a part,  
one planet in a Process, with soil, water and air like one body, indivisible,  
and protected by all. with resources to be cherished

I pledge allegiance to the earth and all life: the fields and streams, the mountains and seas,  
the forests and deserts, the air and soil, all species and reserves, habitats and environments;  
one world, one creation, one home, indivisible for all, affected by pollution anywhere, depleted by any waste, endangered by greedy  
consumption, degradation by faithlessness;  
preserved by recycling, conservation, and reverence, the great gift renewed for all generations to come.





← That's Katie Geschickter in the photo, standing behind the entrance desk at the Good Shepherd Center in Wilmington. The 13 backpacks that our Congregation collected, and filled with supplies in response to the Center's annual Bowling For Backpacks project, are crowded on the floor. Katie is the Volunteer Coordinator at the Center. What you can't see in the photo is the absolutely huge smile on Katie's face. Thank you everyone for putting that smile there! Katie had only one word to say when the backpacks were delivered, "Wow!"

The Spring Work morning is scheduled for Saturday, April 9 starting at 9:00. The goal is to spruce up the church grounds before Easter. Multiple tasks are on tap so lots of hands would be appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Keith Graff

Volunteers needed to cut grass this season: If you are interested in helping to keep the grounds beautiful at KMLC, please volunteer to cut grass this season with Tom Wetzel via phone @ 571-230-6290

The Help Center of Federal Point: The needs of the Help Center of federal Point for April 2022 include;

- 3 April: Cold cereal (not oatmeal)
- 10 April: Jelly
- 17 April: Canned fruit
- 24 April: Spaghetti-o's

In February, the Help Center served 71 households and 182 individuals.

Please contact Anne Hope & Tim Marvin if you are able to help or have any questions at 910-458-4057. \*\*Any other canned or packaged food items are deeply appreciated\*\*

The Sunday Lunch Ministry: meets at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Cape Fear Blvd. outside after worship service beginning at 12:15pm. If you want to volunteer, contact Jean Graff at [kjeb415@charter.net](mailto:kjeb415@charter.net) or 309-339-9272.



Our KMLC Community Garden: is for the Island community to grow their own plants and produce. It is KMLC garden planting time again! You are able to reserve your own box of plants/produce to care for! If you or anyone you know would like to have a planting box, contact our office at 910-458-5266!

## April Worship Assistants

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Ushers
April 3, 2022	Keith Graff & Beth Gavigan	Marion Wyman, Kristin Woodie	Mario Piccinin
April 10, 2022	John Ellen	MJ Shalanski	Butch Von Cannon
Maundy Thursday April 14, 2022 – 7pm	Cory Petermann	Kristin Woodie	Dottie Herman
Good Friday April 15, 2022 – 7pm	Keith Graff	*Not needed*	Jack Campbell
Easter Vigil April 16, 2022 – 7pm	John Ellen	Chris Keck	Tom Wetzel
April 17, 2022 8:30am	Beth Gavigan	Marion Wyman	Jack Campbell
April 17, 2022 10am	Marcus Matzke	Chris Keck	The Shoffner Family
April 24, 2022	Cory Petermann	Marcus Matzke	Dottie Herman

\* 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.

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.

# EMILY BARBER'S 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!



Emily's Birthday card from the KML Preschool



KMLC Birthday celebration for Emily!

Emily was delighted to receive over 60 Birthday cards from friends and family near and far! She tried to 📞 call as many people as she could to say thank you but that task became too much! She wants to send the very most sincere thank you to everyone that celebrated with her & for all the cards she received!

It was very very nice for everyone to visit and she appreciates everyone's time.

-Emily 🌸

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## ✝ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✝

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Eleanor Lundy, Ellen Prevatte, Ted Prevatte, Maxine Jordan, Lisa Lee, Barry Nelder, Emily Barber, Irene Girvan, Bob Stuart, Mina Piedmont, Joanne Adams, Victoria Sanchez, Aris Mora, Billy Ward, John Walker, Morgan Davison, Kaitlin Sprague, Beth Loony, Megan Peoplis, Andra Ciparis, Clifford Johnson, Beth Deaton, Don Bowman, Ruth Ann Getsinger, Herb Flamer, Raymond & Dottie Holden, Gladys Girardot, Trudy Ford, Ann Scott, Kelly Cahill, Sandra Mullins, Cooper Smith, Isabell Foushee, Tammy Gillis, Diane Stultz, Chuck Shoaff, Jeff Wempler, Tracy Caldwell, Wes Stapleton, Beth Wrenn, Mackenzie Clark, Graham Robinson, Judy Johnson, Vickie Hester, Little Molly, Brett Miles, William McVicar, James Bell, Tom Hitchcock, Charlene Gibbens, Liz & Steve Post, Tracy Gourville, Cynthia Petermann, Joeley Seitz, Dave Denne, Donna Kern.

### FRIENDS & FAMILY

Sandy Hunt (Buckley), Tom Grady, Pat Hankin (Hambel), Senka Gambino, Jean Behanna, Rick & Sharon Ellis (Lundy), Terry Ford & Carl Ford (Rehder), Arlo Bond (Jordan), Joey (Palamara), Pat Addington (Hearne), Mary Adobato (Vecchio), Megan Manley (Cox), Richard White (Prevatte), Kari Craig, (Palamara), Larry Gilbert (Wrenn), Anne C., Claire Houston, Dave Stultz, Steve Siferd, Janet Kassor, (Keck), Meghan O'Brien (Campbell), Laura McMahon (Lundy), Carter (Graff), Dianne Breed (Jones), Kimberlee Jenkins (Jones), Don Smith (Hargraves), Dax & Morgan Smith (Triplet), Chad & Gail Abernathy (Boone).

*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 / The Sunday Lunch Ministry.

### 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-UNC-W / 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; Marley Von Cannon at a Naval Base in Walton County Florida; Brandon Muehl at Fort Bragg, NC; Nick Schwenker - Fort Benning, GA; Rileigh Fortney - Maimstrom AFB, Montana; Duncan Fortney, Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio Texas; Pastor Drew Goodson, Officer Training School – Newport, RI.

### 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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Council President:	Gayle Palamara
Church Office Manager:	Courtney Jalloh
Musician & Choir Director:	Kristin Woodie
Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry	McLean Robinson

COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2021

Ann-Marie Cooper, Beth Gavigan, Eleanor Lundy, Peter Yandow, Gayle Palamara, Cory Petermann, Roshell Heckendorf, Butch Von Cannon and Todd Vought.

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Discipleship –	Gayle Palamara
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