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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.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” (Acts 2:42)



Beach renourishment. We experience it every few years. The goal is to add sand to our beaches that have been eroded and damaged by storms, high winds, rough surf and hurricanes. To “nourish” it. To rebuild it. To refresh it. To...nourish and renew it.

Some of you may have seen all the activity going on over the last few weeks here in Carolina Beach and Kure Beach. This year is the first time

I had the opportunity to watch how it is done. It is actually quite fascinating! The process is very intentional as the sand is brought up onto the beach...pushed around, molded, shaped and reshaped. It takes time. It takes patience. It takes care. But in the end...is very rewarding!

But it made me think of us. Because, we too...like the beaches... can get eroded...worn down...damaged by challenges, struggles as well as all kinds of things that go on in our lives. Sometimes we get so worn down, we can lose focus, we can lose the joy we have, the purpose we have in life. And, we too, need to be renourished...rebuilt...refreshed...renewed...reshaped...in order to continue to grow in our faith, be inspired in our lives and make a difference in the world around us.

We continue to be renourished and refreshed in our lives of faith as we participate in worship, engage in bible studies and book studies, enjoy fellowship events together and meditate on scripture and process how it connects with what is happening in our lives. Our prayer life is also important to our lives of faith as we pray for our loved ones, our church family, our community and ourselves. It is a process that is intentional and is very rewarding!

Surfin' on God's Grace!

Pastor Dan

Children's Ministry Updates:

Sunday School is GROWING! We have been offering **2 groups** during Sunday School and the children have really enjoyed it! We have a group for preschool age and a group for elementary age. Huge thanks to our Sunday School Team: Christine Hughes, Ashley Mullen, Chris Keck, Roshell Heckendorf, Sally Petermann, Deb Buckley and Bill Buckley. **We need more Sunday School Volunteers!** If you would like to join this awesome team, please contact me via phone or email!

VBS and Day Camp Dates below! Please fill out RSVP [HERE](#). (Link is also on the FB page) If you would like to register your child, there are copies in the Church Office. If you would like registrations sent to your email, please email me.

VBS: Preschool (potty trained to rising K)

M-F 9am-11:30am

July 25-29

Day Camp: Elementary (rising 1-5)

M-F 9am-3pm

July 25-29

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. *****Deadline for registration is June 26! So please get your registration to us as soon as possible! (We can only have 24 children because the camp has limited staffing). Please make checks out to "Kure Memorial Lutheran Church" and write "day camp deposit" in the memo line.***

If you would like to VOLUNTEER, please contact me!!

McLean Robinson
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Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 beginning at 8:30am! 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 May 10 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.

We are getting geared up for the Beach Worship Season! Beginning June 1 at 7pm, out on the beach at the end of Ave. F in Kure Beach...about 1/2 mile south of the traffic light! Bring your beach chair or blanket and come out and join us for a short, but meaningful service in the most beautiful sanctuary God has given us! Hope to see you there! Invite your friends and neighbors! And, we also have a few spots open this summer for someone to lead music for us! So, if you know of someone who might be interested, please ask them and let me know!

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 Thank you!

The Service Team: will meet at 2:00 on Tuesday, May 10th, via Zoom. You are able to contact MJ Shalanski if you have any questions at maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com

The Property Care Team: will meet at 6pm on Monday, May 2nd inside the fellowship hall. Contact Keith Graff if you have any questions at kjeb415@charter.net

The Church Council Meeting will be held: Monday, May 9th at 6:30pm inside the fellowship hall.

The Friday Morning Book Group: Continues to meet in Tom and Becky Wetzel's carport at 9:30 am. We are finishing up the book *Take this bread* by Sarah Miles. Our next book scheduled to read will be *After* by Bruce Greyson. If you have any questions or would like to join, please contact Becky Wetzel at 571-230-6289.

The Book Club: During May the Book Club will be reading *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu. We plan to meet and share food and opinions on Tuesday, May 31st in the Fellowship Hall. Copies of the book are available in the church office.

Interior Chinatown is written in a way that supposes we are reading a teleplay about Chinatown — specifically the Golden Palace restaurant, which is the setting for a cop show called “Black and White.” It’s the story of Willis Wu, a young man who’s struggling to figure out what his role is in life, literally. Wu resides in a version of Chinatown that’s both a real place and the backdrop to an ongoing police procedural TV show called “Black and White.” Its inhabitants live their lives as well as the parts assigned to them: Disgraced Son, Delivery Guy, Young Dragon Lady, Silent Henchman or the most coveted role of all, Kung Fu Guy.

“Interior Chinatown” explores Asian-American stereotypes, something that captivated the novelist and TV writer Charles Yu as he thought about stars, supporting characters and who gets to play the lead. Although the lacerating humor in “Interior Chinatown” never skips a beat, what makes the novel so compelling is its strong commitment to characterization. (From NYT Review and Interview)

From the Financial Secretary: For the month of April 2022, we needed to receive contributions of \$ 18,468 to support our Mission Plan goals and expenses. I am happy to report that we made a goal this month! The many generous tithes and offerings given, especially at Easter time, helped us to be \$52 over our goal for this month.

The number of families who contributed weekly ranged from 20 to 37. Overall a total of 66 families gave tithes and offerings this month. Donations given for Lutheran World Relief - Ukraine amounted to \$ 1,240 this month when we combine gifts from the Lenten offerings and specially designated contributions. This brings our Ukraine fund to over \$3000! We are all indeed blessed and give thanks for everyone here at Kure Memorial Lutheran Church community who shares their time, talents and financial resources in support of our mission.

FROM THE KMLC RACIAL EQUALITY/JUSTICE DIALOG 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 beginning at 6:30pm each evening! 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.



African Burial Ground National Monument
in New York City

Historical Moment: African Burial Ground National Monument in New York City. Beginning in 1626, the first slaves arrived in New York from various African countries. In spite of Colonial laws at the time which prohibited enslaved Africans from engaging in many of their cultural traditions and customs, including holding burials of their loved ones, they still managed to hold to their burial traditions. They couldn’t bury loved ones in public cemeteries, but were given a burial ground outside of the city limits that existed at that time. There is even an early map of the city from 1755 that shows an area labeled, “Negros Buriel Ground”. In the 1790s,

the city closed the burial ground and divided the land into lots for sale. So for the next two centuries, the growth of New York City covered the graves. Layers of buildings and fill material covered and protected the remains.

Fast forward to 1991, in preparation for the construction of a federal office tower, a cultural research study was needed to determine if there would be any potential archeological impacts to the area. Preliminary archeological research excavation found intact human skeletal remains located 30 feet below the city’s street level on Broadway. During survey work, the largest and most important archeological discovery was made: unearthing the "Negroes Buriel Ground"- a 6-acre burial ground containing upwards of 15,000 intact skeletal remains of enslaved and free Africans who lived and worked in colonial New York. The burial ground’s rediscovery altered the understanding and scholarship surrounding enslavement and its contribution to constructing New York City. The Burial Ground dates from the middle 1630s to 1795. Currently, the burial ground is the nation’s earliest and largest African burial ground rediscovered in the United States. This National Monument was created in this location in honor of those Africans buried here. It is a fascinating site to visit and if you should find yourself in New York City, it is well worth your time to visit! We invite you to check out the website for more detailed information:

<https://www.nps.gov/afbg/index.htm>. Much of the information in this article is from this website.

◆◆ A Prayer for Mother's Day ◆◆

GOD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, WE FEEL IT IN OUR BODIES AND SOULS.
WE KNOW THIS TO BE TRUE: MOTHERS ARE ESSENTIAL

SOFT AND STRONG, WITH OPEN ARMS AND HEARTS,
WE THANK YOU FOR THE ARRAY OF WOMEN WHO ARE NURTURING OUR WORLD
IN ALL THEIR VARIED WAYS,
CULTIVATING PEACE THROUGH THEIR MOTHERING SPIRITS.

WE THANK YOU FOR THE WOMEN WHO RAISED US,
FOR THE WOMEN WHO TAUGHT US HOW TO LOVE BOLDLY AND STAND
COURAGEOUSLY.

WE THANK YOU FOR THE WOMEN WHO SHOWED US HOW TO CARE FOR OTHERS
AND HOW TO CARE FOR OURSELVES, TOO.

GOD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,
WE THANK YOU FOR THE MOTHERS -
THE ONES UP LATE AT NIGHT, THE ONES SHOWING UP AND DOING THEIR BEST.
WE THANK YOU, FOR THEIR PERSISTENCE HAS CARED FOR US ALL.

GOD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, WE FEEL IT IN OUR BODIES AND SOULS.
WE KNOW THIS TO BE TRUE:
MOTHERS ARE ESSENTIAL

- FROM "TO LIGHT THEIR WAY" BY KAYLA CRAIG

This Is Not a Small Voice

Sonia Sanchez - 1934-

This is not a small voice
you hear this is a large
voice coming out of these cities.

This is the voice of LaTanya.
Kadesha. Shaniqua. This
is the voice of Antoine.
Darryl. Shaquille.

Running over waters
navigating the hallways
of our schools spilling out
on the corners of our cities and
no epitaphs spill out of their river mouths.

This is not a small love
you hear this is a large
love, a passion for kissing learning
on its face.

This is a love that crowns the feet with hands
that nourishes, conceives, feels the water sails
mends the children,
folds them inside our history where they
toast more than the flesh
where they suck the bones of the alphabet
and spit out closed vowels.

This is a love colored with iron and lace.

This is a love initialed Black Genius.

This is not a small voice
you hear.

Blessing for Parents in Difficult Times - from Kaitlin Curtice

So often, we, as parents, need words to remind ourselves that the journey of parenting is sometimes difficult but also extremely beautiful. Especially since 2020, being a parent has had so many ups and downs, so much space of pain and grief and joy all mixed together.

So, this is a blessing for parenting in tough times.

They tell us that, at some point, we must prepare our kids for the "real world"—the world of market values and stiff drinks,

the world of long work days and no curiosity.

So, as parents, we face a dilemma- can we show our kids a better way?

Can we accept a blessing over ourselves that it's okay to stay curious, to set boundaries, to play, to love ourselves well?

The world will always be difficult to navigate.

But, there will always be beauty, too.

So, a blessing for parenting in the tough times:

May you trust your gut.

May you go gently with yourself.

May you let your kids play.

May you let your own child self out to play, too.

May you lean into rest instead of restrictions.

May you love yourself and let your kids see it.

May you laugh when you most need it.

May you cry and have companionship.

May you remember that you are not alone.

May you release your grip and watch your kids blossom.

May you admit mistakes and move forward.

May you grow together.

May you find peace where it waits for you.

May you find love where it holds out a hand for you.

May you discover and write your own blessings along the way.

Amen.

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 May 2022 include;

- 1 May: pasta sauce
- 8 May: no specific food item, enjoy Mother's Day
- 15 May: jelly.
- 22 May: canned meat.
- 29 May: cold cereal.

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 3rd 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 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!

May Worship Assistants

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Ushers
May 1, 2022	Cory Petermann	MJ Shalanski	Gary Bianchi
May 8, 2022	Beth Gavigan	Chris Keck	Emery Walters & Mario Piccinin
May 15, 2022	Jim Hargrave	Marcus Matzke	Mel & Pat Jones
May 22, 2022	Keith Graff	Jean Graff	Beth & Patrick Gavigan
May 29, 2022	John Ellen	Jim Hargrave	Thom Girardot

* 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.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA 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, 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, Vickie Hester, Little Molly, Brett Miles, James Bell, Tom Hitchcock, Charlene Gibbens, Liz & Steve Post, Tracy Gourville, Cynthia Petermann, Joeley Seitz, Dave Denne, Donna Kern, Carter McGraw, Dave Harmon, Roman Miller, Jack Campbell, Nicky Hamm, Pam Dorman.

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 (Tripplet), 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.

Pastor:	Reverend Dan Keck
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.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Treasurer:	Eleanor Lundy
Financial Secretary:	Terry Hambel

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Resource –	Peter Yandow
Nurture –	TBD
Service –	MJ Shalanski
Discipleship –	Gayle Palamara
Preschool–	Celeste Carpenter
Property –	Keith Graff

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