



✝ Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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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.



“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’ (Matthew 2:1-2)



Epiphany. The word “Epiphany” means, “to be made known”. It is celebrated every year on January 6, followed by the Season of Epiphany that takes us up to the Sunday of the Transfiguration, which this year is February 27. The day of Epiphany is the day that we celebrate the Magi (or Wise Men) traveling from the east to seek out and worship Jesus, the newborn King! We really don’t know much about them. We don’t know where they were from, although historically Magi were Persian astrologers, which explains their identifying and following “his star” (vs 2).

What strikes me about these Magi is that they traveled a great distance seeking out Jesus to worship him. Somehow...they knew Jesus was the one who “has been born king of the Jews.” Somehow...they knew this was the one who was worthy of worship and reverence. And they went to great lengths...and great distances to seek him out!

Which makes me wonder: As we navigate through all the things going on in our lives that pull us in so many different directions...those things that vie for our attention and make our lives overwhelmingly busy and cluttered...How is it that we seek out Jesus for the healing we need? For the direction in life we are looking for? For the peace we need in the midst of our own times of chaos? For those times of worship to thank him for all he has done and continues to do in our lives? To what extent will we go to seek him out to affirm how he is working in our lives?

Seeking out Jesus. Actually, we don’t even have to go very far. Because he promises to always be with us. We only need to open our hearts and our lives to allow him to work in us and to bring us the peace and care we need. And we only need to lift up our voices in praise and thanksgiving for all he does in our lives...wherever we happen to be at the moment!

Have a joyous season of Epiphany, as each week we will hear and experience Jesus “being made known” in the world!

****We hope you will come and worship with us at our outdoor Epiphany Service on January 6 at 7pm!**

Surfin' on God's Grace!

Pastor Dan

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

January First Friday Fun Night will be on January 6th! The children will be joining the **Epiphany Service at 7pm**. The children *will be participating in the service and we will have SMORES afterwards!* More details to come! Remember **FIRST FRIDAY FUN NIGHTS** happen the First Friday of every month! We offer dinner, devotion and more from 5:30-7:30. Please RSVP on the KMLC Children's Ministry Facebook Page. If you would like to **volunteer** for this event.

You're Invited!

Join us for Sunday School on Sundays during worship at 10AM. We offer **2 groups** during Sunday School and the children 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, Jess Welborn, Roshell Heckendorf, Sally Petermann, Emery Walters, Deb Buckley and Bill Buckley.

NEWS BITES

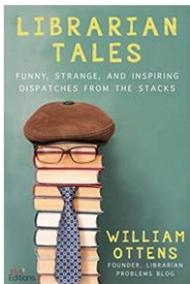
Holy Communion on the Second Tuesday of the Month! We invite you to join us on **January 10 at 10:30, for a short Holy Communion Service in the sanctuary**. This is an opportunity to gather in a small group setting to receive the gift of Holy Communion. And, even if you attend worship and receive communion regularly...it's a chance to gather with others and receive the gift of our Lord Jesus during the week. So mark your calendars...and if you can't make it this month...make plans to join us in February!

Monthly Men's Breakfast for January! We will gather on **Saturday, January 28 beginning at 8:30am in the fellowship hall!** Pastor Dan will arrive around 8am to get coffee started and get things rolling, so come early to help out or just to chat. If you plan to bring something to share for breakfast, please let Pastor Dan know at pdannybeachguy@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

2023 Polar Plunge Team KMLC! The Polar Plunge 2023 will take place on **Saturday, February 18!** This event is the major annual fundraising event for Special Olympics New Hanover County! All the action will take place in Kure Beach at the Ocean Front Park near the Kure Beach pier. In the past we've had over 50 people be part of our team and it has been a great time...as well as being meaningful! Our team will take part in the 1 mile fun walk...or if you are more energetic(!) you can do the 5K...or you can do the plunge if you feel motivated (brrrrr!)! Or...come out and enjoy the festivities! The KMLC Polar Plunge Team is once again made possible through a \$1000 contribution to the Special Olympics New Hanover County, in memory of Melanie Wetzel, daughter of Becky and Tom Wetzel. Melanie worked with students with autism and this is a great way to honor Melanie. Once we receive registration information, we will email it out. *As we have done in the past, we are inviting anyone in the congregation to donate part or all of the typical fee of participating back to that same memorial fund, which is \$25 for those doing the "1 mile fun walk/run or 5K" or \$35 for those doing the "plunge and walk/run". That way we will be able to have a team in Melanie's memory for more years to come!* (Please make your check out to KMLC and write "Polar Plunge" in the memo line!) **We also have a "Team Feed" on the Friday night before the plunge, as we have done in the past! More information on that will be coming...so stay tuned! Contact Pastor Dan for details!**

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: We coordinated a canned vegetables collection for the Help Center's Christmas Basket program. The program distributes the food donations that are received to local families prior to the Holidays. This year the Help Center asked our Church to collect a total of 115 cans of either corn or green beans. The cans were collected continuously throughout the month of November. As in previous years, the collection was a "friendly" competition between the North side and the South side of the Church, with prizes for the winning side. Members livestreaming the Sunday services were encouraged to join the competition, as well, and allowed to choose the North side bin or the South side bin for their can donations. Cans were carefully counted each week and the totals both announced and posted on the collection bins in the Narthex. After the 1st week, the South side posted a considerable lead, 60-33 cans. The North side pushed back after the 2nd week and narrowed the gap to 80-73. Rounding the final turn of the 3rd week, the North side leapt into the lead with a total of 167 cans versus the South side's 158 cans. Sunday, November 27th, marked the Finish Line for collecting. At the final count only 7 cans separated the 2 sides, with the North side closing at **177** cans and the South side finishing at **170** cans. The total amounted to **347** cans, far in advance of the requested 115 cans. The response is definitely a reflection of the commitment to 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." For more details on the service team, please contact MJ Shalanski at maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com Thank you!



Book Club: January's book has arrived, and you can pick a copy up in the church office. We will meet on Monday, January 23rd, in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 to discuss *Librarian Tales* by William Ottens.

Here is the good, the bad, and the ugly of librarian William Ottens's experience working behind service desks and in the stacks of public libraries, most recently at the Lawrence Public Library in Kansas. In *Librarian Tales*, published in cooperation with the American Library Association, readers will learn about strange things librarians have found in book drops, weird and obscure reference questions, the stress of tax season, phrases your local librarians never want to hear, stories unique to children's librarians, and more. (From the publisher.) Join us for fun, fellowship, food and of course, a great discussion. Please let Lynn know if you borrow a guest copy.

The Church Council Meeting: will be held inside the Fellowship Hall on January 9th, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

The needs of the Help Center of Federal Point for December 2022: For the month of December the Help Center is requesting donations of Pasta Sauce, Jelly/Jam, Hot and Cold Cereal, Oatmeal-instant and quick oats, and Canned fish. All other canned or packaged food items or toiletries are deeply appreciated. For more information and how you can volunteer contact Anne Hope Marvin 458-4057.

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. For more information, please contact Lynn during church office hours at 910-458-5266 or kurememorial@kurememorial.com. The cost of sponsorship is \$5; an acknowledgement will be made in the Sunday Bulletin.

Sanctuary Flowers: To sponsor Sanctuary Flowers, select your Sunday date and occasion and contact Lynn at 910-458-5266 or kurememorial@kurememorial.com. The cost for the floral arrangement is \$25.00. Your dedication, in memory of/honor of, or celebration will be acknowledged in the Sunday Bulletin. The flowers will be displayed in the sanctuary. The arrangement is yours to take home to enjoy after service!

Happy New Year!

© Angela Jelf (Angela Jelf Is A British Writer, Poet And Mother Who Enjoys Writing For Children And Their Families.)

Ring out the old, and ring in the new,
Another year passes, but one thing is true,
A thousand small blessings have slipped through my hands,
Moments uncountable, vast as the sands.
Ordinary days that have come,
And then gone,
A sunrise, a sunset,
A whisper,
A song.

Times spent with family,
Long summer days,
Here for a moment,
Then gone in a haze.
I wish I could hold all these moments forever,
Time marches onward,
But love ceases never.

So I'm thankful, so thankful,
For all that has been,
For the highs and the lows,
And the bits in between,
This journey of life
With its ups and its downs,
The trials and the triumphs,
The joys and the frowns,
This life I've been given,
I long to embrace,
To cherish each moment,
Each dear, precious face,
Yet to live in surrender,
Not grasping too tight,
To live for eternity
To walk in the light,
Knowing this life is a gift from above,

That it all comes from you,
Oh great Father of love.

Blessings at Year's End –
from "*Meditations of the Heart*" by Howard Thurman

I remember with gratitude the fruits of the labors of others, which I have shared as a part of the normal experience of daily living.

I remember the beautiful things that I have seen, heard, and felt - some as a result of seeking on my part, and many that came unheralded into my path, warming my heart and rejoicing my spirit.

I remember the moments of distress that proved to be groundless and those that taught me profoundly about the evilness of evil and the goodness of good.

I remember the new people I have met, from whom I have caught glimpses of the meaning of my own life and true character of human dignity.

I remember the dreams that haunted me during the year, keeping me mindful of goals and hopes which I did not realize but from which I drew inspiration to sustain my life and keep steady my purposes.

I remember the awareness of the spirit of God that sought me out in my aloneness and gave to me a sense of assurance that undercut my despair and confirmed my life with new courage and abiding hope.

Help Us Enter the New Year - by Vinita Hampton Wright

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact
and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.

May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,

help us enter the New Year reverently,

aware that you have endowed

every creature and plant, every person and habitat
with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.

May we honor rather than destroy.

Lower of all souls,

help us enter the New Year joyfully,

willing to laugh and dance and dream,

remembering our many gifts with thanks

and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.

In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

December was a strong month for contributions. Several families made large contributions this month. We definitely supported the Mission Plan in December. Thank you for your continued generosity!

A more detailed report on our contributions for 2022 will be included as part of KMLC's Annual Report for Part 2 of our Congregation meeting.

Boxes of Offering envelopes will be in the back of the Sanctuary. If you would like a box and do not see your name, let either Lynn, our secretary or Terry Hambel know and we will get them to you.

Annual Contribution Statements will be in the mail by mid-January. These can be used as official tax documents. (However both the IRS and North Carolina will no longer offer the charitable contributions deduction for 2022 unless you are itemizing your taxes.)

Speaking of taxes, free tax preparation will be available at the Senior Centers in Carolina Beach and on Shipyard, starting in February. Get your paperwork together and make an appointment to file your taxes. When more information becomes available, it will be passed on to you.

VOLUNTEERING

The Help Center of Federal Point: The needs of the Help Center of Federal Point for this month include:

January 1 Canned Fruit	January 8 Dry Pasta- all shapes	January 15 Canned meats
January 22 Macaroni and Cheese	January 29 Canned beans (*no green beans are needed at this time)	<i>*Any other canned or packaged shelf stable food items are deeply appreciated*</i>

Please contact Michelle Bock if you are able to help or have any questions at 508-277-2605.

The Sunday Lunch Ministry: Continues to provide bagged lunches on Sundays at the corner of 3rd Avenue and Cape Fear Boulevard after worship service beginning at 12:15pm. If you want to volunteer, contact Jean Graff at kjeb415@charter.net or 309-339-9272.

JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Ushers	Assisting Ministers	Readers	Sign Language Interpreters	AV Operators
January 1	Gary Bianchi and Marion Wyman	Beth Gavigan	Chris Keck	Jen Carter	Colby Shoffner
January 8	Jimmy Lippard	Patti Rose	Marion Wyman	Jen Carter	Peter Yandow
January 15	Mario Piccinin	Keith Graff	Jean Graff	Jen Carter	Bill Buckley
January 22	Tom and Cody Ullring	John Ellen	MJ Shalanski	Jen Carter	Cody Petermann
January 29	Jack Campbell	Sydney Roy	Patti Rose	Amber Lang	Marcus Matzke

* **Ushers:** If there should be a conflict with the Sunday that you are scheduled for, please let us know as soon as possible who will be filling in for you. Thank you for serving, Jack (jncambell45@yahoo.com) and Lynn (kurememorial@kurememorial.com)

PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



NOTES AND CARDS

*In a star-filled sky on a holy night,
His light was the brightest of them all.*

To Everyone at K Lutheran,

*May the light of His love
always shine on you.*

*Miss Your Services Pastor Dan
wish I can be in Kline now often.
Jean Belanna ^{From} Garner*

A Season For Healing...

As 2022 comes to a close and the warmth of the holiday season sparks within us, Domestic Violence Shelter and Services, Inc. would like to take a moment to thank **YOU** for supporting our mission. So far this year, **103** adults and **94** children received emergency shelter for a collective **7,509** nights. **1,129** adults and **111** children were provided support through services such as, empowerment groups, safety and goal planning, and advocacy.

*Thank you for your support KMLC!
-Good Shepherd Center*

To the Kline Memorial Congregation,

May the spirit of the season fill your heart...

Merry Christmas!

*Thank you so much for being
such a caring group.*

*Merry Christmas -
Claire, Jim, & Jack Hunter*

To all of you

*Thank you for all
the corn and green
beans collected at
the Lutheran Church.*

*We had enough of
each vegetable to give
2 cans to each family
Bless you! for all your
help. Thank you.*

Volunteers of Help Center

*Thank you!!
Laurie Taylor
Help Center Director*

PICCOLLAGE

✠ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✠

HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, SPECIAL CONCERNS Eleanor Lundy, Ellen Prevatte, Maxine Jordan, Lisa Lee, Barry Nelder, 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, Gladys Girardot, Trudy Ford, Ann Scott, Kelly Cahill, Sandra Mullins, Cooper Smith, Tammy Gillis, Chuck Shoaff, Tracy Caldwell, Graham Robinson, Vickie Hester, Little Molly, Charlene Gibbens, Cynthia Petermann, Joeley Seitz, Donna Kern, Dave Harmon, Roman Miller, Nicky Hamm, Claudine Ward, Rowan Stark, Mel Jones, Brenda King, Dani Cape, Janice Schwartz, Joseph Wright, Cam Traut, John Shalanski, Amanda Dimauro, Dimauro Family, Jen Priddle Clara Motsinger

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, Mackenzie Clark (Cox), Richard White (Prevatte), Larry Gilbert (Wrenn), Anne C., Claire Houston, Dave Stultz, Steve Siferd (Keck), Laura McMahon (Lundy), Dianne Breed (Jones), Chad & Gail Abernathy (Boone), Olivia Belden & family, Fernando Mazzoni (Piccinin), Carter, Sharon (Graff), Mark Kavanaugh (Campbell), Craig Vaughn (Graff), Randolph Ray, Mel Willingham (Carter), Tom Karnatz (Walters), The McGraw Family (Graff), Stephen Vivar and family, Suzanne Bragg (McKenzie), Paula McKenzie (Hambel), Denise Matroni (Edwards), Jim Shultis (Buckley), Pat Janowski, Eileen Lennon, Jerry Pryzwara (Lundy and Kelly), Bill Wyman (Wyman), Steve Post, Cecilia Campbell (Hambel)

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 Troop #1535 / Good Shepherd (food & supplies) / Trinity Grove / Katie B Hines Senior Center lunch program / The Sunday Lunch Ministry.

STUDENTS ATTENDING COLLEGE / SEMINARY Emily Graff-Luther Seminary / Rachel Pivik-Cape Fear Community College / Katie Elkin-Luther Seminary / Andro Keck- University of South Carolina / Mackenzie Clark-Hood College, Maryland / Matthew Shuttleworth-Cape Fear Community College / Mia Shoffner-UNC-W / 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, Isabella Galindo-UNC-W, Donovan Woodie- Cape Fear Community College

MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING

Col Wayne Lett at McDill Tampa; 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, Mildenhall Air Force Base in the United Kingdom; Pastor Drew Goodson, Officer Training School – Newport, RI

Pastor: Dan Keck
Church Office Manager: Lynn Galindo
Musician & Choir Director: Kristin Woodie
Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry McLean Robinson

COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2023

Ann-Marie Cooper, Beth Gavigan, Eleanor Lundy, Christine Hughes, Gayle Palamara, Cory Petermann, Marcus Matzke, Roshell Heckendorf, Butch Von Cannon

COUNCIL OFFICERS-

PRESIDENT: Gayle Palamara
TREASURER: Eleanor Lundy
FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Terry Hambel
Vice President and Secretary *to be determined.*

COMMISSION CHAIRS

Worship – Kristin Woodie
Resource – Peter Yadow
Nurture – Rochell Heckendorf
Service – MJ Shalanski
Discipleship – Darcy Hearne
Preschool – Celeste Carpenter
Property – Keith Graff

COUNCIL LIAISONS

Ann-Marie Cooper

Beth Gavigan

Eleanor Lundy
Peter Yadow

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10- Worship/Sunday school 1215- Sunday lunch Ministry <i>Happy Birthday Gayle Palamara</i>	6:00 Property Management Team	11-Prayer Circle meets at KMLC			9:30-Friday morning book group 7:00 Epiphany Service	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10- Worship/Sunday school 1215- Sunday lunch	6:30-Church Council meets in Fellowship Hall	10:30-Holy Communion 11-Prayer Circle meets at KMLC 2-Service team meets via Zoom	<i>Happy Birthday Lynn Galindo</i> <i>Happy Birthday Chandler Von Cannon</i>		9:30-Friday morning book group <i>Happy Birthday Emery Walters</i>	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10- Worship/Sunday school 1215- Lunch Ministry		11-Prayer Circle meets at KMLC <i>Happy Anniversary Roschell & Kurt Heckendorf</i>			9:30-Friday morning book group <i>Happy Birthday Jamie Ebersole</i>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10- Worship/Sunday school 1215- Sunday lunch Ministry *2 nd Annual Congregational meeting*	<i>Happy Anniversary Barbara & Todd Vought</i> 5:30 Book Club in the Fellowship Hall	11-Prayer Circle meets at KMLC			9:30-Friday morning book group	8:30 Men's Breakfast
29	30	31				
10- Worship/Sunday school *Rice Bowl offering* 1215- Sunday lunch Ministry	<i>Happy Birthday Darcy Hearne</i>	<i>Happy Birthday Nancy Campbell</i>			<i>If your birthday or Anniversary isn't listed on the calendar, please email kurememorial@ kurememorial.com</i>	

You're invited!

Join us on the first Friday
of the month for an evening of
fun, fellowship, and growing in faith
in Jesus!

WISDOM ❄️ FAITH ❄️ FRIENDS



Who: All children K - 5th grade

When: January 6, 2023 beginning at 5:30!

Where: Kure Memorial Lutheran Church

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