



✝ Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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## MARCH 2025 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) When you fast, do not look somber like the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting ...” (Matthew 6:16)*



The season of Lent is quickly approaching! Ash Wednesday is on March 5 and then on the following five Wednesdays we will have our “Lenten Dinner Church Events” which include Holy Communion, Bible study and our wonderful soup suppers! More information on those is in the “News Bites” section of the newsletter!

The season of Lent always makes me think of this verse from Matthew 6:16! Because it always brings back memories of my growing up years in the Byzantine Catholic Church. Lent was a time when we had to fast. We couldn’t eat meat on Wednesdays or Fridays. And on the Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we had to do what is known as “strict fast”. That meant that we couldn’t eat meat or dairy products! If you think about it...that doesn’t leave much!

So...for my brother and I...two teenage boys with big appetites...it was grueling to say the least! We would go through the refrigerator and the cupboards in our house looking at the list of ingredients on every food container we had to see if it was something we could eat! We certainly did not

hide our “disfigured faces” or the fact that we were fasting! We were certainly living out this verse from Matthew’s gospel! So I guess we could have been considered “hypocrites”!

There is nothing wrong with fasting, giving up certain things or embarking on other sacrifices during the season of Lent...or any other time of the year for that matter! Many people find it fulfilling, rewarding and helpful for their faith journey. Other people embark on new things, such as doing more service type things in the community or reading scripture more intently or any number of other things which for them are also fulfilling, rewarding and helpful for their faith journey.

The thing is, whatever we do, the important thing is our attitude and our motivation for what we do! If we are doing it because we feel we “have to” or so other people think we are being good Christians, then we are missing the point. But if we are doing it for inspiration and growth for our own faith journey, then that is what is most important and meaningful to God and to our life of faith!

God’s blessings on your Lenten journey! I hope you will join us for our Lenten Dinner Church Events this year! They are always meaningful and lots of fun!

Surfin' on God's Grace!

Pastor Dan

## News Bites:

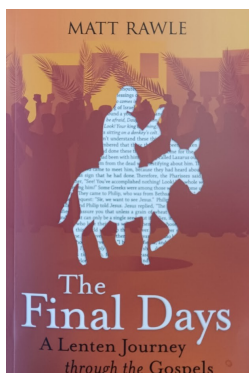
**March Birthday Sunday...will be on Sunday, March 2**...following worship in the fellowship hall! We hope you will join in celebrating everyone with March Birthday! And although all birthdays are special... **this month we have two extra special birthday celebrations! Minnie Larson will be celebrating 90 years of life and Donnie Rehder is celebrating 97 years of life!** And as an extra special treat, this month we will also have ice cream with our cake! We hope you will come out for the celebration!

**Holy Communion on the Second Tuesday of the Month!** We invite you to join us on **March 11 at 10:30am**, 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 January! Feel free to contact Pr. Dan as well to make other arrangements.

**Monthly Men's Breakfast for March!** Our men's breakfast for March will be **March 22 beginning at 8:30am** in the fellowship hall! If you plan to bring something, please let Pastor Dan know! He will be at church to unlock, set up and get coffee started by around 8am...so if you would like to come early to help out or just to have coffee and chat...that would be great! Looking forward to seeing you all!

**We still have 2 Attractions Books for sale!** If you haven't already purchased yours, here is your chance!! Attractions Books are still for sale for \$30 per book, of which Kure Memorial gets \$12.50! All proceeds will go toward our next mission trip which will be this summer! Please see Pastor Dan after worship or give him a call at 910-619-8979 to get your copy(ies)! You can also stop by the church office to get them! Thank you for your support!

**Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday March 5!** We hope you will join us for our **Ash Wednesday worship service at 7pm** with the traditional imposition of ashes and Holy Communion! **Lenten devotionals** for both adults and families will be available on **Sunday, March 2...the Sunday before Ash Wednesday!** Be sure to pick yours up! They will be available in the church entryway. **Our Lenten Dinner Church Events will be held on March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9. Each beginning at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall.** These events will include our annual soup supper, Holy Communion and a short bible study! A sign up sheet will be posted for folks to sign up to bring a soup for the day.



Our bible study series for this year is entitled: *The Final Days: A Lenten Journey Through the Gospels*. We will be studying the Passion Story of Jesus in each of the Gospels. Here are the themes for each week:

March 12: *The Gospels: What's Different? What's the Same?*

March 19: *Yes, I Am: The Passion According to Mark*

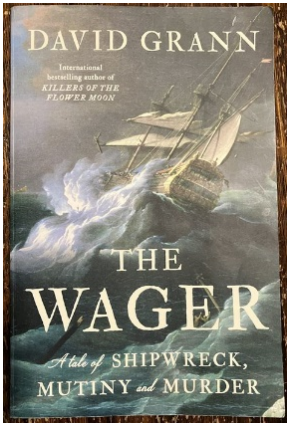
March 26: *You Have Said So, But I Say to You: The Passion According to Matthew*

April 2: *A New Covenant to Remember: The Passion According to Luke*

April 9: *A Different Focus: The Passion According to John*

**Liturgical Dance! Attention Elementary to Middle School Age students!** We are planning another **Liturgical Dance performance during worship!** Liturgical Dance is a fun style of dance that expresses worship and praise through movements with songs. No experience necessary! Our first performance was to the song, “Go Tell it on the Mountain” back in December! Contact Georgeann Christie with questions:808-205-1627.

**Pantry Box Sunday is March 9!** We are asking for small jars of peanut butter, microwaveable bowls and microwaveable meals. Items can be donated by leaving them in the narthex. For more information on the Pantry Box Ministry, please contact MJ Shalanski (maryjo.shalanski@gmail.com).



**Book Club:** Our March meeting will be on **Monday, March 31st at 5:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing *The Wager* by David Grann (author of *Killers of the Flower Moon*). Come and join us for fun, fellowship, food and of course, a great discussion. Please let me ([elundy@elundy.org](mailto:elundy@elundy.org)) or the office know if you can join us.

*"The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder"* by David Grann is a gripping nonfiction account of the HMS Wager's disastrous voyage in the 1740s, detailing the shipwreck, survival struggles, and the ensuing mutiny among the crew. The book is praised for its meticulous research and engaging storytelling, making it a compelling read about human endurance and the harsh realities of life at sea. More powerfully, the author unearths the deeper meaning of the events, showing it was not only The Wager's captain and crew who were on trial – it was the very idea of empire.

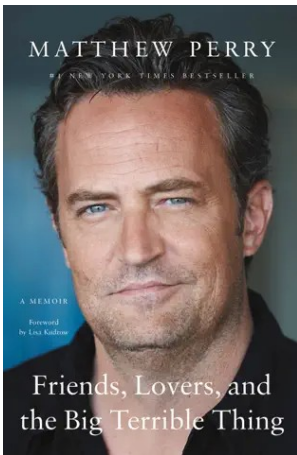
**Sunday Lunch Ministry:** Anniversary time for Sunday Lunch! This ministry began in March, 2017, and has continued every Sunday since, with the exception of the Sunday of Hurricane Florence.

We are excited to report that we just began a partnership with Martha's Kitchen, in that that ministry has sandwich meat, cheese, and bread that they are able to share with us. These food items are extras donated by Food Lion and Harris Teeter, and the meats and cheese are from the deli's of those stores. This donation lowers our food expenses while enabling us to continue to provide lunches with 2 sandwiches, 2 fruits, raisins, fruit & grain bars, cookies, and chips.

We are also grateful for the dedication of our Sunday School student who assist once each month to prepare sandwiches and fill the bags.

We always welcome additional hands to assist with shopping, filling the lunch bags, and distributing lunches at noon on Sunday. Feel free to contact Jean Graff, [kjeb415@charter.net](mailto:kjeb415@charter.net) or 309-339-9272, or just stop by the Fellowship Hall after service to see what we do.

**Federal Point Help Center.** The Help Center pantry is asking for **Mac n Cheese, Chef Boyardee, Pasta Sauce, Jelly & Small Jars of Peanut butter** for the month of March. Items can be left in the narthex. For information about the Help Center, please contact Michelle or Randy ck ([randy6b6@gmail.com](mailto:randy6b6@gmail.com)>).



**Friday Book Group:** Every Friday at 9:30 AM we gather to read and discuss books chosen by the group, for March we have picked *Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing, A Memoir*: by Matthew Perry

Current events are always welcomed and discussed. If interested in joining contact Sara Tardio ([beechfmly@gmail.com](mailto:beechfmly@gmail.com))

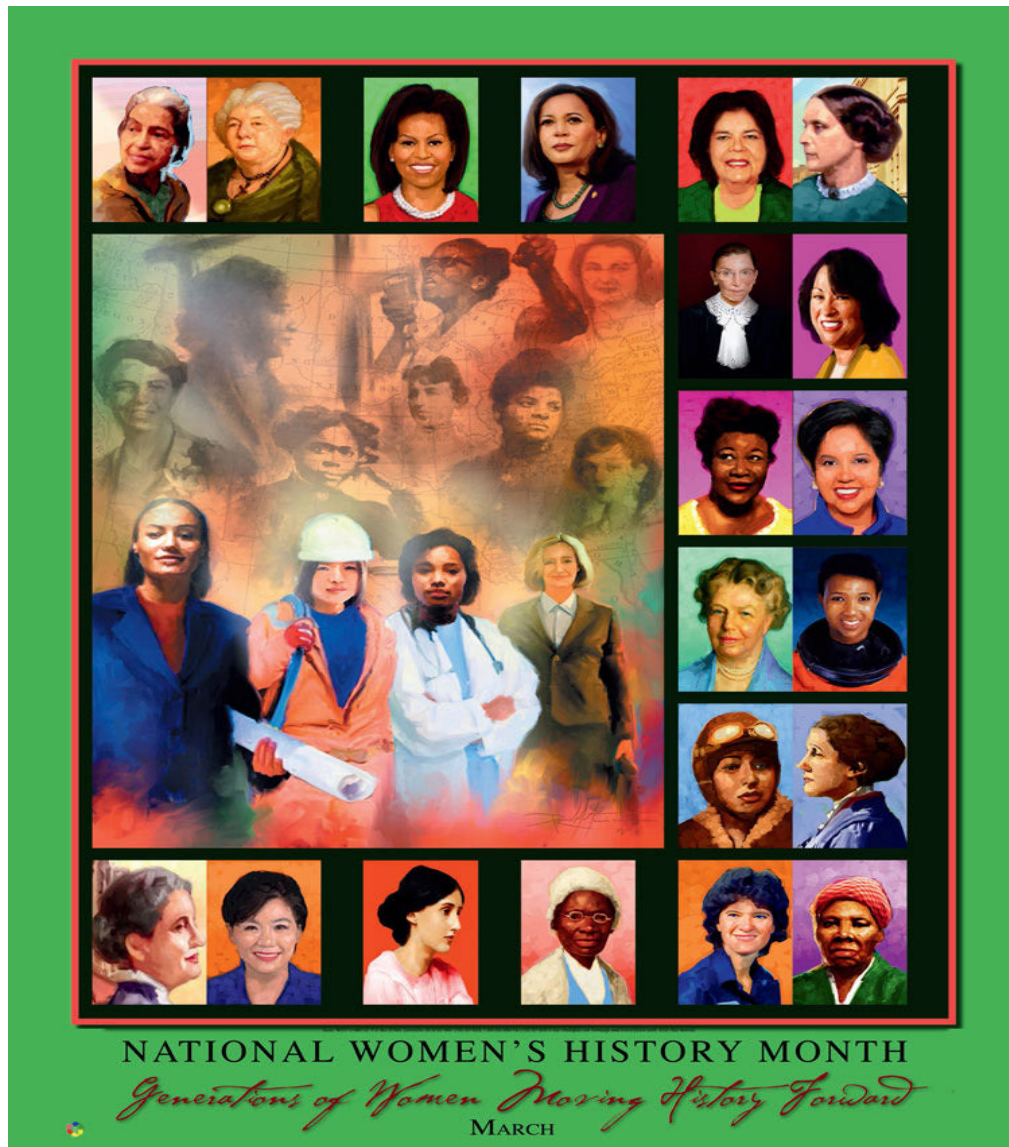
## Service Team Corner

The Service Team would like to highlight a couple of organizations and ministries our generous church supports every year. Each month we will select a couple of organizations or ministries our congregation supports. This month we would like to highlight:

**KMLC Thinking of You/Praying for You card ministry:** We have a team of 9 dedicated individuals who faithfully send out Thinking of You/Praying for you cards to various congregational members, friends and family, college students and military. Thank you, Marsha Rhyne, for recently assuming the Coordinator position for the greeting card ministry. If you are interested in helping out with this ministry please contact Marsha at [mmrhyne21@gmail.com](mailto:mmrhyne21@gmail.com)

**Rice Bowl Offering:** This month the offering will be on March 23, and the donations will go to support Lutheran Services Carolinas. This organization supports many children through providing services in adoption, foster care, Transitional living for young adults, day services for young adults. Their mission statement is "Empowered by Christ, we walk together with all we serve." If you'd like to know more about this organization visit [Lutheran Services Carolinas](http://Lutheran Services Carolinas)





**The women pictured above represent the generations of women moving history forward.** They are: Rosa Parks, Elizabeth C. Stanton, Michele Obama, Kamala Harris, Wilma Mankiller, Susan B. Anthony, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor, Ella Fitzgerald, Indira Nooyi, Eleanor Roosevelt, Mae Jamison, Bessie Coleman, Jane Addams, Judy Chu, Emily Dickinson, Sojourner Truth, Sally Ride and Harriet Tubman.

*The Power of Firsts*, by Amanda Gorman

Power unfurls in a girl at school like the first pages of a book unwritten,  
She's a story waiting to ignite.

An educated girl is like the question the first rain tosses at the earth  
after the drought —Are you ready to start again?

A girl who dreams to be the first in her line to go to school  
is the most vivid of things —like the one red spark that stands up to the  
sky in a chorus of wet logs.

A girl who graduates secondary school is like  
the first wave to hug the shore  
After a hurricane, Whispering the coming of better things.

These we know as truths. Not wonders.  
The miracle isn't just in a girl being the first;  
It is in her seeing that which is nonexistent;  
It is her seeing the blank space of an untouched sky  
and sculpting her own dreams into the emptiness.  
A girl who is the first Is a vision in and of herself.

These girls don't want to be unbelievable; they want to be believed in,  
for educated girls not to be a marvel but a movement.

Elly from Tanzania: “What we do for ourselves dies with us, but what we  
do for others remains forever.”  
The first bud of spring sings the other seeds into joining her uprising.

Angel in India: “I won't stop learning, because I carry my book bag with me  
everywhere I go.”  
The sky carries tears. But also the sun. And that's what makes it blinding.

Deepa in Nepal says: “I am a girl, and I am better than you think, sturdier than I  
look, smarter than you know, and braver than I saw”

After all You don't know how strong the willow tree is until  
You see her arms dance in the face of the storm.

We remember this and more so that we might imagine  
a day for the girl without such firsts, Where the wind opens the floodgate  
for the river of women behind her.

We are here not to be the first  
but to refuse to be the last.



## KMLC Pantry Box

Our KMLC family really lives the Mission Statement that appears on the front of our weekly Bulletins. Proof of this commitment ". . .to love God by serving others" is this photo that shows our Congregation's continuing support of the Help Center through grocery donations. To date this year, 40 bags of groceries have been delivered to the Center. Many thanks to Harriet McNeill, our faithful picker-upper and dropper-offer to the Center!

- MJ Shalanski, Pantry Box Coordinator



## From the Financial Secretary

Good news: we made our February goal for supporting our Mission Plan! As a matter of fact, we had a surplus of a little over \$2,000 this month (which helps cover some of last month's deficit) During February many families contributed to the Polar Plunge and to our Rice Bowl offering for Coastal Therapeutic Riding Center. We thank everyone for their generosity and support of our many programs.

Thanks for all your efforts to support KMLC and our Mission Plan. I look forward to meeting our goal together.





**Baptism of Sandro and Matias Vera!**



**The KMLC Polar Plunge Team supporting New Hanover County Special Olympics!** It was another wonderful day to come out to support Special Olympics and to have some fun together as a church family! Thank you to all who came out that day or offered support in other ways!





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**The KMLC Polar Plunge Team**



## March Worship Assistants

Date	Ushers	Assisting Minister	Reader	Sign	AV
Mar. 2	Butch & Garner Von Cannon	Keith Graff	Jim Hargrave	Jen Carter	Peter Yadow
Mar. 5	Jack Campbell	Beth Gavigan	Kristin Woodie		
Mar. 9	Don & Debbie Price	Tracy Gourville	Joshua Perermann	Amber Lang	Zach Petermann
Mar. 16	Emery Walters Jack Campbell	Kim Heath	Joe Larkin	Jen Carter	Marcus Matzke
Mar. 23	Mel & Pat Jones	Beth Gavigan	Zach Petermann	Amber Lang	Cory Petermann
Mar. 30	Jimmy Lippard Mario Piccinin	Cory Petermann	Robert Rhyne	Jen Carter	Colby Shonffner



# March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
						9:00AM HOA Meeting <b>Happy Birthday Heather Yandow</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
10:00AM Worship & Sunday School 12:15PM Lunch Ministry <b>BIRTHDAY SUNDAY</b> <b>Happy Birthday Pastor Dan</b>	<b>Happy Birthday Patrick Gavigan &amp; Jordan Pivik</b>  7:30PM AA Meeting	11:00AM Prayer circle  <b>Happy Birthday Sandra Cox</b>	7:00PM <b>Ash Wednesday Worship Service</b>	<b>Happy Birthday Minnie Larson</b>  7:30PM AA Meeting	9:30AM Book Group  <b>Happy Birthday Kari Bloch</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
10:00AM Worship & Sunday School 12:15PM Lunch Ministry <b>PANTRY BOX SUNDAY</b> <b>Happy Birthday Kurt Heckendorf</b>	7:30PM AA Meeting	10:30AM Holy Communion 11:00AM Prayer Circle 1:30PM Property Mtg 6:30PM Church Council Meeting	5:30PM <b>Lenten Dinner Church</b>	7:30PM AA Meeting	9:30AM Book Group	<b>Happy Birthday Christine Hughes</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
10:00AM Worship & Sunday School 12:15PM Lunch Ministry  <b>Happy Birthday Kelley Hargrave</b>	<b>Happy Anniversary Nancy &amp; Jack Campbell</b> <b>Happy Birthday Jack Campbell</b> 7:30PM AA Meeting	11:00AM Prayer Circle  2:00PM Service Team Meeting	<b>Happy Birthday Rachel Pivik</b>  5:30PM <b>Lenten Dinner Church</b>	7:30PM AA Meeting	9:30AM Book Group  <b>Happy Birthday Donnie Rehder &amp; Katie Edwards</b>	8:30AM <b>Men's Breakfast</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
10:00AM Worship & Sunday School 12:15PM Lunch Ministry <b>RICE BOWL SUNDAY</b>	<b>Happy Birthday Liam Gavigan</b> 5:00PM Book Club  7:30PM AA Meeting	11:00AM Prayer Circle	5:30PM <b>Lenten Dinner Church</b>	7:30PM AA Meeting	9:30AM Book Group <b>Happy Birthday Ava Monahan</b>	3:00PM Ashley High School's Young Life Group Spaghetti Dinner
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					
10:00AM Worship & Sunday School 12:15PM Lunch Ministry	<b>Happy Birthday Matias Vera</b>  7:30PM AA Meeting					

## Remember in Prayer

Please pray for those who are Homebound, Hospitalized and have Special Concerns: Andy Karch; Anna Brindley; 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; Jean Behanna; Joe Prusa; John Gorville; Joseph Murtha; Ginny Murtha; Ken May; Kim Clark; Laura McMahon; Linda Britt-Kell; Lyndsay Girardot; Lindsey Pooler; Margaret Burgham; Matthias Warne; Maxine Jordan; Nicky Hamm; Pat Hankin; Paul Paiva; Pete Peterson; Rick & Sharon Ellis; Rose & Andrew Kuebler; Senka Gambino; Steve Post; Steve Siferd; Trudy Ford; Troy Samuels; Logan and Ken; Patrick Gavigan; MacKenzie Clark; Sandro Vera; Gary Cox; Claudine Ward; Travis Best; Sheila Anne Cunningham, Diane Stultz, Dawn

*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; Alcoholics Anonymous

### Students Attending College:

Rachel Pivik - Wayne Community College in Goldsboro; Braden and Joshua Quinn – Brevard College; Eathan Quinn – NC State; 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; Evan Shoffner – Cape Fear Community College

### Military Personnel Serving:

Col Wayne Lett at McDill Tampa; Duncan Fortney at Mildenhall Air Force Base in the United Kingdom; 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; Rileigh Fortney at Maimstrom AFB, Montana; Steven Blum at Fort Liberty, NC

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