



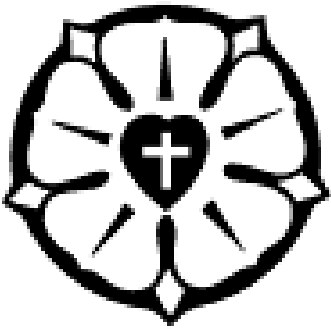
✝ Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER



***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 Pastor Dan

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul...” (Psalm 23:1-3)



Ahhhh...Vacation! What do you think of when you hear that word?

I'm sure there are some pretty memorable ones that come to mind! Some fun, exciting ones. Some lazy, relaxing ones. And of course...some that didn't go as planned!

I was thinking back to when Chris and I traveled to Alaska, last fall. It was a combination of exciting, fun, relaxing and lazy...depending on the day...and even the time of day! But, all together, it was refreshing and rejuvenating! And I think we all need times like that for our physical and emotional health! Times like that are also good for our

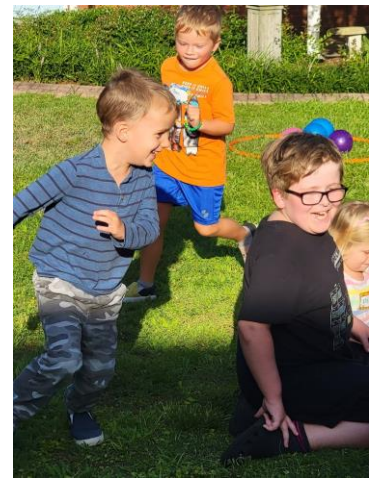
spiritual health. They give us time to reflect on the intricacy of God's creation all around us as well as the importance of who we are as God's people in the midst of it all!

This passage from Psalm 23 is one that is typically read at funerals to bring us comfort in the midst of sadness and grieving. But these words are also important for us as a reminder of God's presence, peace, guidance and care for us in the midst of those times in our lives that bring anxiety, worry and exhaustion. Or really...just anytime! They are a reminder for us to take time...even a few moments during a busy day...to...as a pastor friend of mine would say...“marinate in God's word”! Maybe it's just reciting these first few verses of the Psalm and reflecting the images of lying down in a green pasture, watching the clouds drift overhead...or sitting by a quiet pond or lake...or on the beach on a calm day...and allowing God to restore your soul...to help you feel his presence and care in your life. This idea is something that we've talked about at one of our beach services recently!

Think of these words as a mini-vacation...away from those things that weigh heavy on your heart or mind! So...pull up a chair...or while you are taking a walk...or wherever you find yourself...and imagine being in those quiet and calm places God calls you to be refreshed and restored!

Surfin' on God's Grace!
Pastor Dan

Youth & Family Ministry – “Outback Rock” VBS Rocked!!!



News Bites

Mission Trip 2024! Pictured right, images from Give Kids the World in Kissimmee, Florida, and Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida in Orlando. Twelve of us will be on a mission trip to serve these organizations **July 2-9**. Please keep this mission team in your prayers! Those participating include Beth Gavigan, Marsha and Robert Rhyne, Don and Debbie Price, Kelley and Jim Hargrave, Cyn-Dee Frohlich and John Vorisek, Tracy Gourville, Chris and Dan Keck.



Scholarship Applications: Did you know that KMLC has an endowment fund established twenty years ago? The purpose of the Fund is to further the mission and ministry of Kure Memorial Lutheran Church giving priority to:

1. Education, including scholarships.
2. Community outreach.
3. Disaster relief.

The endowment committee consists of Garner Von Cannon, Linda Piccinin, and Bill Buckley, with Ann-Marie Cooper as Council liaison. We are now accepting applications for scholarships. These scholarships are for studies beyond high school (e.g., college, trade school, G.E.D.). You may get an application from the Church Office. **The strict deadline for scholarship applications is July 31st**. Please state how much you are requesting, and how you will use the grant. Any questions may be directed to the endowment committee. You may support this worthy cause by sending a donation to KMLC with endowment listed in the memo line.



Sunday Lunch Ministry: PLEASE NOTE... Our lunch ministry has been busy handing out 60 lunches each week. However, the Community Building is now closed indefinitely, so we are moving to a **NEW LOCATION** to serve the lunches. **Beginning Sunday, July 7**, lunch will be served in front of the **Help Center (7 N Third St)** at the usual time. If you have any questions, please contact Keith or Jean Graff (kjeb415@charter.net).

Summer Beach Services in July: Be sure to mark your calendars and join us on Wednesday evenings for our beach worship services beginning at 7pm! Bring your beach chair or blanket, sand toys for the kids and join us for a meaningful time together! **We are gathering on the beach at the access at Ave. N in Kure Beach this year!** That access is more accessible for folks with physical limitations.

Also please note: We will NOT have beach worship on July 3! Pastor Dan will be out of town on the church mission trip!

*****Beach Worship Shuttle option: In the event of limited parking at Ave. N, we will be offering a shuttle from the church to the Ave. N beach access. Please park at the church and gather in the gazebo. Chris will make a shuttle run at 6:40pm to make sure everyone can make it before the 7pm start time.**



*****ALSO NOTE*** Our annual “Christmas in July” beach service will be held on July 10 this year! We hope you will join us for this special and fun service! Everyone is invited to bring Christmas cookies to share after the service!**

Monthly Men's Breakfast for July! We are looking forward to meeting for our July Men's Breakfast on **July 27!** Pastor Dan will be there to unlock and get coffee going around 8am. **Breakfast begins at 8:30am.** Please let Pastor Dan know if you plan to bring something! Looking forward to seeing you all!
(pdannybeachguy@gmail.com)

Birthday Sunday will be July 7 following worship! We hope you will join us for cake in the fellowship hall to celebrate everyone with a July Birthday!

Holy Communion will be on the Third Tuesday of the Month for July! We invite you to join us on **July 16 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! ***Please note the change from the normal second Tuesday because Pastor Dan will be returning the evening of July 9 from Florida with our KMLC mission team!*

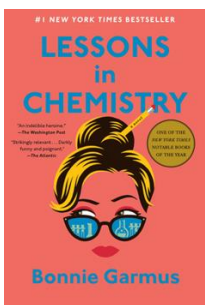
Help Center. In July, we are asking for: cold cereal, small jars of peanut butter, jelly, and beans (not green beans). For information about the Help Center, please contact Michelle or Randy Bock (randy6b6@gmail.com>).

PLEASE NOTE there will not be a Property Ministry Team Meeting in July. For information about the team, please contact Keith Graff (khgraff@charter.net).

Rice Bowl Sunday is July 28. Donations will go to Cape Fear Kids Get Books.

Do you like to read? We Have TWO Book Clubs (Small Groups) at KMLC!!!

The Friday Morning Book Group meets, that's right, **every Friday Morning at 9:30 am, at 316 Goldsboro.** For more information, or if you would like to join us, contact Sarah Tardio (513-532-8276).



Our evening **Book Club** meets once a month. We are currently reading *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. We will get together in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, July 29th at 5:30 PM.** All are welcome, just let Eleanor or Tracy know if you will be joining us.

“Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it’s the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America’s most beloved cooking show Supper at Six. Elizabeth’s unusual approach to cooking (“combine one tablespoon

acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride”) proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn’t just teaching women to cook. She’s daring them to change the status quo.” (from whatisquinnreading.com)

Service Ministry Team: We meet the second Tuesday of each month via Zoom. Our next meeting will be **July 9 at 2 pm** via Zoom. For more information on how to volunteer or get involved with the service ministry team and their ministries, contact Kelley Hargrave (jkhargrave@sbcglobal.net).

KMLC Pantry Box

A Terrific Two Years! June 28th was a special date for our Food Pantry Box. It was on that date in 2022 that the Box was installed. Based on statistics provided by the Help Center that supported a need for the Pantry Box, Church Council approved the project in April 2022. John Ellen coordinated the plan with the Kure Beach Town Council. In May, Keith Graff began work on the design and construction of the Box, with input from Peter Yandow. Once the construction was finished, the Box was erected by Keith, Peter, Nick Stephanos, and Mario Picinnin. It began receiving visitors shortly afterwards. Over the past 2 years, visitors have steadily increased. Pantry Box Sundays (2nd Sunday of the month) began in August 2023 to meet the increased need for groceries to stock the Box. A team of Stockers share the responsibility of monitoring the Box on a daily basis. A HUGE thank you to all of these individuals, past and present, for their faithful commitment to this community ministry. Grocery donations and volunteer Stockers are always needed. To get involved, call or email John Ellen (703-989-3954, 67jellen@gmail.com) or MJ Shalanski (570-578-8110, maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com). Thank You!

Pantry Box Sunday is July 14. The following is a list of grocery items that do not spoil in the summer heat. Applesauce; Beef jerky; Cereals; Coffee/Tea Cookies (without chocolate chips); Pop Tarts; Crackers; Dried fruits; Fruit snacks; Granola bars (without chocolate chips); Microwaveable bowls (rice, macaroni, soups); Oatmeal; Powdered eggs; Ramen noodles; Trail mix; *Cans with pop tops are especially appreciated!

From the Financial Secretary

It's hard to believe that we are starting the second half of 2024! Our KMLC members are consistently generous in responding to Rice Bowl and other needs that arise. This month we contributed \$295 for our Rice Bowl offering for *Dreams, Inc.* Fourteen of our families contributed over \$1400.00 to help Sarah Wilson get re-housed following a devastating fire.

Yet we seem to struggle to meet our Mission Plan goals each week and each month. While our Mission Plan called for Tithes and Offerings of \$25,253 for the month of June, the actual amount of tithes received was \$20,113. Thus we had a \$5,000 deficit for this month - and as we look over the first half of the year, we have an overall deficit of about \$7,000.

Once again, we will send out mid-year contribution statements that show your family's contributions to Tithes and Offerings. This is meant as a tool for you to assess and evaluate your financial contribution in support KMLC's Mission Plan. (Contributions to other funds such as special gifts, flowers will be included in the 2024 year-end report.)

We give thanks to God for all the ways your generously share your time, talents and resources to make KMLC's Mission Plan a reality in our community.

Volunteer Opportunities



Vintage Values Resale Shops NEED HELP!

There are three locations in Wilmington and volunteer shifts are available Monday through Saturday from 10-2 or 2-6. You might greet customers, organize merchandise, process donations, operate the cash register, or assist in maintenance. Contact Becky Doherty, Program Coordinator New Hanover County Senior Resource Center ([910-798-6406](tel:910-798-6406), [910-798-6411](tel:910-798-6411), or bdoherty@nhcgov.com 2222).

Home Delivered Meals (HDM) Program NEEDS Volunteer Drivers! Help homebound seniors by delivering meals (AmeriCorp serves 650 seniors per day!). Monday through Friday, schedules are flexible. Drive your own car; reimbursement for mileage is available. You pick up meals between 9:30 and 10:30 am, then delivery routes take 1 ½ to 2 hours. Background screening required. For more information or other volunteer opportunities in the area, contact Becky Doherty, Program Coordinator New Hanover County Senior Resource Center (910-798-6406, 910-798-6411, or bdoherty@nhcgov.com 2222).

KMLC Volunteer Opportunities:

Sunday Lunch Ministry: We always welcome assistance with the weekly shopping, lunch preparation, distribution of lunches, and donation of water. If you would like to assist, contact Jean Graff, 309-339-9272, or drop by the Fellowship Hall after service as the lunches are prepped and packed. We would love to have you!

AV Team: The Audio/Visual team is looking for people to help with our video ministry team. If you are interested in signing up to help with our services, please contact Cory Petermann (910-465-0511).

Sunday School: We need volunteers to help in our Sunday School program as it has grown! We want it to continue to flourish, and we seek to offer more classes. For more information, contact the church office.

July Worship Assistants

Date	Ushers	Assisting Minister	Reader	Sign	AV
July 7	Mario Piccinin & Thom Girardot	Keith Graff	Jean Graff	Jen Carter	Marcus Matzke
July 14	Dottie Herman & Gayle Palamara	Beth Gavigan	Pat Jones	Amber Lang	Cory Petermann
July 21	Josh and Zach Petermann & Jack Campbell	Cory Petermann	John Hughes	Jen Carter	Colby Shoffner
July 28	Don and Debbie Price & Jack Campbell	John Ellen	Cory Petermann	Jen Carter	Joshua Petermann



Pray ^{it} With Us

Loving God,

We greet this Fourth of July with grateful hearts as we call to mind the vision of freedom and justice for all upon which our country was built.

We give thanks for those who imagined this vision.

We are grateful to those who continue advocating for and pursuing a land of peace, liberty and equity for all. We realize it is still being created, however, as we witness the divisions, prejudices and injustices that plague us.

May we hold fast to the dream and vision of unity within our country.

May we dedicate ourselves to living as brothers and sisters respectful of one another's dignity and need for equity.

May we also realize the importance of reverencing our earth which provides for and sustains much of our lives.

We give glory and praise to our God and pray that we may always live in harmony as one family.

Amen



This prayer was written for July 4th by Sister Rita Ostrey, SND

America Means to Me...



What America Means to Me- a poem by Angie Candy

America to me,
Is a land where everybody is free.
Where it is okay to be uniquely you
Because everyone is different, too.

America to me,
Is a place where people can just be.
Regardless of race, nationality, or ethnicity.
Where variety knows no bounds,
And the monumental pride felt by many
Always astounds.

America to me,
Is a country where equality reigns supreme.
And where hard work and integrity,
Are held in high esteem.
The one and only, American Dream.

United we Stand,
Divided we Fall.
We share a common bond,
Liberty and Justice for All.

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Happy Birthday Wayne Bostic Tom Paredes	Happy Birthday Julie Hamm Mission Team in Florida	Mission Team in Florida	Mission Team in Florida	9:30 Book Group Mission Team in Florida	Happy Birthday Jeanette Nelson Nicholas Hughes Mission Team in Florida
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:00 Worship 12:15 Sunday Lunch Ministry BIRTHDAY SUNDAY Mission Team in Florida	Happy Anniversary Robbie & John Ellen 6:30 Church Council Mission Team in Florida	11:00 Prayer Circle 2:00 Service Ministry Team Zoom Mission Team returns	7:00 CHRISTMAS IN JULY BEACH SERVICE		9:30 Book Group	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:00 Worship 12:15 Sunday Lunch Ministry PANTRY BOX SUNDAY		10:30 Holy Communion 11:00 Prayer Circle Happy Birthday Butch Von Cannon	Happy Birthday Jen Carter 7:00 Beach Worship		9:30 Book Group Happy Birthday Robbie Shoffner	Happy Anniversary Butch & Garner Von Cannon
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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10:00 Worship 12:15 Sunday Lunch Ministry RICE BOWL SUNDAY	5:30 Book club	11:00 Prayer Circle Happy Anniversary Bill & Judith Duncan	7:00 Beach Worship			



Christmas in July

July 10 at 7:00 pm

We will Worship on the Beach
and then share
Christmas Cookies!

Join Us at the
Public Access at Ave N.

You are invited to bring
cookies to share!

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A Summer Prayer

By Joyce Rupp

As we enter into the restful season of summer, we pray that you, our loving God, will warm our souls with the awareness of Your presence. Light our paths with your word and counsel. As we enjoy Your creation create in us a pure heart and a hunger and thirst for you, giver of all good gifts and Creator of splendor and glory.

May you breathe in the beauty of summer with its power of transformation. May this beauty permeate all that feels un-beautiful in you.

May the God of summer give us beauty.

May you seek and find spaces of repose during these summer months. May these moments refresh and restore the tired places within you.

May the God of summer give us rest.

May you be open to times of celebration and recreation that are so much a part of summer. May you find happiness in these times of play and leisure.

May the God of summer give us joy.

May your eyes see the wonders of summer's colors. May these colors delight you and entice you into contemplation and joy.

May the God of summer give us inner light.

May you feel energy of summer rains penetrating thirsty gardens, golf courses, lawns and farmlands. May these rains remind you that your inner thirst needs quenching. May your inner self be refreshed, restored, and renewed.

May the God of summer give us what we need for healing.

May you savor fresh produce that comes to your table and enjoy the fruits of summer's bounty.

May the God of summer give us a sense of satisfaction in the works of our hands.

May you find shelter when the stormy skies of summer threaten your safety.

May the God of summer give us shelter when inner storms threaten our peace of mind and heart.

May you enjoy the unexpected and find surprises of beauty and happiness as you travel the roads on summer vacation.

May the God of summer lead us to amazing discoveries as we travel the inner roads of our soul as well.



Remember in Prayer

Please pray for those who are Homebound, Hospitalized and have Special Concerns:

Bill Clark, Carl Ford, Chasity, Danny Peterson, Don Ging, Eleanor Lundy, Ellen Prevette, Evie Frey and Rachel Brendle, Gabby Portu, Gray Autry, Herb Flammer, Janet Kassor, Jaydon Matthews, Jean Behanna, Jean Tennant, Jewel Autry, Joe Prusa, John Gorville Joseph Murtha, Ken May, Laura McMahan, Lisa Lee, Margaret Burgham, Marsha Edens, Mary Adobato, Mathias Warne, Maxine Jordan, Megan Peoplis, Pat Hankin, Pete Peterson, Rick and Sharon Ellis, Rose and Andrew Kuebler, Sandra, Senka Gambino, Steve Post, Steve Siferd, Terry Ford, Terry Hambel, Tim and Janie McAuliffe, Tom Grady, Trudy Ford, Rose, Andrew Kuebler, Lyndsay Girardot, Clara, Josh and Tori Swartz, Sarah Wilson, Liza, Maribel Meekins, Kyler, Kingston, Asher and Blakey.

Please pray for the caregivers as they care for those who are ill.

Pray for the missions of our church:

Federal Point Help Center; Coupons to Service men's families; Good Shepherd (food & supplies); Katie B Hines Senior Center lunch program; New Hanover County Special Olympics; KMLC Preschool; Trinity Grove; The Sunday Lunch Ministry

Students Attending College/Seminary:

Christopher Schwenker - Cape Fear Community College; Emily Graff - Completed Internship/Awaiting Pastoral Call; Katie Elkin - Pastoral Internship Zion Lutheran, Loveland, Co; Mackenzie Clark - Hood College, Maryland; Mia Shoffner - UNC Pembroke; Preston Gourville - Vanderbilt; Jordan Gourville - University of South Carolina; Sydney Roy - Cape Fear Community College; Jade Denne - UNC School of Medicine Chapel Hill; Deirdre Portu - UNCW

Military Personnel Serving:

Col Wayne Lett at McDill Tampa; Duncan Fortney at USAF Base in Djibouti, Africa; John Brandon in Wayton, Utah; Marley Von Cannon at a Naval Base in Walton County Florida; Nick Schwenker – Fort Liberty, NC; Pastor Drew Goodson, US Navy Chaplain; Rleigh Fortney at Maimstrom AFB, Montana; Steven Blum at Fort Liberty, NC

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Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministry:

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