



✝ Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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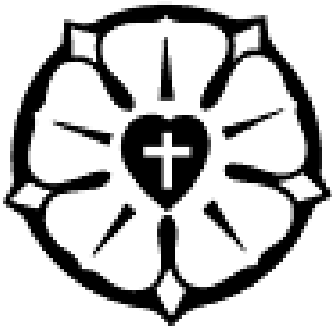
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## AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

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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 Pastor Dan

*(Jesus said) “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” (Matthew 6:25-26)*



I love pelicans! Since living in Kure Beach, they quickly became my favorite bird. If you have wandered out on the Kure Beach pier during the summer...this is a frequent sighting! I think it has been given the name, “George”! George finds its place and waits for the fishermen to give it the small fish they catch that are too small to keep or the remains of the fish they catch and clean. And if one location along the railing isn’t working out...George will make its way further down for other possibilities! George is pretty confident in receiving what it will need for sustenance for the day, so it seems like this pelican doesn’t have a care in the world!

Jesus knows what we have going on in our lives. He knows the worries we have, the challenges we face, the hardships we come across from time to time, the emptiness we feel when we have loss in our lives. And he knows those who struggle financially and live from paycheck to paycheck. So...in this passage from Matthew’s gospel, Jesus not so much tells us to be like George...hanging out on the railing of the pier waiting for fish scraps! Rather I think Jesus reminding us of how valuable we are to God, because we are God’s

children...loved and cared for and given the gift of life! He’s telling us to have faith in God’s presence in our lives...guiding us, nurturing us, filling us with hope of the life to come.

A little later in the passage, Jesus says, “seek first the kingdom of God...”, reminding us that the most important thing in our lives should be our relationship with God and the hope of eternal life with him. That’s not to say that God wants us to just sit on the railing, like George, waiting for a potential fish or 2 and let life happen around us! God is reminding us that he is with us in the midst of life, and our relationship with him should give us joy, strength, comfort and wisdom through whatever we are experiencing. And this faith we have will fill us with hope as we anticipate the life to come!

Surfin' on God's Grace!  
Pastor Dan

## Youth & Family Ministry

**Update on search for a Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry:** As of the end of June, multiple resumes have been received, however only one that seemed like a potential match. We are in the process of scheduling an interview with that person. We will keep you all posted on the process. Our hope is to have someone in place before the beginning of the school year! Please keep this process in your prayers!

## News Bites

**Monthly Men's Breakfast for August!** We are looking forward to meeting for our **August Men's Breakfast on August 24!** 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)

**August Birthday Sunday...will be on Sunday, August 4...**following worship! We hope you will join in celebrating everyone with an August Birthday!

**KMLC Mission trip 2024 Presentation!** There are always 2 parts of a mission team! Those who travel and those who stay back who support and pray for those who travel! The group who traveled to Florida to serve at Give Kids the World in July will be presenting their experiences during our 10am worship service on Sunday, August 4! We will tell stories, show slides, and share scripture passages that were meaningful and pulled the experience together. We hope you will join us, either in person or worshipping via livestream on August 4!

**Holy Communion on the Second Tuesday of the Month!** We invite you to join us on **August 13 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 September!

**Summer Beach Services in August:** Be sure to mark your calendars and join us on Wednesday evenings through the summer for our Wednesday evening 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!** *\*\*\*Please note the change of location from previous years!* That access is more accessible for folks with physical limitations.

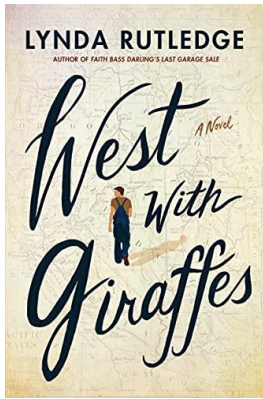
**Blessing of Backpacks, Students and School Staff and Ice Cream Social:** This year, the **Blessing of Backpacks, Students and School Staff** and our **Ice Cream Social** following worship will be held on **August 25!** We will be inviting students and school staff forward for a blessing during worship and then gather for an ice cream social in the fellowship hall to celebrate the end of summer and anticipate the beginning of a new school year! We hope you will make plans to worship with us!

**Sunday Lunch Ministry:** We are handing out about 60 lunches per week from our new location at the **Help Center (7 N Third St)**. We welcome assistance with the weekly shopping, lunch preparation, distribution of lunches, and donation of water. If you would like to assist, or for questions, contact Keith or Jean Graff (309-339-9272 or kjeb415@charter.net).

**Pantry Box Sunday is August 11.** For August, we are asking for small jars of peanut butter (a good protein), microwaveable bowls and microwaveable meals (not needing refrigeration), and Ramen noodles, as these items are very popular among those we serve.

**Help Center.** In August, we are asking for: Cold Cereal, Canned meat (cans with pop tops), Chef Boyardee (cans with pop tops), and small bags of rice (1 lb). For information about the Help Center, please contact Michelle or Randy Bock (randy6b6@gmail.com>).

**The Friday Morning Book Group** meets 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 *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, August 26th at 5:00 pm**. We are getting a Bag of Books from the NHC Library so there will be extra copies available in the office. Everyone is welcome, just let Eleanor or Tracy know if you will be joining us.

Inspired by a true story, “West with Giraffes” transports us to the vivid landscape of 1938 America, where a 17-year-old protagonist embarks on an awe-inspiring cross-country journey, driving two giraffes and discovering his own identity along the way. The novel seamlessly blends history and fiction to deliver a tale of adventure, self-discovery, and the enduring bond between humans and animals.

**Prayer Circle:** Every Tuesday morning at 11:00, the prayer circle meets in the sanctuary to pray for our church family, our ministries, our community, and our country. If you would like to join us, or have questions, please contact Terry Hambel (910-769-1761 or tmurtha2@aol.com).

## KMLC Pantry Box

The Pantry Box ministry welcomes two new Stockers - Mike Jones and Cyn-Dee Frohlich. Mike is actually a returning Stocker and will be alternating stocking the Box on Thursdays with Marsha Rhyne. Cyn-Dee has started stocking the Box on Wednesdays. Thank you for your assistance, Mike and Cyn-Dee! The Pantry Box ministry welcomes anyone who would like to lend a hand with this community service. If you are interested or have questions about involvement, please contact John Ellen (703-989-3954, 67jellen@gmail.com) or MJ Shalanski (570-578-8110, maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com).

## From the Financial Secretary

During the month of July, we received Tithes and Offerings from 53 families - with the weekly number of contributors ranging between 18 and 26. Our weekly goal to support our Mission Plan is \$ 5,050. Sadly, I need to report that we did not meet that goal any of the weeks in July. Consequently we have a deficit of \$4500 for the month of July.

On a positive note, our Rice Bowl offering for *Cape Fear Kids Need Books* amounted to \$ 276.50.

As always, we are thankful for all the ways you share your time, talents and resources in support of the Mission of KMLC.

# Ode to the end of Summer

by Phyllis McGinley

Summer, adieu. Adieu gregarious season. Goodbye, 'revoir, farewell.  
Now day comes late; now chillier blows the breeze on forsaken beach and boarded-up hotel.  
Now wild geese fly together in thin lines and Tourist Homes take down their lettered signs.

It fades--this green this lavish interval - this time of flowers and fruits,  
Of melon ripe along the orchard wall, of sun and sails and wrinkled linen suits;  
Time when the world seems rather plus than minus and pollen tickles the allergic sinus.

Now fugitives to farm and shore and highland cancel their brief escape.  
The Ferris wheel is quiet at Coney Island and quaintness trades no longer on the Cape;  
While meek-eyed parents hasten down the ramps to greet their offspring, terrible from camps.

Turn up the steam. The year is growing older. The maple boughs are red.  
Summer, farewell. Farewell the sunburnt shoulder; Farewell the peasant kerchief on the head.  
Farewell the thunderstorm, complete with lightning, and the white shoe that ever needeth whitening.

Farewell, vacation friendships, sweet but tenuous. Ditto to slacks and shorts,  
Farewell, O strange compulsion to be strenuous which sends us forth to death on tennis courts.  
Farewell, Mosquito, horror of our nights; Clambakes, iced tea, and transatlantic flights.

Unstintingly I yield myself to Autumn and Equinoctial sloth.  
I hide my swim suit in the bureau's bottom nor fear the fury of the after-moth  
Forswearing porch and pool and beetled garden; my heart shall rest, my arteries shall harden.

Welcome, kind Fall, and every month with 'r' in, whereto my mind is bent.  
Come, sedentary season that I star in, O fire-lit Winter of my deep content!  
Amid the snow, the sleet, the blizzard's raw gust, I shall be cozier than I was in August.

Safe from the picnic sleeps the unlittered dell. The last Good Humor sounds its final bell  
And all is silence. Summer, farewell, farewell.

**Phyllis McGinley** (1905 - 1978) was an American poet and author of books for juveniles, best known for her light verse celebrating suburban home life.

McGinley attended the University of Southern California and the University of Utah. She then taught school for several years. A writer of verses since childhood, she began submitting them to newspapers and magazines. She won a Pulitzer Prize in 1961.

This 2024 Presidential election season, we seem to be surrounded by division, anxiety and tension. Who's yelling the loudest? Who's getting the most media attention? What's the Truth? Will anyone keep their promises? Will candidates continue to attack one another? And in the midst of all the noise, we, the voters, are here. As Christians, we will cast our ballots for our country's and state's next leaders. This prayer is for all of us as we pray throughout this Election Season.

## **A PRAYER FOR THIS ELECTION SEASON**

(by Dianna Ortiz, OSU, Pax Christi USA Teacher of the Year)

**God, promise keeper of the new creation, in this election season, guide us to be Gospel-informed voters, who stand on the side of justice and truth.**

**As a community of conscience, we recognize our shared responsibility in righting the wrongs that dishonor and dehumanize the dignity of the most vulnerable among us.**

**As a community of conscience, we acknowledge the harm that has been done to the environment and the urgency to work collectively to care for the Earth, our common home.**

**We see our country in turmoil - experiencing a time of chaos that not only impacts every person of this nation, but peoples from across the globe.**

**As individuals and a faith community, we recognize that we bear a privilege and a burden to vote our conscience and to make choices that will and do affect the future of everyone.**

**As we ready ourselves to go to the polls this November, may our time of discernment be rooted in the teachings of Jesus, our faith and our common life together.**

**May our faith guide us to vote for genuine servant leaders, who, like Jesus, will welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the prisoner, embrace the sick and dying, and promote peace and nonviolence.**

**Send your Spirit to be with us as we cast votes for the common good, and, regardless of the outcome, may we continue to work for a more just, sustainable world.**

**May we always stand on the side of justice and truth. Amen.**



## August Worship Assistants

Date	Ushers	Assisting Minister	Reader	Sign	AV
Aug 4	Tony & Myra Sabetti	Beth Gavigan	MJ Shalanski	Amber Lang	Peter Yandow
Aug 11	Patrick & Beth Gavigan	Keith Graff	Jean Graff	Amber Lang	Zachary Petermann
Aug 18	Mel & Pat Jones	Cory Petermann	Beth Gavigan	Jen Carter	Marcus Matzke
Aug 25	Jimmy Lippard & Jack Campbell	Keith Graff	Chris Keck	Amber Lang	Cory Petermann

## Thank You Notes...



June 7, 2024

Dear Pastor Dan,  
Thank you and your congregation for the generous donation to Cape Fear Kids Get Books!

We are grateful for the support we have received from KMLC over the years to help get more books to more kids in our community.

Best regards,  
Diane Blaschak, Chair



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF SOUTHEASTERN  
NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. Dan Keck  
Kure Memorial Lutheran Church  
PO Box 1  
Kure Beach, NC 28449

Dear Dan,

Thank you for your donation of \$400.00 on 5/28/2024 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern North Carolina! Your generosity is making a substantial difference for children in our community.

With trained caring staff, mentors, and community support from folks like you, we are providing a safe place that is consistently there for all young people who enter our doors. Our innovative, quality programs are designed to empower youth to excel in school, and lead healthy, productive lives.

One program that your investment helps to provide is SMART Moves. SMART Moves is an evidence-based, age-appropriate curriculum from Boys & Girls Clubs of America which teaches our Club members how to resist alcohol, tobacco & drugs, early sexual behavior & make health life decisions. These kinds of important conversations are just one of many ways we are preparing youth for Great Futures.

Thank you again for your investment in our Club members.

In partnership,

Kristin McPeters  
Chief Development Officer

*Thank you to your  
Church family for investing  
in our kids. We are  
grateful!*

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern North Carolina is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Our IRS tax identification number is 56-0636247. No goods or services were exchanged for this contribution.





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June 3, 2024

Ms. Eleanor Lundy  
Kure Memorial Lutheran Church  
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Kure Beach, NC 28449-0001

Dear Kure Memorial Family,

Thank you for your support of the Carousel Child Advocacy Center. Your contribution is more than financial support; it represents a beacon of hope for those who have suffered unimaginable trauma.

We are grateful for your generous donation of \$400.00 on May 28, 2024 to the Carousel Child Advocacy Center. Your donation stays here in our community and is put to work immediately helping kids heal!

The impact you make on the lives of these vulnerable children is immeasurable. Your commitment to providing a safe space, resources, and compassionate care helps them navigate through the darkest of times and embark on a journey towards healing and recovery.

Your generosity not only changes individuals lives but also strengthens our community by fostering resilience and empowerment. Thank you for being a shining light in the lives of those who need it most. Your kindness and compassion truly makes a difference.

With best wishes and our sincere gratitude,

Amy L. Feath  
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P.S. Learn how you can prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. Become a Partner in Prevention, schedule a child abuse prevention training today. Contact Rebecca Martin, rebecca.martin@carouselcenter.org at 910-254-9898.

No benefit was bestowed upon this donor in exchange for this contribution...**other than the joy of giving to a wonderful organization that supports programs to help children heal.** The Carousel Center is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; EIN#56-2098739 NC Solicitation #SL002152

*The Carousel Center's Mission is to support healing, promote justice, and foster resilience in children victimized by physical or sexual abuse and to improve our community through education, prevention and advocacy. Our vision is to build resiliency in children to strengthen the community.*

# August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					9:30 Book Group	
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
10:00 Worship 12:15 Sunday Lunch Ministry <b>BIRTHDAY SUNDAY</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Carlene Van Dyck		11:00 Prayer Circle 1:30 Property Ministry Team	<b>Happy Birthday</b> John Fisher Hamm John Vorisek 7:00 Beach Worship	<b>Happy Birthday</b> Nancy Baker	9:30 Book Group <b>Happy Birthday</b> Wendy Yandow	
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10:00 Worship 12:15 Sunday Lunch Ministry <b>PANTRY BOX SUNDAY</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Jean Graff	<b>Happy Birthday</b> Sondra Nelder 6:30 Church Council	10:30 Holy Communion 11:00 Prayer Circle <b>Happy Birthday</b> Mia Schoffner Roshell Heckendorf	7:00 Beach Worship		9:30 Book Group	
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<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
10:00 Worship 12:15 Sunday Lunch Ministry <b>RICE BOWL SUNDAY</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Michael Paredes	5:00 Book Club <b>Happy Anniversary</b> Beth & Patrick Gavigan	11:00 Prayer Circle	7:00 Beach Worship			

## Remember in Prayer

Please pray for those who are Homebound, Hospitalized and have Special Concerns: Andy Karch; Aris Mora; Barry & Sandra Nelder; Bexley Wissman; Bill Clark; Chastity; Carl Ford; Clara, Josh & Tori Swartz; Danny Peterson; Don Ging; Eleanor Lundy; Ellen Prevette; Evie Frey & Rachel Brendle; Gabby Portu; Gray Autry; Herb Flammer; Jack Campbell; Jean Behanna; Jean Tennant; Joe Prusa; John Gorville; Joseph Murtha; Ken May; Laura McMahon; Lyndsay Girardot; Margaret Burgham; Marie McNamara; Mary Adobato; Matthias Warne; Maxine Jordan; Megan Peoplis; Pat Hankin; Pete Peterson; Rick & Sharon Ellis; Rose & Andrew Kuebler; Senka Gambino; Steve Post; Steve Siferd; Terry Hambel; Todd Vought; Trudy Ford; Troy Samuels; Whitney Johnson & Family.

*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; 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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