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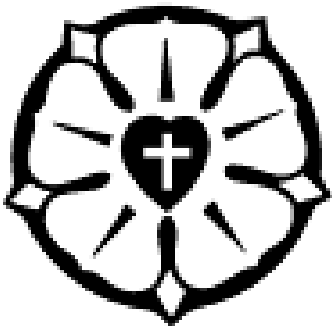
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***Our Mission Statement** – As joyful followers of Jesus Christ, we welcome and care for all people. We boldly proclaim the Good News, share our faith, and love God by serving others.*

***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.*

“Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” (Psalm 8:9)



Those of us who live near the beach are so fortunate! We have the opportunity to go there whenever we have some free time. Or on Wednesday evenings when we have our beach services, which many of you may go to worship, just to have an excuse to go to the beach! And maybe sometimes we even take the beach for granted thinking, “Well...we didn’t get there today...but we can go tomorrow...or even next week!” Knowing that it’s never too far away.

I have started volunteering with the Church World Service Refugee Resettlement Ministry in Wilmington. They help resettle refugees who come to Wilmington to begin a new chapter in their lives!

Many of the refugee families who come to Wilmington are from Syria and the Ukraine, as well as other countries who are experiencing war, instability and violence and are fearing for their lives and the lives of their families. They often spend years in refugee camps awaiting placement in a new home, whether it be Wilmington or somewhere else.

This past Sunday, our family hosted a new family who just arrived in Wilmington the week before. We took them to the beach! It was their first time at the beach and they were so excited! It was so much fun to watch and experience their excitement of seeing it for the first time, playing in the sand and in the water! And they were so appreciative of the opportunity.

And I got to thinking, maybe it’s the same with everyone when we experience something new or something we don’t get to experience regularly. For example...when I go to the mountains...I am in awe of the beauty of that part of God’s creation...whereas the people who live in the mountains may not be as excited about it because they see it all the time and it’s so familiar to them.

All of this makes me wonder...if we were to look at the world around us everyday...especially the places we are most familiar with...through the eyes of someone seeing it for the first time...how much more beautiful and exciting would it be? What new things would we notice? How could we experience those places again for the first time? How much more would we appreciate the world...God’s creation...around us?

We are so blessed to live in this amazing world that God has created with so much diversity...so much variety of landscapes and landforms. So many different climates and places to explore. And you know, when we experience all that God has to offer us...even in our own “backyards”...it’s easy to give praise to God our Creator: *“Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”*

Surfin’ on God’s Grace!

Dan

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



At the end of June, we said goodbye to McLean Robinson as our Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry, as she has taken a one year teaching position in Belize. McLean has been with us since December of 2020.

As we begin the month of July, we would like to introduce our new Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry who will be taking over that ministry position! Christine Hughes has taken over that position as of the end of June! Christine and her husband John and children, Francesca and Nicholas have been members of Kure Memorial for about three years. She and McLean worked together during Vacation Bible School Week and she will continue in that position for us. We are excited to have her as she is already familiar with our church family and the families here!

We will be formally introducing Christine in her new position at our Sunday morning service, July 9! We hope you will join us in welcoming her! So...Welcome Christine!

Vacation Bible School



NEWS BITES

Holy Communion on the Second Tuesday of the Month! We invite you to join us on **July 11 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 August! Feel free to contact Pr. Dan as well to make other arrangements.

Monthly Men's Breakfast for July! We will gather on **Saturday, July 22** 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!

Beach Worship Continues! Come on out to 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!

Out of the Pews Gathering for July: *Out of the Pews is a social group for folks who consider themselves "middle age", say 50's- mid 70's generally speaking!* For our next event, we will be attending a **Wilmington Sharks Baseball Game on Friday, July 14! Gametime is 7pm. We will meet at the stadium at 6pm.** Tickets are \$10 for general admission. You can either get your tickets on their website (<https://shop.wilmingtonsharks.com/holly-springs-salamanders-vs-sharks-6>) or at the game that night. If you have any questions, contact either Dan or Chris Keck or Patrick Gavigan! (Dan: 910-619-8979; Chris: 419-306-1136; Patrick: 732-850-5648)

Property Ministry Team: Will not be meeting in July. Summer Vacation for everyone!

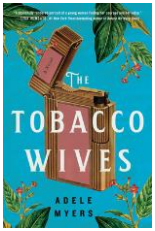
Update from our Prayer Circle: The Prayer Circle *will not meet* in person on Tuesday, July 4th. However, Terry will be emailing the prayer for that day so that we may all be united in prayer for our country. **We will regather in person on Tuesday, July 11th.**

Worship Ministry Team: We are looking for volunteers to help prepare for and clean up from communion, following worship services. If you would like to learn more about volunteering with the Worship Ministry Team, please contact Ann Marie Cooper at ACooper@allstate.com or Lynn.kurememorial@kurememorial.com

The Friday Morning Book Group: We will meet Friday mornings at 9:30 AM at Tom and Becky's (606 Fourth Street South Carolina Beach) Everyone is welcome. Any questions, contact Becky Wetzel at 571-230-6289.

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!

Helping Hands @ KMLC: In 2019, the Service Team formed a group to assist members of the Congregation who needed help with everyday activities. Sometimes people needed a ride, to go shopping or to the doctor; sometimes a meal or help with laundry was needed; sometimes something unexpected came up and people didn't know who to call. If you are interested in being a part of the "Helping Hands @ KMLC" group Please email it to me. maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com. Thank you for considering this opportunity to help the members of our KMLC Church family!



Book Club: We will meet on Monday July 24th at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall to discuss *The Tobacco Wives* by Adele Myers. Everyone is welcome and there are extra copies of the book in the office. Please let Lynn know if you borrow a “guest” copy. Join us for fellowship, food and a usually interesting discussion.

“*The Tobacco Wives*, set in the town of Bright Leaf in 1946 North Carolina, follows Maddie, a young female seamstress as she uncovers dangerous truths about Big Tobacco. Maddie learns that Bright Leaf isn’t quite the carefree paradise that it seems: A trail of misfortune follows many of the women. Although Maddie is quick to believe that this is a coincidence, she inadvertently uncovers evidence that suggests otherwise. Maddie wants to report what she knows, but in a town where everyone depends on Big Tobacco to survive, she doesn’t know who she can trust—and fears that exposing the truth may destroy the lives of the proud, inspiring women with whom she has forged strong bonds. Shedding light on the hidden history of women’s activism during the post-war period, at its heart, *The Tobacco Wives* is a deeply human, emotionally satisfying, and dramatic novel about the power of female connection and the importance of seeking truth.” (adelemyersauthor.com)

Service Ministry Team: As we our weather is changing towards longer and warmer days here at the beach, the grocery items to stock our **Food Pantry Box** are also changing. Please find the list of “heat tolerant” grocery items for the continued stocking of our Box below. Questions or suggestions can be emailed to MJ Shalanski at maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com or John Ellen at 67jellen@gmail.com. Thanks for anything that you can do to help sustain this community food ministry!

“HEAT TOLERANT” grocery items for stocking of our Pantry Box

Applesauce	Cereals	Cookies	Crackers	Dried fruits	Fruit snacks
Granola bars	Coffee	Tea	Oatmeal	Chef Boyardee	SpaghettiOs
Canned beans	Canned soups	Canned vegetables	Canned fruits		
Microwaveable bowls (rice, macaroni/cheese, soups)					

*Cans with pop tops and ready-to-eat foods are especially appreciated!

Pantry Box favored items: Several of our KMLC Food Pantry Box stockers have noticed that certain items are favorites among individuals visiting the Box. These **favored items** include: cans or pouches of tuna, canned meat—such as Vienna sausages, Spam, and chicken, cereals, Spaghettios, chili, and chunky soups.

*Cans with pop tops are always appreciated!

PRAYERS AND INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

God bless America and all the nations of the earth.
Bless us with freedom,
That none may be oppressed or unjustly treated.
Bless us with prosperity,
That all peoples might share abundantly from the
produce of the earth.
God bless us with responsibility,
That we might properly steward your good creation.
Bless us with generosity,
That the barriers between the haves and the have
nots may be broken down.
Bless us with caring,
That we might reach out with love and compassion
to neighbours everywhere.
Bless us with faith,
That we might believe you are creating a new
heaven and a new earth,
Where you will once more dwell in our midst,
Wiping away our tears, overcoming death and
sorrow and pain.
Bless us with the eternal life of your kingdom,
Where together with all the peoples of the earth,
We will dwell together in peace and harmony and
love.

Christine Sine godspacelight.com



The New Colossus

Emma Lazarus

1849-1887

Not like the brazen giant
of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs
astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed,
sunset gates shall stand

A mighty woman with a
torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned
lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles.

From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide
welcome; her mild eyes
command

The air-bridged harbor
that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands,
your storied pomp!" cries
she

With silent lips. "Give me
your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses
yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of
your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless,
tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the
golden door!"



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

One does not live one's
life in isolation.

Counting one's blessings
means seeing one
another's face

And the graces that
have for come through
you.

If we have been blessed,
it is that you have been
blessing.

So for your love, and
God's, Who put you on
our path,

We are ever grateful.

Dear Friends of KMLC,

We want to thank all of you for
your prayers and concern during
our sister Babs' illness.

We are ever grateful to you for the
outpouring of love, care and support
as we mourn her passing.

You have been a blessing to us and
to our family. For this, we thank our
God for you.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Lundy & Terry Hambel



FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

During the month of June, the number of families making contributions each week in support of our Mission Plan varied from 25 to 32, with 59 families contributing overall. (This is lower than the average month.) The amount received for Tithes and Offerings came in right on target this month. As a matter of fact, we met our contribution goal for the first six months of 2023! Thanks to everyone whose sacrifices and contributions help us continue in our KMLC Mission. Additionally, KMLC members contributed \$ 238.50 for June's Rice Bowl in support of *DREAMS of Wilmington*.

In the next few weeks, we will be sending out the second-quarter Contributions Statements. We do this as a way for your family to review and reflect on your Tithes and Offerings to date.

VOLUNTEERING AND DONATIONS

The Help Center of Federal Point: *Interested in volunteering* with the Help Center of Federal Point? Please contact them directly at The Federal Point Help Center 10:00-12:00 Monday through Friday. 7 N 3rd Street, Carolina Beach, NC 28428. (910) 458-2777

The Sunday Lunch Ministry: Sunday Lunch continues each Sunday at 12:15. Serving brown bag lunches to folks in need in the Carolina Beach area. *We need volunteers* to assist with lunch preparation before and after service as well as *distributing lunches at the Community Center on Cape Fear Blvd from 12-1*. Please email Jean Graff (kjeb415@charter.net) or phone 309-339-9272 or just talk with me at church.

The needs of the Help Center of Federal Point for July: The Help Center is *requesting donations* of : *canned tuna, jelly, rice, and cereals*. All other canned or *packaged food items or toiletries* are deeply appreciated. *Pull tab lids on canned items, please*. For more information and how you can volunteer contact The Federal Point Help Center 10:00-12:00 Monday through Friday. 7 N 3rd Street, Carolina Beach, NC 28428. (910) 458-2777

SANCTUARY CANDLE AND FLOWERS

Sanctuary Candle: Our Sanctuary Candle burns continually, signifying the unswerving presence of the spirit of the Lord in our hearts and in our lives. To sponsor the sanctuary candle, choose an available Sunday date from the signup form on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please indicate the wording for the loved one or occasion you wish to honor. The cost of sponsorship is \$5; an acknowledgement will be made in the Sunday Bulletin. For more information, please contact Lynn during church office hours at 910-458-5266 or send an email to kurememorial@kurememorial.com.

Sanctuary Flowers: To sponsor sanctuary flowers, please choose an available Sunday date from the signup form on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please indicate the wording for the loved one or occasion you wish to honor. The cost of sponsorship 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! For more information, please contact Lynn during church office hours at 910-458-5266 or send an email to kurememorial@kurememorial.com

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Ushers	Assisting Ministers	Readers	Sign Language Interpreters	AV Operators
July 2	Jimmy Lippard and Jack Campbell	John Ellen	Jean Graff	Jen Carter	Marcus Matzke
July 9	Tony and Myra Sabetti	Keith Graff	Pat Jones	Amber Lang	Cory Petermann
July 16	Dottie Herman and Jack Campbell	Beth Gavigan	Julie Dawson	Amber Lang	Peter Yandow
July 23	Beth and Patrick Gavigan	Cory Petermann	Kristin Woodie	Jen Carter	Stephanie and Peyton Hyde-Miller
July 30	Shoffner Family	Marcus Matzke	Patrick Gavigan	Amber Lang	Colby Shoffner

* 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) *If you have interest in serving as a Worship Leader please contact Lynn at 910-458-5266.*

✠ REMEMBER IN PRAYER ✠

Homebound, Hospitalized, Special Concerns

Andra Ciparis, Ann Scott, April, Aris Mora, Barry Nelder, Beth Deaton, Beth Loony, Billy Ward, Bobby, Brenda King, Brenda Sanders, Cam Traut, Chuck Shoaff, Claire Houston, Cooper Smith, Cynthia Petermann, Dani Cape, Dave Harmon, Don Bowman, Donna Kern, Eleanor Lundy, Ellen Prevatte, Ellie Vanderbush, Gina Hughes, Herb Flamer, Janice Schwartz, Jen Priddle, Joanne Adams, Joe, Joeley Seitz, John Walker, Joseph Wright, Kaitlin Sprague, Kathleen Meyerson, Kelly Cahill, Lee Register, Lisa Lee, Little Molly, Lorraine Davis Matt Laske, Maxine Jordan, Megan Peoplis, Mel Jones, Morgan Davison, Nancy Campbell, Nicky Hamm, Randy Ray, Roman Miller, Rowan Stark, Ruth Ann Getsinger, Sally Hearne, Sandra Mullins, Stephen Shearin, Steve Belford, Tammy Gillis, Tim Smith, Trudy Ford, Vickie Hester, Victoria Sanchez

Friends & Family Arlo Bond, Ben Marable, Chad & Gail Abernathy, Craig Vaughn, Denise Matroni, Dianne Breed, Eileen Lennon, Ellyn Lombardi, Fernando Mazzoni, Jean Behanna, Jean Tennant, Jerry Pryzwara, Joey, Larry Gilbert, Laura McMahan, Lorraine, Mackenzie Clark, Marilyn Johnson, Mark Kavanaugh, Mary Adobato, Megan Manley, Mel Willingham, Nannette Mauger, Olivia Belden & family, Pam Carter, Pamela Kline Bell, Pat Addington, Pat Hankin, Richard White, Rick & Sharon Ellis, Roger and Marilyn Stowell, Sandy Hunt, Senka Gambino, Shaquana Blount, Stephen Vivar and family, Steve Post, Steve Siferd, Terry Ford & Carl Ford, Carter Poelling Family, McGraw Family, Tom Grady, Tom Karnatz, Tony Izokaitis

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 Donovan Woodie- Cape Fear Community College, Emily Graff-Luther Seminary / Rachel Pivik-Wayne Junior College / Katie Elkin-Luther Seminary / Andro Keck- University of South Carolina / Mackenzie Clark-Hood College, Maryland/ Isabella Galindo-UNC-W/ 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, Sydney Roy/Cape Fear Community College

***Military Personnel Serving Brandon Muehl at Fort Liberty, NC; Col Wayne Lett at McDill Tampa; Duncan Fortney at Mildenhall Air Force Base in the United Kingdom NC; John Brandon in Wayton, Utah; Marley Von Cannon at a Naval Base in Walton County Florida; Nick Schwenker - Fort Moore, GA; Pastor Drew Goodson, US Navy Chaplain; Rileigh Fortney at Maimstrom AFB, Montana; Steven Blum at Fort Liberty, NC

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2023

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

COUNCIL OFFICERS-

President:	Gayle Palamara
Vice President:	Beth Gavigan
Secretary:	Roshell Heckendorff
Treasurer:	Eleanor Lundy

MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS

Worship –	Kristin Woodie
Resource –	Peter Yandow
Nurture –	Roshell Heckendorff
Service –	MJ Shalanski
Discipleship –	Darcy Hearne
Preschool–	Celeste Carpenter
Property –	Keith Graff

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